



Let's Talk Turkey

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Happy New Year!

In this column, I continue the tradition of using the first edition of "Let's Talk Turkey" to highlight some of the news and happenings that occurred in 2016.

Financial: The Grand List, which is the sum of values of all taxable property in East Granby, was approximately \$587,000,000 or an increase of 1% or \$5,000,000 dollars over the 2015-16 Fiscal Year. The mill (tax) rate increased by 2.3% to 31.1 mills. Residences compose 79% of our tax base with 21% representing commercial/industrial property. The Town continues to maintain an Aa2 bond rating which is excellent for a small town and on July 1, 2016 had a healthy cash balance (rainy day fund) of 13% of projected FY2016/17 expenditures. The Board of Selectmen returned \$117,883 of the FY2015/16 budget back to the Town at the end of the fiscal year.

Capital Expenditures: All capital expenditures are approved by the Town's legislative body, the Town Meeting. In 2016, \$174,000 was appropriated for road maintenance. Approximately two miles of road including Copper Hill Road, Griffin Road, and a large section of East Street were resurfaced. In the past six years, over 50% roads rated as "poor" have been repaved but we have approximately seven miles of roads rated as "poor" left to pave. Additional capital purchases approved at Town Meeting included a Town Hall Chiller Replacement (\$72,000), Police Radios (\$35,000), Fire Turn-Out Gear (\$33,000), School Technology (\$60,000), Middle School Carpet Replacement (\$47,000), Middle School Parking Lot repaving (\$69,000), and School Security (\$36,000).

The Town also approved an energy conservation project at seven town buildings where interior light fixtures and parking lot lights were replaced with energy saving LED lighting. The \$134,000 project received a four-year zero percent loan plus incentives of \$39,000 from Eversource. Net cost to the Town after incentives is \$96,000 over four years. Payback on the project is five and a half years with LED lighting lasting 10 to 15 years. LED lighting can use up to 50% less electricity than standard lighting. All capital expenditures are part of the annual budget approved by the Town in May with the individual projects approved as needed at Town Meeting during the course of the year.

Grants: Over a million dollars in grants were received by the Town in 2016. Grants provide an opportunity for the Town to provide goods and services that we would not be able to provide and/or afford without them. The Town facilitated an \$800,000 Small Cities Grant for Metacomet Homes, Inc. This grant will be used for improvements at Metacomet Village and will include replacements of all roofs, several electric panels, furnaces, and paving of all parking areas. Metacomet Village has 28 units of senior and disabled affordable housing. With funding secured, the work at Metacomet Village is expected to be completed in 2017.

The Town has also partnered with the Farmington Valley Health District and neighboring towns to develop a new program called "Resilience Grows Here." RGH works with veterans, their families, and the larger community to support healthy lifestyles and develop mental health programming. Toward this goal, RGH received a \$200,000 grant in 2016 from the Prevention Institute.

Quality of Life: My thanks to the Library for sponsoring the 2016 Farmers Market, the Whitewater Classic Committee for the races at Tariffville Gorge, the Women's Club of East Granby for their annual 5K race, and the Lions for their Duck Race, all of which helped to create exciting and fun events for the community. Parks and Rec sponsored two summer concerts along with the 6th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. The Lions also sponsored the annual Memorial Day Parade. In June, the Youth Services Commission established a Youth Action Council for Middle and High School students who work with an adult facilitator toward creating town-wide events important to youth in town and benefiting our community.

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East Granby Fire Department

Many Thanks!

The East Granby Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank all of our neighbors, in town and out, for purchasing Christmas trees, poinsettias, and making donations to us over the holiday season. The profits from these fundraisers are used to outfit and train the department and we thank you for your generosity. The members of the EGFV wish you and your loved ones a safe and joyful 2017!



The East Granby Vol. Fire Department is a 100% volunteer organization that responds to approximately 200 alarms a year. If you are interested in donating to, learning more about, or joining the department, please visit our website at www.eastgranbyfire.com, or stop by our center station, 7 Memorial Drive, any Monday evening.

East Granby Police Department

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year from the members of the East Granby Resident Trooper Office. We would like to take a moment to extend a big thank you to all the individuals, families, and organizations that participated in our first annual stuff a cruiser event or those that donated toys at the office. The items were given to a local area domestic violence shelter which helped brighten the holidays for 66 children and 32 mothers.



We would also like to welcome Officer Todd Spencer to our department who was sworn in on December 20th at Town Hall. Officer Spencer is excited to be part of the East Granby Resident Trooper Office and recently retired after completing 25 years of law enforcement where he obtained the rank of Sergeant with the Windsor Police Department.

In addition, with the arrival of the cold and inclement weather, please remember to slow down and drive safely at all times. Please ensure your vehicle is ready for the cold weather by keeping the gas tank at least half full. For cold weather or long trips also please ensure you carry a cellular telephone, blankets, gloves, hats, food, water, and any needed medication in your vehicle. Please also remember to avoid any on-street parking during snowstorms and also to avoid any overnight parking between midnight and 6:00 AM from November to April.

During 2016 the members of the East Granby Resident Trooper Office completed 9,292 calls for service, investigated 131 motor vehicle accidents, responded to 313 medical related calls, issued 565 motor vehicle citations, and investigated 198 other criminal complaints. We would like to remind all the residents to please slow down, drive safely, and report any suspicious activity to the East Granby Resident Troopers Office at (860) 653-5385 or by dialing 911 if it is an emergency.

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Additional Highlights: In December, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), a ten-year roadmap for potential future growth and development in East Granby. The POCD is being published and the finished report will soon be available on the Town website.

News and Information for 2017...

Budget Process: The Boards of Finance (BOF), Selectmen (BOS), and Education (BOE) have started working on Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 budgets. The BOF will discuss FY18 budget drivers with the BOS and BOE at their January 17th meeting. The BOF will provide budget guidelines to the BOS and BOE at their February 7th meeting. The BOS and BOE draft budgets will be reviewed by the BOF at their March 14th meeting. At their April 4th meeting, the BOF will provide directives to the BOS and BOE regarding what budgets to take to the Annual Budget Hearing, which will be held on April 18th. The Annual Town Budget Meeting is scheduled for April 25th. All of these meetings provide opportunities for residents to learn about planned expenditures and to provide feedback to the boards. Along the way we will put budget information on the Town website and publish a special budget edition of "Let's Talk Turkey" in early April.

Have a great 2017!

Jim Hayden, First Selectman

Homeowner's Tax Relief

The Town of East Granby and the State of Connecticut have programs for tax credit to provide relief to certain homeowners on their real estate taxes. These programs are age and income based. The filing period is February 1-May 15, 2017. Please call Mary Ellen Brown in the Assessor's Office at (860) 653-2852 for more information.

Commission on Aging

The Commission currently has three openings for Alternates. The Commission on Aging (COA) tries to advocate for the senior community in town and needs help to continue doing so on an efficient basis. If you have an interest in serving or for more information, contact Rich Galluccio, Chairman, at (860) 658-0603 or Kelly Jacobs, Senior Services Director, at (860) 413-3334.

If you haven't as yet joined the Facebook group "East Granby Seniors Place," go to Facebook.com and join. The group currently has 27 members and we would like to see it grow. We are hoping that it can be a site to share information with the seniors of East Granby and improve communication within the town.

The East Granby "Good Samaritan" Program is ready and able to help people in town. If you have a need and are looking for help or if you know someone who could use help, contact Senior Services or Social Services to be matched up with our volunteers. Details of this program and the volunteer form can be found at the town website (eastgranbyct.org), under Boards and Commissions, Commission on Aging. Join in and make our program a success.

The Commission on Aging meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Senior/Community Center. Come attend a meeting and feel free to make your wishes known.

East Granby Social Services

Holiday Basket Program for Thanksgiving & Christmas

Again this year the East Granby community came together to support Social Services and Friend to Friend with our holiday basket program for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. This program would not exist without your generous support with monetary donations, food, and holiday gifts for children in need as well as your time during this busy time of year. Thank you never seems enough as I think back to the many hours and funds given to this program. This is a collaborative effort between residents, friends of East Granby, the East Granby town employees, the East Granby Library, Friend to Friend, the East Granby Middle School Giving Tree program, the East Granby Congregational Church, Copper Hill United Methodist Church and many, many others.

This year I would like to give a special thanks to the Middle School/High School Youth Action Council for their extra effort. The High School Youth Action Council brought back the gift recycling program and ran the entire program. They had over 40 participants this year and in the process raised over \$220 for Social Services. In addition, the Middle School Youth Action Council helped to organize and prepare over 120 food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas. They also helped Social Services to organize the children's holiday gift program, and organizing and preparing over 35 holiday gift baskets. This year's organization and success is due in large part to this group of energetic and amazing young adults.

Thank you again to all who participated in this wonderful program that benefits seniors, families, and individuals in need in our community.

Energy Assistance

Applications are now being accepted from residents of East Granby who wish to apply for the Connecticut Energy Assistance program. This program is designed to help residents pay for heating costs incurred after September 1st. Please contact Social Services to review the income/eligibility guidelines and to schedule an appointment.



Fuel Bank

The East Granby Fuel Bank is a fund available to town residents in need of assistance with heating fuel. This fund is available all year but is especially needed during the winter months. The Fuel Bank is funded solely by donations and gifts from the community. One hundred percent of the funds raised are given back to qualifying residents in the form of fuel assistance. If you wish to contribute to this fund, donations can be mailed to East Granby Social Services, P.O. Box 1858, East Granby, CT 06026.

Food Pantry

Friend to Friend Food Pantry is available to assist East Granby residents who need assistance supplementing their weekly grocery needs. If you feel you need to use the Food Pantry please contact Social Services to discuss if you qualify and how the pantry works. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the pantry, please contact the office to learn more about volunteer opportunities. The time commitment is typically no more than once a month.

East Granby Senior Club

The East Granby Senior Club is off to another great start. September and October events have been enjoyed by all. Remember, we are a "members only" club and receive no funding from the Town of East Granby. We have some great programs and lunches planned so join us for lunch at noon. Yearly dues are \$10.00 and are payable at the meeting if you are not yet a member. If you plan to pay by check, please write it payable to "East Granby Senior Club." Please be aware that you do not have to reside in East Granby to be a member and anyone over 55 is eligible. If your friends would like to join, please bring them along.

Please join us every month for good food, fun, fellowship, and interesting programs. Meetings are held the second Friday of each month. You must make a reservation by Tuesday before each meeting. Please call Lorie Orzechowski at (860) 658-6040. If you need a ride, please call the mini bus at (860) 413-3327, but please make sure you also call Lorie for reservations. We hope to see you each month!

February 10th at 12:00 Noon

Big John will be entertaining us with Valentine themed music! Our menu is stuffed shells, salad, rolls, and ice cream. Cost for members is \$10.00. We would love for you to celebrate Valentine's Day with us!



March 11th at 12:00 Noon

"The Humble Bees" will provide us with familiar music on guitar and banjo. Some may remember them from a couple of years ago! Our menu is pizza, salad, and cake. Cost to members is only \$5.00. What a bargain! Come join us!

News from the East Granby Land Trust

The EGLT has 12 wet, wooded, and wild properties covering 264 acres within East Granby. We are always looking for members and volunteers to join us for fun activities like our hikes and educational programs, which are scheduled several times a year. This winter we've planned two hikes:



EGLT Winter Hike #1:

Event..... Winter Outing to East Granby Farms
Date January 21st
Time..... 9:00 AM / *Duration*.....3 hours
Meeting Place... East Granby Farms South Parking Lot
Itinerary..... 9:00 AM – hike trail to woods, continue off trail through woodland to Metacomet Trail, return on old farm road and trail to parking lot by 12:00 PM
Leaders Ian Clark, Cathy Delasco

In this natural area we will probably find animal tracks. Much of the route is off trail and hilly. Expect to step over logs, duck under branches, and travel through some brushy areas. It will be winter in the woods, so dress in adjustable layers to stay warm and dry, bring water to drink, and be prepared for slippery conditions. If more than eight inches of snow cover, bring snowshoes or X-C skis and we'll take turns breaking trail. In case of rain or unsafe driving conditions the date will be changed to January 22nd.

EGLT Winter Hike #2:

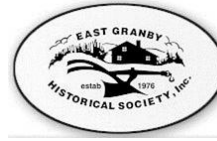
Event..... Winter Outing to Eastfield Farm Property
Date February 18th
Time..... 8:45 AM / *Duration*.....3 hours
Meeting place ... East Granby Senior/Community Center
Itinerary 8:45 AM – Carpool to site; 9:00 AM – hike to pond, continue through woodland, over frozen marsh and vernal pools; 11:30 AM end of hike; return to Center by 11:45 AM.
Leaders Ian Clark, Cathy Delasco

In this natural area we will probably find heron nests, animal tracks, a beaver lodge, and signs of beaver activity. Most of the route is off trail and flat. Expect to step over logs, duck under branches, and travel through brushy areas. It will be winter in the woods, so dress in adjustable layers to stay warm and dry, bring water to drink, and be prepared for slippery conditions. If more than 8 inches of snow cover, bring snowshoes or X-C skis and we'll take turns breaking trail. If the marsh ice is too thin to walk on we will hike an alternative site. In case of rain or unsafe driving conditions the date will be changed to February 19th.

Please visit our website (www.eglt.org), blog (www.eastgranbylandtrust.blogspot.com) or Facebook for dates, times, and locations of EGLT activities all year round. EGLT is a private, non-governmental, non-profit organization incorporated in 1974 for the purpose of conserving the natural resources and unique features of East Granby. With a busy year behind us and an exciting 2017 ahead, we hope you will renew or begin your membership in the East Granby Land Trust.

East Granby Historical Society News

“Play Ball!” will be presented by East Granby resident Brett Loman on Monday, January 30th at 7:30 PM at the Senior/Community Center. Brett is a collector and seller of vintage sports equipment and memorabilia with a special interest in baseball gloves. He will bring items from his collection,



discuss the evolution of gloves from the 1880s to the present, and the significant role of Connecticut and New England equipment manufacturers. This free program is open to the public and will begin following a brief 7:00 PM business meeting. Refreshments will be served.

New members are welcome to join the Society! Interested in helping to preserve and promote our town's unique history? Check out our website at www.eastgranby.com/historicalsociety or pick up a program brochure at the East Granby Library, Town Hall, or Senior/Community Center.

East Granby Cemetery Association

In talking about the early gravestones, we last focused on the carvers, their identification, and style. Now, let's look at the motifs that decorated the early stones. We know that all art reflects its social culture, and gravestone art is a good example of this truth. The



images on early gravestones reflect the strong and stern religious beliefs of the Puritans. Mortality and preparedness for death were dominant themes. Among the early motifs were skulls (winged death heads), skeletons, hour glasses, bones, scythes, and coffins. Toward the middle of the 1700s, the motifs on the stones began to change from the Puritan austere images of death to images that showed an increasing emphasis on the resurrection and the afterlife. Winged faces gradually replaced the winged skulls. Trees, birds, fruit, the sun or moon, and hearts became more popular than symbols of mortality. Portrait stones also became popular. They represented the deceased in a general, abstract way, not intending to be an exact likeness.

Although imagery on the stones changed as time advanced from the late 1600s to the late 1700s, the changes were often gradual and subtle. Here are some popular motifs of the 1600s and 1700s:

- Winged hourglass: time flies
- Broken flower: life cut short
- Flying angel: rebirth
- Arrow: mortality
- Bird: eternal life
- Candle flame: life
- Coffin, pick, spade: mortality
- Crown: glory of life after death
- Flower: frailty of life
- Heart: love, love of God
- Hourglass: passing of time/life
- Rooster: awakening/resurrection
- Scythe: death
- Shell: renewed life
- Tree: life
- Vine with grapes: the sacraments
- Winged face: soul in flight
- Wreath: victory

Perhaps you can locate some of these symbols on headstones in the East Granby Center Cemetery! We are very fortunate to have our own ancient and historic burying ground right in the center of East Granby! If you are interested in the Cemetery or would like information about the East Granby Cemetery Association, please call John Rusnock at (860) 653-2194. We welcome new members and meet only about five times a year. Donations for cemetery upkeep and repair are greatly appreciated. Checks can be made payable to "East Granby Cemetery Association" and sent to: Carol Mathis, Secretary, 61 Cider Mill Hts., North Granby, CT 60606. We appreciate your support!

East Granby Little League Registrations

Happy New Year! The East Granby Little League is happy to announce that we opened registration for the 2017 spring baseball and softball season on January 13th. Any child between the ages of four years and 15 years of age is welcome to sign up and play. For more information or to register, please visit our website at www.eastgranbylittleleague.org.



THE FIRST PITCH

*First Annual Fundraiser to benefit
the East Granby Little League*

**FOOD, LIVE MUSIC, RAFFLE,
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*Brignole Vineyards
April 21, 2017
6 PM - 10 PM*

*Tickets \$40 per person
Appetizers by Harvest Cafe
Cash Bar - wine and beer*

*For tickets, donations and/or sponsorship information
please visit www.eastgranbylittleleague.org
or contact Beth Pisati at bethgrybko@hotmail.com*

DAR Presents Good Citizens Awards

The Abigail Phelps Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution held its Good Citizens meeting on November 13, 2016, honoring students and veterans. Karen DiMenna, Good Citizens Chair, introduced the three young people, Shane SeeKamp from Simsbury High School, Morgan Pierce from Granby Memorial High School, and Emily Farmer from East Granby High School. These outstanding students each received the NSDAR Good Citizens award by demonstrating the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Each student received an award and a check.



From left to right: Lynn Stewart, Regent of DAR Abigail Phelps Chapter; Emily Farmer, East Granby High School; Shane SeeKamp, Simsbury High School; Morgan Pierce, Granby Memorial High School; Karen DiMenna, DAR Good Citizen Chair

East Granby Youth Service Bureau

Parent Round Table Discussion Series

Designed to address topics of interest to parents and families, the Round Table Discussion Series is an opportunity to share your impressions of the stress levels kids are experiencing and to brainstorm about causes and solutions. Annemarie Cox, Youth Counselor/Prevention Specialist, will share some interventions and resources that are helpful and have proven effective. There are two opportunities to catch each topic; once on Tuesdays in Granby and again on Thursdays in East Granby:

- Introduction to Love and Logic: a parenting program to ease parent/child conflicts
Tuesday, February 7th and Thursday, February 9th
- The Adolescent Brain: implications for substance use and how the teen brain is affected
Tuesday, February 21st and Thursday, February 23rd
- Marijuana and Teens in 2017: latest information on Honey Butter, Vaping, Shatter, and more
Tuesday, February 28th and Thursday, March 3rd

Preschool Open Enrollment

East Granby Early Childhood Services & Family Resource Center located at Carl Allgrove Elementary School is hosting Open Enrollment Night on Wednesday, February 8th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. (Snow date is Thursday, February 9th.)

East Granby residents may register for 2017-2018 programs: Integrated 3 & 4 Year Old Preschool Classes, "One, Two & You" & "Terrific Twos" Early Learning Groups. Applications will be accepted on a first come basis beginning at 6:30 PM on February 8th. Doors will open at 6:00 PM. Please bring a completed application and proof of residency at the time of enrollment. Applications and brochures are available outside the Preschool/Family Resource Center classroom or online at www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us. You may contact Kerry Anthony at kanthony@eastgranby.k12.ct.us for more information.

Capitol Roundup

Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61st District

The 2017 legislative session, which officially opened on January 4th, is underway. Thank you for the opportunity to again serve as your State Representative. Last November's election resulted in changes to the balance of representation—an equal split in the Senate and a narrowed 78 to 72 Democrat lead in the House. I look forward to continuing to represent our town and our district in Hartford, and tackling issues of concern to so many Connecticut residents—the economy, the deficit, and finding a sustainable path forward in our budgeting process.

This session, I have been honored to have been named Ranking Member on the legislature's Planning and Development Committee. This committee deals with issues relating to local government, housing, urban renewal, fire, sewer and metropolitan districts, home rule, and planning and zoning; regional planning and development activities; and other areas impacting local governments. Of particular note this year will be proposals pertaining to regionalization (including financial support for Hartford), eminent domain, transit oriented development, and the ongoing problem with crumbling foundations which affect a number of people mainly in northeastern Connecticut.

I will also continue to serve on the Transportation Committee and the Appropriations Committee. The Appropriations Committee oversees state spending, including state agency budgets, state employee salaries, benefits and retirement, teachers' retirement, and veterans' pensions and collective bargaining agreements, and arbitration awards for all state employees. The committee does not negotiate collective bargaining contracts, but does vote on them.

On opening day of the session, House Republicans offered an amendment to the House rules to require all legislators to vote on collective bargaining contracts for state employees. The legislature currently has the option to do so, but the vote must

be called for by the majority party, which has not occurred in many years. Many of us believe that all legislators should have the opportunity to review these contracts, which are negotiated by the executive branch, and to vote on them (they are automatically deemed approved if the legislature does not act within thirty days). Since state employee contracts are such a large part of and have such a significant current and long-term impact on Connecticut's budget, legislators should have the ability to decide. The amendment failed in the House, with voting along party lines. My colleagues and I will continue to push for this change.

As always, please contact me if you have questions, ideas, or comments about state related issues. Feel free to contact my office by calling (860) 240-8700 or by e-mail at Tami.Zawistowski@housegop.ct.gov. I also encourage you to visit my Facebook page ([@RepZawistowski](https://www.facebook.com/RepZawistowski)) and sign up for e-blasts on my website RepZawistowski.com.

News from the Democrats

The Democrats would like to thank all of those who came out and voted in last year's election. Once again our candidates did fantastic locally and won the top three offices quite impressively. It clearly shows when the voters are properly informed they choose the Democrats! Education, infrastructure, and dignity are truly issues of the middle class and we will continue to fight for these. Join us as we prepare for the new year at our local DTC meetings which are held at 7:30 PM on the third Thursday of every month at the Senior/Community Center.

East Granby Republicans

Thanks to all who voted on November 8, 2016. It is gratifying to see so many people exercising their privilege to engage in the political process. More than 80% of eligible voters in East Granby participated in this election.

The results of the presidential vote in East Granby are reflective of the nation as a whole. Only 10 votes separated the Democrat and Republican Presidential candidates, 5% voted for third party candidates, and more than 50 chose not to vote for that office at all.

Not to be ignored though, state and municipal elections are equally as important as federal elections—arguably even more since they are more likely to affect us directly. Try this exercise: Determine the amount of federal taxes you pay; then add what you pay in state income taxes, local property taxes, and state sales tax. Do the math, and get involved.

Taxes and our financial well-being are not the only issues facing us. There are other issues affecting our quality of life. For example, high school SAT scores show that 60% of our state's students are not prepared for college level classes. Over 70% of students admitted to state community colleges require remedial classes.

Republicans believe in the following basic principles:

- Fiscal responsibility
- Reform or elimination of programs that are not effective
- Demand results from our government programs
- Removal of burdensome regulations on business and individuals
- Negotiate firmly with our state and municipal unions
- Individuals spend money more wisely than the government
- Personal liberties are more important than government control

As stated by Thomas Jefferson, "That government is best which governs the least." If you share these ideals there are some things you can do to become involved in our community and the political process. Exercise your privilege to vote in all elections. Join us in running for local elections. We are recruiting people for the following East Granby elected positions:

- First Selectman
- Board of Selectmen
- Board of Education
- Board of Finance
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Election Moderators

If you want to become part of the solution, please contact East Granby Republicans. We can be reached by contacting Lee Sandora at (860) 798-4916 or LsandoraEG@gmail.com. Our Republican Town Committee meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of each month at the Senior/Community Center.

Concerned Taxpayers of East Granby

Concerned Taxpayers of East Granby is a non-partisan organization for East Granby taxpayers to promote a balance of town spending versus quality of services and affordability of living in town. CTEG promotes involvement of taxpayers in town government decision-making in order to ensure the economic viability of our community.

Issues currently in the works in East Granby town government are changes to the town ordinances, and the revision of East Granby's 10-year Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). Updates are available from the office of the First Selectman, or the Planning and Zoning Commission, respectively, both in Town Hall (www.eastgranbyct.org, (860) 653-2576, info@egtownhall.com).

The featured highlight of the East Granby Public Schools Efficiency Report completed at the end of last year was that East Granby's expenditure per high school pupil is third highest out of the state's 160+ school districts, and over 40% higher than the rest of East Granby's District Reference Group. The huge excess capacity in the high school lead to the recommendation that the Board of Education explore creating a regional high school with a neighboring school district.

A new statewide survey found that 66% of state residents favor providing education on a regional basis. The survey was completed by researchers from the Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC) and Smith & Company. Favorability of regionalizing education has increased during the year. "Increasingly, towns will not be able to afford to sustain the level of services to which they have become accustomed, as budget pressures increase along with a reluctance to raise taxes. Residents showed concern, and a willingness to consider regionalism as a solution," said Robert W. Santy, the President of CERC.

The survey also found that the most important factor when choosing a town in which to live was property taxes, followed by the quality of the school system. You can read more about the survey here: <http://ctbythenumbers.info/2016/12/19/ct-residents-see-regionalism-as-option-for-services-highway-improvement-a-priority/>

Budget season in East Granby is beginning again this month. The state's fiscal condition is continuing to deteriorate (state budget deficit \$1.5 billion this year, and \$1.5 billion next year, compared to a Federal budget deficit of \$1 trillion this year). Fundamental state-mandated changes to the budget process will impact how the Board of Finance is able to finance this year's town budget, which is now up to \$22 million, having increased by an average of 3.6% annually over the last decade.

The first BOF meeting on the budget will be held Tuesday, January 17th, at which Board members will discuss budget drivers with the BOS and BOE. At the following BOF meeting on Tuesday, February 7th, the BOF will provide FY2017-18 operating budget guidelines to the BOS and BOE. All BOF meetings start at 7:30 PM and are held in the Town Hall Hearing Room.

If you want your voice to be heard on matters of the town budget, municipal governance, POCD, or other issues, go to board meetings and public hearings and show board and commission members that you're watching and will hold them accountable. Vote in the referendums, municipal elections, and at town meetings—every vote counts, literally! In East Granby, referendums, elections, and town meeting votes are often decided by margins of as little as two to four votes! Do whatever you can to help keep our town government oriented responsibly. Come to a CTEG meeting to talk with likeminded neighbors and discuss your ideas.

All CTEG meetings are on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the East Granby Public Library. Our next two meetings will be on Monday, January 23rd and Monday, February 27th (both on the fourth Monday because of holidays). All CTEG meetings are open to the public. Come and find out what's going on in the community. Share your thoughts and concerns with people who are interested in keeping East Granby a great place to live, work, and retire. If you can't come to meetings, we're still interested in your ideas. For more information, call (860) 658-0268, e-mail info.CTEG@cox.net, or visit the CTEG website at www.egtaxpayers.org.

Allgrove School

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

February 14th, 15th & 16th 2017

Registration for children who are entering Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year will take place at Allgrove School, 33 Turkey Hills Road on the following dates:

Tuesday
February 14th
9:00-11:00 a.m.
12:30-2:00 p.m.

Wednesday
February 15th
9:00-11:00 a.m.
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday
February 16th
9:00-11:00 a.m.
12:30-2:00 p.m.

The paperwork takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete and needs to be filled out at the school. At the time of registration, we will also be scheduling a visit for kindergarten orientation that will take place in the spring. It is important that students be registered during the above dates.

If you are not able to attend one of the registration dates, please call Donna Mattera at 860-653-2505.

Parents need to bring the following required items to school at the time of registration:

- 1. Child's Birth Certificate – A full size original birth certificate is needed. Wallet size cannot be accepted.**
- 2. Copy of Most Recent Physical & Immunizations**
- 3. Proof of Residency (If you own your home, bring a copy of a paid phone bill, electric bill or cable bill. If you lease bring a copy of the signed lease in the parent/guardian name)**

All certificates and records will be copied and returned to you at the time of registration.

All pupils entering Kindergarten must be five years of age on or before January 1, 2018. Please be advised that pursuant to Section 10-184 of the Connecticut General Statutes, parents are required to register all children whose ages meet this eligibility for Kindergarten. If parents choose not to send their child to Allgrove Elementary School during this coming school year, please contact Donna Mattera at 860-653-2505.

All registration information must be completed before your child may begin Kindergarten. A health examination is required prior to August 17, 2017. Health examination forms are available from the school nurse at the time of registration.

Happy 2017!

The *Friend to Friend Food Pantry* would like to offer our thanks to all the folks — young, old and in between, who've helped us out this year with donations of time, food and money. We are humbled to be part of this small, but mighty town, with neighbors always eager to lend a hand.

We would also like to thank the following groups and organizations. We had help from the Boy Scouts, Brownies, Copper Hill Methodist Church, Cub Scouts, Dolce Mama's Confections, East Granby Congregational Church, East Granby Fire Department, East Granby Police Union, East Granby Public Library, East Granby Students, East Granby Town Employees, East Granby Veteran's Club, Expressions Pottery Workshop, First National Bank of Suffield, Geisslers, Girl Scouts, Highland Park Market, Overhaul Support Services, Oxen Hill Farm, Stop and Shop, Stub Hub and the Women's Club of East Granby.

Our Second Annual Campaign (costs of which were 100% donated) was mailed to town residents and businesses in November. We are now busy planning for the year ahead, our goal — that no resident or family in East Granby goes without a meal.

Thank you for being our friend. We wish you a New Year filled with good health and happiness!

Food Pantry

860.413.3328

- In need of the following items:
jelly, peanut butter, cereal, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, hearty soups, canned fruit and vegetables, coffee and laundry detergent.
- Food donations may be dropped off at East Granby Senior/Community Center, East Granby Public Library and the East Granby Congregational Church.
- Monetary donations can be mailed to Friend to Friend Food Pantry, P.O. Box 631, East Granby, CT 06026

Thrift Shop

32 Spoonville Road
860.651.1659
860.413.3328 (after hours)

The shop is closed for the winter and will reopen on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Please do not leave any donations at the shop. We will be having a donation drop off event at the end of March, stay tuned.

Thank you, email us questions at friendtofriendthriftshop@gmail.com.



friend to friend

Food Pantry & Thrift Shop



EGHS Baseball Fundraiser Can & Bottle Drive

Saturday, February 11th

9:00 am-1:00 pm

Drop off returnable bottles and cans at the East
Granby High School Front Lobby
95 South Main St.
East Granby CT

East Granby residents can leave returnables at
the end of their driveway and they will be picked
up during the day starting at 8:30 am

Thank you for helping the team go to Spring Training
Camp!

Sponsored by the Parents of EGHS Baseball
Walshfam@cox.net

East Granby Soccer Association

of East Granby

Spring 2017 CCER season is HERE!

Registration is now *open* for *In-Town* and *Travel* Soccer

Registration open until **April 3rd**

In-Town Mini Soccer: \$85

Travel Soccer: \$115 (\$20 early bird discount available until 1/31/2017)
(\$20 late fee applied after 03/18/2017)

Please go to www.eastgranbysoccer.com to sign up

The Saturday Mini-Soccer at Seymour School Starts 04/22/2017

Saturday Morning mini-soccer typically lasts 8 weeks

U5 Dinomites - 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

U6 Dinomites - 10:10 AM to 11:10 AM

**U8 Development (1st and 2nd Grade) - Practice one night a week (usually Thursdays)
and Games on Saturdays at 11:00 AM**

The Travel program is for 3rd grade thru 12th grade

TRAVEL TEAMS TYPICALLY PRACTICE TWICE PER WEEK IN EAST GRANBY. PRACTICES ARE EXPECTED TO START IN MARCH/APRIL, DAYS ARE TBD BY COACHES. GAMES ARE PLAYED ON SATURDAYS/SUNDAYS IN EAST GRANBY AND SURROUNDING TOWNS (FARMINGTON VALLEY AREA)

Questions can be directed to Lance Strzegowski:

lances0215@gmail.com or (860-490-0205)



EGSA is a non-profit organization that is dependent on volunteers. Please contact Lance if you are able to volunteer to help with the Saturday morning's In-town program (ex: coach, assist. coach, lining field. Etc.).

Please consider volunteering!



Superintendent's Message, January 2017

The mid-point in the school year is the perfect time to pause and think about what we have accomplished thus far as we marched through each day executing our best laid plans. This time period also evokes many memories and gives us a chance to add more as we celebrate all that the end of the year means to us. We celebrate those we met and those we are yet to greet; those we hurried past and those with whom we had a blast; those we influenced and those who inspired us. We recall our goals and objectives and make resolute promises to see them to fruition. We also stop to experience the beauty in the world at one of the most beautiful times in the year.

I am reminded of these words from Earl Count:

"There are many weavers, who work into the pattern the experience of their lives. When one generation goes, another comes to take up the weft where it has been dropped. The pattern changes as the mind changes, yet never begins quite anew. At first, we are not sure that we discern the pattern, but at last we see that, unknown to the weavers themselves, something has taken shape before our eyes, and that they have made something very beautiful, something which compels our understanding."

Our mid-year reflection on our plans and activities in our learning community sometimes leaves us wondering if our 'weavers' – the adults who impact us - all discern the pattern and can visualize the changes that are taking place in our students' lives as they engage in learning opportunities each day. From my vantage point, beautiful things are happening every day and students are blossoming as they interact with each other and deepen their knowledge to better understand the world around them. That's a beautiful thing to watch!



On Monday December 1, 2016, I saw a beautiful thing! I had the pleasure of accompanying two East Granby high school students, **Alexander Cannon** and **Tajiana Ledford**, as they went to the Connecticut State Capitol to participate in the High School Re-imagined program. The students' task was to develop resolutions to present to legislators

for consideration in the upcoming legislative session – resolutions that are more in line with what they believe are important for Connecticut's learners in the 21st century. Students representing 20 districts in Connecticut resolutely described what must be written into state statutes to enable them to engage in educational opportunities that will transform teaching and learning, and ensure their intellectual agility in our rapidly advancing technological world. Alexander and Tajiana were poised and articulate. They represented East Granby very well. The resolution they presented was shared as one of several that were chosen for further consideration in the process

of identifying six key resolutions that will be given to legislators. **Representative, Tami Zawistowski**, greeted us as we waited in the lobby of the Legislative Office Building and escorted us to the House Chamber where the program was held.



Persons in attendance at the Fall 2016 meeting of the Fifth Year Program Advisory Board also had the opportunity to experience a beautiful thing as they heard about the increasingly broad range of activities occurring in the schools to encourage our students to look more broadly at the careers and learning opportunities that are available to them. Student member, **Mason Holt** and faculty member, **Kashema Jennings** reported on the many businesses students visited and field trips to manufacturing sites where they learned more about Manufacturing and Business – the **two** areas in which East Granby students may earn an Associates in Science Degree after completing one additional year at Asnuntuck Community College.

In mid-November 2016, members of the district leadership team joined me and business partners from the **Office Depot Education Division led by Mr. Frank Zarillo**, in a very worthwhile discussion and strategy session to develop a vision and profile of the ‘Technologically and Intellectually Agile Learner’. East Granby educators and Office Depot partners are keenly aware of the education preparation that is vitally important for success in life and in the world, as well as in the evolving employment market. After a very productive afternoon of collaboration and discourse, we identified critical traits and skills that are important for all learners to master to render them both intellectually and technologically agile. Since the first discussion session, there have been fruitful discussions among the administrators, faculty and staff in each school. The dialog will continue in Parent Teacher Organization meetings and with students. We all agree that this is an important discussion for our community. We invite members of the community to join us for this continued discussion at a **Community Forum that will be held on January 26, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the East Granby Senior Community Center.**

Our goal is to develop community consensus around the profile of the ‘Technologically and Intellectually Agile Learners’ who will be successful participants in the unfolding 21st century. The Board of Education will be able to revisit the district’s vision and prepare a statement that articulates what the district espouses as important in the process of educating East Granby learners to develop the skills and competencies that are vitally important to their futures.

Celebrating Our Colleague

*In our learning community, we value each member and appreciate all they do to help us educate our students. Recently, we lost a member of our East Granby learning community. **Valerie ‘Val’ Hoadley** was a parent of two our East Granby graduates, and a cherished member of our staff for the past 16 years. She worked diligently to assist students as they engaged in the learning process; and teachers as they implemented the curriculum and developed lessons that enabled each learner to improve their performance and achieve at high levels. Val worked tirelessly, forging meaningful professional relationships with her colleagues and students. Val encouraged students to persevere and meet their challenges boldly and with conviction. Her calm demeanor and encouraging style was highly valued and admired by everyone. We miss her warm smile and gentle caring nature. She is greatly missed by everyone in the East Granby Public Schools.*

Board of Education Budget Related Activities

Members of the Board of Education are already engaged in preliminary discussions of the 2017-2018 operating budget. Beginning in January, board members will discuss key budget drivers in preparation for sharing this information in a discussion at the January 17, 2017 Board of Finance meeting. We are also reviewing the Capital Advisory Board report to examine infrastructure items, and provide an update that will inform the revision of the Five Year Infrastructure Capital plan and highlight items that will be submitted to the newly formed Town Bonding Advisory committee. Simultaneously, we are preparing the Non-Educational items report as required by Connecticut Public Act (PA 13-60). This report will be provided to the Board of Finance for their review during the budget development process. Please check the calendar and website regularly to note the dates of the budget and regularly scheduled Board of Education meetings.

We look forward to your continued support and participation throughout the budget process.

Please be reminded that this school year, the February school break is shortened. Students will be dismissed early on Friday, February 17, 2017, so that administrators, faculty, and staff may participate in a professional learning program. School will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, February 20 – 21, 2017 for a shortened winter break and will re-open on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. High school students will have mid-year examinations later this month and second semester will begin shortly thereafter.

Enjoy the beauty and activities of the winter season.

Christine F. A. S Mahoney, Ed. D.

Superintendent of schools

East Granby Fire Marshal's Office Safety Tips

The following fire safety tips can help you maintain a fire safe home this winter.

WOOD STOVES AND FIREPLACES

- Be sure the stove or fireplace is installed properly and inspected for compliance with applicable codes.
- Woodstoves should be of good quality, solid construction and design, and should be UL listed.
- Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary, especially if it has not been used for some time.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening, to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out, unwanted material from going in, and help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants.
- The stove should be burned hot twice a day for 15-30 minutes to reduce the amount of creosote buildup.
- Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires in fireplaces. It is possible to ignite creosote in the chimney by overbuilding the fire.
- Never burn charcoal indoors. Burning charcoal can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide (CO).
- Keep flammable materials away from your mantel. A spark from the fireplace could ignite these materials.
- Before you go to sleep, be sure your fireplace fire is out. **NEVER** close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper will help the fire heat up again and will force toxic carbon monoxide (CO) into the house.
- If synthetic logs are used, follow the directions on the package. Never break a synthetic log apart to quicken the fire or use more than one log at a time. They often burn unevenly, releasing higher levels of carbon monoxide.

FURNACE HEATING

- It's important that you have your furnace inspected to insure that it is in good working condition.
- Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shutoffs are in proper working condition.
- Leave furnace repairs to qualified specialists. Do not attempt repairs yourself unless you are qualified.
- Inspect the walls and ceiling near the furnace and along the chimney line. If the wall is hot or discolored, additional pipe insulation or clearance may be required.
- Check the flue pipes and pipe seams. Are they well supported? Free of holes, and cracks? Soot along or around seams may be an indicator of a leak.
- Is the chimney solid? No cracks or loose bricks? All unused flue openings should be sealed with solid masonry.
- Keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.

OTHER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and well away from the house.
- Never use a range or an oven as a supplementary heating device. Not only is it a safety hazard, it can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.
- If you use an electric heater, be sure not to overload the circuit. Only use extension cords, which have the necessary rating to carry the amp load.
- Avoid using electric space heaters in bathrooms, or other areas where they may come in contact with water.
- Frozen water pipes? Never try to thaw them with a blowtorch or other open flames, (otherwise the pipe could conduct the heat and ignite the wall structure inside the wall space). Use hot water or a UL labeled device such as a hand held dryer for thawing.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your home you can assist the fire department by keeping the hydrant clear of snow so in the event it is needed, it can be located.
- Keep all doorways/exits free from snow in case you need to use them in an emergency.
- Have a working CO detector in your home.

TWO RECALL ITEMS FROM THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

1. LG Electronics recalls portable air conditioners due to fire hazard.

This recall involves three models of 7,000 and 8,000 BTU LG portable air conditioners including model numbers LP0711WNR (all serial numbers), LP0813WNR (all serial numbers), and LP0814WNR (only serial numbers beginning with 311, 312, 401, 402, 403, 4014, and 405). The air conditioners are tan/white with the LG logo on the front. They measure about 30 inches tall, 12 inches wide, and 14 inches deep and weigh 50 pounds. The model number is located on the product's left side panel.

Residents shouldn't use the product until a repair has been made and this can be scheduled directly through LG at 1-855-791-0808.

These products were sold at Home Depot and other stores nationwide from February 2011 through August 2016 for between \$250-\$280.

2. **Gree re-announces dehumidifier recall following 450 fires and \$19 million in property damage. Brands include Frigidaire, Soleus Air, Kenmore and others.**

East Granby Fire Marshal's Office Safety Tips

This recall is extremely large, affecting over 2.5 million products and has been expanded each time it is announced again starting in 2013. This recall involves 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 65, and 70 pint dehumidifiers with the following brand names: Danby, De'Longhi, Fedders, Fellini, Frigidaire, GE, Gree, Kenmore, Norpole, Premier, Seabreeze, Soleus Air, and Super Clima. Recalled model numbers and date codes are too numerous to list and residents should go to the Consumer Product Safety Commission website at the following address <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/Gree-Reannounces-Dehumidifier-Recall-Following-450-Fires-and-19-Million-in-Property-Damage> or contact Gree at 1-866-853-2802. The brand name and pint capacity is printed on the front of the dehumidifiers. The model number and date code are printed on a sticker on the back, front, or side of the unit. The dehumidifiers are white, beige, gray, or black plastic and measure between 19 and 24 inches tall, 13 and 15 inches wide, and 9 and 11 inches deep.

These products were sold at stores in our area such as Home Depot, Kmart, Lowes, Sam's Club, Sears, Wal-Mart, and many other nationwide as well as online through Amazon and other sites.

Residents are advised to stop using the dehumidifiers immediately and contact Gree for a refund.

SMOKE DETECTOR REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The East Granby Fire Marshal's Office has a smoke detector/battery replacement program that is free to residents. Smoke detectors have a lifespan of ten years and then they need to be replaced; battery operated or backed up detectors need their batteries changed to keep the detectors working. Our program offers free battery operated detector replacement and free battery replacement. If your smoke detectors are less than ten years old, we will gladly come out and test them for you to ensure they are operating correctly. If you are unsure how to check the date on these, give us a call and we will check them for you. Again this program is offered free to our residents. It has been proven that operating smoke detectors save lives!

Contact the Fire Marshal's Office for additional information or any other questions that you might have.

For the East Granby Fire Marshal's Office call 860-653-3444 or e-mail:

Fire Marshal Kenneth Beliveau
KennethB@egtownhall.com

Deputy Fire Marshal John Leahey
JohnL@egtownhall.com

East Granby Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Presents

BINGO night



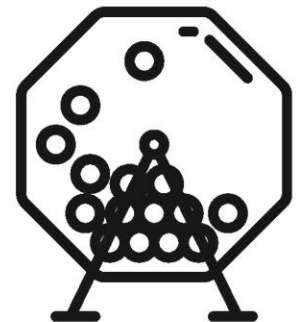
February 11th
Snow Date February 25th

Come join us for a night of cash Bingo!

Doors Open at 6:30pm · Bingo starts at 7:00pm

East Granby Farms

79 North Main Street · East Granby, CT 06026



EAST GRANBY SENIOR CENTER



DIAL-A-RIDE ON THE MINI BUS

① Grocery, Pharmacy & Banking every Wednesday

② Doctor, Dentist, Hairdresser & Personal Care Appointments every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Appointments should be scheduled no earlier than 9:00 AM and no later than 3:00 PM.

Transportation to the Windsor Caring Connection (Windsor's Adult Day Health Center) will now be provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please call (860) 547-0251 for more information.

③ Retail Shopping, Trips & Community Events on Mondays and Fridays.

Check the Senior Moments Newsletter calendars for the bus schedule and call (860)413-3327 at least 24 hours in advance. Your reservation will be recorded on the voicemail system and a driver will call you to confirm. There is no charge to use the Mini Bus but an annual donation of \$20 is greatly appreciated.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC – PROVIDED BY THE FARMINGTON VALLEY VNA MONDAYS~ FEBRUARY 6TH, MARCH 6TH, APRIL 3RD, MAY 1ST 11:00AM-12:00PM.

The Farmington Valley Visiting Nurses Association will be at the East Granby Senior Center providing free blood pressure screenings. No appointment necessary.

HOW CAN YOU RESIST DELICIOUS FOOD?

Enjoy a hot meal every Tuesday and Thursday at the **Granby Senior Center**—a *Connecticut Community Renewal Team Program*. A donation of \$2.00 is suggested. Call **(860)844-5352** on Friday for a reservation for the following week. Call the minibus if you need a ride **(860)413-3327**

CT INFO LINE—DIAL 211—Vital resource to find available community services.

CHOICES: CALL 1-800-994-9422 for assistance with Medicare, Medigap and Medicare Part-D applications.

EXERCISE CLASSES, PROGRAMS AND SHOPPING

PEDI—CARE FOR YOUR FEET—Professional foot care is provided by a licensed nurse the 1st Thursday of each month--8:30 AM—2:00 PM in the East Granby Senior Center. Your visit includes: General assessment of your feet; trimming, filing, & cleaning nails; reduction of thickened toe nails; smoothing of corns and calluses; massaging, moisturizing lotion and powdering. Call (860)413-3334 for an appointment. Cost \$29

GET FIT EXERCISE CLASSES—Mondays and Wednesdays 10:00 AM-11:00 AM—Senior Center—\$4.00 walk-in cost. Improve fitness, balance, strength, flexibility, range of motion, and posture. This **ALL LEVELS** class uses hand weights, exercise bands, and loops done in or next to a chair for safety.

LINE DANCING CLASS- Tuesdays 10:00 AM-11:30AM at the East Granby Farms Recreation Center - \$5.00 walk-in cost. Come on down and enjoy some great music and learn some fun line dances. It's a great way to exercise while having fun!

SHOPPING TRIPS:

- **JANUARY 23RD, FEBRUARY 13TH – WALMART**
- **JANUARY 30TH, FEBRUARY 27TH – MRS. MURPHY'S & OCEAN STATE JOB LOT**
- **FEBRUARY 6TH – CHRISTMAS TREE SHOP**
- **MARCH 6TH - ENFIELD**
- **MARCH 13TH –TARGET, PETCO, DOLLAR STORE**

***** HEARING CLINIC *****

Thursday April 13th 1:00PM-3:00PM at the East Granby Senior Center. Appointments can be made by calling (860) 413-3334.

SENIOR CENTER TRIPS AND PROGRAMS

FRIDAY JANUARY 27TH—Lunch Bunch—Ginza—Bloomfield, CT—Ginza offers Japanese fare with French flare and the very best of hibachi dining. Enjoy the delicious food all while being entertained by the wonderful chefs! **Depart the Senior Center at 11:30 AM. Reservation by January 20th.**

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3RD—Peter Greenwood Glass Blowing —Riverton, CT-This is a unique and rare opportunity to create glass art right here in CT! Instructors will guide you through a hands-on experience twisting and pulling molten glass and sculpting it into a colorful glass flower or paperweight. You will be amazed at what you create! Lunch on your own at Sweet Peas Restaurant. **Depart the Senior Center at 10:30am. Cost is \$48 (not including lunch). Reservation and payment due by January 20th.**

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17TH— Mr. Magic Show & Luncheon— Come enjoy a delicious lunch and the wonderfully magical entertainment of Mr. Magic (a/k/a Attorney Richard Rothstein), performing magic shows for over 40 years. The show is non-stop fun and includes music, comedy and sound effects. Guaranteed to make those winter blues magically disappear “poof”! **Program begins at 12:00 PM at the East Granby Senior Center. Cost of lunch and entertainment is \$10.00 due by February 9th.**

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24TH—Lunch Bunch-Maggie McFly’s—Manchester, CT-This best of Hartford restaurant has over 180 menu items prepared from scratch using the freshest and highest quality ingredients available, Maggie McFly’s will surely please your taste buds! They offer generous portions of innovative creations as well as established favorites. You may just have a difficult time trying to decide which meal to pick! **Depart the Senior Center at 11:15 AM. Reservation by February 17th.**

Join our mailing list to receive the Senior Moments Newsletter.
Call (860) 413-3334 or email kellyj@egtownhall.com to sign up.

EAST GRANBY PARKS & RECREATION WINTER 2017

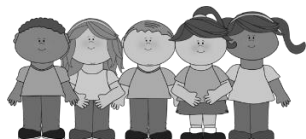
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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL THE LATEST PROGRAMS! EASY SIGNUP!!



www.eastgranbyrec.com

Recreation Office Hours - Monday - Thursday
8:00AM - 4:00PM



Growing Healthy Kids

Date: Once a month on Mondays, next class Jan. 23rd

Time: 4:00 - 5:30PM

Where: East Granby Farms Recreation Center

Ages: 6 -9

Cost: \$15.00 per class

Instructor: Nutritionist, Alicia Newton

Gather once a month to learn all about healthy foods-where it came from, how to prepare it, and of course tasting it! An active class, hands-on, where learning happens through movement, games, and preparing foods.

Let's Gogh Art presents . . .

Clownin'Around: Silly Circus

Date: Tuesday, February 21st

Time: 9:00AM - 12 Noon

Where: East Granby Farms Recreation Center

Ages: 5 thru 12

Cost: \$28.00

Paint and decorate shimmering wooden carousel horses; design goofy clown or acrobat stuffed toys with long, bendy legs; and draw colorful balancing acts complete with jugglers and elephants, tightropes and unicycles! Art explorers bring home whimsical souvenirs of a spectacular day under the big top!



BOOT CAMP in EAST GRANBY **With Caitlin Sullivan**

Dates: Mondays - on going sessions

Time: 6:00 - 7:00PM

Where: East Granby Recreation Center

Ages: 16 and up

Cost: \$10 as a walk-in, \$75 for 10 classes,
\$65 for six week session

Participate in a variety of cardio and plyometric drills.

Learn to Meditate in Six Weeks

Date: Thursdays January 26th - March 2nd

Time: 6:30 - 7:30PM

Where: East Granby Farms Recreation Center

Ages: 16 and up

Cost: \$60.00

Instructor: Josette Lumbruno, an experienced instructor with over 40 years of practicing meditation. Meditation will help reduce stress, give you a better quality of sleep, the ability to focus longer, a calmer mind, and a better sense of well-being.



ZUMBA returns with Renee

Date: Tuesdays - on going sessions

Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Where: East Granby Farms Recreation Center

Ages 16 and up

Cost: \$40.00 for 6 week program or \$10 walk-in.

Punch Cards \$70.00 for 10 classes

PiYO with Sheryl Sheridan

Date: 6 Tuesdays, beginning January 31st

Time: 6:00 - 7:00PM

Ages: 16 and up

Where: East Granby Farms Recreation Center

Cost: \$45 for 6 week session, \$7 walk-ins

Pilates + Yoga + Nonstop Movement

Country Heat Workout

Date: Wednesdays, begins February 1st

Time: 7:00 -8:00PM

Ages: 16 and up

Where: East Granby Farms Recreation Center

Instructor: Sheryl Sheridan

Cost: \$45 for 6 week session, \$7 walk-ins

You're burning mega calories and toning your body from head to toe!

Coming Soon!

Ditch the Diet Nutrition Class

NFL Flag Football for Youths

What's Cooking Junior Chef?

Jumpingclay Workshop

Meeting Schedules

Town Hall (TH) • Senior/Community Center (SC)
Allgrove School (AS) • East Granby Farms (EGF)
Library (L) • High School (HS)

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| Commission on Aging 6:30 (SC) | 2/7, 3/7 |
| Conservation 7:30 (TH)..... | 2/1, 3/1 |
| Board of Education (AS) | 1/23, 2/13, 2/27, 3/13 |
| Economic Development 7:30 (TH) | 1/23, 2/27 |
| Elementary School Committee..... | As Needed |
| Board of Finance 7:30 | 2/7, 3/14 |
| Parks & Recreation 7:30 (EGF)..... | 2/2, 3/2 |
| Planning & Zoning 7:00 (TH)..... | 2/14, 3/14 |
| Board of Selectmen 6:30 (TH)..... | 1/25, 2/8, 2/22, 3/8 |
| Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 (TH)..... | 2/7, 3/7 |
| Youth Services Bureau 6:30 (EGF)..... | 2/20 |

The above meeting dates and times are subject to change.

Library, Board of Education, and Recreation times & dates are found in the articles. Times are PM unless noted.

Guidelines for Submitting Articles

Please note that the deadline submission time is 9:00 AM on Monday. All articles must be submitted in Word format and sent via e-mail to newsletter@egtownhall.com. Deadlines are strictly enforced to ensure timely preparation of the publication. Articles should pertain to an East Granby organization, agency, or business (non-advertisement) and be of general interest to the public. With the exception of Town Commissions and Boards, we will not accept submissions that are more than one page in size including pictures, objects, and text. At the discretion of the Editor, articles and graphics may be edited. The name of the submitter and a daytime phone number must accompany each article.

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**Resident
East Granby, CT 06026**

East Granby High School Honor Roll • First Quarter 2016-2017

--- HIGH HONORS ---

| GRADE 9 | GRADE 10 | GRADE 11 | GRADE 12 |
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| Cullen Beman Maya Brody Britney Couceiro Stephanie Crocker Trinity DeJesus Justin Hall Victoria Hall Emily Kelly Jade Kiang Jordan Kido Emily Kowal Leah Langhoff Joy Li Heather MacKinnon Madeline Moore Eva Ramey Julia Redfield Sophia Sanford Jenna Springer | Jacob Anthony Amber Bourgault Cristina Brose Brianna Canny Christian Fagnant Christopher Fortier Emily Frasca Jameson Gill Chloe Gosselin Rachel Griffin Sarah Jacius Catherine Kelly Genesis Knutson Jillian Kuofie Tiffanie Moreau Bianca Prescott Gabriela Reis David Sales Olivia Sanford Caitlin Strzegowski Ashley Thomas Kayla Tran Jack Tubridy Jordan Walsh Taylor Whitehouse | Katarina Bade Alexander Cannon Jamie Crane Sosie French Kylie Geer Kayla Gibbs Melanie Kellogg Justin Lacharite Hayley Morris Claire Newhall Ivana Prats Lita Roy Kohl Russell Julia Vassallo | Zachary Allen Ashley Barry Alivia Begin Jolie Berger Emily Farmer Nelson Ferguson Aleksan Fiedziukiewicz John Flanagan Alexandria Geer Nicole Gosselin Genna Hartman Gwynne Hooper Samuel Kilby Mackenzie Lacroix Kaelyn Ludwig Carly Malinowski Tyler Petrunti Jenna Sheridan Sarah Soucy Benjamin Stone Brady Williams |

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| GRADE 9 | GRADE 10 | GRADE 11 | GRADE 12 |
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| Maximiliano Auger Madelynn Burkett Isabelle Croke Zory Crumpler Brooke DePamphilis Julia Fiedziukiewicz Gordon Hartman Ethan Hoerle Grace Klucznik Kristian Kowalski Aden Kulch Julie-Andrea Kuofie Anna Moody Lauren Morano Jordan Sniffin Schyler Wyse | Jaime Baird Laura Brassard Nancy Cheng Lindsey Clark Katherine Corbett Audrey Corcoran Alessandra Damato Eric Farmer Aidan Gallagher Declan Gallagher Jordan Kott Cory Ludwig John Patrizzi Joselyn Rybczyk Ekaterina Santos Dillon Silkey Devin Stout Aidan Walsh | Sierra Benware Abigail Bouwer Olivia Brody Jordin Comstock Allie Davis Lauren Houde Olivia Kowal McKayla Langmeier Tatum Strong Ryan Trombly | Anna Brose Sean Brunelle Luke Gouin Olivia Hoerle Jonathan Kelly Kathryn Kelly Nathan Langmeier Tajianna Ledford Keegan Plocki Kyler Sladyk Kyle Yourous |

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--- HIGH HONORS ---

| GRADE 6 | GRADE 7 | GRADE 8 |
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| <p>Caleb Attianese Ryan Barry Megan Benner Melina Betts Landon Bohm Abigail Case Brandy Caterino Morgan Egan Bryce Ford Parker Ford Veda Gaudette Joseph Ghirardi Brady Gill Holly Grenier Austin Griffin Ava Guyer Ryan Hall Matthew Hecht Samantha Kovaleski Nathan Kraiza Gavin Kulch Jaidyn Lacharite Sophie Landolina</p> | <p>Shreyas Lenkala Jocara Mack-Duncan Lauren MacKinnon Camden Malinowski Maeve McConnell Larissa McDonough Jakub McKinney Lauren Monegan Anna Montoney Benjamin Nardi Sean Pitney Alexandra Pond Brooke Popella Colin Rechenberg Lorelei Rich Alexsandra Ritter Jayleen Rivera Kiernan Rudzik Evangeline Smith Nathaniel Swanson Madeline Tracey Makenzie Vick Julia Walsh</p> | <p>Taylor Andrews Vincente Auger Colby Betts Rhys Brauer William Burke Henry Butler Melanie Chen Quinn Coushaine Brooke DeJesus Jasmyn Dillon Jonah Dunlap Liam Flanagan Matthew Fortier Cayleigh Goberman Jason Ho Tirna Iqbal Meghan Jones Jack Kido Benjamin Lakomy Patrick Lakomy</p> <p>Erin Lally Paige Lareau Evan Malinowski Mila Miller Ashley Moore Isaac Mullen Sreekar Patti Sarah Phillips Paul Quinlan Sebastian Ramey Lauren Rechenberg Benjamin Rickevicius Sebastian Ruiz Erin Russell Sarah Springer Nathaniel Welsh Kirsten Wimpfheimer Benjamin Wolf Arne Worlund</p> <p>Connor Anthony Aiden Attianese Jamison Belliveau Theophilus Boateng Julia Broome Jordan Buldrini Victoria Cannon Ashley Cappiello Steven Chen Julia Cotteleer Sydney Farley Logan French Austin Gelinac Emma Griffin Sean Griffin Amanda Jacius Allison Landolina</p> <p>Sarah Lostowski Kaitlyn McDonough Kaitlyn Morano Tyler Nardi Sofia Pasquantonio William Pitney Taylor Popella Jasmine Ritter Michael Santos Delilah Strong Allison Strzegowski Sean Trombly Abby Tubridy Rhiannon Velleman Jamieson Vick Jayden Weaver Erika Yourous</p> |

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| GRADE 6 | GRADE 7 | GRADE 8 |
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| <p>Idara Akpan Zachary Bolasevich Christopher Braga John Connole Geoffrey Durante Ryan French Teresa Galloway Dylan Gates Luke Guyer Hailey Lynds Jenna Pratt</p> | <p>Olivia Boehm Ethan Bohm Mason Bradley Dilan Brunelle Jonathan Ciottone Aidan Cosgrove Chad Dabkowski Lucy Formanek Devon Johnson Zachary Latonie Kyle Lyman Jayden Maddox Kaeleigh Reardon Joseph Roy Logan Santy Edward Timmons Kaharie Wilson</p> | <p>Emmanuel Akpan Erik Bade Jaya Badhe Christian Barry Samuel Benner Madison Chamberlain Madison Duplin Katharine Duray Erika Eaton Jacob Feliciano Kendrick Freeman Madelyn Guilmartin Ethan Lakomy Jenna Lindinger Michael Luciuk Andrew Reardon Denise Ruiz Samaris Santiago Matthew Tuczinski Brian Yi</p> |