



Let's Talk Turkey

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It's Budget Season with a "Twist" this Year!

The annual budget consists of four components: the Board of Selectmen (BOS) Operating Budget, the Board of Education (BOE) Operating Budget, the Town Capital Budget, and Debt Service (i.e., the Allgrove/Seymour Elementary School project). This year, an additional component or "twist" has been introduced with the Governor's FY18 Budget Proposal. His proposal potentially reduces state aid to East Granby by \$1.2 million or 55% when factoring in proposed town contributions to the State Teachers Retirement Plan (\$770,000) and actual reductions in State Grants-in-Aid and Educational Cost Sharing (\$500,000). While the Governor's budget is a proposal and the State Legislature will ultimately pass a budget, we should assume that the Town will receive less state aid than in the current year.

Based on the Governor's budget, the Board of Finance (BOF) held a special meeting in late February to discuss scenarios and options. Prior to the Governor's announcement, at their February 7th meeting, the BOF gave their initial direction to the BOS and BOE regarding proposed expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year (FY18). Preliminary budgets were presented by the BOE and BOS to the BOF on March 14th. This year, more than any other year, please attend the following meetings where you will have the opportunity to learn more about the annual budget and provide feedback to the boards.

Important Meetings and Notes—

April 4th: The BOF will meet at the Senior/Community Center at 7:30 PM to provide final direction to the boards regarding the budget to be presented to the town at the April 18th Public Hearing.

April 15th: We anticipate that the Annual Budget Edition of *Let's Talk Turkey* will be in houses on this date so that residents can review detailed presentations of budget components and costs. Budget information will also be available on the town website, www.eastgranbyct.org, at that time.

April 18th: The Annual Town Budget Hearing will be held at 7:30 PM at the East Granby High School Auditorium. All three boards will present the proposed budget and answer any resident questions. After the Hearing, the BOF will consider feedback, deliberate, and vote to send a proposed budget to Town Meeting.

April 25th: The Annual Town Meeting will be held at 7:30 PM at the Senior/Community Center. After a brief presentation by the boards along with time for resident questions and comments, the BOS anticipates that the Town Meeting will be adjourned without a vote and then subsequently taken to ballot referendum.

Please Note: The BOS is expected to call for a machine ballot referendum for early May. Polling hours would then be set at the April 25th Town Meeting. Our traditional polling place is the Senior/Community Center. Feel free to contact the Selectman's Office at (860) 413-3301 with any questions.

Senior Tax Relief: Residents aged 65 years or older along with residents who are disabled may be eligible for Senior Tax Relief. If you income qualify, the amount of property taxes that you will pay for the upcoming fiscal year may be reduced. If you have any questions or would like to make a confidential appointment, please call Assessor Mary Ellen Brown at (860) 653-2852.

2016 Grand List: The October 1, 2016 Grand List for the Town of East Granby has been finalized as of February 1, 2017. For the upcoming fiscal year (FY18), the value of taxable property in East Granby decreased by 0.93% with a net total of \$581,515,512. The split of the Grand List is 78% residential, 11.50% personal property, and 10.5% motor vehicles. Overall, real estate values increased by 0.014%, personal property (business equipment) decreased by 11.7%, and motor vehicles increased 4.8%.

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Newsletter Publication Schedule

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Bowling with Cub Scouts Pack 70

On Sunday, March 19th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, East Granby Cub Scouts Pack 70 will be holding a fundraiser at Bradley Bowl. Tickets are \$20 and include two hours of bowling and shoe rental. Support a great organization! For tickets, contact Chris Malinowski at (860) 298-9732.

Spring Flower Arranging Class

Learn how to create your own flower arrangements at the Spring Flower Arranging Class on Saturday, April 8th, from 1:00 to 2:30 PM at Copper Hill United Methodist Church. Instructors



are Sheri Mandirola and Sarah Oliver from Flowers @ Oxen Hill Farm. Sheri and Sarah own and operate a farm flower share and floral design business in Suffield, Connecticut and have taught floral design classes.

The cost of \$15 includes all the flowers and materials needed to complete the arrangement, plus cookies and beverages during the class. In addition, participants are invited to support our local food banks by bringing a donation of non-perishable food items. Everyone will come away with a spring floral arrangement perfect for a centerpiece for a holiday dinner table. Please RSVP before March 30th to Susan Madry at (860) 668-1031.

Women's Club of East Granby

The Chili's Restaurant in Windsor is partnering with the Women's Club of East Granby to help us raise money and we'd like to ask for your support. How does it work? Just bring the flyer from this issue of *Let's Talk Turkey* to Chili's at 1035 Kennedy Road, Windsor on Tuesday, April 11th between 5:00 and 9:00 PM and have a delicious dinner. Give the flyer to your server and Chili's will give back 10% of the check to the Women's Club. Or, show them the flyer on our website at www.womensclubeg.org/Home/chili-s-night-2017 or just mention the Women's Club flyer to your server. Remember, all the money we raise goes back to East Granby residents and organizations in need! Thank you for your support!



EGCC Rummage Sale

The East Granby Congregational Church will be holding a Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 22nd from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM in the CEC (round) building. If anyone in town has any items they would like to donate to the sale, please give Judy Goff a call for pickup at (860) 653-7747. We are not accepting any TVs, clothing, or computer equipment.

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Odds and Ends—

Winter Clean-Up: The Department of Public Works crew will be working their way through all neighborhoods picking up broken curbing and raking out lawn areas damaged on the town right of way.

The Whitewater Triple Crown Race: The race is back at its traditional time of April 8th and 9th at the East Granby section of the Tariffville Bridge. The race usually starts by 9:00 AM. More information to come.

I hope to see you at the Town Budget Hearing on April 18th at the High School Auditorium.

Jim Hayden, First Selectman

East Granby Historical Society News

Railroad Program

On Tuesday, April 18th at 7:30 PM at the Senior/Community Center, the East Granby Historical Society will present "Rails, Trails, and Ruins: The Iron Horse in The Granbys, 1850-2017." Robert Joseph Belletzkie will give a narrated video presentation on local railroad history. He will focus on the Central New England Railway's Springfield Branch, which gave East Granby its first direct rail service in 1901. The speaker will cover the famed Battle of Montague Farm, a villainous tale of legal obfuscation, corporate greed, and outright deceit, a saga unique in state railroad history and possibly beyond. He will also reveal the location of hidden ruins that still memorialize the conflict over a century later.



Belletzkie, an avid ferroequinologist, is a retired academic reference librarian and a member of the Connecticut Historical Society, the New Haven Railroad Historical and Technical Association, and other societies. He has been researching railroads for nearly 50 years and has given a number of talks on the many ways in which the iron horse impacted the state and its communities.

Following a brief 7:00 PM meeting, the 7:30 PM presentation will last about an hour; questions, discussion to follow. All are welcome to attend this free, public event. Refreshments will be served.

Seeking Tag Sale Donations

The annual fundraising tag sale will take place on Saturday, May 20th at the Historical Society Barn, East Granby Farms. Gather items you are willing to donate (please no clothing or very large items) and contact Nancy Moody at moodynancy@att.net or (860) 653-2866.

Seeking New Members

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

East Granby Cemetery Association

In 1987, Congress declared the month of March to be Women's History Month with the purpose of honoring women and remembering their contributions and sacrifices to our world.



Since this article appears in the March issue of *Let's Talk Turkey*, it seems appropriate to talk about women's history in the cemetery! The gravestones give us an insight into the roles of women in early America. Women in the cemetery usually bear one of these descriptive names on their stones to describe their station in life: daughter, sister, aunt, wife, mother, or widow. A wife is sometimes called the relict (widow) or consort of her husband. Her stone is often smaller than his. The verses and even the names of women (Silence, Thankful, Comfort, Mercy, Charity, Modesty, Patience) suggest a supportive or submissive role. A woman's name is usually attached to her husband's name, or to her father's name if she was unmarried. A man's stone may mention the names of more than one wife. But a woman's stone does not record the names of her husbands if she was married more than once. A woman's maiden name was not usually recorded on her stone—only her married name at time of death was recorded on the stone. Here we have yet another cultural significance of gravestones in that they give us an insight into the social status and roles of women in early America. Perhaps when the weather is a little warmer, you might want to take a walk through the East Granby Center Cemetery and pay particular attention to the headstones of women!

On a personal note, The East Granby Cemetery Association Board regrets the passing of Edna Herzig, one of its long time members. This kind and gentle lady will be missed by all.

The East Granby Cemetery Association is a small group of volunteers who oversee the maintenance and preservation of the cemetery. We meet only about four times a year and we welcome new members. For information, please call John Rusnock, President, at (860) 653-2194. Donations for cemetery upkeep are appreciated. Checks can be made payable to "East Granby Cemetery Association" and sent to: Carol Mathis (Secretary), at 61 Cider Mill Hts., North Granby, CT 06060.



THE FIRST PITCH

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

**FOOD, LIVE MUSIC, RAFFLE,
& LIVE AUCTION!**

*Brignole Vineyards
April 21, 2017
6 PM - 10 PM*

*Tickets \$40 per person
Appetizers & Desserts 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*

East Granby Little League

Fundraising Event

Please join us for an adult night out at the Brignole Vineyards in East Granby at "The First Pitch," our first annual fundraising event. Tickets are selling fast! Contact Beth Pisati for tickets at bethgrybko@hotmail.com

Show Your Spirit!

This year EGLL will be selling youth and adult size t-shirts and sweatshirts for both softball and baseball on assessment day, Opening Day, and throughout the season.

Save the Dates

- On March 25th, save 20% at Dick's Sporting Goods. See the EGLL website for details and coupon.
- May 19th is East Granby Little League Night at the Hartford Yard Goats. Game time is 7:05pm; gates open at 6:05pm.
- On June 24th the East Granby Little League Golf Benefit will be held at 9:00 AM at Airways Golf Course, West Suffield. Stayed tuned for more information!
- Visit www.eastgranbylittleleague.org for more information.

Commission on Youth Services

The Commission on Youth Services would like to take this opportunity to recognize the outstanding youth who have participated in the Youth Action Council. Both the Middle School and High School Youth Action Councils have been working on community events that benefit us all. We applaud all of their efforts and look forward to the many contributions they will make going forward.

The Middle School Youth Action held a community skating event recently, and the High School Youth Action Council has been successfully collaborating with the Farming Valley Health District's Resilience Grows Here project. They will be hosting a stress-free, no-judgment talk zone program called "EG Talks" which targets high school students who may be experiencing stress here in East Granby. The members of the Youth Action Council personally know the stresses that students go through, and recognize peer support is needed. Their hope is that by supporting each other, it will be easier for students to get through tough times. The students will be able to connect as a community of peers, have some fun, and learn some tips for dealing with stress. The program runs from 2:45 to 4:00 PM at the Senior/Community Center on April 7th, April 21st, May 5th, May 19th, and June 2nd. There will be a therapist, a therapy dog, stress balls, and snacks provided at each meeting!

More information on joining the Youth Action Council coming soon!

East Granby Social Services

Office Hours

The Social Services Office is open Monday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Tuesday from 12:30 to 3:00 PM, Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Thursday by appointment only, and Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Times outside of these hours are available by appointment. Contact Alicia Van Neil, Director of Social Services, at (860) 413-3328 or aliciav@egtownhall.com.

Fuel Bank

The East Granby Fuel Bank is a fund available to those eligible residents in need of assistance with heating their homes. 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. Please contact Social Services if you are interested in making a donation or are in need of assistance.

Good Samaritan Program

The Good Samaritan Program is looking for volunteers who are interested in lending a hand to assist seniors in maintaining their independence and maintain their home. This is a flexible program that can work with your schedule. The time commitment is as big or small as you are able to give. For more information call Social Services at (860) 413-3328 or Senior Services at (860) 413-3334.

Renter's Rebate

The Elderly/Totally Disabled Renters rebate program will be reopening in April 2017. More details will be coming as they are available. Please call Social Services in April for income and eligibility requirements.

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging (COA) continues to have three openings for Alternates. The Commission 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 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 yet joined the Facebook group "East Granby Seniors Place", go to Facebook.com and join. The group currently has 31 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 Commission on Aging established the following initiatives for 2016:

- Host an "Ice Cream Social." (Placed on hold.)
- Resurrect the concept of a "Welcome Wagon" for seniors. (A brochure was created and will be distributed as an insert in the next *Let's Talk Turkey*.)
- Increase the number of medical appointment volunteer drivers. Investigate a medical services program similar to the TAP program in Granby. (Placed on hold.)
- Investigate possible grants. Attend a grant writing course. (A grant writing course was attended and investigation of grants is expected to continue in 2017.)
- Investigate better ways to advertise & coordinate with the High School opportunities for community service to seniors. (Created a list of High School students who are available to perform tasks. Contact Kelly Jacobs for more information.)

The Commission 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.

News from the Tax Office

Dorian Owens, CCMC, Tax Collector

The tax office is bound by the Connecticut General State Statutes (C.G.S.). Details can be found in Chapter 204, Section 12 Local Levy and Collections of Taxes.

We have completed the tax collections for January installments that included Supplemental Motor Vehicle taxes. Effective on January 3rd, our office began using the Webster Bank lockbox with the Supplemental Motor Vehicle taxes. The benefit of this process is that all payments sent via regular mail are sent to our bank. In

July, 2017 all mailed payments are to be sent to Tax Collector, Town of East Granby, P.O. Box 150411, Hartford, CT 06115-0411.

As stated in the past, when mailing your bill it is very important to include the payment coupon provided by our office to ensure your account is credited appropriately. If you require a receipt, include the entire bill and a self-addressed envelope. Webster will send this information to our office and we will stamp and mail back your receipt. When making payments for someone else with your bank check, make sure to indicate the person's name and what you are paying for. It is very important to verify the amount on the payment coupon to your check—we have noticed some checks are paying too much or too less. If you use official payments (e-checks, debit or credit cards) make sure you enter the list number. This is the last seven digits under the list number from the payment coupon. For example, for 2015 MS 0000236 you would enter tax year 2015 and list number 0000236.

We will still receive payments at our office Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 to 4:00 PM and on Friday from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Tax bills will be mailed the last week in June. The last day to pay taxes for the July 1st installment is August 1st. The last day to pay taxes for the January 1, 2018 installment is February 1, 2018. If you have not received your bill by the first week in July, contact our office or visit the website www.eastgranbyct.org. Click on the tab "I Want To..." and select "Look Up Property Tax." Failure to receive a bill does not excuse the obligation of tax due per Connecticut General Statute 12-130. Taxes not paid by the grace period will result in interest being charged at a rate of 1.5% to the original due date per C.G.S 12-145. For example, a tax bill due July 1st with 30 day grace is to be paid or postmarked by August 1st. Taxes paid after August 1st are charged 3% (1.5% per month to original due date of July 1st).

When coming into our office bring the entire payment coupon. We will use the necessary section for our records and stamp the taxpayer copy for July and again in January.

Forms of payment accepted in our office are bank check, cash, money order, or personal check. You have the ability to use debit and credit card at the counter. Please note the service fee to use a debit or credit card will remain, as this is a convenience fee charge by the vendor that processes the cards. The question has been asked why the charge if no fee is charged at the grocery store, gas stations, dining, and retail transactions? The answer is that those establishments are businesses that absorb the cost as a business expense. Municipal government runs on a budget and other taxpayers are not going to pay for another taxpayer who elects to use the card for paying taxes. If a taxpayer elects to use this convenience service the cost is absorbed by the taxpayer, not the Town of East Granby.

As a reminder, when a motor vehicle has been destroyed or sold, to avoid waiting in our office please bring the information to our Assessor's Office. They will assist you with this transaction. The Tax Office cannot adjust your bill.

Planning and Zoning Registry

In accordance with Public Act 06-80, the Planning and Zoning Commission will, effective October 1, 2006, establish a public notice registry of landowners, electors, and nonprofit organizations requesting notice of Commission initiatives regarding adoption or change of any zoning regulation or boundary or any subdivision regulation or regarding the preparation or amendment of the plan of conservation and development.

Requests to be placed on the registry must be in writing and are to include your (or organization) name, postal address, and electronic mail address and submitted to: Building Department, East Granby Town Hall, P.O. Box 1858, East Granby, CT 06026.

The name and address of a landowner, elector, or organization who requests to be placed on the public notice registry shall remain on the registry for a period of three years. Thereafter any land owner, elector, or organization may request to be placed on the registry for an additional period of three years.

Notice shall be sent by electronic mail to registrants not later than seven days prior to the commencement of the public hearing on such action, if feasible. Notice will be sent by postal mail only if the registrant has no electronic mail address and provides the Building Department with self-addressed stamped envelopes.

Please call Gary Haynes at (860) 653-3444 or e-mail GaryH@egtownhall.com if you have any questions about the registry.

Capitol Update

Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61st District

March is an extremely busy time at the Capitol. Last month, Governor Malloy released his proposed two-year budget. His proposal includes radically shifting taxpayer funds from our smaller municipalities to fund our large cities, requires towns to contribute to the state run teachers retirement program for the first time, sharply reduces education funding, and makes further cuts—all of which will result in a reduction of over \$1 million in state aid to East Granby for 2018—a cut of more than 50% from previous years.

I and many of my colleagues are appalled at the Governor's proposal. It pits small towns against big cities, especially for education aid, dramatically reducing aid for small towns and offering large increases to our big cities—where it has been proven time and again that their higher level of education funding does little on its own to improve education of their public school students. There are other very questionable ideas—for example, while taking \$407 million from municipalities statewide this year to cover a third of the annual cost of teacher pensions that have always been the state's responsibility, it also proposes things like bonding \$250 million to renovate and attract a pro hockey team to the XL Center in Hartford, a perpetually troubled venue in a city that does not exactly have a good track record of attracting and retaining professional sports teams.

In the Appropriations Committee on which I serve, we are nearing completion of public hearings and are currently in the process of budget review and analysis. Subcommittees meet in small groups with state agencies to comb through budgets line by line seeking efficiencies and other cost savings. Based on results of that process, the Appropriations Committee will then develop the spending portion of a new two-year state budget, which is likely to differ from the Governor's budget, for consideration by the legislature. The Finance and Bonding Committee, which deals with taxes and other sources of income to the state, will develop the revenue portion of that budget.

What the final budget will look like is subject to many pressures. For example, about 77% of state spending is for fixed costs, which includes pensions, debt service, Medicare/Medicaid, and state worker salaries and benefits which are set under collective bargaining contracts. That means that there is only about 23% of the budget that we can effectively modify. In that 23% are expenditures to ensure public safety plus other vital programs such as those protecting persons with intellectual disabilities. Put all that against the backdrop of about a \$3.0 billion state deficit over the next two year period, and it's easy to see that a lot of tough choices will need to be made, and that our municipalities will inevitably be negatively impacted in some ways. We are working on unfunded mandate relief, which should help, but it will not make up for the proposed reductions in state aid.

I do wish I could report better news about the state budget. I will be working very hard over the next months to mitigate losses in funding to East Granby and the rest of the 61st district. To stay informed, I encourage you to visit my website, RepZawistowski.com, for news and the opportunity to sign up for e-mail blasts, and to "like" or "follow" my Facebook page @RepZawistowski. And as always, please contact me if you have questions, ideas, or comments about state related issues, by phone at (860) 240-8700 or by e-mail at Tami.Zawistowski@housegop.ct.gov.

News from the Democrats

The East Granby Democrats will be holding their upcoming monthly meetings at the Senior/Community Center on April 20th and May 18th at 7:30 PM. All are welcome to attend and help us plan for the upcoming municipal elections this November. If you have an interest in getting involved in an elected or appointed position you can contact Chairman Mike Malloy at TheEastGranbyDemocrats@gmail.com.

The current tough budget environment has put increased emphasis on having elected officials who share your priorities. Working to maintain an efficient and high quality education system and a professionally managed town will continue to be our focus. Look for our upcoming informational question and answer sessions where you will have a chance to meet and ask questions of your local leaders.

East Granby Republicans

Art lovers, rejoice! If you have not heard through other sources, there is an exhibit of East Granby kindergarten through 5th grade artwork on display at Bradley International Airport. Please visit the displays in the glass cases in Terminal A near United Airlines and show your support for our arts education!

Budget season is upon us again. This year, the state's financial crisis will likely result in decreased funding to small municipalities like East Granby, especially under the Governor's proposed budget. You can expect cuts in state aid which will result in increased property taxes to make up for the shortfall. These funding cuts, along with a decrease in the Grand List and increases in our Board of Education and General Government spending, could result in significant property tax increases, possibly in the high single digits.

We need to find ways to lessen this tax burden. One way would be to encourage growth in our tax base by bringing in suitable new businesses. Another way would be to re-think our approach to how we educate our children, particularly at the high school level. While our student population has remained somewhat steady (partly due to the addition of Pre-K and Choice students), neighboring school districts report 10-15% drops in enrollment over the last five years. This trend is expected to continue for the next decade, with some figures up to a 25% decline. The current president of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents has reported that Connecticut must find a way to consolidate our school resources, and it is imperative that we do not ignore this trend. Several neighboring towns have expressed interest in partnering with East Granby in educating our students. It is essential that we explore this option so that we can reduce our heavy administrative burden and provide expanded opportunities for our children in both a wider curriculum variety and in more extracurricular activities—both of which are considered by college admissions officers.

You can help by participating in our town's decision making process on this and other issues. Attend meetings such as the Board of Education, Board of Finance, and Board of Selectmen and use the public comment periods to express your views. Offer your ideas at meetings of the Economic Development Commission, or volunteer to join. Participate at town meetings. Vote. Run for local public office.

East Granby Republicans are currently seeking candidates to run for various offices in this November's municipal election: for First Selectman, Selectman, Board of Finance, Board of Education, Planning and Zoning, and other town boards and commissions. We are also looking for new members to join the East Granby Republican Town Committee. We can be reached by contacting Lee Sandora at (860) 798-4916 or via e-mail at lsandoraeg@gmail.com. Our meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of the month at the Senior/Community Center.

Concerned Taxpayers of East Granby

Concerned Taxpayers of East Granby (CTEG) 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.

It's budget season again, and unfortunately the news this year for Connecticut taxpayers is beyond bad. After all the sweetheart deals that the Governor and the legislature made with state employees and other special interest groups, the chickens are coming home to roost—and a \$2 billion state budget deficit has to be closed. Accordingly, the Governor's budget slashes state aid to towns, which would result this year in a \$1.5 million hit to East Granby's bottom line. In addition, our Grand List of taxable property is decreasing by 1%. That's a net loss of over 7% of East Granby's town revenue. At the same time that revenue is being cut, the teachers' contract was approved with annual 3% salary increases for each of the next three years, and the school administrators contract will seek the same. The current year's town budget is already up to \$22 million, having increased by an average of almost 4% annually over the last decade. Bottom line for the coming year, East Granby taxpayers are potentially facing an 8-11% increase in property taxes—which remains in perpetuity—if spending isn't cut to match the revenue loss.

The next Board of Finance meeting will be on Tuesday, April 4th, at which time the Board will direct the Board of Selectmen and Board of Education what budget numbers to present to the town at the annual Public Hearing on the budget at the High School on April 18th. This meeting of the BOF will be held at the Senior/Community Center at 7:30 PM.

Other 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).

Lastly, 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 led to the recommendation that the Board of Education explore creating a regional high school with a neighboring school district. After a statewide survey by the Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC), the President of CERC said that "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 a willingness to consider regionalism as a solution."

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 CERC survey here: <http://ctbythenumbers.info/2016/12/19/ct-residents-see-regionalism-as-option-for-services-highway-improvement-a-priority/>

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 meeting will be this Monday, March 20th, and the following meeting on Monday, April 17th. 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.

East Granby Wins NCC Travel Basketball Championship!

The East Granby 5/6 A team finished the season with a 15-1 record in their 11 team division. On Sunday, February 26, they defeated South Windsor in the semi final at Somers, CT and later that day battled hard for their championship victory over Somers, 29 to 25. Congratulations to this tenacious team!

The East Granby 6th Grade B Boys Team also advanced to their championship final. *NCC Travel Basketball is a competitive league with try outs in October for students in grades 5-8.*



Pictured left to right. Top row: Coach Damon Popella and Assistant Coach Chris Egan. Middle Row: Taylor Hayes, Brooke Popella, Morgan Egan, Jaidyn Lacharite, and Sophie Landolina. Bottom row: Julia Walsh, Melina Betts, Ava Guyer, Veda Gaudette and Sara Moore.



Cabin Fever Appraisal & Auction

Sunday, March 26, 2017

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Brignole Vineyards, 103 Hartford Ave., East Granby, CT

Appraisals

Tea Cup Raffle

Live Auction

Plus hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, desserts, music, and fun!

Tickets \$25 — Purchase 8 to reserve your table!

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Food Pantry & Thrift Shop

Welcome Spring!

We've been busy this winter! Check out our new website www.friendtofriendeg.com. In addition to information about the Pantry and Thrift Shop, you can purchase tickets and peek at items up for bid at our March 26th fundraiser, **Cabin Fever Appraisal & Auction**. We hope you will join us for the event on **March 26, 1-4 pm** at 103 Hartford Ave. (Brignole Vineyards), East Granby, CT. Tickets are \$25, purchase 8 and reserve your table. If you don't want to purchase tickets on line please call 860.392.8362.

We have 2 upcoming **Donation Drop-Off Days** to help stock our Thrift Shop this spring. Please bring your *gently used* items that are in season (spring/summer) such as clothing, jewelry, belts, shoes, housewares and artwork. We will have donation receipts on site, see below for time and location.

Finally, the **Thrift Shop** will be **opening** for the season on **Saturday, April 1, 10am-2pm**. Browse our website for items on sale at the shop. We hope to see you there!



Food Pantry

860.413.3328

- In need of the following items:
baked beans, canned fruit, cereal,
coffee, laundry detergent and
spaghetti sauce
- 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)

Grand Reopening April 1, 2017!

Our Hours:

Tuesday: 10-2 pm, Thursday: 2-6 pm
Saturday: 10 am-2 pm

Come browse the Thrift Shop
for great bargains on seasonal
clothing, jewelry, accessories,
housewares, and much more!

Events

Thrift Shop Donation Drop-Off Days

**Thursday, March 23, 4-7 pm, and
Saturday, March 25, 10 am-1 pm**, at the
East Granby Senior/Community Center.

Thrift Shop Grand Reopening Sat., April 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

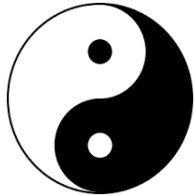
We need volunteers please email
friendtofriendthriftshop@gmail.com
or go online and click *Contact* tab at
www.friendtofriendeg.com



RESILIENCE GROWS HERE

Veterans & Community. Together, we thrive!

Calendar of events March – May 2017



Tai Chi Chuan Beginners Class

March 24th / 7-8pm / Free

Veterans, reserves and active service military and families all welcome. A way to improve health and wellbeing. Help reduce aches and pains, loosen up joints, strengthen the body, focus the mind, and improve balance.



The Mask You Live In

March 29th / 6.30 – 8.30 / Free

Documentary screening and panel discussion about definition of masculinity and what it is like to be a boy in today's world – *EG Youth Advisory Council led discussion*



Taking Charge of your Finances

April 5th / 6-8pm / Free

VA benefits, disability payments, deployment payments and retirement can be confusing for the best of us. Come and spend an evening talking with Jeff Sturgeon a fellow veteran about making sense out of your finances!



Miss Representation

April 26th / 6.30 – 8.30 / Free

Screening and panel discussion about the cyber world and how it effects the image of femininity. *EG Youth Advisory Council led discussion*



Caregiving – Looking after yourself so you can care for others

May 19th / 6-8pm / Free

Caregiving can be isolating and stressful – learn some tips to better look after yourself and to create a network of support for you and your loved ones. Families of veterans, active duty and reserves encouraged to attend



Managing Anxiety and Depression

May 24th / 6.30 – 8.30pm / Free

Growing up is stressful enough without all the added pressures of school and society. Come and learn some great techniques for coping with stress and managing depression and anxiety as a parent or as a teen. *Special Guest Elizabeth Golden LMFT*

All events to be held at: East Granby Senior Center – 9 Center St, East Granby.

For further information please contact Justine Ginsberg at FVHD on 860 352 2333



MARCH 24TH 2017

SUPPORTING CAREGIVERS

Do you look after someone?

Caregiving is something people find themselves doing at different times in their lives – there is no manual or roadmap. Caregiving can be isolating and stressful. RGH recognizes the need to care for our care givers and offer a safe and supportive space to gather strength, advice and a little time for yourself.

If you are the family of a veteran, active service member, sufferer of a chronic illness, mental health condition or sufferer of an addiction we welcome you to the RGH family of support.

Join us in our judgment free space – Together we THRIVE!



RESILIENCE GROWS HERE

Veterans & Community. Together, we thrive!

**Connect with
other caregivers**

**Safe, confidential
space to share
frustrations**

**Learn the
importance of
Self - Care**

Share resources

**Gain a sense of
control over a
situation you
often have no
control over**

RGH

East Granby Community Center
9 Center St,
East Granby

860 352 2333

<http://resiliencegrowsheer.weebly.com/>

March 24th
5.30 – 6.30pm

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Tai Chi Chuan



MARCH 24TH 7-8PM

TAI CHI CHUAN

Do you need to find balance and pain relief?

Tai Chi Chuan was developed centuries ago. Derived from martial arts movements, it can be a way to improve health and wellbeing. It may reduce aches and pains, loosen up joints, strengthen the body, focus the mind, and improve balance.

Tai Chi involves stretching, breathing and movement exercises. Mind and body move together. People make the same movements differently according to their abilities.

At the same time, Tai Chi can be a very social form of exercise, taught in a positive atmosphere amongst veterans, friends and family.

Join us in our judgment free space – Together we THRIVE!



**Free demonstration
Class**

**Learn the
importance of
balance and
muscle control**

Reduce Pain

**Try this soothing
exercise style
with family and
friends**

**Strength your
body and focus
your**

RGH

East Granby Community Center
9 Center St,
East Granby

860 352 2333

<http://resiliencegrowshere.weebly.com/>

March 24th

7 – 8pm

CHILI'S IS PROUD TO SUPPORT

the Women's Club of East Granby

Let Chili's do the cooking while we support Women's Club of East Granby at the same time. With each flyer presented on Tuesday Chili's will donate 10% of the event day sales.

The Women's Club of East Granby Give Back Event is:
April 11th, 2017
from 5pm - 9pm

only at:
Windsor
1035 Kennedy Road
Windsor, CT 06095
860-687-1388 - www.chilis.com

We look forward to seeing you at Chili's!



more GIVING BACK happens here

Mention or show the Give Back Event Flyer with each check to receive credit for the sale. Sale cannot be included in donation amount with flyer. Offer only valid on the date and location stated above. Donations will not be given on sales made prior to or past this date.



Did you know that the WCEG has been giving back to the East Granby community for almost 50 years!

Proceeds from this event will go to help fund various East Granby youth and community organizations and scholarships!

Join your friends and neighbors for this fun evening of golf and socializing!

\$75

per person for Golf and
BBQ

\$30

per person for
BBQ only

RESERVE YOUR
TICKETS NOW!

DEADLINE
May 1st

East Granby Golf Outing & BBQ

Sponsored by the Women's Club of East Granby

Saturday, May 13th
Copper Hill Golf Club
20 Copper Hill Road, East Granby, CT

Registration - 2:30pm

9 Hole Scramble/Shotgun Start - 3pm

BBQ - 6pm

Closest to the Pin • Longest Drive • Putting Contest

Enjoy delicious appetizers, BBQ, desserts and cash bar

☀ Fun for every level golfer ☀

Visit www.womensclubeg.org to print registration form and mail with check payable to WCEG:

WCEG, PO Box 30
East Granby CT 06026

For any questions, please contact womensclubeg@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

East Granby Golf Outing & BBQ

Saturday, May 13, 2017
Copper Hill Golf Club
20 Copper Hill Road, East Granby, CT

Golf and BBQ: \$75 per person

PLAYER #1:

Name: _____

Email: _____

PLAYER #2:

Name: _____

Email: _____

PLAYER #3:

Name: _____

Email: _____

PLAYER #4:

Name: _____

Email: _____

of golfers _____ x \$75 = \$ _____ Total Due

*No foursome, no problem! We will pair you if needed.

BBQ only: \$30 per person

Name: _____

Email: _____

of tickets _____ x \$30 = \$ _____ Total Due

Please mail check payable to WCEG by May 1st to: WCEG, PO Box 30, East Granby, CT 06026

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



9th Annual East Granby Ridge Run/Walk 5k

When: Saturday May 20, 2017 10:00 a.m.

Where: East Granby Farms 79 North Main St. (Route 187N)

Online Pre-Reg: \$25 adult, \$20 add'l family/team members

\$15 ages 5-17, four and under free

Race Day Registration 8:30-9:30a.m.: \$30pp; \$15 ages 5-17

Cash and check only. Payable to WCEG.

All proceeds benefit: East Granby Schools and Community

Music, Bounce House, Refreshments

Free T-Shirt with adult registration

(Children may register as adults to receive T-Shirt)

Prizes , 50/50 Raffle

Best Costume Contest!

100 yard fun run for the kids

Sponsored by Women's Club of East Granby

Register online at eastgranbyridgerun.com

Go online to become a sponsor. Any level appreciated.



womensclubeg.com

eastgranbyridgerun.com

eastgranbyridgerun@live.com



**Come join the EGLL
celebrate the...**

Opening Day of 2017!!

Date: April 22, 2017 (Rain date: April 23, 2017)

Where: EG Farms & Recreational Center

Time: All Day!

This years' celebration includes a Pitch, Hit, Run Contest, Fast Pitch Contest, a Basketball Free-Throw Contest, Giant Bounce House, an 18' Giant Inflatable Slide, Team Parade, Team Photos, Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Popcorn, Cotton Candy and best of all our Opening Day Scrimmages!

We will also be hosting our 1st Pitch-a-Prize Event!

Prizes include:

- ❖ 2 Red Sox tickets
- ❖ 4-pack of tickets to a Yard Goats game
- ❖ ½ hour batting lessons at CT Elite Baseball
- ❖ Gift certificated to Dick's Sporting Goods, Bob's Stores, Amazon, etc.

PLAY BALL!

Message to the East Granby Community about the East Granby Public Schools

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the end of the third quarter of the 2016-2017 school year. We look forward with great anticipation to what the Spring season brings – foliated trees, beautiful flowers, longer days, an array of outdoor sports and activities, bike rides and baseball. Administrators, faculty and staff are working determinedly to ensure that every learner achieves and masters the content and skills established at the beginning of the year.

Again this school year, our students continue to perform at high levels demonstrating that they are focused and fully engaged in meaningful learning activities. We are particularly pleased with the ability of our students to meet challenges head on and step up to the increased rigor that we have presented to them on a daily basis in their classes.

Students in East Granby Middle school recently participated in the annual Invention Convention where students in grades 7 and 8 proudly demonstrated and explained their inventions to a large crowd in the middle school gymnasium. The goal of the Invention Convention program is to encourage students to develop critical-thinking and creative problem-solving skills. In addition, in late January 2017, teams of students from East Granby Middle School participated in the Kids' Lit Quiz literature competition.



Teachers are continuing to administer Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments that are linked to the critical content standards in Mathematics and English/Language Arts. District teachers are spending more time teaching our rigorous curriculum and examining students' mastery of the content and related skills in each subject area. A few days ago, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) released additional information about student performance in the Spring 2016 assessments. This newly released report contained data that described student and district performance in several categories. East Granby's students outperformed many other students in schools both in and out of our District Reference Group (DRG). This evidence shows that the great majority of our students are achieving and exceeding the established levels of performance. That being said, we continue to work extensively with students to achieve their growth targets, particularly in English/Language Arts and Mathematics.

In a few short weeks, students will take Connecticut's standardized tests. Again, the CSDE is making every effort to reduce state testing time and help district teachers to spend more time teaching, thereby expanding learning time for students. In the 2017 Assessments, in grades 3-8, there will be the online portion with questions focused on measuring students' mastery of mathematical concept and skills as well as students' competence in English/Language Arts. These Assessments are important in that they help us identify key areas for improvement in our curriculum and instruction. We continue to analyze the data to extract meaning from the student performance results and integrate that information in the adjustments to our educational program to increase students' mastery of content and skills in each subject taught. The results from the CSDE clearly reported the growth targets for students. Learning is not static and the performance expectations increase at each grade level as the subject matter gets more complex the required demonstrations of mastery become more sophisticated.

We will continue with laser like focus to ensure that all of our students' subgroups exceed the anticipated performance levels. The educators in our district have examined and analyzed the data at a very granular level and have put in place processes to assist each learner whose performance indicates a need for further direct intervention. We are committed to helping every learner become intellectually agile and perform at high levels. The CSDE website has extensive reports on student and district performance on the 2016 tests.

We continue to celebrate our achievements in the district. A mid-year report of our progress in addressing the goals in our Areas of Focus is included in this edition of *The Insider*. I am pleased to share that:

East Granby High School students have again demonstrated laudable performance on the College Boards' Advanced Placement examination. We recognize East Granby High School for the increased number of students taking the AP exams and earning a score of 3 or higher and 3 college credits. East Granby High School placed 6th out of 121 high schools in the state for participation and 12th out of 121 schools for performance;

East Granby Public School elementary students have been invited again – for a record three years - to display Art work in all display areas at Bradley International Airport for the remainder of this school year;



We continue to purposefully integrate technology in the teaching and learning process. We ensure that all students have opportunities to utilize technology to enhance learning and to complete computerized assessments throughout the school year; and



Several teachers in the East Granby Public Schools recently received mini-grant awards made possible by the funds received from Rockbestos Suprenant Cable Corporation to support the effective implementation of the curriculum. Teachers use the funds to enrich and enhance the educational program in East Granby's schools.

Areas of Focus for the 2016-2017 School Year
MID YEAR UPDATE

Improve Student Performance, Increase Academic Rigor, and Implement State Requirements

At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent and each administrator prepared a 100 Day Plan identifying the critical steps necessary in the first 100 days of school to achieve key aspects of major goals, objectives and action plans established to ensure implementation of the school improvement process.

The goals and objectives in the SIPs were identified by the educators in each school and are aligned with the Areas of Focus for the 2016-2017 school year. The leadership team also continued participation in year II of Mastery Based learning workshops to learn more specific steps to implement Mastery Based Teaching to help students achieve and demonstrate Mastery of content and skills.

The segments below share information about accomplishments in each of the targets in the Areas of Focus laid out for 2016-2017.

Implement research supported best practices and a variety of resources to improve instruction and student performance in Reading, assess student understanding and knowledge of content in complex texts, and enable students to demonstrate higher performance levels.

- ✓ Edvivate was introduced at the beginning of the school year to all faculty members. Atlas Rubicon was also implemented for curriculum mapping. Faculty members have had several training opportunities since the beginning of the school year.
- ✓ Students performed well on the Spring 2016 state assessments performing at levels higher than other districts in the DRGs
- ✓ Teachers College trainers continue to provide training and support for teachers in the elementary and middle schools.

Continue efforts to increase rigor in the Fifth-Year High School Associates in Science in Advanced Manufacturing Technology Degree Program and expand the partnership

- ✓ **New Courses in Engineering I and II were written and are being taught**
- ✓ The Fall Meeting of the Advisory Board was held in November.
- ✓ The Superintendent and Curriculum Director attended workshops sponsored by the CSDE to explain the new Unpaid Experiential Learning Program (UELP). An application to participate in the program was submitted to the CSDE and was approved.
- ✓ A CTE Fifth Year Program Committee has been established to ensure coordination and collaboration to ensure success of the program
- ✓ Businesses in the Bradley Chamber of Commerce received a letter from the school district inviting their support for the UELP
- ✓ Meetings were also held with Dean Stefanowicz and school personnel to discuss articulated courses
- ✓ EGPS represented on Bradley Chamber of Commerce Board
- ✓ The district has now established an Associates Degree in Business through the partnership with Asnuntuck Community College
- ✓ The Superintendent and Director of Curriculum also taught a Curriculum and Instruction Mini-Course to ACC Instructors

Improve Student and School Performance emphasizing Connecticut Core Standards, intensive learning intervention opportunities, and Mastery Based and Personalized Learning.

- ✓ Interim Smarter Balanced Assessments are being administered to better identify areas where students need to increase their mastery of the standards
- ✓ High Impact Teaching practices and Mastery Based strategies are being emphasized in classes
- ✓ Strategic Thinking sessions were held in late fall and early winter to define the Intellectually and Technologically Agile Learner. Business partners from Office Depot participated in the discussions and supported the effort at the Community Forum.
- ✓ AP and On-Line courses continue at the high school. We are currently exploring Computer Science with a consultant who is also a teacher and parent

Technology Integration

Expand the use of technology to utilize a wider variety of online learning resources and formative assessments to transform teaching and enhance student progress toward achieving learning goals.

- ✓ Technology is widely used in all curricular areas and at all grade levels to increase student learning and for formative and summative assessments

Expand efforts of the Library Media Curriculum and Technology Integration Specialist (LMCTS) to ensure the purposeful integration of technology in instruction, particularly in Reading, MET, and in the on-going efforts to revise the curriculum and support implementation.

- ✓ The LMCTS is included in Curriculum Meetings and is working with ACC faculty. The LMCTS is also working with students to develop and complete their Capstone projects. We have successfully expanded the job embedded training for teachers to assist them in fully integrating technology to transform teaching and learning.

Continue to implement strategies to upgrade the school library to support 21st century learning.

- ✓ As a district we are continuing to make progress in this area. Makerspaces are being established to allow students and faculty to engage in innovative thinking and creative design and development

Provide training in the use of Edivate as a professional learning platform and newly acquired technologies to access resources to enhance teaching and learning, and provide opportunities for students to practice and improve academic performance.

- ✓ All faculty and administrators have been trained in Edivate and are currently accessing resources for job-embedded professional development meeting CSDE expectations for continuing professional learning for all of CT educators.

Communication

Share educational resources and research supported best practices information with faculty and administration to further enhance and support teaching and learning.

- ✓ This is an ongoing exercise. Articles on best practices are shared with administrators at weekly meetings, faculty and staff. Administrators are engaged in a rigorous book study protocol, and participating in Mastery Based Learning workshops. Educators continue to participate in TC RWW and curriculum work to transition to the New Generation Science Standards (NGSS). A Shared Resources report was produced for the towns' Shared Resources Committee. Information is routinely shared in *The Insider* newsletter and *Lets Talk Turkey*. Each school also publishes a newsletter and weekly notices.

Upgrade the district website and on-line platforms to improve school operations and professional learning by instituting Edivate, Atlas Rubicon (formerly Curriculum Mapper), and Plus Portals.

- ✓ The district website was updated to Plus Portals and the broadcast capability was shifted to Admin Plus Portal. Atlas Rubicon has replaced Curriculum Mapper and Edivate was instituted for on-going professional learning.

Engage district administrators and school board members in video recorded conversations about the schools, educational program, and the school budget.

- ✓ GCTV Sessions are being recorded in the month of March. A successful Community forum was held on January 26, 2017

Leadership and Professional Development

Engage administrators in on-going study of best practices in school leadership, especially in the area of effective teacher observation and evaluation.

- ✓ Instruction observation rounds are in progress. There was an orientation and review of the teacher evaluation protocol at the beginning of the school year, and MBL training and implementation is in progress

Provide on-going opportunities for professional learning in technology applications that support teaching and learning.

- ✓ Edivate and other resources shared with faculty and administration

Provide opportunities for focused professional learning through participation in a variety of Edivate webinars related to "Leadership to Ensure Coherence", and implementation of leadership strategies that incorporate the latest research in cognitive sciences.

Book Studies focused on the above topics are on-going. Titles include: *Teacher As Architect*; *Excellence Through Equity*; *The Teenage Brain*; *The Adolescent Brain*; and *21 Trends for the 21st Century*

Community Support for Our Public Schools

The Board of Education is immersed in the process to prepare and secure a budget that will sustain the school district's effort to provide high quality learning experiences to develop intellectually and technologically agile learners for the 21st century. The East Granby Board of Finance, at its meeting on February 7, 2017, directed the Board of Education to prepare a budget that reflects a 1.5% increase over the current year. On the 21st, the Board of Finance held a special meeting to review the town's finances in light of the Governor's proposed budget. Adequate funding for the 2017-2018 school year is an important prerequisite to continue achieving the educational goals established for all of East Granby's students. We have expanded our efforts to establish new business partnerships, work diligently to identify sources of grant funding, in-kind services, cooperative learning opportunities and professional development for members of our learning community. We continue to strengthen existing partnerships with the business community and higher education to help ensure that our students graduate from the East Granby Public Schools demonstrating mastery and learning agility, and with significant credentials earned while engaged in our superior educational program.

I encourage you to participate in the conversation and the efforts to ensure that students in the East Granby Public Schools continue to excel as they immerse themselves in learning experiences of the highest caliber. The meeting dates and times for budget discussions are published in the district newsletter and are on line at the district website. The East Granby community continues to be proud of its public schools. Your resources are an investment in the children and in the future of the East Granby Community. Thank you for your continued support of the East Granby Public Schools.

Dr. Christine Mahoney,

Superintendent of Schools



Carl D. Allgrove School



R.D. Seymour School



East Granby Middle School



East Granby High School

East Granby Fire Marshal's Office Safety Tips

SAFETY TIPS FOR POSSIBLE ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS

- A light bulb that burns out frequently is a sign that the bulb is too high a wattage for the fixture.
- If the lights flicker and dim every time an appliance is turned on, the circuit is overloaded or has a loose connection.
- If sparks appear when a plug is inserted or removed, it could be a sign of loose connections.
- If an electrical cord is warm to the touch, the cord is under-rated or defective.
- If circuit breakers keep tripping, or there are frequent blown fuses, this is a warning sign of problems.
- Improperly installed and/or rated electrical devices, such as switches or receptacles and loose connections at the devices, can lead to arcing and fires.
- Always be sure the correct size of fuses is installed. The fuse is a safety device designed to limit the electricity carried to a safe level.
- Always be sure that electrical devices installed outdoors are designed especially for outdoor use. Outdoor receptacles, as well as those in kitchens, bathrooms and anywhere near water, should be the ground fault circuit interrupting type (GFCI).
- Only extension cords that are rated for the power used by the device they will be powering. Never use extension cords as a long-term solution to the need for another receptacle.
- An extension cord should never be connected to another extension cord or power strip.

NEW OPEN BURNING PERMIT PROCESS

The East Granby Fire Marshal's Office has been assigned the duties of the Open Burning Official for the Town of East Granby. As a result of this change, there are a few modifications to the process required for obtaining an open burning permit for brush. The permit fee has remained the same at \$25 and should be made payable to the Town of East Granby. Our office is part time so please plan ahead for days that you would like to conduct the burning in order to obtain the needed permit.

Open burning permit applications and copies of our guidelines are available at the First Selectman's Office or the Fire Marshal's Office. The permit will only be valid once the burn site has been inspected and the open burning official has signed the permit. It is still the responsibility of the resident to follow the Town of East Granby's guidelines for open burning.

A COUPLE OF RECALLED ITEMS FROM THE U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Residents should be aware of a couple of products which were recently recalled by the U.S Consumer Product Safety Commission. The Consumer Product Safety Commission maintains a database of recalled products for consumers, their website is www.cpsc.gov and I encourage residents to occasionally visit the website to review any recalls.

• **STIHL Recalls Chain Saws Due to Fire and Burn Hazards**

This recall involves STIHL MS 461 gas-powered chain saws, and the MS 461 R chain saw with a wrap handle. The model number is located on the model plate which is on the starter cover. The chain saws are gray and orange with "STIHL" on the engine cover. Recalled chain saws have a serial number between 173092800 and 181993952, under the front hand guard on the engine housing's sprocket side.

The fuel lines on these units can leak sparking a fire.

Consumers should immediately stop using these saws and return them to an authorized STIHL dealer for an inspection and repair.

• **Panasonic Lithium Ion Battery Packs**

There is a large recall of Panasonic Lithium Ion battery packs that are used in laptop computers. This recall spans many manufacturers including Sony, HP, Toshiba, and Compaq. Please visit the Consumer Product Safety Commission's website to see if your product is affected by this recall. Each manufacturer has enacted a recall under their respective names for this and can be looked up in that manner on the website.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

A simple reminder to all residents that daylight savings time occurred on March 12th of this year and it is a time where you should be checking your smoke detectors and replacing batteries in them. The East Granby Fire Marshal's Office provides this service free of charge to our residents. A smoke detector has a life span of 10 years; if your detector is battery operated and is over 10 years old we will replace the detector free of charge for you. Simply contact our office at 860-653-3444 to schedule an appointment. As we are part time and our hours can vary, e-mail is an even faster way to reach us: JohnL@egtownhall.com.

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~ APRIL 3RD, MAY 1ST, JUNE 5TH 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:

- **MARCH 20TH, APRIL 17TH, MAY 15TH – WALMART**
- **MARCH 27TH, APRIL 24TH, MAY 22ND – MRS. MURPHY'S & OCEAN STATE JOB LOT**
- **APRIL 3RD –TARGET, PETCO, DOLLAR STORE**
- **APRIL 10TH – STEW LEONARD'S FOOTPRINTS**
- **MAY 1ST - CHRISTMAS TREE SHOP**
- **MAY 8TH - ENFIELD**

***** HEARING CLINICS *****

Thursday April 13th & Thursday July 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, MARCH 24TH—Big Y's Wellness Team presents –Eating Well for One or Two—Cooking for one or two people can be difficult and even harder when you are trying to eat healthy. Come learn easy tips for preparing balanced meals and snacks when cooking for one or two with Big Y's registered dietitian nutritionist Andrea Luttrell, RDN, LDN. Participants will also receive a gift bag with handouts, coupons and giveaways. There is no charge for this presentation. **10:00am at the East Granby Senior Center. Reserve your spot by March 20th.**

FRIDAY APRIL 7TH—Poetry Cafe—by popular demand, you don't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to hear the amazing talent of our very own East Granby Middle School students! The small group of students will present their incredible poems and you will not be disappointed by their talent and creativity! Celebrate and support our students while enjoying a delicious lunch followed by ice cream sundaes! Lunch begins at **12:00pm at the East Granby Senior Center. Cost is \$5. Payment and reservation due by March 30th.**

SUNDAY MAY 7TH—Broad Brook Opera House Presents -Titanic the Musical—East Windsor, CT— Enjoy a wonderful Sunday matinee at this lovely theatre. The classic story of the Titanic: Among others, the owner, designer, and captain of the newly built RMS Titanic stand in awe of the impressive feat of engineering. As the crew arrives and the passengers board, the mosaic of characters is introduced, and their conversations reveal their social status and satisfaction with life. When the ship's owner demands that the captain increase the speed to arrive in New York early, the Titanic tragically collides with an iceberg, tossing the voyage into a state of chaos and the passengers into a situation of immense danger. **Depart the Senior Center at 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$17. Reservation and payment due by April 7th.**

FRIDAY, MAY 12TH—The Travelers Chorale Spring Concert—Hartford, CT ~The Travelers Chorale was founded in 1924 and is the oldest company-affiliated, eight-part choral group in America. Please join us for a night of exciting and moving music by the 100-voice chorale. This 92nd Annual Spring Concert will be held in the Mortensen Hall at the Bushnell. **Depart the Senior Center at 6:30pm. There is no charge for this event but please consider bringing a non-perishable food donation to benefit Hartford families in need. Reservation due by May 4th**

FRIDAY, MAY 19TH—The Mount, Lenox, MA—In 1901 Edith Wharton bought 113-acres in Lenox, then designed and built The Mount, a home that would meet her needs as designer, gardener, hostess, and above all, writer. Every aspect of the estate—including its gardens, architecture, and interior design—evokes the spirit of its creator. Edith Wharton (1862-1937) was born into a tightly controlled society at a time when women were discouraged from achieving anything beyond a proper marriage. Wharton broke through these strictures to become one of America's greatest writers. Author of *The Age of Innocence*, *Ethan Frome*, and *The House of Mirth*, she wrote over 40 books in 40 years, including authoritative works on architecture, gardens, interior design, and travel. She was the first woman awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, an honorary Doctorate of Letters from Yale University, and a full membership in the American Academy of Arts and Letters. We will stop for lunch on the way home. **Depart the Senior Center at 9:30am. Cost is \$16 (Lunch is on your own) . Reservation and payment is due by May 11th.**

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



East Granby LAND TRUST, Inc. Spring Events

Vernal Pool Walk

When: Early April (TBD - a wet evening walk)

Where: Bike Path parking lot on Copperhill Rd.

What: Board Member Brian Kleinman will be leading us on a vernal pool walk. Wear your rain gear and bring a good flashlight for a good showing of frogs, newts and salamanders making their way back to the vernal pools along the Greenway. Updated program information will be posted on EGLT.org or our Facebook page.

Bird Walk

When: Mid-April (TBD)

Where: East Granby Farms or Hartford Audubon Property off Ridge Blvd. TBD

What: Bring your binoculars and join Land Trust Board Member and Hartford Audubon Society Member Brian Kleinman and learn how to identify warblers by song and sight. This easy walk on flat terrain will be 2-3 hours in duration. Updated program information will be posted on EGLT.org or our Facebook page.

Wildflower Walk

When: April 29th 9:00am

Where: East Granby Community Center

What: Led by Ian Clark, Land Trust Board Member, this will be a slow-paced walk on well-established trails looking at spring ephemerals and other early-blossoming plants. Bring your wildflower identification book if you have one.

Earth Day Events at the Schools

Kindergarten Nature Trail Walk: This will be our 4th annual kindergarten nature walk. Land Trust Board Members Amanda Thompson, Brian Kleinman and Ian Clark will lead the kindergarten classes through the Allgrove Nature Trail learning about names and traits of different plant and animal species and why they are here in East Granby. Ms. Paul, the children's librarian, will meet the classes for an Earth Day story at the end of each walk.

3rd Grade Endangered Species Talk: Jay Kaplan, from Roaring Brook Nature Center, will come speak to the 3rd grade classes on behalf of the Land Trust. He will discuss endangered species throughout the world and those specific to Connecticut and whether they are endangered or extinct.

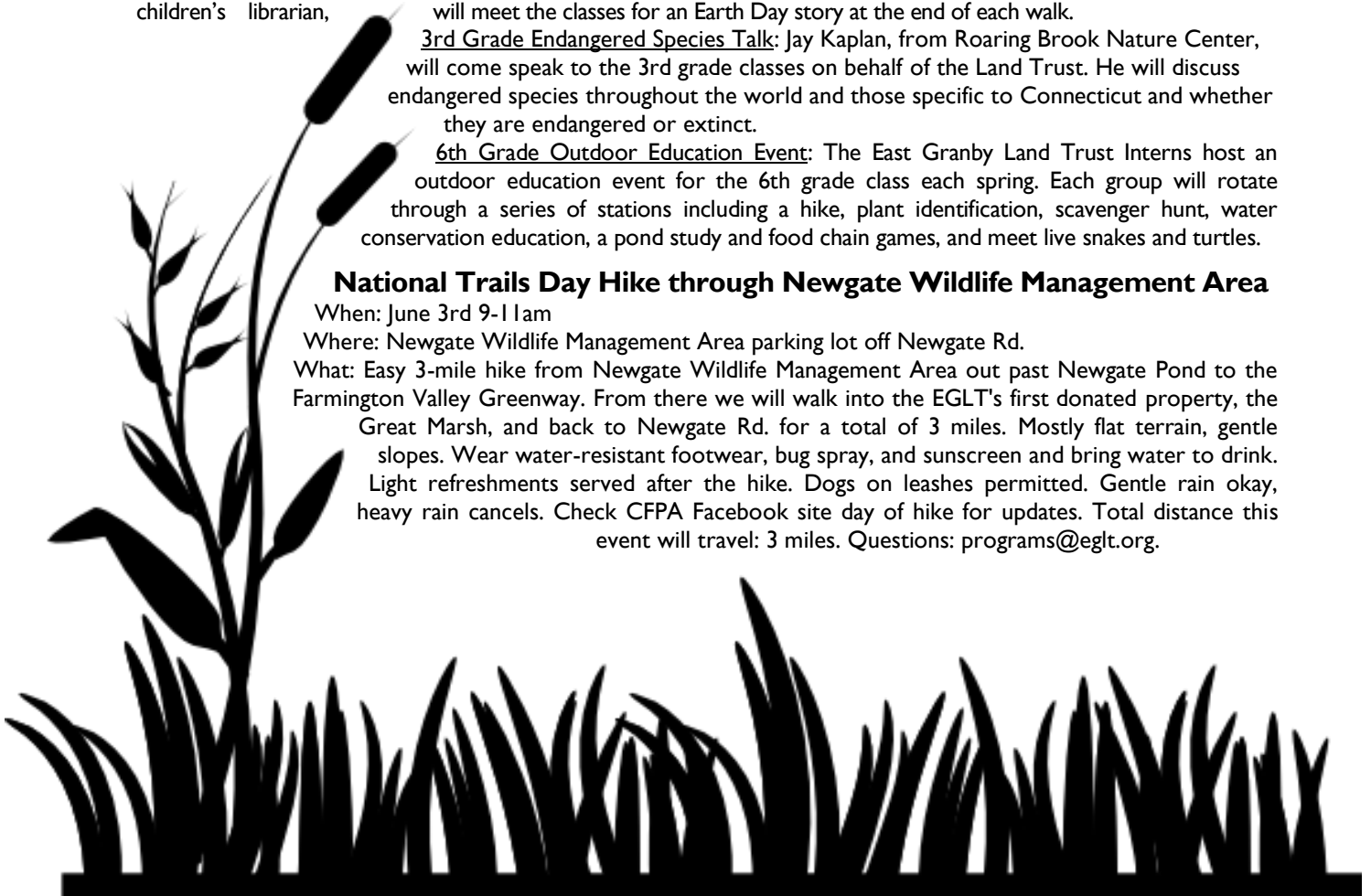
6th Grade Outdoor Education Event: The East Granby Land Trust Interns host an outdoor education event for the 6th grade class each spring. Each group will rotate through a series of stations including a hike, plant identification, scavenger hunt, water conservation education, a pond study and food chain games, and meet live snakes and turtles.

National Trails Day Hike through Newgate Wildlife Management Area

When: June 3rd 9-11am

Where: Newgate Wildlife Management Area parking lot off Newgate Rd.

What: Easy 3-mile hike from Newgate Wildlife Management Area out past Newgate Pond to the Farmington Valley Greenway. From there we will walk into the EGLT's first donated property, the Great Marsh, and back to Newgate Rd. for a total of 3 miles. Mostly flat terrain, gentle slopes. Wear water-resistant footwear, bug spray, and sunscreen and bring water to drink. Light refreshments served after the hike. Dogs on leashes permitted. Gentle rain okay, heavy rain cancels. Check CFPA Facebook site day of hike for updates. Total distance this event will travel: 3 miles. Questions: programs@eglt.org.





March 2017 (860) 653-3002 www.egpl.org visit us on Facebook

Pollinators and Their Effect On Our Eco System



Tuesday, April 4th
at 7:00pm to 8:30pm
Sign up is requested
East Granby Public Library



Bedtime Story Time

Monday, March 13th
at 6:30pm
with EGPL Child Development students -Ashley & Alexis!
Come in pajamas if you like.

Bedtime Story Time

Wednesday, March 15th
at 6:30pm
with Allgrove teacher Ms Dreiss.

A LIBRARY IS NOT JUST A REFERENCE SERVICE: It's a friendly place to gather where most things are FREE. Conference rooms for meetings, movies and more. Children's Story Time, computers, and artwork displays. Cozy corners for all to hang for the day. To maintain the quality services, programs and books we depend on your donation! (residents, businesses and organizations)

The Town of East Granby provides roughly two-thirds of the Library's operating funds. The remainder must come from private tax deductible donations.

LIBRARIES ARE A HAVEN
Please support our important community treasure.
Your gift will make a difference!

LIBRARIES ARE VITAL,
THEIR WORTH CANNOT BE MEASURED
IN BOOKS ALONE.

Annual Fund 2017
East Granby Public Library
CHRIS RIDDELL

April Vacation at the Library

All Things Crafty!

Monday, April 10th

All Things Lego

Tuesday, April 11th

Bring the family for Game Day

Wednesday, April 12th

Computers will be OFF that day and favorite games will be set up around the library-maybe some "friendly" competition?! These spaces will be set up between the hours of 11 and 4 p.m.

Afternoon at the Movies

Wednesdays at 1:00pm

March 22nd

"Fences"

PG-13, 139min

Film adaptation of August Wilson's play.

March 29th

"A Monster Calls"

PG-13, 108min

A boy seeks the help of a monster to cope.

April 5th

"Wild Oats"

PG-13, 86min

Newly rich. Newly single. Forever young.

April 12th

"Lion"

PG-13, 120min

Finding your way home

Breakfast for Dinner

Pancake Story Time

with Ms Paul

Monday, March 20th at

6:00pm

Sign up by March 17th!

Sing-Along with the movie

"SING"

Thursday, March 30th at

2:00pm

with Mrs. Cavanaugh!

Meeting Schedules

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

Commission on Aging 6:30 (SC)	4/4, 5/2
Conservation 7:00 (TH).....	4/5, 5/3
Board of Education 7:00 (AS)	3/27, 4/24, 5/8
Economic Development 7:00 (TH)	4/27
Elementary School Committee.....	As Needed
Board of Finance 7:30	4/4, 4/18, 4/25
Parks & Recreation 7:00 (EGF).....	4/6, 5/4
Planning & Zoning 7:00 (TH).....	4/11, 5/9
Board of Selectmen 6:30 (TH).....	3/22, 4/12, 4/26
Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 (TH).....	4/4, 5/2
Youth Services Bureau 6:30 (EGF).....	3/20, 4/17, 5/15

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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East Granby, CT 06026**

Register online at
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about the newest programs
available in East Granby!



East Granby Parks & Recreation Department Spring & Summer Programs 2017



Nancy Lawton, Recreation Director
79 North Main Street
PO Box 1858
East Granby, CT 06026
Recreation Office 860-653-7660
Office Hours:
Monday—Thursday 8am - 4pm
eastgranbyrec.com





Registration Information

The East Granby Recreation Dept. is proud to provide the Town of East Granby with our activity registration system and website. Please **CREATE AN ACCOUNT** with your household information. The data provided, emergency contacts, allergies info and more, will help us better serve you. The info will also automatically fill out your registration forms.

EASTGRANBYREC.COM

ONLINE CREDIT CARD PAYMENT IS AVAILABLE.

When you're ready to complete a registration form for activities be sure to review the **How to Register for an Activity** page. Registrations and payment for programs must be received in advance. Register early to help insure that the program of your choice will be offered. Registration may be made in person at East Granby Farms or by mail. Remit registration form with payment payable to:

East Granby Parks and Recreation

P.O. Box 1858

East Granby, CT. 06026

It is the policy of the Recreation Department that recreational opportunity will **NOT** be denied to any resident because they lack financial resources; program scholarship information is available upon request. All inquiries are kept in the strictest of confidence.

The East Granby Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any program if there is insufficient registration. Your early registration helps us make the decision to run the program.

Programs are designed as enriching experiences; participants who are a disruptive influence on others will be asked to withdraw. **NO REFUND WILL BE ISSUED** under these circumstances.

Our policy on refunds is to issue these only for medical reasons. A doctor's note is required. There is a \$25.00 penalty fee for returned checks.



The East Granby Parks & Recreation Department in conjunction with the school's Special Education program will be integrating children with special needs into the Parks and Recreation Department's programs. Please call the Recreation Department so that we will know how to best serve you.

EAST GRANBY RECREATION IS ON THE ROAD AGAIN!!

All trips require advance registrations & minimum number of passengers.
Your seat is guaranteed with payment,
not phone reservations.



NEW YORK CITY ON YOUR OWN

Saturday, May 6th or October 7th
See China Town, visit Little Italy, go to a show, visit a museum, shop - use your imagination!
Depart from East Granby Farms at 7:15 am & depart NYC at 7:00 pm. Cost: \$45pp



VS TAMPA BAY RAYS AT FENWAY PARK

Join us on Monday, April 17th for the annual Patriot's Day Game at Fenway Park. This is one of the most significant home games of the season with the Boston Marathon running through the city during the game and lots of pre-game holiday pageantry and ceremonies. We will be seated in Right Field Box 88 for this game (under the retired numbers). Our bus will leave Granby Town Hall at 7:30 am (for the 11:05 am game start time). **LIMITED SEATS - DON'T WAIT TO SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO GO!** Tickets can only be reserved with full payment. Cost: \$110pp



VS BOSTON RED SOX

Join us on Friday, August 11th as two of baseball's biggest rivals meet this summer in Yankee Stadium for what is sure to be a battle for the top of baseball's toughest division. We have seats in section 233B (straightaway left field, 2nd level) for this Friday night game. **There are limited seats**** so don't wait to purchase if you really want to go. Leaving the East Granby Town Hall at 2:45PM. Full payment must be made at time of purchase. Cost \$115pp



BOSTON RED SOX VS BALTIMORE ORIOLES

Join us on Friday, August 25th for our bus trip to see the Red Sox take on their American League Rivals at Fenway Park. We are lucky to have seats in right field box #88 for this game (under the retired numbers). Our bus will leave Granby Town Hall at 3:00 pm (for the 7:00 pm game start time). **LIMITED SEATS DON'T WAIT TO SIGN UP IF YOU WANT TO GO!** Tickets can only be reserved with full payment. Cost is \$125pp

BRONX ZOO—Monday, August 21, 2017

Join us as we visit the worlds greatest zoo. We will be departing Granby Town Hall at 7:00 am and depart the zoo at 4:30 pm. The Bronx Zoo is the largest metropolitan zoo in the nation, with more than 6,000 animals and many award-winning exhibits. Your Total Experience ticket includes: general admission, zoo shuttle (ride all day), Congo Gorilla Forest, the Butterfly Gardens, Bug Carousel, Jungle World and the Asian Monorail.



Cost: \$59pp. Bus transportation to the zoo is included. Be sure to sign up early...very limited seats.



NEW YORK CITY ON YOUR OWN At CHRISTMAS TIME

Join us on Saturday, December 2nd as we visit New York City in all it's holiday splendor. See the Holiday Spectacular at Radio City, take in a show on Broadway, shop till you drop ... so much to do in the city. Depart from East Granby Farms at 7:30 am & depart NYC at 7:00 pm. Cost: \$45pp

SPRING HAPPENINGS



FLASHLIGHT EASTER EGG HUNT

Wednesday, April 12th
8:00 pm Sharp!!
East Granby Farms



Join in and look for candy/prize filled eggs under the stars. Be sure to bring your flashlight and basket or bag. This hunt is **ONLY** for East Granby residents in grades 4 – 8. Please bring a canned good for the Food Pantry. Free.



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 15th
10:00 am Sharp!!!
East Granby Farms

Pre-school thru grade 3. Be sure to bring your basket. The famous bunny is sure to be here! The hunt will be held rain or shine. Please bring a canned good for the Food Pantry. Free.



is a polymer clay, easily molded and dries naturally. No need for an oven or kiln to complete a craft and it

can be taken home the same day! It is 100% safe, non-toxic, and completely mess-free. It can be mixed into any color and does not require glue when sticking parts together. Best of all, it won't crack, crumble, stick, or stain and finished artwork lasts a life-time!



Join us on Wednesday, April 12th
Spring Bunny- Ages 5 & up
Time 10:00–11 am—\$12
East Granby Recreation Center

Join us on Wednesday, April 26th
Mother's Day Gift—Ages 5 & up
Time: 2:00–3:00 pm—\$12
East Granby Recreation Center

WHAT'S COOKING JUNIOR CHEF?



Ages 7 and up
6 Wednesdays, beginning
March 29 (no class April 12)
East Granby Farms Recreation Center

Join us in this youth development program exploring the fundamentals of culinary arts, food systems, and nutritional education. The program is designed to help youth to develop leadership, teamwork, and culinary skills as well as gain nutritional knowledge and a new appreciation for diverse, healthy and sustainably-produced food. This program was developed by Nutritionist, Alicia Newton after years of working with families to develop healthier eating habits. Meet you in the kitchen where we will be stirring up change!
Cost: \$145

INTRO TO HORSEBACKRIDING FOR CHILDREN

Ages 3 - 17
4:30 pm– 5:30 pm
End of Hunt Farms, Suffield Ct.
May 2, 9, 16

Learn to ride or improve current riding skills under the guidance of an advanced riding instructor. Riders must wear jeans or riding pants, and shoes with low heels. An approved safety helmet will be provided. Cost \$90.00

NFL FLAG FOOTBALL



Juniors Ages 7 - 10
Seniors Ages 11- 13

NFL Flag Football is the premier youth football program for boys & girls. The program provides young players a fun and exciting opportunity to engage in non-contact, continuous action, while learning lessons in teamwork. Program begins the week of April 17th. Practices will be held during the week & games will be played on Saturdays. We will only be playing East Granby teams. Last day to register is April 5th. No late registrations.

APRIL VACATION ART-VENTURES

Ages 5–12

Thursday, April 13

East Granby Farms 10 am–Noon

ELECTRIC ZEBRAS & NEON T-SHIRTS

Get ready for electrifying art-ventures! Start with a canvas painting party! Explore pattern and color while painting bright, exciting zebras on canvas! Next, create vibrant shapes and geometric designs on T-shirts using a special resist technique. Then, transform the letters of the alphabet into abstract drawings. Bring a nut-free snack & drink. Cost: \$28

ADULT PROGRAMS

DITCH THE DIET, LOSE THE WEIGHT

Thursday, April 6–7:00pm Community Center

Find out how the American Diet is responsible for weight gain and our overall health. Join Sheryl Sheridan, certified National Therapist and Fitness Instructor as she shares a back-to-basics approach to healthy eating, weight loss, reduced inflammation, gluten-free facts and myths, that will help you and your family. Cost \$7.00



ADULT GOLF LESSONS

4 Mondays Beginning

May 15 (no 5/29) 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Copper Hill Golf Academy

37 Griffin Road, East Granby



Whether you are a complete beginner or someone looking to learn a bit more about the game of golf, this 4 week class will cover everything you need to know. Each one hour class will provide the fundamentals behind the full swing, chipping, pitching or putting. During each class we will also cover some of the common rules & etiquette to make your on-course experience as comfortable and seamless as possible! You will leave with all of the skills needed to hit the ball further, chip it closer, and get it around a golf course. Dress in comfortable clothing and athletic shoes. Clubs are available for use if necessary. Cost: \$65



For Adults & Teens 16+

Mondays—Session ends May 1 6:00 - 7:00 pm

East Granby Farms Recreation Center

\$10 for walk-ins or 10 class punch card for \$75 that can be used whenever!

Participate in a variety of cardio and plyometric based drills—such as sprint's, squat jumps, burpees, kickboxing drills—paired with strength exercises geared towards targeting the entire body. *(modifications will be given) Please bring a yoga mat and plenty of water.

Certified Instructor: Caitlin Sullivan



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For Adults & Teens 16+

Class is ongoing

Tuesdays 6:00 - 7:00 pm

East Granby Farms Recreation Center

\$10 for walk-ins; 10 class punch card is available for \$70

What is Zumba? Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy to follow moves to create a dynamic workout system that will blow you away. Learn to Salsa, Cumbia, Merengue, Hip Hop, Belly Dance and much more!



For Adults & Teens 16+

8 Wednesdays Beginning March 22nd
(no class 4/12, 4/26)

6:00–7:00 pm

East Granby Farms Recreation Center

PIYO is Pilates = Yoga + Nonstop Movement.

You sweat, stretch, & strengthen, all in one class! It combines the muscle-sculpting, core firming benefits of Pilates with the strength and flexibility benefits of Yoga. Cost: \$50

Certified Instructor: Sheryl Sheridan

CAMP INFORMATION



CAMP GRANBROOK

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
GRANBROOK PARK

This is a day camp for children entering grade one through age 12. Activities include; arts and crafts, music, recreational games, special guests and swimming (**Tuesday & Friday afternoon at Salmon Brook Park in Granby**).

Each child should wear sneakers with socks, and bring a snack and lunch. Refrigeration is available.

Camp is held rain or shine! In case of heavy rains, the East Granby Farms Recreations Center will be used. Please call Granbrook Park at **860-305-9920** to verify location. If your child will not be attending camp on a certain day, contact the staff at Granbrook Park (**860-305-9920**) between 8:45 - 9:00 am to let them know. If someone other than a parent is to pick the camper up, a note in writing is necessary. Please be prompt in picking up the camper at the conclusion of the day.

Camp will be held in one-week sessions. Cost is \$110 per week. If you are registering 2 or more children per week, deduct \$5 per child. One week of 1/2 days (9—noon or noon to 3:00 pm) is available for \$60. No sibling discount for 1/2 day program.

Week 1	June 19—23
Week 2	June 26—June 30
Week 3	July 3,5,6,7 (\$88)
Week 4	July 10—14
Week 5	July 17—21
Week 6	July 24—28
Week 7	July 31—August 4
Week 8	August 7—11

EXTENDED DAY CAMP PROGRAM

This is an extended day camp service available to all children enrolled in Camp Granbrook or the Sports Camp. This program is available from 8:00 - 9:00 am and 3:00 - 6:00 pm Monday through Friday at Granbrook Park. The fee is \$6 per hour (or any part of) per child. Family rate is \$8 per hour (or any part of).

Extended day payment will be collected on Friday of the week the services are rendered.



SPORTS CAMP

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
GRANBROOK PARK

This is a sports camp for youths entering grade one through age 12. The day will be spent playing a variety of sports and games including: basketball, baseball, bowling, soccer and swimming (**Tuesday, & Friday afternoons at Salmon Brook Park in Granby**).

Information dates and fees are the same as Camp Granbrook.

SUPER SNEAKER FUN CAMP

Ages 3 - K

Session 1—July 3, 5, 6, 7 - \$48

Session 2—July 24—28

Session 3—August 7—11

9:00 - 11:30 am

East Granby Farms Recreation Center

This program is designed for children who have reached their third birthday at the start of camp through those completing kindergarten (proof of age may be required and they must be toilet trained). This program provides opportunities for self-expression, creativity, crafts, music, games and plenty of FUN!! A snack will be provided. Limited enrollment! Cost: \$60





PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER PROGRAM

Ages 6 -12

June 19–23 9:00 am–2:30 pm

East Granby Farms Recreation Center

This exciting, fun, and highly charged summer program is being offered for children ages 6–12 years old. Mornings will consist of exciting Acting/Theater classes and Movement. The acting classes consist of creative theater games, concentration exercises, voice and speech work and structured improvisation to improve performance. Other topics include: monologue work, acting terminology, stage skills, script work and more! These classes help students build confidence and inspire their imagination in a fun and supportive environment! The movement classes include high energy movement to musical theater music. The afternoons will consist of rehearsals that will culminate with an end of the week performance for family and friends on Friday at 1:30 pm! All levels of skill are encouraged to attend. Please pack a lunch and snack. Cost: \$245



WHAT'S COOKING JUNIOR CHEF ?

July 17–21 Grades 5–8

July 31–August 4 Ages 6–9

11:30–2:00 pm

East Granby Community/Senior Center

Join us in this youth development program exploring the fundamentals of culinary arts, food systems, and nutritional education. The program is designed to help youth to develop leadership, teamwork, and culinary skills as well as gain nutritional knowledge and a new appreciation for diverse, healthy and sustainably-produced food. This program was developed by Nutritionist, Alicia Newton after years of working with families to develop healthier eating habits. Meet you in the kitchen where we will be stirring up change! Cost: \$145

LET'S GOGH ART WORKSHOPS

SPLISH SPLASH ART BLAST

Ages 5-11



June 26–30 9:00 am–noon

East Granby Farms Recreation Center

Learn about the fascinating underworld of seahorses, sea turtles and other wonderful creatures while exploring original art forms and techniques. Design beach hats, sunglasses, and T-shirts. Discover the art of mosaics while creating sea shell boxes, Sculpt shimmery coral and goofy clay octopuses. Paint ceramic fish banks, and design ocean creature stuffed animals. Experience painting, printmaking, stained glass, ceramics, collage, mosaics, fabric art and working with clay. Lots of surprises, round out these totally cool art-ventures. Bring an oversized T-shirt , a nut-free snack, and a drink! Cost: \$139.00

ART -VENTURES WITH PIGASSO AND MOOTISSE

Ages 5 - 12

July 24 - July 28

9:00 am–noon

East Granby Farms



Art explorers learn about real artists, their vision of the world and the materials and techniques they use. Included are fun and funky 3-D projects using unconventional and sometimes kooky, artists techniques and materials. During this art-packed week create vibrant tie dyed shirts, decoupage jumbo peace signs, design leather wristbands and celestial stained glass. Experiment with emotion collages, mosaic art, and much more. Bring an oversized old T-shirt to use as a smock, as well as a nut-free snack and drink each day. Cost: \$139




INTRO to STEM LEGO® CAMP

Ages 5 –6

**July 10–14 9:00– noon
East Granby Farms Recreation Center**

Tap into your imagination with tens of thousands of LEGO® parts! Build engineering designed projects such as Boats, Snow-

mobs, catapults, and Merry-Go-Rounds. Then use special pieces to create your own unique design. New and returning students can explore the endless creative possibilities of the LEGO® building system with the guidance of an experienced Play-Well instructor. **\$140**

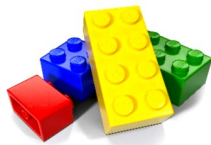
STEM CHALLENGE

AGES 7–12

July 10–14

1:00 - 4:00 pm

East Granby Farms Recreation Center



Power up your engineering skills with Play Well TEKnologies and tens of thousands of Lego® parts! Apply real-world concepts in physics, engineering designed projects such as Catapults, Pneumatic Cranes, Arch Bridges, and Battle-tracks! Design and build like never before, and explore your craziest ideas in a supportive environment. An experienced instructor will challenge new and returning students to engineer at the next level. **Cost: \$140**



BRIXOLOGY

Grades 1– 5

August 14–18 9–noon

East Granby Farms Recreation Center

Brixology Camp sets the foundation for our next generation of builders! Kids learn about different types of engineering and then team up to construct a different engineering themed project using LEGO® bricks. They learn about aerospace engineering while assembling a space station. They explore mechanical engineering as they build boats and vehicles. That's not all—from carnival rides to drawing machines, mechanical animals to truss bridges—your future engineer will build upon their creativity to solve real-world design challenges, while developing their problem-solving and team building skills. Bring a snack & drink (lunch if you are staying all day). **Cost: \$140, \$255 for both Mad Science programs.**

ROCKIN' ROCKETS

Mad Science

Grades 1 –5

August 14– 18 1:00– 4:00 pm

East Granby Farms Recreation Center



Children will step into the shoes of a rocket scientist and learn about the fundamentals of flight, propulsion, and rocket design. We'll have fun exploring astronomy and trying out various flight designs from hot air balloons to hovercrafts—and more. "Launch Day" will bring some real excitement to your budding astronaut! Kids will build rockets as well as discover the fundamental concepts involved in launching and recovering many different types of rockets. Students will make and take home their complete Mad Science rocket. Bring a snack & drink (lunch if you are staying all day). **Cost: \$140, \$255 for both Mad Science programs.**

SUMMER HORSEMANSHIP

at MAPLE VIEW

198R Salmon Brook Street, Granby

Ages 6-12 9 am - 2 pm Cost: \$300

Ages 3 -6 9:30 am - 11:30 am Cost: \$125

This camp offers an opportunity for beginner students to learn horsemanship and farm skills through games & activities geared for boys and girls 6 - 12. Students will be divided into small groups for mounted and unmounted lessons on how to take up a horse, saddle, bridle, and daily care for all of the farm animals. Campers will walk trails, ride horses, feed animals, play games, and make crafts. The pre-school age children will learn similar skills in a separate group. A short, instructive ride on one of our ponies will be included in their lessons. The camp is focused on safety and maintains a low counselor to student ratio. Campers need: Shoes with a low heel, long pants (shorts for after riding), bug spray, sun block, water bottle, lunch (full day camp), snack. Rain or shine!

Session I	June 26—30
Session II	July 10—14
Session III	July 17—21
Session IV	July 24—28
Session V	July 31—August 4
Session VI	August 7 —11



ENTRY GOLF—Ages 5—8

5 Week Program \$70 per session
This is an introductory program designed to familiarize kids with little or no golf experience. This is

an ideal “first step” in fostering an interest in golf. Course content includes sportsmanship, etiquette, rules, and pace of play, fitness, and skill development. Copper Hill Golf Academy. Space is very limited!

Session A	Saturday	Begins June 17 9:00 - 9:50 am
Session B	Saturday	Begins June 17 10:00- 10:50 am
Session C	Tuesday	Begins June 20 4:00 - 4:50 pm
Session D	Friday	Begins June 23 9:30—10:20 am

SPORT LEVEL GOLF

Ages 6- 10

June 21- 23 July 12—14

July 19—21 July 26—28 August 9 - 11

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

PGA Golf Academy at Copper Hill

\$130 before April 1st—\$140 after

This camp includes content, practice, sportsmanship, etiquette and rules of play. Golfers will also



learn about fitness and nutrition, posture, movement and coordination while developing skills. This is a shortened version of Junior Golf Camp. Cost includes lunch & green fees.

Full swing, putting, chipping, bunkers, etiquette, and rules are addressed. Lunch is included.

CHAMPION/PLAYER LEVEL GOLF

Ages 9 - 16 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

PGA Golf Academy at Copper Hill

\$255 before April 1st—\$275 after

This program consists of four days, from 9:00 am to 3:30pm, with just the right mix of instruction and golf course time. Typically the morning consists of a session on full swing training and a session on an aspect of short game—either putting, chipping, pitching, or bunker. Often times there are skill building short game contests. Golf Camps at Copper Hill play 9 holes on the course each day with instructors. Lunch and all fees are included. Don't wait, program fills up quickly! This is a 4 day camp.



Session A	June 19- 22
Session B	June 26 - June 29
Session C	July 10-13
Session D	July 17- 20
Session E	July 24—27
Session F	August 7—10



BASKETBALL WORLD COED CAMP

Monday—Friday, August 7—11
Grades 3—8
9:00—Noon
East Granby High School Gyms

Basketball World has been conducting basketball camps for 44 years. Campers will learn the latest breakthrough techniques of goal setting, visualization and positive self-talk which will enhance performance, confidence, and self esteem. Participants will compete against players their own age and ability. There is one staff member for every eight campers. Campers should bring a snack. All players receive a T-shirt. Cost: \$140 East Granby Residents, \$150 Non-Residents



WINS FOR LIFE BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday - Friday, July 10 - 14
Grades 5 - 10
9:00 am - 3:30 pm
East Granby High School

This is an exceptional learning opportunity. This unique basketball school features outstanding instruction, advanced skill development, fun basketball challenges, and educational activities. Full court completion, station drills, team building games, contests, and mini lectures are creatively combined to teach a range of basketball skills and important life lessons. The staff includes high school coaches, teachers, college and high school athletes. Bring lunch, snack, and water. All participants receive a T-shirt. Cost: \$275 before June 1st / \$290 after June 1st



FLAG FOOTBALL

Ages 7—12
July 17—20 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Ahrens Park, Granby

Athletes who want a complete introduction to “America’s Game” or for those who simply want to brush up on their skills. This is the perfect program. Through our “skill of the day” activities, campers will learn skills on both sides of the ball including the core components of passing, catching, and de-flagging or defensive positioning—all presented in a fun and positive environment. All players receive a T-shirt, football, and player evaluation. Cost: \$89

SKYHAWKS TINY-HAWKS



(Soccer & Basketball)

Ages 3 & 4
June 19 - 23 12:15 - 1:00 pm
July 24 - 28 12:15 - 1:00 pm
Ahrens Park, Granby, Soccer Field

This camp for pre-school age kids introduces the essentials of these sports. Through games and activities, campers explore balance, hand/eye coordination, and skill development. Must be toilet trained in order to participate. Parents are encouraged to help the coaching staff teach these young children. Bring a water bottle. Cost: \$75

SKYHAWKS MINI HAWKS

(Soccer, Baseball, Basketball)

Ages 4 - 7
June 19—23 9:00 am - Noon
July 24—28 9:00 am—Noon
Ahrens Park, Granby, Soccer Field



This program gives young children a fun and positive first step into athletics. Through games and activities, campers explore balance, hand/eye coordination, and skill development at their own pace. Participants should bring: shin guards (recommended), appropriate clothing, snacks & water bottle, sneakers, and sunscreen. Cost: \$125



ONLINE REGISTRATION AND CREDIT CARD PAYMENT
AVAILABLE AT:
EASTGRANBYREC.COM

PARTICIPANT NAME: _____ BIRTH DATE _____ GRADE _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL: _____ E-MAIL _____

PROGRAM OR TRIP: _____ FEE: _____

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For Youths Under 18 - Please complete the following:

FATHER'S NAME: _____ PHONE (W): _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ PHONE (W): _____

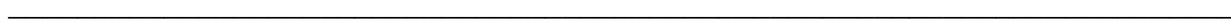
LIABILITY RELEASE

The **EAST GRANBY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT** is not responsible for personal injuries, damages or losses, which may occur. As in any sports or activities, there is a certain amount of inherent risk involved. Signature on this form indicates recognition of these risks, permission to participate and consent to secure emergency medical treatment in the event a parent/guardian cannot be reached.

Signature - Parent/Guardian (if participant is under 18 years old) _____ Date



Emergency Contact _____ Daytime
Person _____ Phone _____
Allergies (Hay fever, poison ivy, insect bites, medications, asthma, etc.) _____



Is there any medical condition we should be aware of? _____

**East Granby Parks
& Recreation
Presents . . .**

THE BEATLES



TRIBUTE BAND *TICKET TO RIDE*

LAST BLAST OF SUMMER—FREE FAMILY CONCERT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2017

**6:30 PM—8:00 PM
Town Center Pavilion**

Ticket To Ride Tribute Band will rock your socks! The lads are on a roll, and you'll want to come along for the ride!

Bounce house, slide, face painting and more . . .



East Granby Youth Services Bureau

Spring/Summer Programs

*The **mission** of the East Granby Youth Services Bureau is to coordinate the delivery of community based services for prevention, intervention, treatment, and follow up for at risk youth, and to provide opportunities for all youth to function as responsible members of the community.*

New Members

The Commission on Youth Services recently welcomed new members and elected new officers.

The Commission members are:

Angela Ciottone, Chair
Robert Ravens-Seger, Vice Chair
Mary Shelton, Secretary
Eugenia Drake
Trooper Sean Mahar
Constable Steve Orłowski
Rachel Griffith, Student Member
Caroline Tuczinski, Student Member

Congratulations to our new officers and members! The commission meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 PM at East Granby Farms, and welcomes public attendance.

FREE COUNSELING SERVICES

As part of its mission to serve and support the youth of East Granby, the Youth Services Bureau offers counseling services addressing emotional, behavioral and mental health issues. Counseling is available for resident youth under the age of age 18 and their families. The Youth Services Bureau provides parenting support, family therapy, individual therapy, play therapy for children, school consultation and referrals as necessary. School, Parent and Self-referrals are accepted.

The East Granby Youth Services Counselor, Sue Lawshe, is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who has worked with families in town since 2010. Some of the issues we can help to address include school behavior and/or peer relationship issues, family conflicts, anger management, substance abuse, suicide ideation, self-harm, depression, and anxiety. All services are professional and confidential.

East Granby residents interested in counseling services should contact Sue Lawshe at suel@egtownhall.com or 860-653-7800.

EG TALKS: STRESS & ANXIETY

NO JUDGEMENT & FREE TALK ZONE

**RUN BY THE
STUDENTS
FOR THE
STUDENTS:**



Anzac: the Therapy Dog

Attention High School Students:

Join us for any of the following dates from 2:45 pm to 4:00 pm
at the East Granby Community Center:

April 7th, April 21st, May 5th, May 19th, & June 2nd

- Discuss the topic of stress and anxiety in a peer to peer judgement free zone.
- Take Away new friendships, tools and strategies to cope, self-esteem and confidence, and a new/different perspective.
- There will be a therapist and therapy dog on hand, as well as snacks and refreshments. Stress balls and fiddly things will be available.

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

College Bootcamp: What Freshmen Need To Know

Monday, July 17 from 9 AM to 5 PM at the East Granby Community Center
Open to teens in East Granby and surrounding towns. Fee is \$20.00.

This one-day class will provide teens on their way to college with practical skills and information necessary for a safe and successful freshman year.

Essential "How-to" information includes:

- dealing with roommate issues
- laundry and not end up with pink socks (unless that's what you're going for)
- balancing coursework and all your other activities
- accessing resources on campus
- helping friends in trouble
- staying safe in a variety of situations
- cooking some easy, nutritious meals



Youth Action Council • East Granby, Connecticut





SPACE IS LIMITED — PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!!!
Registration Deadline: THURSDAY April 6, 2017

Learn everything you need to know about babysitting!
Red Cross Certification available upon completion

Who: All students in Grades 6, 7 and 8

When: Saturday April 8, 2017 — 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where: East Granby Farms: Youth Service/Park and Rec Office
79 North Main Street

Cost: East Granby Residents-free Non-residents \$25.00

Questions?

Call the East Granby Youth Services Bureau at (860) 653-7800 or
Email at suel@egtownhall.com

To Sign Up: Mail or deliver completed registration form and payment to
East Granby Youth Service Bureau
P.O. Box 1858,
East Granby, CT 06026

Registration forms available on Town website, in YSB office, or in middle school office.

Wear comfortable clothes and bring lunch

snacks and drinks will be provided!



Get ready for summer fun and adventure and be prepared to handle summer mishaps!

Red Cross First Aid Training will include how to handle:

- ◆ responsible scene assessment and calling 911
- ◆ minor injuries and wounds
- ◆ sprains and strains
- ◆ heat stroke
- ◆ burns and scalds
- ◆ blood loss and shock
- ◆ what to do if someone is unconscious

*Space is limited:
Register early!*

Date: June 24, 2017

Who: Age 10 to Adult

Where: Youth Services/Park and Rec Office

East Granby Farms located at 79 N. Main Street, East Granby

When: 9:00 AM to 1:15 PM

Cost: Free to East Granby residents -- \$20 for non-residents

To register: Contact Sue Lawshe, Youth Services Counselor, at suel@egtownhall.com or 860-653-7800. Registration forms are available on the East Granby Youth Services web page, at Town Hall, and at the Youth Services/Park and Rec office.