



Let's Talk Turkey

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Autumn, A Colorful Time of Year

As we get into the month of October, the forests and mountains will be alive with color, but you don't have to drive out of town to appreciate the season. We in East Granby are fortunate to have beautiful natural amenities such as the Greenway, East Granby Farms, Granbrook and Cowles Parks, along with the Metacomet Trail within town borders!

State Budget Update: Unfortunately, as I write this, we do not have a state budget. Hopefully when this edition of *Let's Talk Turkey* reaches your doorstep, the legislature and the Governor will have figured things out and passed a balanced budget. Recent press reports of budget negotiations indicate that, while state revenue for East Granby will be lower than we received last year, it may not be reduced as drastically as in the Governor's August budget.

It's Happening Right Here in East Granby: October is always a busy month with a lot of worthwhile activities in town such as the 17th Annual **Empty Bowls Fundraiser** to be held October 21st, **Soccer Under the Lights** at the High School on October 27th, and the **Old Newgate Prison Halloween** on October 27th and 28th. For more information, please see the articles within this edition. Thanks to all our volunteers who make East Granby a great place to live!

September is Emergency Preparedness Month: Every year, as the evenings get crisp and winter is almost upon us, I provide preparedness tips and reminders for residents. It is recommended by the experts that you create a basic emergency supply kit that includes the following:

- One gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation.
- At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food, medicine, or any special need items including diapers for infants.
- Flashlight, extra batteries, first aid kit, battery-powered or hand crank radio, and a whistle to signal for help.
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter, or solar charger.
- Food and litter requirements for any pets.

Don't forget to have a family emergency plan with an out-of-town-contact since sometimes it's easier to reach someone via long distance than locally. Also, you should program your cell phone with "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) and teach your family members text messaging.

The Town's reverse 911 phone system is used to communicate with residents in the case of a severe emergency. All white page phone listings are automatically included in the system but if you want to be contacted on your cell and/or work phone you can use the "Citizen Alert" button in the middle of the Town homepage at www.eastgranbyct.org and register your phones. You can also subscribe to www.ct.gov/ctalert to register for statewide emergency alerts.

EAST GRANBY EMERGENCY INFORMATION

SHELTER / EVACUATION	Senior/Community Center (20 Center Street)
POLICE – EMERGENCY	Dial 911
POLICE – NON-EMERGENCY	(860) 653-5385 or (860) 653-4956
TOWN HALL	(860) 653-2576 or (860) 413-3301
SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER	(860) 653-4371
EVERSOURCE (Electric Outages)	1-800-286-2000 or sign up for alerts on their website
STATE INFORMATION	Dial 211
TOWN INFORMATION ON TV	WFSB Channel 3

Municipal Elections – Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 7th from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM at our traditional polling place, the Senior/Community Center. This year's election cycle is for municipal boards and commissions. As you know, voting is an important civic responsibility, so please exercise your right to vote and be informed about the candidates.

Enjoy the Season!
Jim Hayden, First Selectman

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Police Update

East Granby Resident Trooper Office

The State of Connecticut has been plagued in 2016 and 2017 with stolen motor vehicles as well as unlocked vehicles being entered with the valuables being stolen. Unfortunately, East Granby has not been exempt from these issues and the East Granby Resident Trooper Office is working hard to address the issue. Please continue to stay vigilant and report any suspicious people, vehicles, or activity to the police. Also, please be sure to lock your vehicles when not in use (during the day and at night), always remove valuables from your vehicle, do not leave your keys in your vehicle, and call the police if you believe someone has entered your vehicle. Residents can report any suspicious people or vehicles to the East Granby Resident Trooper office. Please try to provide as much information as possible to include description, clothing, plate number, etc. Contact the East Granby Resident Trooper office at (860) 653-5385 with any questions or concerns.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, October 28th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM for the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. There will be a collection site at the East Granby Resident Trooper Office for any old or unused prescription medications to be safely disposed.

Also, with school back in session and as we approach the fall, please help our community keep the roads safe. With an increase of school buses on the roads, fewer daylight hours, and fallen leaves on the roadway, we urge all residents to please slow down and drive safely. Year to date through August 31st, the East Granby Resident Trooper office has issued 878 citations for motor vehicle violations with a large majority of those being for speeding. The office has also investigated 91 motor vehicle accidents and conducted 126 other criminal investigations. Please remember to slow down, drive safely, and report any suspicious activity to the East Granby Resident Trooper office at (860) 653-5385 or by dialing 911 if it's an emergency.

Personal Property Declarations

All owners of taxable business personal property are required to file declarations of such property with the assessor of the town where the property is located on the October 1, 2017 assessment date. This declaration is due to the East Granby Assessor's Office by November 1st. Failure to declare will result in a 25% penalty.

Items to be declared include: non-registered motor vehicles, snowmobiles, and trailers; horses and ponies not used in farming; business furniture and fixtures; farming machinery and tools; mechanics tools; electronic data processing equipment; and leased equipment and machinery. All in-home businesses must declare personal property. Real estate and registered motor vehicles are not included in these declarations.

Declaration forms are available at the Assessor's Office in Town Hall. Please call (860) 653-2852 with questions or for more information.

Absentee Ballots Available

Absentee Ballots will be available on Friday, October 6th for the November 7th municipal election. Absentee ballots are available for any election, primary, or referendum and can be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office. Absentee ballots are available to qualified voters unable to vote on voting day for the following reasons:

- Illness or physical disability
- Absence from town during all voting hours
- Religious beliefs forbidding secular activity on voting day
- Serving as an elected official
- Active service in armed forces

Please call the Town Clerk's Office at (860) 653-6528 if you need further information.

Rubber Duck Derby Results

It was a perfect day for a Rubber Duck Race at Granbrook Park on September 10th. After months of exhaustive training, the ducks were able to show the fans lining the shoreline what they could do. There was a mad dash to the finish line to be one of the ten winning ducks.



As the anxious ducks were positioned on top of the bike bridge ready to be released, the crowd started their countdown. The tension rose as 1000 ducks began falling, falling toward the angry rushing waters of Salmon Brook. They had to recover from the shock of hitting the water at high speed, surface, and figure out which way to swim. Some figured it out early and started their sprint to the finish line. Others took longer to get their bearings. But some of the leaders got hung up along the ropes lining the racecourse and other ducks passed them by. Ducks that were injured in the fall had to be repaired with "duck tape" and were placed in "lame duck status" after the race.

The winners were:

- 1st Place (\$500) – Duck # 0020
- 2nd Place (\$250) – Duck #0398
- 3rd Place (\$100) – Duck #0634
- 4th Place (4 Lions Turkey Dinner Tickets) – Duck #0732

Fifth Place through 10th Place were all awarded \$25 gift certificates to area restaurants. They were Duck numbers 0197, 0438, 0614, 0267, 0310, and 0649.

The East Granby Lions want to thank all the people who adopted ducks for the race and especially all those who attended the event at Granbrook Park. Also, many thanks to Mark Okasante and his Cruise Night crew who once again expertly dumped the ducks off the bridge and also donated the kettle corn. And thanks to our sponsors who donated prizes, especially The Cracker Barrel Pub and Gio's Pizzeria. See you all next year at the Derby!

2nd Annual E.G. Alumni & Friends Event

Please come join us for some food, music, and fun! Anyone who attended an East Granby School is welcome! It's a wonderful chance to visit with friends you haven't seen since high school or even grammar school! Last year's event was lots of fun!

The event takes place at Granbrook Park on Saturday, October 14th from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. Come for the day or just stop by for a little while. Bring the whole family or just yourself. The event takes place rain or shine. It's potluck so bring a dish to share and your own beverages are encouraged!

If you provided an e-mail address at last year's event you should receive info via e-mail. Look for more information on Facebook, or you may contact Kevin Bach at ecbachk@comcast.net.

Annual Cub Scout Food Drive

Help East Granby Cub Scouts Pack 70 learn the joy of helping those less fortunate—donate to their annual Food Drive on Saturday, October 28th! Scouts will be delivering donation bags to all East Granby neighborhoods on the morning of Saturday, October 21st. Donation collections will begin promptly at 8:00 AM on October 28th. Canned meats, vegetables, and fruits are among the most ideal items to contribute, as well as cereal, pasta sauce, and toilet paper. All donations support the Friend to Friend Food Pantry, located at the East Granby Congregational Church. Your help is greatly appreciated!



Historical Society News

Cookbook Project

We are starting to collect your favorite family recipes, particularly those with special memories or perhaps a bit of local or historical interest. We hope to gather enough to publish a cookbook for resale. Please include a brief story or dedication associated with each recipe. Mail to Rick Woods, P.O. Box 67, East Granby, CT 06026 or e-mail rickwoods4@cox.net.



Programs and Membership

Our first program featured Edgar Allen Poe reenactor Campbell Harmon on September 18th. The remaining fall events scheduled at Old New-Gate Prison are the Irish music concert with the Jolly Beggars on September 23rd and An Old New-Gate Halloween on October 27th and 28th. We encourage everyone to attend and/or volunteer to assist at these events. Contact Nancy Moody with questions at (860) 653-2866 or moodynancy@att.net. New members are most welcome at any time! Please check out our website at www.eastgranby.com/historicalsociety or pick up a brochure at Town Hall, East Granby Public Library, or Senior/Community Center. The Historical Society barn/museum (at East Granby

Farms, North Main Street) has two remaining scheduled openings for the season: Sunday, September 24th and Sunday, October 8th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Appointments may be scheduled for other times by contacting Nancy Moody.

East Granby Land Trust

Fall Hike

On Saturday, October 21st from 9:00 AM to noon, join the East Granby Land Trust (EGLT) on a moderate hike up the Metacomet Trail from Tunxis Avenue in East Granby up to the ridge overlooking the Farmington River, Tariffville, and the hills beyond. The hike is two miles each way. Wear appropriate footwear and bring water to drink. Park at the end of Tunxis Avenue off of Spoonville Road. The hike will begin promptly at 9:00 AM. Contact programs@eglt.org for more information.

Birds of Prey and Annual Meeting

The EGLT and the East Granby Public Library will present "Wingmasters and North American Birds of Prey" on Thursday, November 2nd. Jim Parks and Julie Anne Collier will bring one of their rescued raptors to the presentation. This program will run from 7:00 to 8:00 PM at the Library followed by the EGLT annual meeting.

East Granby Veterans

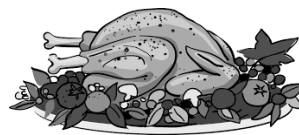
Thanks to all who came out and donated, volunteered, and bought items at our annual tag sale. We so appreciate the support our wonderful community gives to us!

On Aug 29th, Commissioner Sean Connolly came and spoke to the East Granby Veterans about the services that the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs provides, as well as the many events that happen monthly. To check these out go to www.veterans.CT.gov or call 1-866-9CT-VETS.

We meet at Gio's Pizzeria on the last Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Come out and join us. Our e-mail is EastGranbyCTVeterans@gmail.com. Thanks!

Annual Turkey Supper

The East Granby Congregational Church will hold its annual Turkey Supper with all the fixings on Saturday, November 4th at the Church. Seatings will be at 5:00 PM and 6:30 PM. Prices are: Adult – \$15.00, Senior – \$14.00, Children 6-12 years – \$10.00, Children five years and under are free. For reservations, please call (860) 658-0593. It's early, but mark your calendars!



East Granby Cemetery Association

Fall is the perfect time to take a leisurely walk through the East Granby Center Cemetery. One can enjoy the cooler weather, beautiful hydrangeas, and interesting variety of headstones. Now let's, for a moment, leave our small cemetery and focus on the cemetery which has the second largest number of people buried



of any national cemetery in the United States—the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. There are many interesting facts about this cemetery that most people are unaware of.

“The cemetery property is on the former grounds of Arlington House, the mansion of George Washington Parke Curtis, the adopted grandson of President George Washington, and his wife, Mary Lee Fitzhugh. Curtis selected English architect George Hadfield to design the mansion atop a hill overlooking Washington, D.C. Curtis built the house in stages, first the north wing in 1802, the south wing in 1804, and finally the central section connecting the two in 1818.

In 1831, the couple's only child (to survive to adulthood), Mary Anna Randolph Curtis, married a childhood friend and distant cousin, Robert E. Lee, at Arlington House. Mary and George Curtis lived at Arlington until their deaths in 1853 and 1857, respectively, passing the property on to Mary Anna. Although Robert E. Lee never owned the property, he and Mary Anna lived there until 1861 when Virginia seceded from the Union and Lee took command of the Virginia State Military while Mary Anna took safety elsewhere. Lee never returned to Arlington House. After Virginia seceded from the Union on May 23, 1861, Union troops crossed the Potomac River from the national capital and occupied the 200-acre property and house.

In 1864, Mary Lee (confined to a wheelchair because of severe rheumatoid arthritis) sent a representative instead of appearing personally to pay the \$92.07 tax bill, but the government seized the property and proposed that it be used for a new military cemetery. Washington, D.C. was teeming with dead soldiers and out of burial space. To ensure that the Lees could never return to the house, graves were placed as close as possible to the house, and in 1866 the remains of 2,111 unknown Civil War soldiers killed on battlefields near Washington, D.C., were placed inside a vault in the Lees' rose garden!

More than a decade after Lee's death, the Supreme Court ruled that the U.S. government had seized his estate without due process and ordered it returned to his family in the same condition as when it was illegally confiscated. If followed, the ruling could have required the exhumation of all of Arlington's dead, but instead Lee's son officially sold the property to Congress for \$150,000 in 1883.” The United States Department of the Army controls Arlington National Cemetery, and the National Park Service administers Arlington House. There are many more interesting facts and stories about one of the most sacred pieces of ground in America!

The East Granby Cemetery Association is a small group of volunteers who oversee the maintenance and preservation of the Center Cemetery. If you would like information about the Association, please call John Rusnock, President, at (860) 653-2194. To make a donation toward upkeep of the cemetery, please make your check payable to “East Granby Cemetery Association” and mail to Carol Mathis (Secretary), 61 Cider Mill Hts., North Granby, CT 06060. We appreciate your support!

Women's Club of East Granby

The Women's Club of East Granby welcomes all women aged 18 and over to our next meeting on October 4th at 7:00 PM, to

be held at Gio's Restaurant in East Granby. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month to review our current fundraisers and social events, brainstorm new ideas, and enjoy each

other's company. Our goal is to provide service to our community, promote social and educational opportunities, and enjoy good fellowship. Some of the community events that we run or support include Empty Bowls, the East Granby Golf Outing, Winter Wonderland, and the East Granby Ridge Run 5K. The money we raise goes back to our town in contributions to the public library, our schools, the food pantry, the fuel bank, and many other local organizations.

We love to have new members with fresh ideas that keep our club always evolving. Come to our next meeting (bring a friend) and see what we're all about. Check us out at www.womensclubeg.org or visit us on Facebook.

Youth and Family Therapy

The start of the school year can bring anxiety as well as excitement as students adjust to new routines, classes, and schedules. The East Granby Youth



Services Bureau offers counseling services addressing emotional, behavioral, and mental health issues as part of its mission to serve and support

the youth of East Granby. Counseling is available for resident youth under the age of age 18 and their families. 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.

East Granby Social Services

The fall/winter office hours for East Granby Social Services are Monday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Tuesday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and Thursday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Times outside these hours are available by appointment. For more information about any of the programs below or to apply, please contact Elise Cosker, Director of Social Services, at (860) 413-3328 or elise@egtownhall.com.

Back to School Backpack Program

I would like to take a moment to thank all of those residents who helped us to successfully complete our 2017 back to school program! We were able to provide 30 students with all the supplies needed to start the school year. In addition to backpacks and supplies, we were able to distribute 20 Payless Shoe gift cards provided through our connection with the Salvation Army. I appreciate all of the support and willingness to help out especially during the last few weeks of summer.

Energy Assistance

Applications will be accepted after September 25th from residents of East Granby who wish to apply for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program. This program is designed to help lower income households offset the winter heating costs incurred after September 1st. Operation Fuel is currently accepting summer applications through October 31st. This program provides emergency energy assistance to lower-income families and elderly residents. If you have a shut-off notice, no utility service, need assistance with making a required payment on your payment plan, or have a past due balance of 30 days or more, you may be eligible.

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 are in need of food assistance or are interested in becoming a volunteer at the pantry or thrift store please contact Social Services.



Fuel Bank

The East Granby Fuel Bank provides emergency assistance to income eligible residents with home heating costs. 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 with various tasks such as handyman jobs, yard maintenance, grocery shopping, and friendly visits. 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.

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.

Renter's Rebate

The Elderly/Totally Disabled Renters rebate program is closing on September 30th. 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. For more information about any of these programs or to apply, please contact Social Services at (860) 413-3328.

Capitol Update

Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61st District

At the time I am writing this, it is more than two months into the fiscal year and we do not yet have a state budget. During this time, Governor Malloy has been running the state by executive order. The Legislature has been called in for a vote on September 14th, but we have not yet seen the budget we may be voting on. The House and Senate Democrats, who control the agenda, have not yet released any complete budgets for review and a potential vote. The House and Senate Republicans, who have produced several fully vetted and balanced budgets beginning as early as last April, will be releasing yet another revised balanced budget before September 14th, and have been actively participating in bipartisan budget talks since they began earlier this year.

On September 6th, House and Senate Republican leaders sent a letter to the House and Senate Democrat leaders making it clear where Republicans stand on key issues. The letter focused on a basic budget principle I have long supported—to identify and enact long-needed structural changes to not only improve Connecticut's short-term fiscal outlook, but to build a stable financial foundation for the future. These changes include meaningful municipal mandate relief, a constitutional spending cap and bonding cap, mandatory legislative votes on labor contracts, a prioritized transportation infrastructure improvement plan, deficit mitigation reform, greater transparency of Medicaid services, improved access to employment training programs, vital support services for families who truly need assistance, greater efficiencies in the Department of Transportation and Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (as well as many other areas), and a requirement that the UConn Health Center seek private partnerships.

On September 8th, Governor Malloy, who has been running the state through executive orders, offered his own compromise budget. The proposal does restore a modest portion of education aid to some communities—including East Granby—that were totally eliminated under his previous mandate. But the proposal still contains education aid cuts—something our town really can't

afford given the high cost of our small local school system. The Governor has made it very clear that his long-term goal is to move education aid from smaller communities like East Granby and shift it to cities such as Hartford, New Haven, and Bridgeport and has indicated that his current proposal is only the first step in a phase-in of a more “progressive” education funding formula.

In addition, the Governor’s “compromise” still requires towns to pay for a portion of the Connecticut Teachers Retirement Fund (CTRF) that was previously covered by the state. The CTRF has not been fully funded since it was started in the 1930s and will require massive increases in annual state contributions over the next 5-15 years, peaking at over \$6 billion per year in 2032, well above the current level of about \$1 billion. While our municipalities benefit from having good teachers, local educator contracts have been negotiated under the heavy weight of binding arbitration laws imposed by the state, and the ability of towns to obtain favorable terms from unions representing both teachers and administrators has been limited because of those laws. Requiring municipal payment of even just the current employer contributions under the CTRF is unfair to our towns—and worse yet—opens the door to municipalities being mandated to cover more and more of these costs as the state obligation to CTRF continues its steep climb.

While there are still areas of disagreement—principally on the need and urgency for structural reforms as well as the significant tax and fee increases proposed by both the Governor and House Democrats—it is still my sincere hope that by the time this is published, we will have passed a balanced budget that protects our taxpayers, municipalities, schools, businesses, and those who truly need to rely on a social safety net and enacts the necessary structural changes to help ensure that our state’s children and grandchildren will not be burdened with similar fiscal crises in the future.

To stay informed, I encourage you to visit my website, www.RepZawistowski.com, for news and the opportunity to sign up for e-newsletters. 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 e-mail at Tami.Zawistowski@housegop.ct.gov.

News from The Democrats

The town wide municipal elections will be held on November 7th and the Democrats have a fantastic group of candidates! Headed by Jim Hayden as First Selectman and Joe Doering as candidate for Selectman, the whole team looks forward to building on the many town improvements seen over the last few years.

All of the members of the Democratic team are focused on the need to maintain the excellent quality of our town and education system in a fiscally responsible way. Look for more information on all the candidates as the fall progresses.

Our next Democratic Town Committee meetings will be October 19th in the Senior/Community Center at 7:30 PM. If you cannot attend and would like to volunteer or get more information you can visit our Facebook page, “East Granby Democrats,” or e-mail Democratic Town Committee Chairman Mike Malloy directly at mikemalloy07@gmail.com.

East Granby Republicans

As this is being written, one historic hurricane has ravaged Texas, and a second record breaking one is bearing down on Florida. Still another one is making its way across the Atlantic. Most of us have family or friends in these states. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those affected. Two worthy and trusted sources for your donations are the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. In times of trouble, we are all one, and there should be no boundaries between us.

Local elections are coming in November. The Republican Board of Education team will promote full transparency to our education system, and will work to institute the highest education standards for our children. Our candidates include veteran board members and passionate new comers, including: Robert Crocker, Oliver Davis, John Ziobro, Lucia Ziobro.

The State of Connecticut budget process is in crisis. This uncertainty will surely affect the amount of funds received from the State. The Republican candidates for Board of Finance are committed to limiting the damage done by promoting fiscal responsibility in use of our tax dollars. Our candidates include: Mark Porter (currently BOF Vice-Chairman), James Grenon-Francoline (former BOE member).

The Republican candidate for First Selectman has resided in East Granby longer than our current one, and is committed to creating suitable business growth to reduce our tax burden. Running for Board of Selectmen include: John Burda (First Selectman), John Ziobro (veteran BOS member).

Preserving our cultural history and protecting our property rights are these dedicated Republican candidates for Planning and Zoning: Thomas Derlinga and Angela Ciottone, John Corcoran and William O’Neill (Zoning Board of Appeals).

On Monday, August 28th, our Board of Education held a “meet and greet” event at the East Granby High School library. Twenty-one educational professionals have joined our school system, with nearly two-thirds being new to the district. We offer them our best wishes and success in their positions. Our only disappointment was that this event was not better publicized so that the entire community could engage with our newest members.

Our town is a very small one, numbering about 5200 adults and children. As such, we are all committed to make our town thrive and prosper. We need all citizens working toward understanding the needs of everyone, and commitment to common goals. Unlike much larger communities, every vote counts. We look forward to your support for the Republican team in November.

For more information about these candidates, please go to our web site: www.egrepublicans.com. If you would like to make East Granby even better, please contact Lee Sandora at (860) 798-4916 or via e-mail at lsandoraeg@gmail.com. The East Granby RTC welcomes all Republicans to our meetings, which are held at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of the month at the Senior/Community center. Come join us!

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.

At a time of historic cuts in state aid to towns necessitated by Connecticut's disastrous fiscal condition (ranked 49th out of the 50 states), budget season in East Granby ended with continued expansion of town spending: Approval of teachers' and school administrators' contracts with annual 3% raises; a 4.2% property tax increase; plus withdrawal of \$1 million from the town's saving's account, thereby drawing down the account to the minimum 10% cash reserve for the fiscal ratings agencies and eliminating our emergency spending cushion. At the state level, economic policy has led to an erosion of income tax receipts, resulting in a budget shortfall of \$5 billion over the next two years, or nearly 25% of budgeted state spending. On July 31st, the state legislature, in a party line vote, approved Governor Malloy's attempt to solve the state fiscal calamity by making a deal with state unions and extending a host of extravagant government union benefits through 2027.

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 CREC 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.

Municipal elections for town offices will be held this year on election day, November 7th. Get out and support your candidate—or better, run for office yourself, to give the town electorate real choice! We need to reign in town spending in order prepare for major cuts in state spending. Vote in the referendums, municipal elections, and at town meetings. In East Granby, every vote counts, literally—referendums, elections, and town meeting votes are often decided by margins of as little as two to four votes! 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. Do whatever you can to help keep our town government oriented responsibly and encourage them to put together a good strong economic development profile for the community. 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, October 16th. 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.

Board of Education Efficiency Study

On June 14th, the East Granby Board of Education published in the *Message to the East Granby Community*, the conclusions drawn from the findings and responses to the recommendations of the Efficiency Study commissioned in 2015. The Board of Education's full report may be viewed at <https://www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us/board-education/efficiency-study-2015/>.



Highlighted in the Board's report are the conclusions that: (1) regarding recommendation 2.2, there is no excess capacity in the high school—gymnasiums, auditorium, library, eating commons, and laboratories account for a large portion of the square footage in these spaces that are shared with the middle school on a daily basis; and (2) regarding recommendation 2.3, of the neighboring districts contacted, none were interested in engaging in the extensive process to form a "regional" high school as defined in state statute. Copies of the full report are also available at the East Granby Library, Town Clerk's Office, Selectman's Office, and the Board of Education Offices.

Superintendent's Welcome Message to the East Granby Community School Year 2017 – 2018

“We do well, when we all do well.” - Eleanor Roosevelt

“The illiterate of the future will not be the person who does not read. It will be the person who does not know how to learn.” Alvin Toffler

The East Granby Public Schools learning community is comprised of educators who understand the urgency to ensure that our learners ‘know how to learn.’ The American writer and futurist, Alvin Toffler, had the insight to predict that the explosion of technology would require that schools educate students for a different kind of future where it is more important to understand how to pursue knowledge than it is to memorize dates and facts. It is important for this generation of learners to be empowered to access and apply knowledge and skills to be successful in the unfathomable future given the explosive diet of technologies available to transform learning, work, and the way we live. It will be our unrelenting quest to inspire learning, instill curiosity, a possibility mindset, and develop intellectual and technological agility in all of our students. Welcome aboard! This promises to be an exciting collaborative journey.

“Our mission to create high impact learning opportunities, implement educational programs that integrate and support diverse teaching and learning strategies, stimulate personal growth, and promote the development of technologically and intellectually agile learners,” (EGPS 2016-2017 Areas of Focus) begins on August 28, 2017. On that date we embark on a three day period of reflection, professional learning, and strategizing - key elements of our professional learning culture. We will focus on Mastery-based teaching and learning, and strategies to ingrain in students a mindset and practices that will help them achieve success. Every goal and action step will be aligned to enable us to realize **our vision of the East Granby Public Schools “As a student centered organization that empowers learners to develop as critical thinkers who nimbly innovate and create, demonstrate intellectual acuity and mindfulness, and hone artistic sensibility and global acumen.”**

In the East Granby Learning Community, **we believe** that:

- ❖ Instruction must address student needs
- ❖ There is value and power in collaborative conversations with stakeholders
- ❖ Everyone in the East Granby Public Schools must be both a learner and teacher to be successful in the 21st century
- ❖ Teachers and students in the East Granby Public Schools must be purposefully engaged in the integration of technology to transform learning;
- ❖ Every graduate must emerge with significant credentials that empower them to be uniquely college, career, and workforce ready;
- ❖ East Granby Public Schools learning community efforts and students success are enhanced by effective school, community, higher education, and business partnerships;
- ❖ Students’ achievement is enhanced by the sincere and deliberate involvement of caring adults in a supportive environment; and
- ❖ Resources when utilized in a fiscally responsible manner to support optimum learning conditions will enable high performance levels in the East Granby Public Schools

In 2016-2017, we expanded our integration of technology to transform teaching and learning. In each subject area, students demonstrated competencies and skill acquisition at remarkable levels. We will continue to emphasize the use of technology as a tool for learning – inquiry, critical thinking, communication and creativity will continue to be focus areas across the district. We will work deliberately with students to help them develop and demonstrate mastery of the subject area standards and learning expectations. In 2017-2018, we will be teaching for mastery learning by aligning our instruction with research supported best practices from the neuro-science field. A variety of assessments will be used to identify students’ level of

mastery in each subject, and appropriate interventions will be designed to target the areas where the student needs to deepen their learning. We will work in a manner to ingrain in our students the understanding that it is essential that they master the requisite skills at each level in order to succeed at higher levels. We will reinforce the mindset that masterful cognition is great preparation for future success.

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) released student, school and district performance data results for the Spring 2017 administration of standardized assessments. The results for the state administered tests in Science are not yet available. Results of the on-line CT SAT and 3rd year Smarter Balanced Assessments were recently released. The CT SAT test in English Language Arts and Mathematics was administered to all grade 11 students. Student performance data showed that of the group of students tested - including students with special needs and students who probably otherwise would not have taken the SAT – 85.7% of students scored at or above the level 3 or 4 benchmark in ELA and 63.5% in Mathematics. **East Granby High School students ranked #1 in Mathematics and #2 in English Language Arts in the District Reference Group (DRG).**

Results for the third year of SBAs showed improvements in some grade levels, in English Language Arts (ELA) and in Mathematics. In some instances, performance improved by as much as 9 percentage points. The 2016-2017 grade 5 students showed as much as 8% point gain over their performance in both tests. At East Granby Middle School, where we experienced an aberration in the testing protocol, student scores for grades 6, 7, and 8 in English Language Arts were up by 7-10 percentage points. In mathematics, the grade 6 score went down by 4% point, grade 7 score went up by 7%, and grade 8 increased by 9%. One can reasonably assume that without the error in administering the tests, the increase would be greater than what is listed. We will ensure that future testing protocols leave no room for error. Overall, East Granby scores showed that students' performance exceeded the states' expected level of performance. As we continue our journey to excellence, we will focus more on analyzing the data and implementing specific academic interventions and other supports to help us achieve our standards of high achievement for all students.

Students also performed well on the Advanced Placement (AP) examinations. High school students in Advanced Placement courses in 2016-2017 took a total of 130 exams, 7 more than the previous year. East Granby students earned college credits based on their scores of 3 or higher on the exams they completed. There were 86 scores of 3 or higher. Again, it is encouraging to note that more students are challenging themselves to pursue rigorous courses. Each year the number of students taking AP courses has increased. Details of student and district assessment results will be shared at a Board of Education meeting in October 2017.

The East Granby Public Schools 2017-2018 Areas of Focus document reflects the Vision, Mission, Beliefs, and goals that were developed in a collaborative process in the Spring, 2017. Strategies for the growth areas for this new school year may be viewed in its entirety on the district website. There is heavy emphasis on improving student performance, implementation of strategies to help students demonstrate mastery, teaching students how to learn, and expanding the transformative integration of technology in instruction and learning. Administration and faculty will write and execute specific action steps to address student achievement of learning outcomes.

Authentic literacy, (Reading, Writing and Communicating) will continue to be an area of emphasis across the district. Both Carl D. Allgrove and R. D. Seymour elementary schools and East Granby Middle School will continue their 'project school' status and partnership with Columbia University's Teacher's College. Administrators and faculty members continue to participate in curriculum revision work, and training at Columbia University to further hone their skills in Reading and Writing instruction.

I am also delighted to share that we are continuing to grow the first Fifth Year High School Associates in Science degree program in partnership with Asnuntuck Community College. College faculty will continue to co-teach classes in grades 8-12 with East Granby Technology Education teachers. Asnuntuck Community College will again provide specialized equipment that will enable students to learn critical requisite skills for advancement in the program. As technological capacity continues to improve in the district, we will also place an emphasis on building the certificate and degree program in Business. We have upgraded our systems to integrate technology more purposefully in instruction, giving students in all four schools greater opportunities to access and use technology to transform how they engage in the education process to emphasize and master 21st century teaching and learning modalities.

This summer, we installed new carpeting in the classrooms at East Granby Middle School and in the hallways at Carl D. Allgrove School. We completed a lighting project to install LED lighting throughout the school. We also welcome several new members to the administration, faculty and staff in the East Granby Public Schools. Additional information about our new faculty is included in this *Insider* newsletter. Information about bus transportation is posted on our website. Parents are reminded that student athletes must present completed state required physical/medical forms by the first day of practice. Other students in the specified grades must present this information by the first day of school to avoid exclusion. Proof of state required immunization is also required. You may contact your school directly for information.


Members of our learning community are excited about new learning opportunities in 2017-2018. Challenging new academic standards, emphasis on teaching for mastery, and instilling in students a mindset for success will consume much of our instructional time. We are excited about this new school year. We look forward to engaging you in this process of developing intellectually and technologically agile learners.

Welcome back!

Christine F.A.S. Mahoney, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools


East Granby Public Schools

Our Vision Statement



EGPS is a student centered organization that empowers learners to develop as critical thinkers who nimbly innovate and create, demonstrate intellectual acuity and mindfulness, and hone artistic sensibility and global acumen

Mission Statement

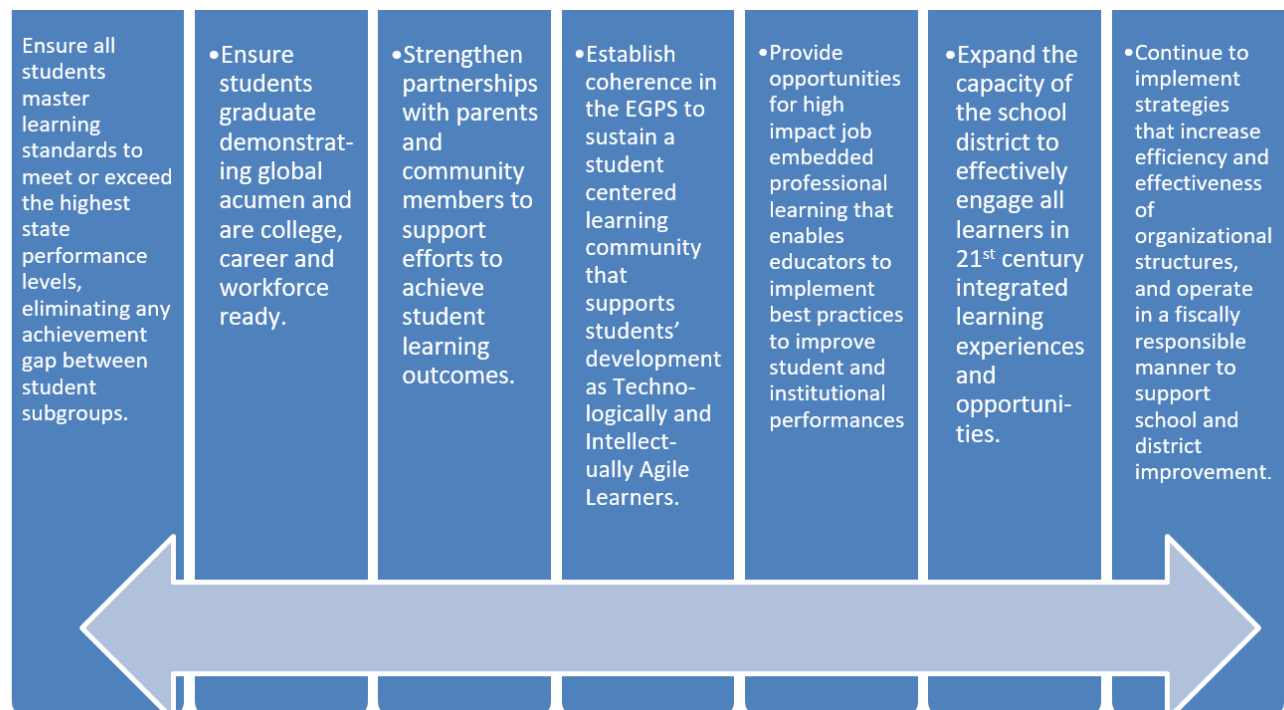


Our Mission in the EGPS is to create high impact learning opportunities, implement educational programs that integrate and support diverse teaching and learning strategies, stimulate personal growth, and promote the development of Technologically and Intellectually Agile Learners

EGPS Belief Statements – we believe that:



Goal Statements



Areas of Focus for the 2017-2018 School Year

“We Do Well When We All Do Well,” Eleanor Roosevelt

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

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.

- ✓ Utilize standardized assessments, formative assessment data (Fountas & Pinnel, Measurement of Academic Progress), assessments designed to measure mastery learning, and other sources of information to identify students’ deficiencies in reading comprehension of complex informational texts.
- ✓ Provide additional professional development for faculty, staff and administration with a focus on Mastery Based instructional strategies and models that recognize the implication of changes in the content area standards. Elementary schools and East Granby Middle School will continue to be TC Project schools.
- ✓ Improve student and school performance through on-going review of data, and adjustment and realignment of the curriculum to the Next Generation Science, Social Studies, ELA, Math, and CTE Standards, emphasizing 21st Century learning expectations.

Continue efforts to increase rigor in the Fifth-Year High School Associates in Science Degree Program to promote intellectual agility and increase opportunities for students to earn critical credentials

- ✓ Complete the revision of the Manufacturing Engineering and Technology (MET) curriculum, amend course titles and content, and update courses to reflect 21st century Career and Technical Education (CTE) Standards and learning expectations
- ✓ Continue to develop the Certificate and Associates degree program in Business and implement steps to expand opportunities to earn a degree in Child Development
- ✓ Continue meetings with:
 - Asnuntuck Community College (ACC), East Granby Manufacturers, school counselors and teachers to share program updates and discuss learning opportunities, co-teaching, and map curriculum implementation;
 - Advisory Board to provide updates and share ideas for program improvement;
 - Bradley Chamber of Commerce to implement the Unpaid Experiential Learning Program (UELP) and enhance public relations efforts to advertise the program, and identify opportunities for field study and field trips.

Improve Student and School Performance and eradicate achievement gaps by emphasizing implementation of curriculum aligned with Connecticut Content Standards, expanding intensive learning intervention opportunities, and implementation of Mastery Based and Project Based Learning.

- ✓ Improve student learning through the implementation of focused interventions to assist students in developing positive mindsets, strengthening habits of mind, and achieving or exceeding the new performance indices.
- ✓ Ensure the effective implementation of best practices that positively impact teaching and learning. Engage the school administration, faculty, and staff in discussions and implementation of strategies focused on Mastery Based and Project Based Learning.
- ✓ Continue efforts to ensure a successful realignment of the curriculum to the new content standards. Increase the rigor in the curriculum and course offerings by expanding the number of Advanced Placement courses; and place greater emphasis on Mastery Based Teaching and Learning to further diversify instructional pedagogy.

Technology Integration

- ✓ Expand the use of technology to utilize a wider variety of online learning resources and formative assessments to transform teaching, increase student progress toward achieving learning goals, and enhance student development of technological agility.
- ✓ Expand efforts of the Library Media Curriculum and Technology Integration Specialist 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.
- ✓ Continue to implement strategies to upgrade the school libraries to support 21st century learning.
- ✓ Continue to promote the use of Edviate 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 while developing intellectual and technological agility.

Business and Finance Operations

- ✓ Continue to develop and emphasize adherence to procedures and protocol in business operations in the district.
- ✓ Complete negotiations process with the EGAA bargaining unit and execute the new personnel insurance benefit plans.
- ✓ Continue efforts to fully implement the online electronic systems and business operation protocols to handle personnel functions and data more efficiently.
- ✓ Prepare documents for Boards of Education and Finance in anticipation of the 2018-2019 budget process.
- ✓ Continue to engage community partners in efforts to support the schools

Communication

- ✓ Share educational resources and research supported best practices information with faculty, staff and administration to further enhance and support teaching and learning.
- ✓ Upgrade the district website and on-line platforms to improve communication, school operations and professional learning. Continue training in the use of Edviate, Atlas Rubicon and Plus Portals.
- ✓ Engage district administrators and school board members in video recorded conversations about the schools, educational program, and the school budget.

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, development of leadership agility, and capitalizing on the power of positive mindsets to improve school climate, culture, and student performance.
- ✓ Provide on-going opportunities for professional learning in technology applications that support teaching and learning.
- ✓ Provide opportunities for focused professional learning through participation in a variety of webinars related to “Leadership” to ensure coherence, and implementation of leadership strategies that incorporate the latest research in cognitive sciences.

**Did you know that you can help earn money
for the elementary schools' Allgrove/Seymour PTO
and not spend any extra money?**

Geissler's generously gives back 5% percent of sales receipts submitted.

Drop off receipts less than 6 months old and more than \$35 at the Post Office, Library, Senior Center, or send them into school with a student.

Please submit the whole receipt.

Clip Box Tops for Education!

They can be found on all sorts of food labels, boxes, and bags. These can also be dropped off at the Post Office, Library, Senior Center, or sent into school with a student.

Stop & Shop donates money based on total sales to registered cards from October 6, 2017 to March 15, 2018. Go to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register your card. Allgrove's school code is 09193 and Seymour's code is 06289. You can register up to TWO schools (Allgrove and Seymour)! No need to re-register if you were registered last year!

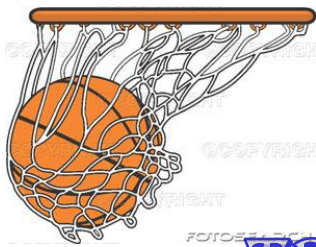
Price Chopper and **ShopRite** also have school rewards. For Price Chopper, go to www.pricechopper.com/tools-schools. Allgrove's school code is 56405 and Seymour's is 56406. The point earning period runs from August 13, 2017 to December 30, 2017. Please register your AdvantEdge Card today! For ShopRite, go to shopriteforeducation.com and click PricePlus Card registration. Allgrove's school code is 50193 and Seymour's is 50195.

All together, these 'no-cost fundraisers' earned an amazing amount of money last year for the Allgrove/Seymour PTO. The money helped to fund field trips, music and art programs, and in-school presentations.

Many thanks to everyone in the community who supports the Allgrove/Seymour PTO!

If you have any questions please contact us at AllgroveSeymourPTO@gmail.com





EAST GRANBY TRAVEL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION TRYOUTS

October 2nd, 3rd and 4th
Open to girls & boys in 5th-8th Grade.
Please bring your own ball.

This is an extremely competitive league and requires a major time commitment. Practices are typically 2 times per week, with 1 to 3 games scheduled every weekend (except Christmas & New Year's) from November through the first weekend in March. Tryouts will be held the evenings of **October 2nd, 3rd and 4th**. You must attend at least one session (it is strongly recommended that you attend both sessions). The tryouts are open to a parent/guardian, but we would like to limit that to one per candidate. We ask that you remain quiet so as not to distract the candidates. Candidates will be ranked on various skills including speed, dribbling, passing, shooting, defense and attitude. Teams will be limited to 10-12 players. Please bring a water bottle and your own ball if possible. A registration form **MUST** be completed to participate. Registration forms will be available at Seymour School, East Granby Middle School and on Plus Portals. **There is no fee to tryout.**

Note: The Park & Rec Department also has a basketball program that begins in December.
 Contact Alicia VanNeil AliciaV@egtownhall.com for more information.

Tryout Registration Form MUST be completed in order to participate

Girl's Tryouts October 2nd and 3rd

Girls 5/6th Grade Mon 6:00pm – 7:30pm Old HS Gym Tue 6:00pm – 7:30pm New HS Gym	Girls 7/8th Grade Mon 7:30pm – 9:00pm Old HS Gym Tue 7:30pm – 9:00pm New HS Gym
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Boy's Tryouts October 2nd and 4th

Boys 5/6th Grade Mon 6:00pm – 7:30pm New HS Gym Wed 6:00pm – 7:30pm Old HS Gym	Boys 7/8th Grade Mon- 7:30pm – 9:00pm New HS Gym Wed-7:30pm – 9:00pm Old HS Gym
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Fee: \$175 per player (\$110 for additional family member- family maximum \$325)
 If you are selected to play on a team, payment is REQUIRED at the first practice.
 Checks accepted payable to East Granby Travel Basketball Association.

For more information, please contact Greg Gallagher at Ggallagher@strongtie.com



**EAST GRANBY PARKS &
RECREATION OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY – FRIDAY 8 AM–3:30 PM
860-653-7660
ALICIAV@EGTOWNHALL.COM**

REGISTRATION

All registrations and payment for programs must be received in advance. Online registrations is available at: eastgranbyrec.com or by contacting the East Granby Parks and Recreation office for a registration form. Payment for programs must accompany a registration form. Please make your checks payable to East Granby Parks and Recreation. A \$25 fine is charged for returned checks.

REFUNDS

We offer refunds for medical reasons or canceled programs. A doctor's note is required for a medical refund cancellation policy

CANCELLATION

School activities have priority over the Parks & Recreation activities. When school is canceled, due to inclement weather all recreation activities held in the schools will be canceled. Regarding programs other than those held in public schools, a decision to cancel the program will be made by 4 pm, Monday to Friday, OR one hour prior to the start of the program on Saturday and Sunday.

Cancellations will be announced on the following radio and TV stations: WTIC-1080, WFSB-TV3, WVIT-TV30 or call 860-653-7660 for a recorded announcement.

GROWING HEALTHY KIDS

DATES: Starting Monday, 9/25
TIME: 4:00pm - 5:30pm
WHERE: East Granby Farms Rec Center
AGES: 6-9 years old
COST: \$15 drop in fee or \$90 for entire

session. Program runs the last Monday of each month. Learn about healthy foods, where it comes from, how to prepare it and tasting it. Active, hands-on, through games.



www.eastgranbyrec.com



WHAT'S COOKIN JUNIOR CHEF

DATES: Starting Wednesdays, 10/4-11/8
TIME: 4:00pm - 6:00pm
TIME: East Granby Community Center
GRADES: 5th - 8th
COST: \$140

Instructor Alicia Newton - Nutritionist
Cooking is a life skill and incorporates health and nutrition as well as math, literacy, culture and creativity. Work together and create delicious meals easily replicated at home.

ART VENTURES – LET'S GOGH ART

DATES: Starting Wednesday, 10/04 -12/06
TIME: 3:00pm - 4:15 pm
WHERE: R.D. Seymour School
GRADES: 3rd – 5th

COST: \$104

This class will focus on old techniques from refreshing new angles, and combine materials that don't usually go together to create totally unexpected masterpieces. ART- Venturer's bring home unconventional two and three-dimensional works of art each week. East Granby Parks & Recreation staff will meet the students at the end of the day and escort them to the program.

"CENTER COURT" Jazz/HipHop

Dance

DATES: Starting Wednesday, 9/20-12/6
TIME: 6:10pm - 6:55pm
WHERE: East Granby Farms Rec Center

AGES: 7-11 **COST:** \$115

Been to a UCONN game lately?
Does your child enjoy the dance team more than the game? If so, they'll LOVE this class! It is fun, high-energy pom, jazz & hip hop! It is entertainment pop jazz, performance quality, technical dance & exciting choreography.

INTRO TO BATON

DATES: Starting Wednesday, 9/20-12-/6

TIME: 4:45pm - 5:15pm

WHERE: East Granby Farms Rec Center

AGES: 6-10 **COST:** \$115

This instructional program is for beginners and includes all necessary fundamentals of the sport of baton twirling. Participants will be taught proper technique in marching, basic twirls, dance, and showmanship. Twirling promotes flexibility, grace, physical fitness, self-confidence, coordination, teamwork, and more! Try something new and join today!

ART YOGA AND STORIES

DATES: Wednesday, 10/4 - 1/14

TIME: 3:15pm - 4:30pm

WHERE: EG Community Center

GRADES: K-2 **COST:** - \$60.00

Join Kathy Paul in a fun after school program that will help your child explore Gentle Yoga, Creative Artwork and Story - Time. Expanding their creativity! East Granby Parks & Recreation staff will meet your child at Allgrove School and walk them to the Community Center via the Nature Trail. A healthy snack will be provided.

BALLET/JAZZ COMBINATION

DATES: Starting Wednesday, 9/20-12/6

TIME: 5:15pm-6:00pm

WHERE: East Granby Farms Rec Center

AGES: 4-6 **COST:** \$115

Feel the beat, whirl, and twirl! This is an instructional program that will introduce young dancers the joy of dance! Centered around ballet and jazz, this class will provide students

with foundational skills in a fun and inclusive environment! Participants should wear any style/color dance wear.

CO-ED DROP IN BASKETBALL

DATES: 9/11 - 9/13 **GRADES:** 6-8

Mondays

DATES: 9/14 - 11/16 **GRADES:** 9-12

Thursday

TIME: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

WHERE: East Granby High School Gym

COST: \$2 for a drop-in/punch card for \$15
Drop-in/informal, Co-ed, EG Students only
NO ADVANCE SIGN UP NEEDED. Come one day, or ALL

FALL YOGA FOR TEENS

DATES: Ongoing Saturdays Starting 10/14

TIME: 9:00am-10:30am

WHERE: East Granby Farms

COST: \$50 for 4 weeks

What to bring: Mat, water, small towel
Helping to manage emotions- less anxiety
Developing a deeper connection to ourselves and others with self-love and acceptance. Improves mental focus and build core strength & flexibility.

“TRICK OR TREAT”

DATE: Tuesday, October 24, 2017

TIME: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

WHERE: East Granby Farms – Rec Center

COST: \$22

Let's celebrate Halloween with a spooky spider pencil topper, a trick or treating ghost magnet, and a Jack O'Lantern magnet! Each participant will create their own clay spider, ghost, and pumpkin using JumpingClay while learning about basic shapes and color mixing. JumpingClay is

an air-drying polymer clay that is 100% safe and non-toxic and completely mess free! Workshops provide step-by-step instruction and assistance while encouraging creative self-expression and building confidence. Beginners Welcome!

HALLOWEEN PARTY

DATE: Friday, October 20, 2017

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

WHERE: East Granby Middle School

AGES: Preschool – Grade 6

COST: Please bring a canned good for the Friend to Friend Food Pantry!

The Lions Club will be collecting canned good for the Friend to Friend Food Pantry and used eyeglasses.

Middle school students be on the look-out for sign-ups to run a booth.

This event is sponsored by East Granby Lions, East Granby Youth Services and the East Granby Parks & Recreation sponsor this annual party.

Be sure to wear your costume and keep your ears open for more information on additions to this program.

ADULT ACTIVITIES

ZUMBA

DATES: Ongoing Tuesdays

TIME: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

WHERE: East Granby Farms

COST: \$10 per week walk-in (cash only)
Punch Cards - \$70 for 10 classes.

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 and Belly Dance and much more!!

Instructor: Renee Klucznik

MENS RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL

DATES: Ongoing Wednesdays Starting 10/11/17

TIME: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

WHERE: East Granby High School Gym

COST: \$3 per person, per evening

WHAT: Players must be over age 18 and a high school graduate. Maximum number of players is 20. Participants must wear white-soled gym shoes. No basketball during school vacation or non-school days. (Must sign liability waiver)

CLEAR CHAKRAS THROUGH MEDITATION

DATE: Monday September 25th

TIME: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

WHERE: East Granby Farms

COST: \$15 per person,

What: Bring mat and water bottle
Learn about your chakras, what they represent, how to clear your 7 basic areas and how to continue through meditation every day. Go home with your own sage to clear the energy. **Instructor:** Lauren Ouellette, Certified Reiki Therapist

17TH ANNUAL



Join Expressions Pottery Workshop, the Women's Club of East Granby and Friend to Friend for East Granby Food Pantry's biggest fundraiser of the year! Empty Bowls is celebrating 17 years of helping our Food Pantry and East Granby Social Services provide to residents in need, with supplemental food & fuel assistance. This annual collaboration, along with local restaurants, helps the current needs of East Granby families and elders.

How it works:

- Come to the East Granby Senior Community Building on **Saturday, October 21st from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**
- Pick up your **pre-registration (\$15)** ticket or **pay at the door (\$20)** & proceed to pick out a beautiful and unique handmade bowl.
- Take your bowl of choice up to the window and choose one of the six soups offered.
- Each table will have refreshments, bread & butter to enjoy, while listening to easy music.
- Afterwards, take a walk over to Expressions Pottery Workshop, located at 9 School St. and enjoy dessert, watch a demonstration, browse the gallery and pick out a free pumpkin!

Any questions about the event, contact Alicia Van Neil at 860.653.7660, or email aliciav@egtownhall.com

** Last year we nearly sold out of beautiful handmade bowls, after selling approximately 350 bowls. We encourage you to register early, so there are enough bowls made for the event!



Registration Form (please detach and return to the address below)

NUMBER OF BOWLS _____ X \$15.00 = TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

NAME: _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS: _____ E-MAIL _____

*Checks should be made out to "**Friend-to-Friend (Empty Bowls)**" and sent to:
Friend to Friend, P.O. Box 631, East Granby, CT 06026

You can also purchase tickets on line in September at www.friendtofriendeg.com

You are cordially invited to
Veteran's Day Appreciation Dinner



Join us in the launch of the “We Get It” campaign

Date: Saturday, November 11, 2017 (Veterans Day)

Time: 5pm to 8pm

Location: East Granby Community Center, 20 Center Street, East Granby

RGH and the Town of East Granby invite all veterans plus one guest to an evening of celebrating Veterans Day and everything we have in common. The event will include a full family style dinner, a Movember pledge corner, and a few short presentations.

If you still fit in your military uniform, please feel free to wear it. For those of us that do not, casual dress is appropriate.

Please RSVP by October 27th, 2017 Phone: 860 352 2333 x 313 or email jcarillo@fvhd.org

Poster Coaster “We Get it” Campaign



The “We Get it” campaign aims to connect veterans and build community support for veterans living in our towns!

We offer superior quality wild bird feed, which is competitively priced with inferior brands found in most stores. 100% of all profits go to help fund Lions charities and local organizations.

Only sale of the year!



EAST GRANBY LIONS CHARITIES PRESENTS

Lions Bird Seed

Savings Day

your source for

Quality Seed at Low Prices!



ORDER FORM

Qty.	Description / Size	Price Each	Total
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WILD BIRD FOOD BLENDS

	Classic Wild Bird Food (40 lb)	26.30	
	Classic Wild Bird Food (20 lb)	13.60	
	Ultimate Wild Bird Food (40 lb)	31.60	
	Ultimate Wild Bird Food (20 lb)	16.30	
	Patio/Deck (No Waste) Blend (20 lb)	26.40	

SUNFLOWER SEEDS

	Black Oil Sunflower Seed (40 lb)	27.50	
	Black Oil Sunflower Seed (25 lb)	17.70	
	Stripe Sunflower Seed (40 lb)	37.20	
	Stripe Sunflower Seed (25 lb)	24.90	
	Sunflower Chips (25 lb)	33.40	

SPECIALITY PRODUCTS

	Thistle (Nyjer) Seed (50 lb)	74.90	
	Thistle (Nyjer) Seed (25 lb)	37.80	
	White Millet (25 lb)	13.70	
	Safflower Seed (50 lb)	44.90	
	Safflower Seed (25 lb)	22.90	
	Medium Cracked Corn (50 lb)	23.50	
	Medium Cracked Corn (25 lb)	12.10	
	Whole Corn Kernels (50 lb)	23.20	
	Peanut Hearts (25 lb)	29.90	
	Cardinal Delight (20 lb)	19.10	
	Woodpecker Mix (20 lb)	25.60	
	Outdoor Finch Mix (20 lb)	23.50	
	Suet Seed Cake (11 oz)	1.40	
	HOME DELIVERY (East Granby Only)	6.00	

ORDER TOTAL =

PHONE _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TOWN/ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____

Send Check with Payment To: East Granby Lions Charities, P.O. Box 288, East Granby, CT 06026

Orders must be received by

Saturday, October 14, 2017

Pick-up 9:00 am - 12 noon

Saturday, October 21, 2017

PICK-UP LOCATION:

Recreation Building, East Granby Farms, North Main Street, East Granby (One mile north of the intersection of Rts. 20 and 187)

Send order form with check to:

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WOMEN'S
CLUB of
EAST GRANBY

Women's Club Of East Granby
Co-Ed
Casino Bus Trip!

Where: Mohegan Sun Casino
When: Saturday, January 6, 2018
Time: Departing @ 3 PM
Cost: \$30 Per Person

Join Us for a FUN Time!
Half the Fun is the Ride There!

Details: Invite Your Girl Friends and/or Significant Others! We will be riding in a Post Road Stages Coach. Food & Drinks are Welcome on the Bus. Please Park at East Granby TOWN HALL and walk over to the Community Center. We will be leaving the Community Center parking lot promptly @ 3 PM and will be returning @ 11 PM. Included in the \$30 Bus Trip: \$15 Food Coupon (for Buffet & Most Restaurants) & \$15 Free Bets @ the Money Wheel!

Important Reminders: You are CONFIRMED when we RECEIVE your Money! Mail a check payable to: 'WCEG' P.O. Box 30 East Granby, CT 06026. We have room for only 55 people, so send your money today! Everyone must ride the bus to receive their vouchers.

Visit us on Facebook or womensclubeg.com

East Granby Fire Marshal's Office Safety Tips

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2017 – OCTOBER 8-14

Each year during Fire Prevention Week, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) provides a fire prevention theme to educate communities on. This year the theme is “**Every Second Counts Plan 2 Ways Out.**” In any fire seconds matter and can mean the difference between residents safely escaping or becoming a victim to the fire. Residents should draw a map of their home and mark two exit paths from each room leading to the outside. Practice home fire drills at least a couple of times each year, include daytime and nighttime. Teach children how to escape in the event that an adult is not able to assist them. Make sure your house numbers are visible for public safety responders to find. Close doors behind you as you leave; this will slow the spread of fire and smoke. Once you are outside, never go back inside a burning building.

In the fall of 2015 the East Granby Fire Marshal's Office, the East Granby Fire Department, and the East Granby Social Service Department launched a smoke detector and battery replacement program for our residents. This program provides free detector replacement for battery operated detectors as well as free battery replacement. Smoke detectors have a ten year lifespan before they are in need of replacement. Roughly three out of five fire deaths occur in homes with no working smoke detectors. When a representative from the Fire Marshal's Office comes to your residence, we will check the date on your detector to ensure that it is within the ten year life span, replace the detector if needed, and test it to ensure that it is in working condition. It is important to mention that this program is an outreach program to our residents and not a fire marshal inspection. However, if you have questions or concerns, the fire marshal representative will take the time to answer these for you. To take advantage of this program please contact us at (860) 653-3444 or due to our varying work hours e-mail can be a quicker way to reach us at JohnL@egtownhall.com.

TWO 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 CPSC maintains a database of recalled products for consumers. Their website is www.cpsc.gov. I encourage residents to occasionally visit the website to review any recalls.

1. FedEx Supply Chain Recalls Cellphone Batteries That Could Lead to Fire and Burn Hazards (AT&T Replacement Phones)

This recall involves batteries placed into refurbished AT&T Samsung Galaxy Note 4 cell phones by FedEx Supply Chain and distributed as replacement phones through AT&T's insurance program. FedEx and Samsung have determined that some of the recalled batteries are counterfeit and show anomalies that can lead the batteries to overheat. The batteries are non-OEM, which means that they were not supplied as original equipment by the phone's manufacturer, Samsung.

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled batteries and power down the smart phone. Consumers who own the recalled battery will receive by mail from FedEx Supply Chain a free, new replacement battery and a postage paid box to return the recalled cell phone battery. A green dot has been affixed to the replacement batteries. FedEx Supply Chain is directly contacting consumers. However, if there is a question on if your phone is affected contact FedEx Supply Chain at 1-800-338-0163.

2. Firewood Recalls Vaporizers Due to Fire Hazard

This recall involves all Firewood 4 vaporizers. The vaporizers measure 2 inches wide by 3 ½ inches tall by 7/8 inches thick and have a sliding battery compartment cover. The body and battery cover of the vaporizers are wooden and were sold finished or unfinished. The Firewood logo is printed on the bottom of the vaporizers.

Consumers should immediately stop using the vaporizers and contact Firewood for a free repair. These were sold between October 2016 and June 2017 for between \$135 and \$185. Firewood can be contacted at (781) 738-3838 (collect call).

FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST

Local Fire Marshal Kenneth Beliveau announced the start of this year's contest to determine Connecticut's Official Fire Prevention Poster Contest for the 2017-2018 school year. “**FIRE PREVENTION – EVERYONE / EVERYDAY**” is the contest theme. Its purpose is to promote child and adult awareness of fire prevention responsibilities.

The annual, statewide competition for fourth and fifth graders beginning October 2, 2017, is run by elementary school teachers in cooperation with the contest sponsors: The Connecticut Fire Marshal's Association, Office of State Fire Marshal, Connecticut Fire Chief's Association, State Board of Education and the Connecticut Fair Plan (representing the insurance industry).

Fire Marshal Kenneth Beliveau will announce the local winners after December 1, 2017. Local winning posters will be submitted for judging of county level winners by January 5, 2018. Four winners will be selected from each county by January 31, 2018.

All winning posters on the county level will be exhibited in various areas around the State, including the State Capitol during the month of October. From these, a statewide winner will be chosen to promote fire prevention throughout the State.

Last year over 130 communities and approximately 30,000 students participated. County winners are honored at an awards luncheon attended by their parents, one teacher of their choice, principal, and local fire marshal, where the statewide winner is announced. In the past East Granby has had five county winners and one state winner.



An Old New-Gate Halloween

Visit one of the spookiest places ever for a Halloween treat! But who knows what kind of tricks the spirits have planned?

Friday, Oct. 27th - 4-9pm; Saturday, Oct. 28th 10am - 9pm

Schedule of Events & Admission Fee still TBD but planning is well underway - expect scary fun!

Watch the East Granby Community Facebook page and the East Granby Historical Society Facebook page for updates - or contact Liz Shapiro at 860-256-2760 or Elizabeth.Shapiro@ct.gov

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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~ OCTOBER 2ND, NOVEMBER 13TH AND DECEMBER 4TH 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.

*****Hearing Clinic*** Thursday October 12th 1:00PM-3:00PM** at the East Granby Senior Center.

There will be hearing testing, hearing aide cleanings and minor repairs. FREE at the East Granby Senior Center.

Appointments can be made by calling (860) 413-3334.

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.

*****Flu Clinic*** – Provided by the Farmington Valley VNA**

Monday October 16th 3:30PM-5:30PM at the East Granby Senior Center. **Appointments can be made by calling (860) 651-3539.**

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:

- **SEPTEMBER 25TH, OCTOBER 30TH, NOVEMBER 27TH – MRS. MURPHY'S & OCEAN STATE JOB LOT**
- **OCTOBER 2ND – CHRISTMAS TREE SHOP**
- **OCTOBER 16TH –TARGET, PETCO, DOLLAR STORE**
- **OCTOBER 23RD, NOVEMBER 20TH - WALMART**
- **NOVEMBER 6TH - ENFIELD**
- **NOVEMBER 13TH – HOME GOODS/REIN'S**



****AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE****

Completion of this course may result in a savings on your car insurance! **Thursday November 9, 2017 9:00am-1:00pm** at the East Granby Town Hall meeting room. Cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Call (860) 413-3334 by November 2nd to reserve your seat.

SENIOR CENTER TRIPS AND PROGRAMS

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH—Noble Cooley Drum Factory and Museum—Granville, MA— Join us for a guided tour of the historic drum manufacturer which has been making drums since before the Civil War and now for some world famous musicians! We will stop for lunch and apple picking at Lost Acres Orchard on our way home to top off a wonderful Fall day! **Depart the senior center at 10:00am. Cost is \$5 (lunch/apple picking is on your own). Reservation and payment due by September 21st.**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH—Tuesdays with Morrie Starring Jamie Farr at the Bushnell—Hartford, CT, Tuesdays with Morrie, the #1 New York Times Best Seller, is the autobiographical story of Mitch Albom, an accomplished journalist driven solely by his career, and Morrie Schwartz, his former college professor. Sixteen years after graduation, Mitch happens to catch Morrie's appearance on a television news program and learns that his old professor is battling Lou Gehrig's Disease. Mitch is reunited with Morrie, and what starts as a simple visit turns into a weekly pilgrimage and a last class in the meaning of life. **We will depart the senior center at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$49. Reservation and payment due by September 14th.**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH—Priam Vineyards—Colchester, CT, Come and enjoy a wonderful day at the vineyard. Priam Vineyards is a completely solar powered winery and sustainable vineyard nestled in the Salmon River Watershed area. The tasting includes a sampling of 4 wines and a complimentary glass to take home. After the tasting we will stop for lunch on the way home. **We will depart the senior center at 10:30am. Cost is \$12 (lunch is on your own). Reservation and payment due by October 11th.**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH—The Music of Roger Tincknell—Enjoy a delicious lunch followed by the wonderful music of Roger Tincknell. Roger has been performing for over 40 years. His strong, expressive vocal styles and masterful instrumental skills bring a warmth and versatility to his performances. There will be an Autumn theme to his music so it's sure to be a toe tapping entertaining afternoon! **12:00pm at the East Granby Senior Center. Cost is \$12. Reservation and payment due by October 19th.**

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7TH—Here Comes the Judge—Join our friends in Granby for a presentation from a Judge with the State of CT Judicial System. He will offer us a little bit of background information, what motivated them to become a judge, the appointment process, the assignments and different experiences they have had, changes they have witnessed in the system and most interesting cases. **1:00pm at the Granby Senior Center. There is no charge for this presentation. Reserve your spot by October 31st.**

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9TH—Korean Lantern Project—Members of the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project will be on hand to help you make a lovely lotus flower lantern using colorful paper and wire frames. The workshop includes a presentation about this artistic tradition and samples of traditional Korean treats. **2:00pm at the Granby Senior Center. Cost of the program is \$5. Reservation and payment due by November 2nd.**

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



East Granby Public Library



The East Granby Public Library
presents
The Farmington Valley Chorus

Thursday, September 28th
at 7:30pm

The Farmington Valley Chorus is an award winning group of 40 women entertainers performing 4 part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style. The members are daughters, mothers, sisters, co-workers and friends of all ages who enjoy singing a variety of music for you from soulful ballads to Broadway hits. Join us for an evening of great music, lots of laughter and tons of fun.

Great Courses Discussion Group

Mondays at 1pm
Beginning Sept. 25th

“A Children’s Guide to Folklore and Wonder Tales - Hear the historic tales of your childhood from a professional storyteller and learn how they will shape the children of generations to come.”

Great Courses 30 minute video followed by 30 minute discussion.

Sign-up is requested!

Afternoon at the Movies

Wednesday at
1:00pm

September 27th
“The Hero”

R, 103min
Starring Sam Elliot as a former western icon

October 4th
“The Big Sick”

R, 120min
“the funniest date movie of 2017!”

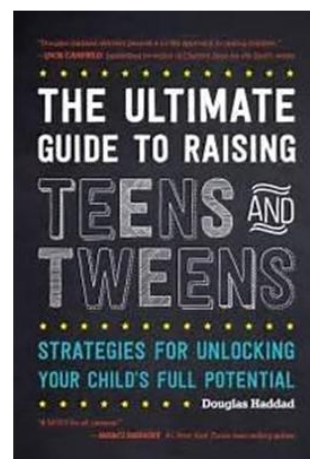
October 11th
“An American In Paris”

R, 113min
Winner of 6 Academy Awards

Douglas Haddad the author of the popular book
“The Ultimate Guide to Raising Teens and Tweens”
will be at the E. Granby Public Library!

Thursday, October 12th at 7 p.m.

He will identify 10 tools to nurturing smart, successful, and self-disciplined teens and tweens, providing you with the essential tools to help you make the transition from sole decision maker and manager, to a supportive facilitator in helping to successfully guide your child through turbulent waters and set appropriate limits as they grow.



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)	10/3
Conservation 7:00 (TH).....	10/4
Board of Education 7:00 (AS)	9/25, 10/10, 10/23
Economic Development 7:30 (TH)	9/25, 10/23
Elementary School Committee	As Needed
Board of Finance 7:30	10/17
Parks & Recreation 7:00 (EGF).....	10/5
Planning & Zoning 7:00 (TH).....	10/10
Board of Selectmen 6:30 (TH).....	9/27, 10/11, 10/25
Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 (TH).....	10/3
Youth Services Bureau 6:30 (EGF).....	10/16

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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