



Let's Talk Turkey

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Memorial Day – We Remember

Memorial Day: This year marks the 149th anniversary of Memorial Day which originally was called “Decoration Day” in remembrance of those who died in the Civil War. Since the end of World War I, this observance has been called Memorial Day. Our thanks and gratitude go to all members of our armed forces, regardless of the war or conflict, who have given their lives in defense of our country. Since the Revolutionary War, over 1.8 million citizen soldiers have sacrificed their lives for the freedoms that we enjoy. Thanks to all those who have kept our country strong through their service and sacrifices in the United States Armed Forces.

The Annual East Granby Memorial Day Parade – May 29th: Those participating in the Memorial Day Parade should assemble at 9:30 AM in front of the Elmwood Cemetery on Nicholson Road. The parade will begin shortly after 10:00 AM beginning with a remembrance ceremony at the Elmwood Cemetery. The parade will proceed down Nicholson, across Route 20 on to School Street, stop at the Center Cemetery, and then cross Route 187 to the Town Campus where there will be short memorial service. Thanks to the East Granby Lions Club for their annual sponsorship of the parade and to those who march and to those who are spectators lining the parade route! Additional thanks to the Connecticut Air National Guard who will provide the Honor Guard, speaker, and flyover!

The 2017/2018 Town Budget Referendum was held and passed on May 3rd. A total of 935 residents voted, or 25% of all eligible voters. There were 509 who voted in favor of the budget and 426 who voted against the budget. The approved budget is as follows: General Government – \$4,662,000; Board of Education – \$16,316,125; Debt Service – \$667,763; Capital Reserve – \$650,000; for a total of \$22,295,888 or a 1.25% increase over the previous year.

Referendum Passage Impact on Taxes – A Split Mill Rate This Year: Beginning July 1st, the town is affected by a state law capping the mill rate for motor vehicles at 32.0 mills. On May 3rd, after the passage of the referendum, the Board of Finance set the Motor Vehicle property tax rate at 32.0 mills, an increase of 0.9 mills or 2.9%. The tax rate for Real Estate and Business Personal Property will increase by 1.3 mills or 4.2% to a mill rate of 32.4.

Upcoming Town Meeting: As is customary, it is anticipated that there will be a Town Meeting called for late June to close fiscal year-end accounts and to review and act upon Board of Selectmen and Board of Education capital requests. These capital requests are not for additional funding but rather they access capital funds previously approved by the Town through the annual budget referendum. Please watch for the signs announcing the date.

Bon Voyage! Nancy Lawton has retired after almost 29 years as Director of Parks and Recreation. We wish Nancy well in her retirement and thank her for her wonderful service. With numerous athletic programs and Granbrook Park Summer Camp, Nancy has had a positive impact on two generations of East Granby's children. Even more gratifying is that those children's children are now participating in the great programs provided by the East Granby Parks and Recreation Commission. Thanks, Nancy!

Welcome Aboard! Please join me in welcoming Alicia Van Neil as our new Director of Parks and Recreation. Alicia has been our part-time Social Services Director for three years. Congratulations to Alicia for her promotion to this full-time position. Please join me in welcoming Elise Cosker to the position of Social Services Director. Elise has much experience in social services and joined our team on May 1st.

June Is Dog License Month: Please see inside for more information from the Town Clerk on how to register your dogs. Please note that you can renew online using a credit card (with an online service fee).

Have a wonderful summer!
Jim Hayden, First Selectman

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Beware and Be Aware of Scams

Residents have called the Selectmen's Office and the Police Department to report things such as phone scams and door to door soliciting. Phone scams vary, from those claiming to raise money for "dubious" charities, to people claiming to be from the IRS. The IRS will not call you up and ask for a credit card for payment. If you have caller ID, please write down the phone number of the "suspicious" person calling and contact the non-emergency number, (860) 653-5385, of the Police Department. Do not give private information to someone on the phone unless you trust the source. Town ordinances permit door to door solicitation but all those who knock on your door should have a permit from the Town. If they don't have a permit, call the non-emergency police line and report them or call the Selectmen's Office at (860) 413-3301.

Bear Patrol

Bears have been particularly active this year, especially in the south end of town. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has a great website where you can report black bear sightings and get a lot of helpful information: <http://www.depdata.ct.gov/wildlife/sighting/bearsight.asp>.



Here's some Back Bear Do's and Don'ts from the DEEP website:

- **DO** remove birdfeeders and bird food from late March through November.
- **DO** eliminate food attractants by placing garbage cans inside a garage or shed.
- **DO** add ammonia to trash to make it unpalatable.
- **DO** clean and store grills in a garage or shed after use.
- **DO** keep dogs on a leash and under control.
- **DO** back away slowly if you surprise a bear nearby.
- **DO** be offensive if the bear approaches you. Make more noise, wave your arms and throw objects at the bear.
- **DON'T** intentionally feed the bears.
- **DON'T** approach or try to get closer to a bear to get a video or picture.
- **DON'T** leave pet food outside overnight.
- **DON'T** add meat or sweets to a compost pile.
- **DON'T** run or climb a tree. If possible, wait in a vehicle or building until the bear leaves the area.

If a bear is in a densely populated area, contact the DEEP Wildlife Division at (860) 424-3011, Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM or DEEP Dispatch at (860) 424-3333 24 hours a day. If it's not an emergency, go to the above website and click on the illustration of a bear on the left top of the webpage.

Hearty Thank You from the Lions

The East Granby Lions would like to thank the East Granby community for their tremendous support of our April Turkey Dinner. Over 175 dinners were sold and it was a tremendous boost for our fundraising efforts! If you had a reservation and were turned away or you got discouraged by the line, please contact Lion Myra at (860) 658-0623. Please stay tuned for more information regarding our Pulled Pork Dinner which will be held on June 3rd from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. Thanks again for your support!

Roy/Fournier Golf Tournament

When tragedy strikes, some people are paralyzed by it and others are compelled to take action. Matt Fournier fell into the second category when he returned from a post grad year at Bridgeton Academy in 2006 after the death of his schoolmate, Caitlin Roy. Matt organized a golf tournament to remember Caitlin and raise money for her scholarship fund. He contacted local businessman Tim Brignole, friend of both the Roy and Fournier families, who agreed to be the corporate sponsor. Matt had nearly all the pieces in place when the unthinkable happened and he too, was killed.

Tim Boscarino, Matt's lifelong friend and Caitlin's classmate, stepped up with the help of his family. East Granby and surrounding communities supported the event, with local businesses, merchants and individuals contributing. The tournament went on just as Matt had envisioned it and the money raised went to the Caitlin Roy Memorial Scholarship Fund.

In 2007, the tournament was dedicated to the memory of both Caitlin and Matt. Tim Brignole's law firm continued as corporate sponsor. Tim Boscarino and his family organized a wonderful golf tournament. The tournament became an annual event with Caitlin and Matt's families and friends gathering each summer for golf, delicious food, fun raffles, and to honor their memories. The money raised was donated to various programs to benefit the youth of East Granby.

Over the years the tournament has raised over \$65,000 which has gone to the East Granby Booster Club, the Library, East Granby Summer Theatre, and various other organizations. The tournament funded a beautiful mural at Allgrove School, showcasing the children's artwork. And it's not over yet—there are still funds available to benefit the youth of East Granby.

Time marches on. Caitlin and Matt, who were 18 when their lives were cut short, would be looking at their 30th birthdays. And the time for the Roy/Fournier Memorial Golf Tournament has come to an end. Thanks to everyone who participated, donated, attended, or had any part in this wonderful event over the years. Special thanks to Tim Brignole; Tim, Karen, and Dan Boscarino; and Paul and Robin at the Copper Hill Golf Club. And while the tournament has ceased, the love, the fun, and the outpouring of support from the East Granby community will never be forgotten. Thank you.

Northwest Catholic 5K/Adam M. Lawton '99 Memorial Scholarship

Classmates and teammates of Adam Lawton have established the Adam M. Lawton '99 Memorial Scholarship Fund at Northwest Catholic which will award an annual scholarship in Adam's memory to a deserving NWC student.

Adam, a lifelong resident of East Granby, passed away far too young, at the age of 30, doing what he loved best. In his memory, Adam's friends want to help other young, creative, athletic, and adventurous students have the opportunity to attend Northwest Catholic and follow their own passions. Please help Adam's friends achieve this goal by making a gift at the level that is right for you today. Donations can be sent to Northwest Catholic High School, 29 Wampanoag Drive, West Hartford, CT 06117. Checks can be made payable to NWC; please designate the Adam Lawton Scholarship on your check. Thank you!

The Northwest Catholic 5K will take place on Saturday June 24th at 10:00 AM. Register online at www.northwestcatholic.org/5kscamper.

Important Swimming Pool Information

As the summer season heats up and you start thinking about installing that swimming pool, there are a few things that you need to be aware of prior to purchasing and scheduling any installations. Most importantly, all pool installations require a permit and this includes the temporary, portable, inexpensive, "blow-up" types. When applying for a permit you will need to provide the following:

- Plot plan of your property showing location of house, pool, fence, and septic with distances to side and rear yards.
- Approval from the Farmington Valley Health District to ensure proper distance from your septic system. A separate application to them is needed.
- For in-ground pools: Plans of the structure stamped and sealed by an engineer.
- Drawing of fencing and enclosures showing dimensions.
- Permit fee: \$15 per every \$1,000 of cost (\$15 is the minimum).

If there are any wetlands on your property, please note that pools are also subject to regulation by the Inland Wetland Commission when located within 100 feet of any wetland boundary. Remember there are stringent State of Connecticut code requirements for fencing of accesses to all pools for obvious reasons of safety. There are many different scenarios and configurations that need to be addressed individually by the Building Official during the plan review. The Building Department has a packet of informational material to cover most, if not all, frequently asked questions that will help you get started on your installation. When done right, you can have a safe and enjoyable summer! Please feel free to call the Building Department if you have any questions at (860) 653-3444.

EGCCNS Now Registering

The East Granby Congregational Church Nursery School is registering for the 2017-2018 school year. Programs include:

- Three year old class on Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00AM to 11:30AM
- Four year old class on Monday, Wednesday & Friday with the optional start time of 8:15AM or 9:00AM to 11:30AM with the option of five days.



For information, registration forms, or to set up an appointment to visit one of our classes, see our creative classroom, meet our staff, and learn about our unique program and curriculum please contact our Director, Heather Benyak, at (860) 653-3913 or www.egccns@egchurch.necoxmail.com.

June is Dog Licensing Month!

All dogs age six months and older must be licensed by June 30th. The cost is \$8.00 for dogs who are altered and \$19.00 for those who are not. A \$1.00 late fee per dog will be charged each month for those who are late. All dogs must have proof of



a current rabies vaccination on file. When licensing by mail, please include a self-addressed envelope with 70¢ postage and mail it to: Town Clerk, PO Box TC, East Granby, CT 06026.

You may renew your dog license(s) online by using your MasterCard, Visa, or Discover credit card, debit card, or electronic check. There is a \$1.75 convenience fee added to allow for this online service. This is a renewal service only and is not available for first-time registrations and kennel licenses. All dogs must have a current rabies vaccination. Simply go www.eastgranbyct.org and click on "I Want To..." or click on the "Dog License" tab of the Town Clerk's web page.

Have a Blast with Cub Scouts!



Looking to add excitement to your son's life while he learns the values and skills he needs to become a responsible citizen and future leader? Then register him to "have a blast" at East Granby Cub Scout Pack 70's Annual Rocket Launch on Wednesday, June 14th at 7:00 PM at the soccer field behind East Granby Middle School.

The event is free of charge to all kids ages kindergarten through fifth grade who may be interested in becoming a Scout. Each child will receive their own rocket to launch as they experience this one of many fun-filled scouting activities that also includes hiking, camping, fishing, Pinewood Derby car races, and so much more!

For over 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America programs have instilled in its youth intangible qualities such as self-confidence, respect for others, and strong character, so please register your son today for this event! He too will realize what every Scout knows about being a member: It's a blast! For information, contact egpack70@gmail.com.

East Granby Little League News



District Try Outs

District try-outs will be held in early June (anticipated date of June 3rd). Please make sure to come out and support East Granby boys and girls during the district tournaments as they compete with other towns on the way to the Little League World Series!

Summer Baseball/Softball

Summer Baseball and Soft ball will begin in mid-to-late June.

East Granby Little League Golf Benefit

The East Granby Little League Golf Benefit will be held on June 24th (see flyer in this issue for details).

Please stay tuned for additional information about these and other Little League events, and please visit www.eastgranbylittleleague.org for up-to-date information or like us on Facebook.

News from the East Granby Land Trust



Trails Day Hike

The East Granby Land Trust Trails Day Hike will be held June 3rd from 9:00 AM until Noon. Celebrate National Trails Day with us with on an easy three-mile hike from the Newgate Wildlife Management Area on Newgate Road into the Great Marsh and back. Wear long sleeves and long pants and bring water to drink.

It's Tick Season...Take Precautions and Stay Safe

Protect yourself during tick season. Tuck your pant legs into your socks, and wear light-colored clothing to make ticks easier to see. Walk in the center of the trail and avoid tall grasses and branches. Spray your pant legs, socks, and shoes with 20-30% DEET bug spray. Do not use sprays containing permethrin around cats or fish as they can be fatal! Use DEET sprays. Cedar oil can also be used as a natural tick repellent. When you come in:

- Check clothing for ticks
- Do a full body check
- Shower
- Dry clothes in a dryer for 10 minutes on high to kill ticks
- Check pets for ticks

Happy trails!

East Granby Historical Society Programs



Magic Show!

A special family-oriented treat follows the 7:00 PM Annual Meeting on Monday, May 22nd at 7:30 PM at the Senior/Community Center. A professional conjuror and 46-year member of the Society of American Magicians, Barry Moran has entertained thousands of people in person and on television. His magic has taken him from the Hartford Civic & Arts Festival to the exclusive Sydney Rowing Club in Sydney, Australia.

Barry's philosophy is to entertain his viewers with the intention not of deception, but rather creation—creation of an atmosphere of mystery, mirth, and magic that brings viewers together and allows them to see each other having fun. Barry's show is filled with lighthearted family-oriented entertainment and good-natured audience participation, where impossible events become moments of delightful reality. The presentation also includes some talk about historical magic based on three 19th-20th century magicians and one trick using authentic historic dialogue.

A person of two professions, Barry was a teacher of mathematics at the Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, CT from 1972 until 2015. During his tenure, he served as a mathematics instructor, Chair of the Mathematics Department, Associate Director of Admission, and Director of Studies.

This free program is open to the public and will begin at 7:30 PM, following the 7:00 PM business meeting. Refreshments will be served.

In the Barn...

Have you been inside the Historical Society Barn? Come and see what's there! Summer hours at the Historical Barn at East Granby



Farms will be the second and fourth Sundays, beginning June 25th, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM (June 25th; July 9th and 23rd; August 13th and 27th). Fall hours will be announced later.

- Try your hand at weaving on a working antique loom!
- Sit in a beautifully restored 1850s Concord stagecoach!
- See a Ford Model A truck/tractor hybrid once used on a local farm!
- See many other items and displays from East Granby's past!

East Granby Railroad Program

The "Rails, Trails & Ruins: The Iron Horse in the Granbys 1850-2016" program presented by Robert Joseph Belletzkie on April 18th now may be viewed at gctv16.org.

For more information about the East Granby Historical Society, please visit www.eastgranby.com/historicalsociety or contact Nancy Moody at (860) 653-2866 or moodynancy@att.net.

East Granby Center Cemetery Association

Every headstone has a story. They are stories of life's tragedies and triumphs that make history and cemeteries so interesting.



That's the basis of the following story of one such headstone in the Simsbury Cemetery (also called Hop Meadow Cemetery or Center Cemetery), a cemetery which we have all passed many times.

Joseph Toy emigrated from England in 1839 and, through a series of business and manufacturing opportunities, eventually set up his own manufactory (Toy, Bickford & Co.) to produce safety fuses. They were primarily used for America's westward expansion by railroad and by farmers who used the fuses to blow up trees on their land in order to clear it for agricultural use. Toy purchased the present site of the Ensign-Bickford company because it had water power from the Hop Brook. Business went well and the demand for safety fuses led to increased hiring of both men and women. Girls, often as young as 14, worked the fuse making assembly lines. Even with the safety measures of that time, working with gun powder was always risky. The process left black powder on the workers, walls, floors, and machinery. On December 20, 1859 an explosion and fire claimed the lives of eight young women and injured several others. The cause of the explosion and fire was determined to have been a keg of gun powder that exploded after having been placed too close to a coal stove. The headline in the *Hartford Daily Courant* on December 21st read, "The Terrible Calamity at Simsbury." The article reported that "The appearance of the place indicated that the woodwork of the building was saturated with powder...It appeared as if the fire had been driven down from the upper room with great violence upon the employees below."

An article from ConnecticutHistory.org by Dawn Byron Hutchins reports "The horrific deaths of these young workers, who ranged in age from 14 to 33, were a huge blow to the community. Toy personally provided eight matching black walnut coffins with silver decoration and nameplates. A special sleigh was built to carry the dead to the cemetery in the center of town. The funeral cortege was said to be half a mile long; it was followed by 32 young men as pallbearers, according to reports in the *Hartford Daily*



Courant. A common plot next to that of the Toy family, marked by a brownstone shaft, stands in Simsbury's Center Cemetery as a monument to workplace dangers in early industrial America. Toy took the lessons learned from the catastrophe and rebuilt his factory, this time with stand-alone stone and brick buildings."

On one side of the brownstone obelisk is written: "In Memory of The Eight Young Women Who Perished in the Explosion & Burning of Toy Bickford & Co's Fuse Factory Simsbury, Ct. Dec. 20, 1859." On the other sides of the obelisk are the names of each girl, names of parents, and age of each girl. One family lost two daughters: Elizabeth R. & Harriett M., daughters of J&M Head; ages 21 and 18.

Cemeteries are infinitely interesting places, sometimes offering a history of a town's past as well as the townspeople. This is the case with the Factory Fire obelisk. It is important to preserve and share the stories so they will not be forgotten. Spring is a good time to take a walk through the East Granby Center Cemetery or the Hop Meadow (Simsbury) Cemetery or any number of cemeteries found in our surrounding towns.

The East Granby Cemetery Association is a small group of volunteers which oversees the care of the Center Cemetery. We welcome new members and only meet about four or five times a year. If interested, please call John Rusnock, President, at (860) 653-2194. Donations for upkeep are greatly appreciated. Checks can be made payable to "East Granby Cemetery Association" and mailed to Carol Mathis (Secretary), 61 Cider Mill Hts., North Granby, CT 06060. We appreciate your support.

The Ducks Are Coming September 10th

East Granby Rubber Duck Derby



Quack Quack Quack...We're Back Back for the 5th annual East Granby Lions Rubber Duck Derby on September 10th.

Last year's winning ducks have finally returned from their victory tour, which started right after last year's race. First, they were taken to Disney World to celebrate the exciting win. Then they spent the winter in the Southern Hemisphere providing lessons to other aspiring derby ducks and giving spellbinding lectures to massive audiences describing what it takes to win a major duck derby like the one in East Granby each year.

But now they are ready to join this year's lineup of tournament tested rubber ducks and begin the mentally and physically challenging training program for the Big Race which will be held on Sunday, September 10th. Festivities begin at 11:00 AM with live music, food, and games. Then at 1:30 PM, over a thousand rubber ducks will be dropped from the Salmon Brook bike bridge to begin their grueling swim to the finish line at Granbrook Park. Hundreds of spectators will be lining the shoreline, rooting on their favorite duck and hoping it will win one of the many prizes by being among the first to reach the winner's circle.

So save that date in your calendars. It's exciting and fun for the whole family. It's even more fun if you adopt a duck for the race and root it on to victory. Ducks are now available at Town Hall and the Library as well as from Lions Club members. A \$5 donation adopts a duck for the race. And if you don't adopt a duck, you're out of luck!

East Granby Social Services

East Granby's Director of Social Services is Elise Cosker. She can be reached at (860) 413-3328 or elise@egtownhall.com. Office hours are Monday and Wednesday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Friday 12:00 to 4:00 PM. Appointments outside of these hours are available by appointment.

Medicare Savings Program

This program is open to seniors and helps to pay for their Medicare premiums. To determine eligibility for this program, income and assets are examined. Please call the office to learn more.

Food Pantry/Thrift Store

The Friend to Friend Food Pantry was established to supplement the weekly grocery needs of families who have been identified by East Granby Social Services as needing assistance. If you feel you need assistance please contact Social Services to determine eligibility for this program.



friend to friend

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 maintaining their home. This is a flexible program that can work with your schedule. The time commitment is as big or small as you are interested in giving. For more information contact Social Services. If you are a senior and would like to learn more about how you can utilize this program please contact Social Services.

Renter's Rebate

The Elderly/Totally Disabled Renters Rebate Program is now open. If you are a senior age 65 and over (or under 65 and on permanent long term disability receiving Social Security benefits) that rented in 2016 and have an income under \$35,200 if single or \$42,900 if married you may qualify for the Renter's Rebate Program. Please call Social Services with questions.

Back to School Backpack Program

Once again Social Services will be offering its backpack program to children in need in town. If you are interested in helping support this program please contact Social Services at (860) 413-3328 or via e-mail elise@egtownhall.com.

Commission on Aging

Included in this issue of *Let's Talk Turkey* is an Elder Services Directory. Remove it and keep it handy for your use throughout the year.

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

If you haven't as yet joined the Facebook group "East Granby Seniors Place," go to Facebook.com and join. The group currently has 38 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 as initiatives for 2017:

- COA meet at Metacomet/Higley as an outreach
- Organize Greenway Days when seniors can walk with others
- Have another event/party like the clambake
- Investigate grants for kitchen renovations
- Expand "East Granby Seniors Place" on Facebook to include Senior Services activities

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.). The 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 Vehicles taxes. Effective on January 3rd our office began using the Webster Bank Lockbox with the Supplemental Motor Vehicle taxes. The benefit of this process 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 little. If you use official payments (e-

checks, debit card, or credit card), make sure you enter the list number. This is the last seven digits under “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 Fridays 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 1, 2017 installment is August 1, 2017. 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...,” 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 a 30-day grace is to be paid or postmarked by August 1st. Taxes paid after August 1st will be charged 3% (1.5% per month to the 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, and personal check. You have the ability to use a debit or credit card at the counter. Please note the service fee to use a debit or credit card will remain. This is a convenience fee charged by the vendor that processes the cards. The question has been asked why is this fee charged when no fee is charged at the grocery store, gas stations, dining, and retail transactions? The answer to this question is that those establishments are businesses that absorb the cost as a business expense. Municipal government runs on a budget—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 are absorbed by that 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 and they will assist you with this transaction. The Tax Office cannot adjust your bill.

Capitol Update

Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61st District

Since I last wrote here in March, our state's financial outlook has significantly worsened. The estimated deficit for the next two year budget cycle has jumped to \$5.0 billion, a significant increase from the previous forecast of between \$3.0 and \$3.6 billion. In addition, the current year budget shortfall has now been revised to more than \$380 million, and is likely to be revised further before the June 30th end of the fiscal year. This will not only wipe out the \$236 million in the rainy day fund, but may possibly require the state to borrow money to meet its fiscal year-end financial obligations.

The principal reason for this downgrade is a significant drop in revenue, especially the income tax. Connecticut is highly dependent on its income tax (just under \$9.0 billion this year) to provide the largest source of revenue, with sales tax (about \$4.2 billion) being a distant second. Income tax receipts are experiencing their first major decline since the start of the Great Recession in 2008. Connecticut is losing population, and a significant portion of those leaving are those who pay the most. According to the governor's budget office, the state's 100 largest-income taxpayers paid 45 percent less this year than they did last year. But it's not just the highest earners who are leaving—it's our friends and neighbors who can't afford to live in our state anymore, may have better job opportunities elsewhere, or are simply tired of seeing their earnings effectively decline because the rate of tax increases have outstripped any pay increases they have received in recent years.

Despite some of the proposals coming from the majority party, we can't tax our way out of this problem. Our state's financial outlook is declining even after the two largest tax increases in the state's history were imposed in the last six years. This approach is clearly not working.

I wrote about the Governor's proposed budget in the last issue, which helped the state's finances by cutting town grants and pushing responsibility for a large portion of teachers' pensions onto the towns, thereby increasing property taxes (East Granby did not include the funds necessary for teachers' pensions in the recently approved budget since it appeared at the time that this policy may not be enacted). Since then, the Appropriations Committee failed to develop a budget that would garner enough votes to pass committee. However, Republican members of that committee created an alternate budget that we were willing to bring to a committee vote, but were refused the opportunity.

The Republican budget includes no tax increases and makes structural changes to ensure that our state can become more financially stable, and lays the groundwork for it to again prosper. I was a member of the team that created this budget, and our focus was to not just manipulate numbers but to base the budget on sound fiscal policy. Here are a few of the highlights:

- \$313 million less spending than the Governor's proposed budget
- Does not shift teachers' pension responsibilities to towns
- Creates a new and more equitable Education Cost Sharing formula that adds predictability for communities
- Restores a property tax credit for seniors and families
- Institutes a constitutional spending cap
- Does not implement tolls in Connecticut, yet does support infrastructure improvements
- Will result in a net increase in state grants to East Granby, including more in education funding, and will start special education assistance at the first dollar, not at 4.5 times the average per pupil cost

The budget debate is far from over, and negotiations at the leadership level will continue during the coming weeks. While I

am hopeful that many of our proposals will be adopted in the final budget, there is no guarantee that the final budget is something that I can support.

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.

East Granby Republicans

Results of the East Granby budget referendum are in. We voted to accept the budget as presented by a margin of 509 to 426. In addition to depleting the Town's reserve cash balance by \$1 million, homeowners can expect their property taxes to increase by more than 4%. Equally disappointing was voter turnout. Approximately 25% of eligible voters showed up to determine the size of our budget, and ultimately, what you will pay in taxes.

On a State level, the financial situation just got a lot worse. The latest revenue collections in April have fallen more than \$400 million less than projected just a month ago. This will likely mean even fewer dollars available in State aid to municipalities. The Connecticut emergency reserve fund at \$236 million will be completely depleted, so we will likely resort to our "credit card" to balance the budget this year.

Our Board of Education is not likely to pursue a collaboration with a neighboring high school. Despite having the third highest cost per student in the state (source: East Granby Efficiency Report), and Granby having one of the lowest cost per student (source: Granby Board of Education annual report), they stated that there will be no money saved. Costs used for the study were compiled by the Business Manager and the Superintendent. We should have a long term view on this, and need to consider the costs of required repairs to Allgrove School.

We have a very good school system in East Granby, but it can be even better. Completely ignored in the High School analysis was the potential benefit to the students such as: additional World Language classes; more extracurricular activities; additional sports; more Advanced Placement classes; and the potential of expanding our successful Asnuntuck program threefold to Granby students.

If you are looking for a change, be part of the solution and get involved. 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

The 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.

Budget season ended this year with approval of the budget on the first round of voting at the Referendum held May 3rd. For 2017-18, East Granby will increase spending by 1.24% to 22.3 million. Unfortunately, town revenue from the Governor's budget may drop 27% unless it is changed by the Legislature in the final approved budget later this year. Our Grand List of taxable property dropped by 1%. In addition, the town just approved teachers' and school administrators' contracts that provide a 3% salary increase every year. In order to contain the necessary property tax increase, the Board of Finance chose to take \$1 million from the "unallocated cash balance" which is the town's saving account while maintaining a 10% annual cash reserve for the fiscal ratings agencies. The rest of the deficit will be made up with an approximately 4.2% property tax increase. That's a 4.2% tax increase this year, and every year in perpetuity, in addition to the usual tax increase every year.

Unfortunately, Connecticut's taxpayers' woes don't end with that. The state budget has turned into a veritable nightmare. Earlier this month, Connecticut's anticipated revenues for the next two fiscal years were downgraded by \$1.46 billion because of eroding income tax receipts. Projected revenues now fall \$2.2 billion, or 11.3%, short of the funding needed to maintain current services in 2017-18. With an added deficit of \$2.7 billion, or 13.6% of the budget, in 2018-19 the biennial shortfall is \$5 billion, or nearly 25% of budgeted state spending. Further complicating matters, revenues for the current fiscal year are \$413 million below anticipated levels. This pushes state finances more than \$380 million in the red for the current year, far exceeding the state's entire emergency budget reserve.

Other issues currently in the works in East Granby town government are changes to the town ordinances and the revision of East Granby's ten 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)

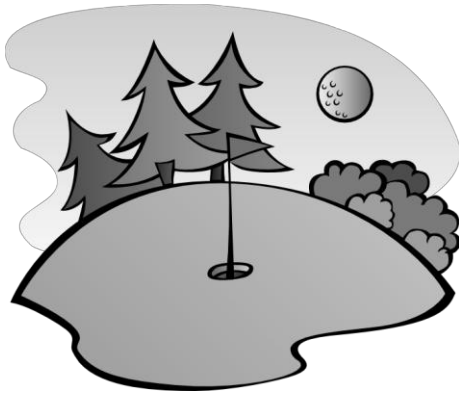
Lastly, the featured highlight of the East Granby Public Schools Efficiency Report completed at the end of last year was that East Granby's expenditure per high school pupil is third highest out of the state's 160+ school districts, and over 40% higher than the rest of East Granby's District Reference 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." So far, East Granby's Board of Education has been unwilling to move in that direction.

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 Monday, September 18th. 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 Little League Golf Benefit

All proceeds benefit the East Granby Little League
(Raffle donations are welcomed!)

Saturday, 9:00 AM, 6/24/17

Airways Golf Course, West Suffield, CT

- Scramble format – 9:00 AM Shotgun Start
- \$100 per golfer (4somes or singles welcome)
- Make checks out to: East Granby Little League



Send checks to:

Marc Dlugolenski
42 Griffin Road, East Granby, CT 06026
(860) 716-5790
email: marcd2114@comcast.net



Please Join
State Senator John A. Kissel, State Representatives
Tami Zawistowski & Scott Storms

along with the

Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs

for a

Connecticut Veterans Wartime
Service Medal Ceremony

Thursday, June 22, 2017

3:30pm

East Granby High School
95 South Main Street, East Granby

Event is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.



If you believe you are eligible for the Wartime Service Medal,
please contact Erika Pocock at (800) 842-1421 or at Erika.Pocock@cga.ct.gov.



friend to friend

Food Pantry & Thrift Shop

Thanks for these special events!

Our **Cabin Fever Appraisal & Auction** fundraiser in March was fabulous and we want to thank the individuals and businesses who donated to the auction and our generous friends who attended. Everyone raved about the delicious appetizers from James Chen, (owner of *@the Barn*, *Han Asian Cuisine* and *Table 570*) and mouth-watering desserts from Nota Yannios-Juengst, (award winning sugar artist, baker and owner of *Dolcé Mama Confections* in East Granby). Also, kudos to *Golden Gavel Auctions* of East Windsor, Representative Tami Zawistowski, Ed Zawistowski and John Burda who helped, advised and appraised. And, finally to our board members who supported, promoted and worked many hours on this new endeavor and successfully raised needed funds for the Food Pantry!

Another thanks to the **East Granby Middle School Student Council** who sponsored a fun basketball fundraiser for the Food Pantry this past March. Non-perishable food items and a check for \$245. was presented to the pantry by Joel Ziff, EGMS Student Council Advisor. **We are so grateful and proud to be part of a community where students of all ages get involved and develop fun and creative ways that provide help to their neighbors, thank you!**



Food Pantry

860.413.3328

- **In need of the following items:**
canned meat, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, soups and jelly.
- 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)

Our Hours:

Tuesday: 10-2 p.m., Thursday: 2-6 p.m.
Saturday: 10-2 p.m.

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

We accept gently used, seasonal clothing and small household items, donation receipts available at the shop.

We Need Volunteers!

See our Help Wanted Flyer.

For more info about the Food Pantry or Thrift Shop you can email us at friendtofriendthriftshop@gmail.com or call Social Services at 860.413.3328 or for volunteering call 860.392.8362 and leave a message with your name and number, or visit our web site at

www.friendtofriendeg.com

Thank you!



friend to friend

Food Pantry & Thrift Shop

Food Pantry and Thrift Shop

Please Help!

Can you (and your bestie) volunteer 1x a month or even 1x every other month? *Friend to Friend* is an all volunteer non profit and we need volunteers. No big commitment — you or you and your friend can volunteer together for one of three opportunities — you choose!

Friend to Friend Food Pantry Stock Room

- Average 2 hour commitment
- Replenish Food Pantry 'Store' with items from the stock room next door
- Flexible schedule can be done during the day or after hours

Friend to Friend Food Pantry Distribution

- Average 2 hour shift
- Assist Food Pantry clients with food pickup
- Wednesday evening (5:30–7:00) or Friday morning (9:30–11:00)

Friend to Friend Thrift Shop Associate

- Average 4 hour shift
- Oversee Thrift Shop during store hours: Tuesday 10-2, Thursday 2-6 and Saturday 10-2
- Arrange items in shop, sort contributions and make sales.

All volunteer opportunities will have training provided at the time you volunteer. Please call Sandy at **860.392.8362** for more information. You can also email us at friendtofriendthriftshop@gmail.com or contact us through our website, www.friendtofriendeg.com.

**Volunteering is a great way to get out of your own head, be an example to your child and do something for no other reason than to spread the positive.
Please volunteer and thank you for being a friend!**



ELDER SERVICES DIRECTORY

Adapted and prepared by the East Granby Commission on Aging

EMERGENCY: 911

Ambulance/Fire/Police

Resident State Police: 860-653-5385

TOWN OFFICES

Animal Control	860-668-3861
Assessor	860-653-2852
Building Department	860-653-3444
Commission on Aging	860-413-3334
Department of Public Works	860-653-6822
Library	860-653-3002
Mini-Bus	860-413-3327
Parks & Recreation	860-653-7660
Post Office – East Granby	860-653-6466
Selectman’s Office	860-653-2576
Senior Services	860-413-3334
Social Services	860-413-3328
Tax Collector	860-653-2004
Town Clerk	860-653-6528
Youth Services	860-653-7800

Permits for the landfill are available to Town Residents ONLY, and now are purchased at the landfill. The landfill is open Tuesday and Saturdays from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

LOCAL AND AREA SERVICE AGENCIES

Energy Assistance	860-413-3328
Good Samaritan Program	860-413-3328
Salvation Army	860-413-3328
Friend-to-Friend (Food Pantry & Thrift Store)	860-413-3328
Meals-on-Wheels	860-658-3700
Metacomet Homes Inc	860-653-5123
Transportation: Mini-Bus	860-413-3327
Elderly Tax Relief: (Renters...May 1-Sept 30) (Homeowners...Feb 1-May 15)	860-413.3328 860-653-2852

STATE AND FEDERAL SERVICES

CT Dept on Aging	866-218-6631
CT Dept of Social Services CT	855-626-6632
Dept of Rehabilitation Services (Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services)	860-571-7500
Dept of Veterans Affairs	860-616-3600
North Central Area on Aging	860-724-6443
Protective Services – Elderly	888-385-4225
Resilience Grows Here	860-352-2333
Social Security	800-772-1213
State Dept Consumer Protection	800-842-2649
2-1-1	

SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTOR:

Kelly Jacobs
860-413-3334

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR:

Elise Cosker
860-413-3328

THE COMMISSION ON AGING

Senior Services/ Senior Club Programs

Day Trips – Group outings to local points of interest

Western Line – Beginner and advanced instruction dance

Out-To-Lunch-Bunch – Join the group for lunch and fun

Craft Classes – Learn to make a homemade treasure

Intergenerational – Opportunities to work with our youth and get to experience and know our younger residents

Speakers – Insights into new programs and areas of new knowledge

Lunches – Bringing the community together to share a hearty meal as a group.

East Granby Senior Citizen Club

This Club is independent from the Commission on Aging and is led by an elected Board of Officers. All senior residents of East Granby and non-residents are eligible for membership at \$10.00 per year. The Club meets the second Friday of the month at 12:00 pm in the Community Center.

Meetings begin with a luncheon, followed by a monthly business meeting and a program or special entertainment. You may join this organization at any time during the year. Mini-Bus transport is available for those who cannot drive. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet others and form new friendships.

Like us on Facebook: East Granby Seniors Place



CLAM BAKE



Kick off the summer with our fourth annual Clam Bake complete with all the fixings!

Sponsored by the East Granby Senior Center

FRIDAY JUNE 16TH

5:00PM

EAST GRANBY SENIOR CENTER

Menu includes:

 Clams  Lobster  Chicken  Potatoes
 Corn on the cob  Rolls & Butter  Garden Salad
 Clam Chowder  Baked Beans  Watermelon & Cookies

Cost: \$30 per person / \$24 for seniors (60+)

Deadline to register/pay is Friday June 2nd

Space is limited so don't wait! Call

(860) 413-3334 or email Kellyj@egtownhall.com to register

Mail or drop off your payment to Senior/Community Center

Make checks payable to COA

East Granby Senior Services, Box 1858,

East Granby, CT 06026



**The Clam Bake will be followed by the free
Parks & Recreation kick off to summer concert
featuring Michael Ciulla, an old fashioned crooner singing classic
favorites including Dean Martin & Perry Como**

6:00-7:30pm

You don't want to miss it!



Thank You

**To the Businesses, Organizations, & Individuals who supported
East Granby High School Project Graduation 2017**

**AMK Hose & Fittings LLC
Beacon Ridge Pet Resort
Bloomfield Foot Specialists, LLC
Burke Precision Machine Company, Inc.
Coherent/Nufern
Copper Hill United Methodist Women
Day Hill Kennels
Dr. Robert Gange
East Granby Congregational Church
East Granby Family Practice, LLC
East Granby Lion's Club
East Granby Soccer Association
East Granby Women's Club
East Granby Youth Services
G.B. Hastie Fence, Inc
Geissler's Supermarket
Grass Roots Ice Cream
Hayes-Huling & Carmon
In Memory of Caitlyn Roy (class of 2006)
and Matt Fournier(class of 2005)
Joining Technologies, Inc.
Kallai Designs**

**Ron & Cheryl Kilby
Lenkeit Construction LLC
McKenna Orthodontics
Nemeth Appraisals LLC
Newgate Builders, Inc
Northwest Community Bank
Roncari Express Valet Parking
Rotary Club of Windsor/Windsor Locks
RSCC Wire & Cable, LLC
Sacred Heart Parish
Safety Solution Consultants, Inc
Salmon Brook Veterinary Hospital
Simtech, Inc.
Sotil Tree Service, LLC
The Christopher Bryant Company
The First National Bank of Suffield
Thomas Nigro & Son Well Contractors
Town of East Granby Park & Recreation
Valley Barber Shop Tariffville
Windsor Federal Savings
Windsor Locks Federal Credit Union
Ed & Tami Zawistowski**

**Our Graduating Seniors will enjoy a substance free Overnight Adventure immediately
following Graduation on June 19, 2017.**

**It's not too late to contribute! Contributions can be made to
EG Project Graduation
PO Box 234
East Granby, CT 06026**

Thank You!

SAVE THE DATE

East Granby Parks
& Recreation
Presents...

THE BEATLES



FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Town Center Pavilion

TRIBUTE BAND

TICKET TO RIDE

LAST BLAST OF SUMMER – FREE FAMILY CONCERT



Free Roaming
Railroad Rides!



Free Bounce House!

East Granby Fire Marshal's Office Safety Tips

FIRE EXTINGUISHER SAFETY TIPS

A fire extinguisher is something that most people do not think of until the time comes that it is needed. A home fire extinguisher can make a large difference on small fires but if it is not maintained properly, it will be of little use when it is needed. Home fire extinguishers should be checked on a monthly basis. While checking them ensure the following:

- They are accessible for use
- All of the seals are intact and the safety pin is present
- The cylinder is completely charged
- There is no damage, corrosion, clogged nozzles, or leakage
- Keep a record of when you checked it, this will assist you in remembering to do it every month

Having the correct fire extinguisher is vitally important as using an improper extinguisher type can have little to no effect on a fire and can at times make the problem worse for you. The following are the standard types of fire extinguishers:

- Class A – ordinary combustibles (wood, paper, etc...)
- Class B – Flammable liquids
- Class C – Energized electrical
- Class D – Flammable metals
- Class K – Cooking oils

Many extinguishers are rated for more than one class, with an ABC rating being the most common for residential applications. The size of the extinguisher is also important; it needs to be large enough to accomplish its task but also light enough for you to handle at the same time.

Before the time comes that you need to use the extinguisher, read the manufacturer's instructions on its use. A simple acronym for extinguisher use is PASS:

- **P** – Pull the safety pin
- **A** – Aim the extinguisher nozzle at the base of the flames from at least six feet away
- **S** – Squeeze the handle and hold it
- **S** – Sweep the extinguisher side to side until the extinguisher is empty or the fire is extinguished.

If you have any questions regarding fire extinguisher please call our office or e-mail us:

860-653-3444

JohnL@egtownhall.com

KennethB@egtownhall.com

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.

• **HoMedics Recalls Massagers Due to Electric Shock and Burn Hazards**

This recall involves three models of handheld massagers, HHP-375H, HHP-250, and the PA-MH-THP. All manufacturing dates for the listed models are included in the recall and the item date code can be found in either one of the cord prongs or on the rating label located on the underside of the product. These products were sold at Bed Bath & Beyond, Macy's, Rite Aid, Walmart, and many other stores.

HoMedics has received reports of exposed wires, sparks, smoke, and some flames coming from the units. Consumers should stop using the products and contact HoMedics for a refund credit at 888-803-0509.

• **EZDRY Food Dehydrators recalled Due to Fire and Burn Hazards**

This recall involves white, EZDRY, six tray food dehydrators. EZDRY and the model number EPD60W are printed on a white label on the bottom of the unit. These products are marked with Date Code: 2116, 2416, or 3316 engraved on the bottom of the unit. These products were sold at Kohl's and online at Amazon.

There have been numerous reports of fires from these units. Residents should stop using these products and contact Greenfield at 877-881-0065 for refund or replacement.

SMOKE DETECTORS

A simple reminder to all residents that the East Granby Fire Marshal's Office has a smoke detector and battery replacement program. This program is 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

❶ Grocery, Pharmacy & Banking every Wednesday

❷ 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.

❸ 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~ JUNE 5TH, JULY 3RD, AUGUST 7TH 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! **LAST CLASS for the summer will be June 13th. We will start back up in September.**

SHOPPING TRIPS:

- MAY 22ND, JUNE 26TH—MRS. MURPHY'S & OCEAN STATE JOB LOT
- JUNE 5TH, JULY 17TH, AUGUST 7TH —TARGET, PETCO, DOLLAR STORE
- JUNE 12TH, JULY 24TH, AUGUST 21ST WALMART
- JUNE 19TH – TANGER OUTLETS/BILL'S SEAFOOD
- JULY 3RD - ENFIELD
- JULY 10TH - CHRISTMAS TREE SHOP

*** HEARING CLINIC ***

Thursday July 13th 1:00PM-3:00PM at the East Granby Senior Center. Dr. Christine DiRienzo A.U.D. and her team will be offering hearing testing, wax removal, hearing aide cleanings and minor repairs. FREE at the East Granby Senior Center. **Appointments can be made by calling (860) 413-3334.**

SENIOR CENTER TRIPS AND PROGRAMS

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.**

FRIDAY JUNE 16TH—4th Annual Clam Bake & Summer Concert -You don't want to miss this wonderful event! Join us for a delicious dinner complete with all the fixings including:

- Lobster •Clams •Chicken •Potatoes •Corn on the Cob •Rolls & Butter
- Garden Salad •Clam Chowder •Baked Beans •Watermelon & Cookies

Dinner begins at 5:00pm at the East Granby Senior Center. Cost is \$30 per person \$24 for seniors (60+). The deadline to register/pay is Friday June 2nd.

The clam bake will be followed by the Parks & Recreation kick off to summer concert featuring Michael Ciulla, an old fashioned crooner singing classic favorites including Dean Martin & Perry Como.

6:00-7:30pm

You don't want to miss it!

Be on the lookout for the summer edition of the Senior Moments newsletter featuring all our programs and trips for June, July and August!

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

EAST GRANBY PARKS & RECREATION



PO Box 1858, East Granby CT 06026 *860-653-7660* www.eastgranbyrec.com

Time to register for Summer Trips and Programs!

Go to www.eastgranbyrec.com for more camps & additional information!

TRIPS

Boston Red Sox vs New York Yankees – Friday, August 11

Bronx Zoo – Monday, August 21

Boston Red Sox vs Baltimore Orioles – Friday, August 25

CAMPS

Camp Granbrook – 8 sessions beginning Tuesday, June 20

Super Sneaker Fun Camp – 3 sessions to choose from.

Summer Horsemanship at Maple View Farm – 6 sessions to choose from.

Entry, Sport & Champion Level Golf – 4 sessions to choose from.

Performing Arts Summer Program – June 20 – June 23

Skyhawks – Tiny Hawks – Soccer & Basketball June 20-23 & July 24-28

Splish Splash Art Blast – June 26 – July 30

STEM Challenge Lego Camp – July 10-14

Basketball: Wins for Life – July 10-14

Skyhawks – Flag Football 7/17-7/20

What's Cooking Junior Chef? – July 17-21 & July 31- August 4

ART-ventures for kids with Pigasso and Mootisse – July 24 – July 28

Basketball World Coed Camp August 7-11

Rockin Rocks & Brixology (Mad Science) – August 14-18



Annual Fund 2017

Please Support
Our Important
Community
Treasure.

Your gift will make a difference!

Thru Hiking the Appalachian Trail

with Sam Ducharme

"Not All Those Who Wander Are Lost"
J.R.R. Tolkien

Thursday, June 22nd at 6:30pm

Book Talk with Author
Margaret Webster
at the East Granby Public Library

Thursday, June 8th at 7:00pm

What happens when an upbeat, sociable, single, empty nester in midlife, outdoor enthusiast, critter gal, science geek, history buff, treasure hunter with an addiction to brown signs and the wanderlust, embarks on a 4 month road trip in her Chevy pickup truck, loaded with a tent, kayak, bicycle, 5 changes of clothes, her laptop, and cell phone with Verizon service, by herself, that essentially turned into a 4 year road trip?

The East Granby Public Library is excited to display
William Hudghton Hoey's
beautiful watercolor paintings for the month of June. He studied Technical Illustrating at Glasgow School of Art in Scotland, the place of his birth. He is a member of the Tobacco Valley Artists Association located in Enfield, and the newly formed CRVA, Connecticut River Valley Artists and a member of the Connecticut Watercolor Society. There will be a list of paintings that are for sale.

Join Personal Life Coach
Naomi Rafalowitz
for a

One Hour Introduction to a Coaching Session:
Creating the Life You Want!
Wednesday, June 7th, at 7:00pm

NEW on the computers in the Children's Room= **Bookflix**-an online literacy resource that pairs classic video storybooks from Weston Woods with related nonfiction eBooks from Scholastic to build a love of reading and learning.

Every Child is An Artist

Summer Reading Program!!
Watch our web site for details on events this summer to encourage daily reading & creating NEW art forms.
Kick - off
Wed., June 28th.

- Afternoon at the Movies
- Wednesdays at 1:00pm**
May 24th
"Collateral Beauty"
PG-13, 97 min
Retreating from life after a tragedy
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- May 31st
"The Founder"
PG-13, 115 min
Struggling salesman turns eatery into biggest restaurant business in the world.
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- June 7th
"I Am Not Your Negro"
PG-13, 94min
Examination of race in America
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- June 14th
"The Last Word"
R, 108min
An unexpected friendship that began at the end

Cans Film Festival!

Saturday, May 20th
at 10am
Monster Trucks (PG)
at 12pm
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find them (PG13)
Popcorn will be served.
Please bring a canned or non-perishable food item for the East Granby Food Pantry.

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)	6/6, 7/5, 8/1
Conservation 7:00 (TH).....	6/7, 7/5, 8/2
Board of Education 7:00 (AS)	5/22, 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/14
Economic Development 7:00 (TH)	5/22, 6/26
Elementary School Committee	As Needed
Board of Finance 7:30	6/13, 7/18, 8/15
Parks & Recreation 7:00 (EGF).....	6/1, 8/3
Planning & Zoning 7:00 (TH).....	6/13, 7/11
Board of Selectmen 6:30 (TH).....	5/24, 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9
Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 (TH).....	6/6, 7/11, 8/1
Youth Services Bureau 6:30 (EGF).....	6/19, 7/17, 8/21

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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