



# Let's Talk Turkey

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## Happy Thanksgiving!

With the proverbial “nip in the air” and the calendar rapidly advancing, I wish everyone and their families a Happy Thanksgiving. November is always a busy time of year and here are some items of interest:

**What Does the Absence of a State Budget Mean to East Granby?** As I write this column, the state still does not have a budget for the current fiscal year. In spite of state difficulties, East Granby's finances remain in good shape and our Moody's bond rating remains at a healthy Aa2. The Fiscal Year 17-18 town budget was approved at our May 3rd referendum and assumed a net \$900,000 reduction in state revenue to East Granby and operating budgets that increased slightly over 1%. Recent press reports indicate that while state revenue for East Granby will probably be lower than the 16-17 fiscal year, it may not be reduced as drastically as previously thought.

**Town Emergency Shelter & Citizen Alert System:** The Senior/Community Center is the Town's Emergency Shelter during times of prolonged power outages. Please call the Selectman's Office at (860) 413-3301 if you rely on electricity for life-saving equipment such as oxygen. Important numbers to remember are 911 for emergencies and 211 for statewide information regarding what's available for emergency support during winter storms. To be automatically notified in case of emergency go to [www.eastgranbyct.org](http://www.eastgranbyct.org) and click on the Citizen Alert button in the middle of the page. You can receive emergency notifications via e-mails, home phones, or cell phones.

**Free Residential LED Lightbulb Swap:** The Town has received a \$5,000 “Bright Ideas” Grant from Eversource which will allow us to help residents save energy and money! The light bulb swap is tentatively planned to be held at the East Granby Town Hall Meeting Room on Saturday, December 2nd from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Residents can bring in up to five standard incandescent light bulbs and receive five replacement LED bulbs at zero cost to the resident. As we get closer to the event, Eversource will notify residents through a mailing and the town will publicize on the town website: [www.eastgranbyct.org](http://www.eastgranbyct.org).

**Veterans Day Appreciation Dinner:** Resilience Grows Here (RGH) – Veterans & Community. Together We Thrive. RGH and the Town of East Granby invite all veterans plus one guest to an evening of celebrating Veterans Day and everything that we have in common. The event will be held at the Senior/Community Center from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on November 11th and will include a full family style dinner and a few short presentations. Please RSVP by October 30th to [jcarrillo@fvhd.org](mailto:jcarrillo@fvhd.org) or (860) 352-2333, x313.

**Municipal Elections – Tuesday, November 7th:** This year's municipal elections are going to be held on Tuesday, November 7th at our polling place, the Senior/Community Center. The polls will be open from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. This year's election will decide the following positions: State Judge of Probate; and on the local level First Selectman, Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals, and the Planning and Zoning Commission. Please don't forget to exercise your right to vote. For questions regarding the election or absentee ballots please contact the Town Clerk's office at (860) 653-6528.

**Leaf Pick-Up:** There will be a town-wide leaf pick-up on November 18th. Please use the brown leaf bags sold at hardware stores and leave them at curb-side (no private roads) no later than 7:00 AM on Saturday the 18th.

**Bradley International Airport Master Plan:** Every ten years the airport updates its master plan. This plan guides the airport's development and operational sustainability and covers 5-, 10-, and 20-year horizons. The purpose of the master plan is to plan for future modernization, expansion, and to meet foreseeable aviation demand and customer needs. This process began in October of 2016 and should be completed in June of 2018. For more information, please go to [www.bradleyplanning.com](http://www.bradleyplanning.com).

Happy Thanksgiving to All!  
Jim Hayden, First Selectman

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## East Granby Revaluation

The revaluation firm Vision Government Solutions has been hired by East Granby to perform a town wide revaluation as mandated by the State of Connecticut every five years. Over the next several months, representatives from Vision will be verifying information currently on file with the Assessor's Office by visiting every property. They will be seeking the opportunity to measure building exteriors and inspect building interiors for every property.

All Vision representatives will be wearing an identification badge and their cars will be clearly marked with magnetic signs. They, and their cars, will be registered with the police department. Homeowners are encouraged to see identification prior to admitting anyone into their homes. Any homeowner who has a question concerning the identity of a Vision representative can call the Assessor's Office at (860) 653-2852 or the police.

## Veterans Tax Exemption

As a veteran, you may be eligible for a real estate or motor vehicle tax exemption. There is no age restriction. There is no length of residency requirement. There is no need to contact the Veterans Administration. You only need to be a resident who is an honorably discharged veteran, and whose time of service includes a specific period of war or conflict. You only need to contact the Assessor's Office to find out if you are eligible. And then you only need to file your original discharge papers in the Town Clerk's Office.

Have you misplaced your original discharge papers? The above offices can tell you how to acquire a replacement original online. It's very easy. Have you tried before to get this exemption and were you told that your time of service did not fall within the specific war or conflict dates? Please contact us again as these dates have been expanded in recent years to include more of you.

Plus...if you have a VA disability rating of 10% or more, you are eligible for a higher exemption. This is also true for those of you who are already receiving this exemption. You only need to bring your VA rating document to the Assessor.

Lastly, veterans, this exemption has been created by Connecticut state statute. It is earned by honorable military service during a time of war or conflict. Do not assume you are ineligible to receive it. Please contact the Assessor's Office at (860) 653-2852 for more information.



The Town of East Granby will provide a ***town-wide leaf collection day*** on Saturday, November 18th. Leaves must be in brown Earth bags, which can be purchased at local hardware stores, and need to be placed at the curbside prior to 7:00 AM on November 18th. Bags will not be picked up on private roads.

## Reminder...

### EGHS Project Graduation Thanksgiving Pie Pick Up

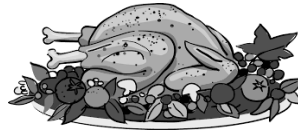


All items ordered to support the Project Graduation Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser must be picked up at the EGHS gym lobby between 4:30 and 6:30 PM on Monday

November 20th. Please contact Michele at (860) 413-9184 with any questions. Thank you for your support!

## Annual Turkey Supper

Don't miss out! Call soon for the East Granby Congregational Church Annual Turkey Supper with all the fixings. It will be held on 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 or take-out, please call Grace Ann at (860)658-0593.

## Annual Cookies-by-the-Pound Sale



The East Granby Congregational Church will hold its Annual Cookies-by-the-Pound Sale on Saturday, December 16th from 9:00 until 11:00 AM at the Church. Snow date will be Sunday, December 17th from 1:00 until 2:30 PM. Get there early for the best selection of holiday cookies, candy, and novelties. Cost will be \$9.00 per pound this year.

## EGLT Annual Meeting and Birds of Prey



On Thursday, November 2nd, the East Granby Land Trust and the East Granby Public Library present "Wingmasters and North American Birds of Prey." 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

Thank you again to all who came and supported our tag sale in September! On Wednesday, November 8th, we have been invited to be in the Middle and High Schools for their annual Veterans Day Program, including breakfast, an all school assembly, and lunch. On Thursday, November 9th, we have been invited to attend the Allgrove School Veterans Day assembly. Please arrive at 9:15 AM. Coffee will be provided.

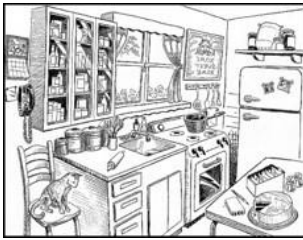
If you would like to participate (and we'd love to have you join us), please e-mail [eastgranbyCTveterans@gmail.com](mailto:eastgranbyCTveterans@gmail.com) and let us know. Our meetings are on the last Tuesday of the month at Gio's Pizzeria from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Come out and join us—all are welcome!

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## 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](mailto:rickwoods4@cox.net).



### New Members Always Welcome!

Please check out our website for more information at [www.eastgranby.com/historicalsociety](http://www.eastgranby.com/historicalsociety) or pick up a brochure at Town Hall, East Granby Public Library, or the Senior/Community Center. The Historical Society barn/museum (at East Granby Farms, North Main Street) has completed its scheduled openings for the season; however, appointments may still be made by contacting Nancy Moody at (860) 653-2866 or [moodynancy@att.net](mailto:moodynancy@att.net).

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## East Granby Cemetery Association

In the previous *Let's Talk Turkey* article, we spoke about the history of Arlington National Cemetery, the most famous cemetery in the country and the resting place for many of our nation's greatest heroes. More than 300,000 veterans of every American conflict, from the Revolutionary War to Iraq and Afghanistan, are buried there. Let's explore some interesting facts about the cemetery.

The nps.gov site tells us that on average, 28 burials occur each weekday, for a total of nearly 6,900 each year. Flags at Arlington



National Cemetery are flown at half-staff from 30 minutes prior to the first funeral until 30 minutes past the last funeral.

Christopher Klein of the History Channel shares the following: "In 1868, General John A. Logan, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, officially proclaimed May 30 as Decoration Day 'for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion.' The first commemoration took place at Arlington on May 30, 1868, with General Ulysses S. Grant in attendance and General James Garfield as the featured speaker. Decoration Day was eventually renamed Memorial Day.

Soldiers plant flags in front of every tombstone on Memorial Day weekend. On every Memorial Day weekend since 1948, troops in the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment—the Army's official ceremonial unit known as the 'Old Guard'—have placed small American flags in front of all of Arlington's tombstones. Each flag is planted precisely one foot in front of a grave marker and perfectly centered. This year, 1,700 soldiers participated in the tradition known as 'Flag-In.' They planted approximately 220,000 flags on the Thursday evening before Memorial Day and they were removed at the holiday's conclusion.

Nearly 4000 former slaves are buried at Arlington National Cemetery. After seizing Lee's estate, the federal government set aside acreage in June 1863 to be a model community for emancipated, freed, and fugitive slaves. Freedman's Village included farmland, homes, a hospital, a school, and a mess hall before shuttering in 1900. African-Americans who lived at the village were buried on the property, and their graves were incorporated into Section 27 of Arlington National Cemetery.

Three World War II enemy combatants are buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Scattered among America's honored dead are two Italian prisoners of war and one German prisoner of war captured during World War II. The three enemy combatants died in captivity in the Washington, D.C. area, and the Geneva Conventions required proper burials. With Arlington being the closest national cemetery, the men were buried there. In total, there are approximately 60 foreign nationals buried in Arlington, most being allied servicemen who perished in air disasters that included American soldiers.

There may never be another addition to the Tomb of the Unknowns. An unknown from the Vietnam War was entombed in 1984 but the remains were exhumed in 1998 and positively identified by DNA testing. Advancements in DNA testing may mean that all future remains will be able to be positively identified and no future interments at the Tomb of the Unknowns will occur."

We hope you have enjoyed these interesting facts about the most famous cemetery in our country. The East Granby Cemetery Association oversees the maintenance and preservation of our own little cemetery right here in East Granby! If you would like information about the Association or wish to make a donation, please call President John Rusnock at (860) 653-2194. We appreciate your support!

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## Recycle-A-Gift

It's time to declutter for a good cause! This holiday season the East Granby Youth Action Council, Public Library, and Social Services are teaming up to give children a chance to give a gift to someone special while contributing to a great town organization. To support the Recycle-A-Gift Program, please bring your gently used or new donations to drop boxes at the East Granby Community Center or the East Granby Public Library between November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. Donations should range from small to medium sized, and may



include items such as jewelry, candles, scarves, tools, bags, men's gifts, picture frames, and more. Donations will be brought to the East Granby Public Library for Holiday Family Fun Day on December 2nd, where all children are invited to come between 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM to shop for gifts for family members, have them wrapped, and complete a special holiday craft. The Youth Action Council will be hosting the event and accepting voluntary donations for the East Granby Social Services Special Assistance Fund, which the event supports. All children are welcome to participate in this wonderful community event!

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## Youth Service Bureau

The East Granby Youth Service Bureau is off to a good start for this school year, and the Youth Action Councils are back in session. The High School YAC will be volunteering at Brown's Harvest the weekend of October 28th and 29th. They also plan to work at the Recycle-A-Gift program again this year. The Middle School YAC will be assisting with the annual East Granby Halloween Party. Both groups will be pursuing additional community service and leadership projects throughout the school year.



Meetings of the Youth Service Board are held at 6:30 PM on the third Monday of the month at East Granby Farms. The public is welcome.

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## Youth and Family Therapy

The holidays can be wonderful times filled with laughter, good cheer, family fun, and an abundance of feasting. This picture-perfect vision we see on television or social media, however, will not be the reality all of us experience. Financial pressures, family friction, increased social or work obligations, and difficult memories can make the holidays a tough time for many people.



Children are not immune to the stress and anxiety that the holidays can cause. Kids adjusting to busier schedules, recent losses, or a variety of other pressures can sometimes use some extra emotional support.

Should you find your children or family in need of additional support, please remember that the Youth Service Bureau offers free counseling services to East Granby youth and their families. All counseling services are confidential and are provided by a licensed marriage and family therapist, with occasional exceptions. School, parent, and self-referrals are all welcome. East Granby residents interested in counseling services should contact Sue Lawshe, LMFT at [suel@egtownhall.com](mailto:suel@egtownhall.com) or (860) 653-7800.

## Commission on Aging

### *We Need Your Help*

The Commission on Aging (COA) tries to advocate for the senior community in town and needs help to continue doing so on an efficient basis. The Commission, as constituted, has nine members and three alternates. The Commission currently has eight members and no alternates. The Commission meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM. In the past few years, we have advocated for improvements for the Senior/Community Center, as well as establishing the "Good Samaritan" program. These are just a few accomplishments that the COA has contributed to our community.

The Commission has one opening for a member as well as three openings for alternates. Please help us out. 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.

The November meeting of the Commission on Aging will be held at Metacomet Village at 6:30 PM on November 7th. One of the Commission's initiatives for 2017 is to increase awareness of the Commission. We are trying to find new ways to get the message out. We are hoping to have residents of Metacomet Village come to our meeting and exchange ideas.

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## East Granby Social Services

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 [elisec@egtownhall.com](mailto:elisec@egtownhall.com).

### **Energy Assistance**

Applications are being accepted 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. Please remember that proof of income from the previous four weeks is required for the application. Contact Social Services to review the income/eligibility guidelines and to schedule an appointment.

### **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.

### **Holiday Basket Program**

The holidays are just around the corner and Social Services is gearing up for our Thanksgiving and Holiday baskets. In addition to food baskets for both holidays, we will also be helping families in need of gifts. If you are interested in donating items for the food baskets, sponsoring a child for gifts, or helping in any way, please contact Social Services.



### **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.

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## **Capitol Update**

### **Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61st District**

Since the last issue of *Let's Talk Turkey*, there has been some movement but no resolution in adopting a state budget. In the early morning hours of September 15th, we finally had the opportunity to vote on a budget. The proposal put forward by the majority party included over \$1.5 billion in new taxes, including a tax on cell phones, secondary homes, rental cars, hotels, and numerous other fees. In response, Republicans put forward an alternate budget as an amendment, which was adopted with bipartisan support, 21-15 in the Senate and 77-73-1 in the House. This proposal was a revised version of the budget first drafted by the Republican caucuses in April, which included targeted spending reductions while fully funding local education. Not long after passage, Governor Malloy vetoed the budget.

At the time of writing, Connecticut is the only state in the country without a budget in place. Back in August, Governor Malloy introduced an executive order that would go into effect October 1st in the absence of a budget. Under this order East Granby faces a 100% cut to its education funding, meaning about \$1.5 million less for our local schools, as well as other municipal cuts.

In addition, East Granby would need to pay the state more than \$60,000 for a portion of teacher pensions, something that has historically been a state responsibility. This is unacceptable. As of this date, negotiations continue with full participation of leadership from both parties—with some areas of common ground identified and some agreements in principle reached. But as details emerge from those negotiations, the Governor continues his threats to veto anything that does not meet his own ideas of what would constitute a good budget. This has not been helpful to the negotiating process.

Beyond the state's fiscal woes, there are good things happening right here in our community. There has been significant progress at Old Newgate Prison, and the museum has been open to the public for special events, including a two-day Halloween bash this month. I am very happy that the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) is now fully supporting re-opening this historical landmark, recognizing not only its past history of operating with positive cash flow, but that is a significant tourism draw that will create economic opportunities in East Granby and surrounding areas.

October is Manufacturing Month, and this is an area where East Granby shines. On October 19th, I toured RSCC Wire & Cable and its research arm, Marmon Innovation and Technology, both now part of Berkshire Hathaway. RSCC is a manufacturer of heavy duty cables serving mainly the energy and transportation markets. They are a major employer in north central Connecticut and in 2018 they will be celebrating 100 years in business. I am proud that they have chosen to stay and grow here in East Granby. On October 20<sup>th</sup> I visited with another local manufacturer, Joining Technologies, which specializes in machining and laser welding. They are celebrating 25 years of innovation and growth in East Granby.

I encourage you to visit my website, RepZawistowski.com, for news and the opportunity to sign up for e-mail blasts, and to visit and like 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.

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## **News from The Democrats**

### **Election 2017**

The Hayden/Doering team has been walking the town listening to the voters and sharing their ideas to further East Granby's position as Connecticut's best small town. East Granby has taxes among the lowest in the Farmington Valley, our High School was recently ranked #3 in the state of Connecticut, and extensive business expansions have helped to keep property taxes down. M&B Aerospace, Rockebestos, Nufern, and Coorstek are all major employers who have dramatically expanded their operations in East Granby during the last few years. They are investing in East Granby! The efforts of First Selectman Jim Hayden and the Planning and Zoning Commission, supported by

the Board of Finance and Board of Education, are achieving remarkable results for our small town. They are all doing their part and we need to keep them working together to continue these ongoing improvements. The Democrats have put together a great team to ensure "Energetic Leadership 2017" continues with the same success you've come to expect. They need your vote on November 7th!

### **Energetic Leadership 2017:**

- Jim Hayden - First Selectman
- Joe Doering - Board of Selectman
- Dillon Tyman - Board of Finance
- Dan Dziedzic - Board of Finance
- Dave McNally - Board of Finance
- Karey Pond - Board of Education
- Sharon Shepherd - Board of Education
- Bob Paskiewicz - Board of Education
- John Welsh - Board of Education
- Mike Malloy - Board of Assessment Appeals
- Amanda Thompson - Planning and Zoning Commission
- Mark Ricketts - Planning and Zoning Commission
- Mike Malloy - Zoning Board of Appeals

You can meet the candidates personally at the Candidates Night to be held at the Senior/Community Center from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, November 2nd. Bring your questions and enjoy some hot apple cider and donuts! If you can't make it, feel free to send any specific questions you have to [Eastgranbycandidates2017@gmail.com](mailto:Eastgranbycandidates2017@gmail.com). We look forward to your vote on November 7th!

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## **East Granby Republicans**

Local elections will take place on November 7th at the Senior/Community center from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Awaiting to serve you is the Republican team. Running for election are the following candidates: John Burda - First Selectman; John Ziobro - Board of Selectmen; Mark Porter and Jim Grenon-Francoline - Board of Finance; Rob Crocker, Oliver Davis, John Ziobro, and Lucia Ziobro - Board of Education; Tom Derlinga and Angela Ciottone - Planning and Zoning Commission; John Corcoran and Bill O'Neill - Zoning Board of Appeals.

Here is what your East Granby Republicans plan to do for you:

- Manage your tax dollars responsibly
- Promote the highest educational standards for our children
- Reduce taxes through sensible business growth
- Ensure total transparency of town government

We need your vote. East Granby is a small town, and your support can make a difference. Budget referendums have been decided by as few as two votes, and local candidate elections by fewer than ten. We urge all citizens to examine the issues and exercise their right to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November

7th. To ensure that you are registered to vote and for information on how to obtain an absentee ballot, contact the East Granby Registrar at (860) 653-0097.

Please call, e-mail, or visit our website for answers to your questions and more information about us. Here is our contact information: website - <http://www.egrepublicans.com>; phone - Lee Sandora at (860) 798-4916; e-mail at [lsandoraeg@gmail.com](mailto:lsandoraeg@gmail.com). We are looking forward to your support on November 7th!

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## **Concerned Taxpayers of East Granby**

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

At a time of potentially historic cuts in Connecticut state aid to towns necessitated by the state's disastrous fiscal condition (49th out of the 50 states), budget season in East Granby ended with a 1.25% expansion of town spending: approval of teachers' and school administrators' contracts with annual 3% raises, a 4.04% property tax increase reflecting a \$900,000 reduction in state aid plus drawing down the town's "savings account" to the minimum 10% cash reserve required by the ratings agencies.

At the state level, economic policy has led to population and major corporate exits from Connecticut, resulting in erosion of income tax receipts and a nearly 25% budget shortfall. Governor Malloy has attempted to solve the state fiscal calamity by making a deal with state unions and extending a host of extravagant government union benefits through 2027.

Despite that, the state has been without a budget for an unprecedented 108 days. As a result, last Friday, Standard & Poor's Global Ratings downgraded its outlook for Connecticut's general obligation bonds to "negative." According to S&P, the outlook change reflects increasing constraints on Connecticut achieving long-term structural balance, because of slow economic growth, recent population decline, and in particular, reduced revenue-raising flexibility after substantial tax increases were instituted in the last two biennial budgets. Further, the recent agreement with state labor unions creates a fixed pay schedule and prohibits layoffs for the next four years while fixed debt service and pension costs are rising. S&P voiced additional concern that state aid cuts could diminish Connecticut's long-term economic attractiveness, and threatened to further lower Connecticut's rating if economic growth continues to weaken.

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 (<http://eastgranbyct.org/>, (860) 653-2576, [info@egtownhall.com](mailto:info@egtownhall.com)).

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, November 20th. 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](mailto:info.CTEG@cox.net), or visit the CTEG website at [www.egtaxpayers.org](http://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.

# Save the Date!



## Friend to Friend Food Pantry's Spring Fever Appraisal & Auction #2

Sunday, May 6, 2018  
1:00-4:00 p.m.

*Join us for hors d'oeuvres, libations, desserts, music, raffles and a live auction!*



Thanks to our friends at **Copper Hill Golf Club**,  
our gracious hosts for this year's festivities!



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## **East Granby Public Schools – *Your Schools in the News* – October 2017**

The 2017 – 2018 school year is filled with anticipation of positive outcomes of all our initiatives launched at the beginning of the year and planned for the second half of the year. Our new district Vision, Mission, Belief Statements, Goals and Areas of Focus have been widely shared with the community. Administrators and faculty are aligning their goals for the school year with those in the Areas of Focus document. This alignment will ensure that as a district, each member of our school community will be successful.

This year we are also placing significant interest on highly focused job embedded professional learning that will enhance curriculum implementation and the integration of competency – based instructional strategies that will enable students to demonstrate mastery of skills and competencies.

Members in our learning community will also work to engage students in activities to develop and hone critical leadership skills using modules from a new and highly respected K – 12 curriculum standards aligned leadership program. Students at Carl Allgrove School will learn and practice leadership skills embedded in the Responsive Classroom protocol. At R. D. Seymour School, students will also experience leadership training in Responsive Classroom. Additionally, they will gain key knowledge and skills as they participate in Student Council and other opportunities to study leadership. At East Granby Middle School, students will continue to engage with the iLEAD 21 Program enhanced by the integration of modules aligned with the standards in each curricular area from the new grades 6 – 8 leadership curriculum. At East Granby High School, students will experience the leadership curriculum in two ways: students will study leadership in the required course; and will engage in the study of leadership in each curricular area. For example, a student may study leadership by examining the leadership structures and practices of world leaders past and present. Administrators are also examining leadership from a more thoughtful level and will better understand how to demonstrate agility as they develop, hone and implement best practices in their daily work.

Another important area of emphasis will be the integration of competency based teaching and learning practices to equip students to demonstrate mastery of curricular content and skills. Administrators are participating in a Systemic transformation workshop series that places heavy emphasis on competency based approaches to develop agile learners. The entire faculty will also be following through on integrating mastery based instructional strategies that give students opportunities to strengthen their conceptual understanding, practice and hone skills, and use rubrics as they apply and demonstrate knowledge. Teacher's efforts in the classroom will be supported by the work of Rick Wormeli who led a professional learning session in late June. Administrators who participated in a similar workshop session last school year will also guide and support the implementation of mastery based best practices.

As a district, we are also examining the impact of Mindsets on Student Performance and will implement practices to strengthen the positive learning climate in our schools. On October 6, 2017, we spent the entire day learning more about how mindset can cause students to engage in or disengage from the learning process. During the learning session, faculty and administrators spent time examining their instructional practices, classroom communication, and implementation practices that either enhance or negate student's effort to learn and embrace new knowledge and learning opportunities. Guidance counselors will include the discussion of Mindsets in their developmental guidance sessions, faculty at the elementary level have begun to review how they give feedback on report cards, and all faculty will focus on giving timely instructive feedback that will help students and parents to focus specifically on the areas of growth. These practices will enable students and intervention specialists to better guide students to improvement as they are encouraged to focus on specific content, skills, and competencies. We believe that this combined emphasis on developing positive mindsets and focus on mastery will enhance student performance. Accordingly, the School Improvement Plan for each school reflects the integration of these two elements – developing positive mindsets and focus on mastery (school goals are attached).

In the continued quest to help our students earn advantageous credentials, I recently presented to administrators, faculty, and counselors information about two new opportunities that will confirm and officially acknowledge our students' global acumen. A Certificate/Seal of Bi-literacy was recently endorsed by the Connecticut State



Department of Education, and a Global Competency Certificate is anticipated to be available to students who produce evidence of engagement in the specified language courses, projects, and activities while in grades 9 – 12. These certificates are well aligned with our goal to ensure that East Granby’s intellectually and technologically agile learners possess the global acumen that will be extremely important to their future success.

At the last regular meeting of the East Granby Board of Education, members welcomed two new student representatives – Ivana Prats and Ryan Trombly. The students will attend the first board meeting of the month and share information about the schools. At the October 23, 2017 meeting of the Board of Education, administrators will share information about 2016-2017 student performance. In November 2017, the Board of Education will also recognize school community volunteers at the Fall Community Recognition Ceremony. The East Granby School Choir and Band will perform for the ceremony that will be recorded for airing on GCTV. Recently, we shared information that East Granby was placed in demographic reference group B, (DRG, B) based on economic indicators such as median household income, median home value, and above average student performance. The full list may be viewed on the school district website.

Your continued support of the East Granby Public Schools is vital to the success of our students and educators, and to the strength and vitality of the East Granby community. We look forward to continuing our school community and business partnerships.

Sincerely,

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

### **Carl D. Allgrove School Goals**

Improve student performance, increase academic rigor and implement state requirements.

- Utilize standardized assessments, teacher assessment data and other sources of information to identify deficiencies in reading comprehension of complex informational texts (at the K-2 level the focus also includes developing Foundational Reading Skills).
- All students will be engaged in instructional strategies that support Mastery Based Learning and be provided with multiple opportunities to demonstrate mastery.

To foster a positive school and community climate AND provide explicit opportunities for students to develop an understanding of and engage in opportunities to demonstrate age appropriate leadership skills.

During the 2017-18 school year, Allgrove School will continue to leverage the use of technology to increase student engagement, improve student learning and utilize it as an assessment tool.

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### **R.D. Seymour School Goals**

Utilize standardized assessments, teacher assessment data (Fountas & Pinnel, Measurement of Academic Progress), and other sources of information to identify deficiencies in reading comprehension of complex informational texts.

Improve student and school performance through ongoing review of student data and adjustment and realignment of the curriculum to the Next Generation Science, Social Studies, ELA, Math, and CTE Standards, emphasizing 21st Century learning standards.

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 learning. Improve student and school performance through on-going review of data, and adjustment and realignment of the curriculum to the Connecticut Core Standards emphasizing 21st Century Authentic Literacy Skills – purposeful reading, writing, and communicating.

Improve student learning through the implementation of focused interventions to assist students in achieving and exceeding the new performance indices.

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

Expand efforts of the Library Media Curriculum and Technology Integration Specialist to ensure the purposeful integration of technology in instruction, particularly in Reading Technology Education, and in the on-going efforts to revise the curriculum and support implementation of the Connecticut Core Standards.

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

Expand training in the use of online learning platforms and newly acquired technology to access resources to enhance teaching and learning, and provide opportunities for students to practice.

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

### **East Granby Middle School Goals**

All students will be engaged in instructional strategies that support mastery based learning and be provided additional opportunities to demonstrate their understanding of the learning target.

Students will continue to improve performance on the SBAC Reading and Mathematics and CMT Science.

EGMS will continue to strengthen the social and emotional well-being and connectedness of our students to our school and to each other.

The SRBI team will continue to strengthen practices by further developing and utilizing data, progress notes, monitoring, action steps, and specific instructional strategies to help mitigate the achievement gap.

### **East Granby High School Goals**

Implement research supported best practices and a variety of resources to improve instruction and student performance.

Continue efforts to increase rigor in the Fifth- Year High School ASD Program.

Improve Student and School Performance and eradicate achievement gaps by emphasizing implementation of curriculum.

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Share educational resources and resources 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.



# Halloween Party



**Date Change!**



**Date:** Saturday October 28th, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Time:** 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Games and Treats

7:15 pm - 8:00 pm - Magic Show

with Magician Ed Popielarczyk  
(High School Auditorium)

**Where:** East Granby Middle School Gymnasium (Party)

**Ages:** Preschool - Grade 6

**Cost:** Please bring a canned good for:  
The Friend to Friend Food Pantry



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

**This annual party is sponsored by:  
East Granby Youth Services,  
East Granby Parks and Recreation and the  
East Granby Lions Club.**

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



# EAST GRANBY PARKS & RECREATION

**OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY–THURSDAY 8AM–3:30PM & FRIDAY 8AM – 1PM**

**860-653-7660 / AliciaV@egtownhall.com**



**REGISTRATION:** All registrations and payment for programs must be received in advance. Online registrations are available at [eastgranbyrec.com](http://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 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.

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## ADULT ACTIVITIES

### Learn to Meditate

date: Thursdays 1/18/2018 – 2/22/2018  
time: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
where: East Granby Farms Recreation Area  
ages: 16 - 99  
cost: \$60.00

*Reduce Stress*

*Experience Better Quality Sleep*

*Gain the Ability to Focus Longer*

*Develop A Calmer Mind*

*Attain A Better Sense of Well-Being*

Join this popular group meditation taught by Josette Lumbruno—an experienced meditation instructor with over 40 years of practicing meditation.

### Men's Recreational Basketball

date: 10/11/2017 – 5/30/2018  
time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
where: East Granby High School Gym  
ages: 19 - 99  
cost: \$3.00 per night

Come and play a drop-in game of basketball. This program is for men over the age of 18. The cost is \$3 and the fee is collected at the door. An East and Recreation Waiver is required in order to play.

### Yogaliet and Yogazz

date: Mondays 1/15/2018 - 2-26-2018  
time: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM  
where: East Granby Farms Recreation Area  
ages: 16 - 99  
cost: \$10 per week walk-in fee (cash or check only)

Using the positions of Yoga, body movements are added working all of the muscles to the beat of the music, (which reflects the particular dance genre). You'll find yourself slipping into the groove and getting lost in the meditative moment.

### Zumba

date: Ongoing Tuesdays  
time: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
where: East Granby Farms Recreation Area  
ages: 16 and over  
cost: \$10 per week walk-in (cash or check only) or a punch card is available for \$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, Belly Dance and much more! Join instructor Renee Klucznik for this energetic workout.

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## ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS



**GRADES:** 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

date: 6 Mondays in 2018: 1/8, 1/2, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26 & 3/5.  
time: immediately after school - 6:50PM  
where: Pick up – R.D. Seymour School  
cost: 6 different programs are available – detailed information is available online.

**GRADES:** Middle & High School

date: 6 Mondays in 2018: 1/8, 1/2, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26 & 3/5.  
time: immediately after school - 6:50 PM  
where: Pick up – EG Middle School  
cost: 6 different programs are available – detailed information is available online.

### **Growing Healthy Kids**

date: 09/25/2017 - 04/30/2018 (No class in December)  
time: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM  
where: East Granby Farms-Recreation Area  
ages: 6 - 9  
cost: \$15.00 per class

Gather once a month to learn all about healthy foods—where it comes from, how to prepare it, and of course tasting it! This class is active and hands on, where learning happens through movement, games, and preparing foods. Kids will become excited about healthier food options, understand the importance, and learn how to make it taste delicious!

The series is taught by Nutritionist, Alicia Newton from Nourish My Soul. Occasionally we will have guests from our Jr Chef program to mentor this younger group and model a positive relationship with healthy food.

### **Youth Basketball:**

#### ***Mini Hoops***

date: 1/6/2018 – 3/10/2018  
time: Saturdays 9:00AM – 10:00AM  
where: East Granby Farms – Recreation Area  
grades: K  
cost: \$60.00

Join classmates for this co-ed program that teaches the fundamentals of basketball. Fun activities will help your child begin to develop their basketball skills. All participants will receive a jersey and a basketball.

#### ***1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Basketball***

time: 1/6/2018 – 3/4/2018  
where: East Granby Middle School  
grades: 1 -2  
cost: \$65

Join classmates for this instructional program that focuses on the fundamentals of basketball, developing teamwork skills and learning good sportsmanship. Teams will be co-ed or broken out into boys and girls teams based on enrollment number.

#### ***3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball***

date: 1/6/2018 – 3/4/2018  
time: Practices will begin in December; games begin January 6, 2018  
where: Practices – East Granby Middle School;  
Games – East Granby High School, Granby, Granby High School or nearby towns depending on number enrolled.  
grades: 3 - 8  
cost: \$75

### **Tiny Tumblers**

date: Mondays, 11/13/17 – 12/18/2017  
time: 10:00AM – 11:00AM  
where: Suffield Performing Arts Center  
(3 Turkey Hills Road, East Granby)  
ages: 3-5 year olds  
cost: \$50

Come join us in our Tiny Tumblers class! A fun filled hour of stretches, somersaults, cartwheels, and other fun tricks!! A great way for your child to release some extra energy as well as a fun way for them to exercise!

### **Trick or Treat**

date: Tuesday, October 24, 2017  
time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  
where: East Granby Farms – Recreation 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 Jumping Clay while learning about basic shapes and color mixing.

Jumping Clay 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!

### **Deck the Halls – Jumping Clay**

date: 11/29/2017  
time: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
where: East Granby Farms-Recreation Area  
cost: \$22.00

Let's celebrate the holidays with a gingerbread man ornament, a snowman ornament, and a hot cocoa magnet. Each participant will create their own ornaments and magnet crafts using Jumping Clay while learning about basic shapes and color mixing.

Jumping Clay is an air-drying polymer clay that is 100% safe and non-toxic and completely mess free! Our workshops provide step-by-step instruction and assistance by trained instructors while encouraging creative self-expression and building confidence. All projects will be taken home the same day - just leave them out to dry for 24 hours. Beginners Welcome!

# Winter Wonderland



Sponsored by  
The Women's Club of East Granby  
**Saturday, December 2, 2017**  
(snow date: December 9, 2017)  
At the East Granby Senior/Community Center



East Granby residents with children birth to 12 years of age, please join us for this wonderful community tradition!

Enjoy making crafts, refreshments and visiting with Santa Claus.

Each child receives a special gift! Don't forget to visit our Holiday Cookie Shop!

## Early Bird Registration by Mail!

Winter Wonderland has limited seating (80 children per session). Register by mail with payment now to secure your reservation! After November 11<sup>th</sup> we will take registrations by email on a first come first serve basis. The deadline for registration is November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Please complete the registration below and return it with a check made payable to WCEG. A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of registration.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ age: \_\_\_\_\_ gender: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please check which session you would like to attend:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Session I      9:00 am - 10:30 am

\_\_\_\_\_ Session II      11:00 am - 12:30 pm

**Admission \$6 per child**



**Mail to: WCEG, P.O. Box 30, East Granby, CT 06026**

Email: [WCEGWW@gmail.com](mailto:WCEGWW@gmail.com)      Website: [womensclubeg.org](http://womensclubeg.org)



friend to friend

Food Pantry & Thrift Shop

# Welcome Fall!

On October 21st we celebrated the **17th Annual Empty Bowls** with the help of our event partners, *Expressions Pottery Workshop* and the *Women's Club of East Granby*. We offer our thanks for their continuous hard work on this very successful Fall fundraiser! Now, we look forward to preparing and distributing our Thanksgiving and Holiday Baskets — please see below if you'd like to be part of this good cheer kick-off to the holidays. Finally, we'd like you to **Save the Date for our 2nd Annual Spring Fever Appraisal & Auction on Sunday, May 6, 2018**. This year's event is going BIG and we can't be more excited about our venue, the *Copper Hill Golf Club*, and our gracious hosts, *Robbin and Paul Banks* who are already brainstorming with us for this fun event— stay tuned for more delicious details on our website in January! [www.friendtofriendeg.com](http://www.friendtofriendeg.com)

## Food Pantry

Call Social Services at 860.413.3328 to register with the Food Pantry. To volunteer, call Sandy at 860.392.8362.

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

## Thrift Shop

32 Spoonville Road  
860.651.1659  
860.392.8362 (after hours)

### Hours:

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

Come browse for your holiday needs including festive wear, decorations and serving pieces.

**The shop closes for the winter on Saturday, December 23rd at 2 p.m. Drop by for clearance savings!**

**We'll reopen on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.**

## Good Cheer

### Thanksgiving and Holiday Baskets

Each year *Friend to Friend* creates holiday baskets to make sure everyone can enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving and holiday dinner. In December we also coordinate with East Granby Town Employees, East Granby Public Library, East Granby Congregational Church and Copper Hill Church to help Santa and his elves make sure children have clothing, books and small toys on Christmas morning. If you would like to donate items or your effort in helping us spread some holiday cheer, call us at 860.413.3328.

**We wish you peace and great health in the New Year!**



# EGHS Baseball Bottle Drive Fundraiser

Saturday, November 18th

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

You can also drop off your donations at the front lobby of East Granby High School between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm

Funds raised will help support sending the team to Spring Training Camp and other team expenses!



Sponsored by Friends of East Granby Baseball, Inc.

[EGHSBaseballParents@gmail.com](mailto:EGHSBaseballParents@gmail.com)

Friends of East Granby Baseball, Inc. is a tax exempt organization that supports the East Granby High School Baseball team







# **HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING** **AT TOWN HALL**



**East Granby Parks & Recreation invites you to attend the 7th Annual Jacky Welsh Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday, December 1st at the East Granby Town Hall @ 6:00 pm. This year following the ceremonies, lighting of the tree and carol sing, we will be joined by Princess Belle from Beauty & the Beast and a favorite minion. They will be available to meet & greet the children –Minimal refreshments will be served. Ceremonies will be held rain (snow) or shine.**

**Our Resident Trooper will also be sponsoring a toy drive to Stuff a Cruiser. Please bring one new toy to the tree lighting. The toys will go to a local domestic violence shelter.**



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](http://womensclubeg.com)

# East Granby Fire Marshal's Office Safety Tips

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY

The celebration of Halloween on October 31st each year can be a great source of fun for residents of all ages, but it also generates unique hazards for residents as well. Public safety works diligently every year to ensure that the safest environment possible is provided for this holiday. The following is an important but simple list of items that residents can do to help us keep them safe:

- Battery operated devices should be used for illumination instead of open flames (e.g., pumpkins, decorations, etc.).
- Costumes and clothing should not be made of flammable materials, susceptible to heat or open flame. They should always be made of flame resistant or flame-retardant fabric.
- Anyone trick or treating or accompanying trick or treating children in the evening or nighttime when visibility is low should wear light colored clothing or clothing that will reflect light.
- No open flames (e.g., candles) should ever be carried while trick or treating and a flashlight should always be carried by those walking.

## U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION RECALL

In each edition, I look for relevant recalls or safety notices from manufacturers to pass along to residents. The Consumer Product Safety Commission maintains a database of recalled products for consumers; their website is [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov). I encourage residents to occasionally visit the website to review any recalls and product safety problems.

### **Outlet Converters Recalled by Nignbo Litesun Electric with Home Depot Due to Shock and Fire Hazards:**

This recall involves commercial electric 15-amp triplex outlet converters, also known as taps, with model # LA-05 and UPC 818897010121. The white plastic converters convert a single electrical outlet into three outlets. On the front facing outlet, neutral and line (power socket) sizes are reversed. The model number is printed on the mold on the side that the prongs are located and the UPC number is printed on a sticker on the top of the converter along with the UL listing.

Residents should immediately stop using the recalled outlet converters and contact Home Depot for a full refund. Home Depot can be reached at 1-877-527-0313 for this recall. Residents should also be mindful that these types of electrical converters can lead to overloading circuits. Power strips, extension cords, and surge protectors have to be plugged directly into their own dedicated outlet and must never be connected together.

## CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

As daylight savings time approaches it is time to change batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. After ten years of age, all detectors need to be changed. If you have any questions please contact our office for a free inspection of your detectors, free battery replacement, and free detector replacement for battery operated detectors. We can be reached by phone at (860) 653-3444 or e-mail at [JohnL@egtownhall.com](mailto:JohnL@egtownhall.com).

## HOLIDAY INFORMATION



### **Holiday Decoration Safety Recommendations:**

1. Before natural trees are set up, the trunk should be sawed off above the original cut, set in a stand, and tap water added. This initial fresh cut opens up the sap channels in the tree so that it can take up water. Keep your tree stand water level above the cut in the trunk to prevent the tree from forming a sap seal. A sap sealed tree trunk will not draw water which is needed for it to remain fresh.
2. All trees should be held upright in sturdy stands having a base that is sufficiently broad enough to effectively support the tree. Guy wires may be needed to steady oversized trees.
3. Natural trees having root balls should be moistened daily and cut natural trees should be placed in containers of water sufficient to provide at least a one-day supply. A container holding at least one quart per inch in stem diameter is recommended.
4. Natural trees should remain indoors only for as long a period of time as they are fresh. Cut trees are thirsty! Depending on tree size, they may use from two pints to one and one-half gallons or more per day—so make sure to check the water level daily and supply fresh water as needed. Remove any tree that shows evidence of drying or severe shedding.
5. All trees and decorations should be located a safe distance from sources of heat such as heaters, fireplaces, stoves, television sets, candles and the like. **NEVER DECORATE YOUR TREE WITH CANDLES!!!**
6. Overloaded electrical outlets and faulty wires are a common cause of holiday-related accidents. Worn-out electrical cords and plugs should be replaced. Avoid too many plugs in one outlet. Use multi-outlet power strips when running many applications or decorative light screens.
7. All sources of electric lighting, both direct and indirect, should be in good condition and consist of equipment that has been tested and labeled or listed for the specific purpose by a recognized testing laboratory. All lighting should be turned off or better yet, disconnected, when the area is unattended. This is especially important in residential occupancies when the occupants are asleep.

## WINTER SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

### **Wood Stoves and Fireplaces:**

- Be sure the stove or fireplace is installed properly. Woodstoves should have adequate clearance (36") from combustible surfaces, and proper floor support and protection.
- Woodstoves should be of good quality, solid construction and design, and should be UL listed.

# East Granby Fire Marshal's Office Safety Tips

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

## Furnace Heating:

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

## Other Fire Safety Tips:

- Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and well away from the house.
- Never use a range or an oven as a supplementary heating device. Not only is it a safety hazard, it can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.

- If you use an electric heater, be sure not to overload the circuit. Only use extension cords, which have the necessary rating to carry the amp load.
- Avoid using electric space heaters in bathrooms, or other areas where they may come in contact with water.
- Frozen water pipes? Never try to thaw them with a blowtorch or other open flames (otherwise the pipe could conduct the heat and ignite the wall structure inside the wall space). Use hot water or a UL labeled device such as a hand-held dryer for thawing.
- If windows are used as emergency exits in your home, practice using them in the event fire should strike. Be sure that all windows open easily. Home escape ladders are recommended.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your home you can assist the fire department by keeping the hydrant clear of snow so in the event it is needed, it can be located.
- Keep all doorways/exits free from snow in case you need to use them in an emergency.

## Finally:

- Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke detector, and be sure to check and clean it on a monthly basis. Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years.
- Have a working CO detector in your home.
- Consult your local building official and fire marshal before making any changes that will affect your furnace room or, if you suspect you have a problem now, contact a state-licensed heating contractor for an evaluation.
- Contact the Fire Department or Fire Marshal's Office for advice if you have any questions on Home Fire Safety.

Most heating fires start because of human error or carelessness...Don't become a statistic...Follow professional advice and stay safe!

To contact the Fire Marshal's Office call (860) 653-3444 or e-mail [KennethB@egtownhall.com](mailto:KennethB@egtownhall.com), [Jleahey@egtownhall.com](mailto:Jleahey@egtownhall.com)

## EAST GRANBY SENIOR CENTER



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### **DIAL-A-RIDE ON THE MINI BUS**

① Grocery, Pharmacy & Banking every Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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### **BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC – PROVIDED BY THE FARMINGTON VALLEY VNA**

**MONDAYS~ NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> , DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> AND JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> 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.

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**\*\*\*Hearing Clinic\*\*\* Thursday February 8th from 9:00AM-11:00AM**-at the East Granby Senior Center. Howard Raff from And-How Hearing in Avon will be available for screenings, hearing aide cleanings and simple servicing. FREE at the East Granby Senior Center. **Appointments can be made by calling (860) 413-3334.**

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**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.

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### **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:**

- **OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> , NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> , DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> – MRS. MURPHY'S & OCEAN STATE JOB LOT**
- **NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> - ENFIELD**
- **NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> – HOME GOODS/REIN'S**
- **NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> , DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> - WALMART**
- **DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> – OLD MILL POND**
- **JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> –TARGET, PETCO, DOLLAR STORE**



## **\*\*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.

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## **SENIOR CENTER TRIPS AND PROGRAMS**

**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.**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST—Holiday Party**—Get in the Holiday spirit! We will start off with some appetizers and holiday punch before our scrumptious lunch of beef tenderloin and all the fixings! Enjoy the fabulous sounds of the Heartbeat Dixieland Jazz Band—ready to bring music to your ears and help you kick off the holiday season in style! **12:00 PM at the East Granby Senior Center. Cost is \$12.00. Reservation and payment due by November 22nd.**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12TH—Lunch & Learn—The Effects of Untreated Hearing Loss**- On average 40 million Americans have hearing loss. John Hopkins researchers have linked hearing loss to an increased risk of falling. In addition, hearing loss has been linked to dementia, depression and many other illnesses. Join Howard Raff, Board Certified Hearing Instrument Specialist, as he explains how hearing loss could be affecting you. Howard remains dedicated to helping people to hear and understand at their best. His belief is that better hearing leads to better living! Lunch will be provided. **12:00 PM at the East Granby Senior Center. There is no charge for this program however registration is required by January 5<sup>th</sup>**

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



**Concert**

Thursday, November 9th  
at 7:00pm




Featuring  
**Deirdre McMorro**-  
Traditional Irish Fiddle  
**Paul Pender**  
Guitarist/Vocalist

Sign up Requested  
806-653-3002

**East Granby Public Library**

**Book Discussion Group**

November 13th at 10:00am

**The Orphan Master's Son**

by Adam Johnson

The Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of North Korea: an epic journey into the heart of the world's most mysterious dictatorship.

**Books are available at the library.**

**Everybody is Welcome!**

**Afternoon at the Movies**

**Wednesday at 1:00pm**

November 1st

**"Paris Can Wait"**

PG, 92min

A journey of discovery involving fine food and wine, romance, humor and picturesque sights.

NEW! Youth Advisory Board- Middle/High School students needed to liven up our teen area with book/project/program suggestions- next meeting Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> right after school.



**Art With Tiffany**

Middle/High School students Thursdays after school beginning Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>- running 4 weeks.

Create with mask making, clay & more!

Registration is required.




**Monday**, 10:30am, ages 3-5yrs

**Tuesday**, 10:30am, toddlers

**Tuesday**, 12:00pm, ages 3-5yrs

**North American Birds of Prey**



Thursday, November 2nd  
7:00pm-8:00pm

Presented by the: East Granby Land Trust & the East Granby Public Library

Sign up is requested

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# Meeting Schedules

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

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| Commission on Aging 6:30 (SC) .....    | 11/7, 12/5                |
| Conservation 7:00 (TH).....            | 11/1, 12/6                |
| Board of Education 7:00 (AS) .....     | 11/13, 11/27, 12/11       |
| Economic Development 7:30 (TH) .....   | 11/27, 12/18              |
| Elementary School Committee .....      | As Needed                 |
| Board of Finance 7:30 .....            | 11/21, 12/12              |
| Parks & Recreation 7:00 (EGF).....     | 11/2, 12/7                |
| Planning & Zoning 7:00 (TH).....       | 11/14, 12/12              |
| Board of Selectmen 6:30 (TH).....      | 11/8, 11/21, 12/13, 12/27 |
| Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 (TH)..... | 11/7, 12/5                |
| Youth Services Bureau 6:30 (EGF).....  | 11/20, 12/18              |

**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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