



Let's Talk Turkey

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Happy Veterans Day & Happy Thanksgiving!

Winter is coming, but let's not rush the seasons and enjoy the remainder of the fall. At this time, I would like to thank our veterans for their service to our country and I would like to wish everyone and their families a Happy Thanksgiving.



Municipal Elections – Tuesday, November 5th: Elections will be held at our traditional polling place, the Senior/Community Center from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Registered voters will decide the following positions: First Selectman, Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals, Planning & Zoning Commission, and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Don't forget to learn more about the candidates and exercise your civic duty to vote. Municipal elections are the ones where you can have the most impact. If you have any questions regarding the election or absentee ballots you can contact the Town Clerk's office at (860) 653-6528 or look at the Town website: www.eastgranbyct.org.



Veterans Day Celebration Dinner: Resilience Grows Here and the Town of East Granby invite all veterans plus one guest to a complementary dinner celebrating Veteran's Day and your service to our nation. Please see inside this edition of LTT for more information.



Road and Roof Progress: As part of the five-year comprehensive road maintenance plan we will have repaved 6.5 miles of roads by the end of November. We currently are working on drainage and the initial paving coat for Newgate Road. The school and town roof projects are wrapping up. Allgrove and the Middle/High School and Public Safety roofs will be completed within the month. The Town Hall, Ambulance Building, and South End Firehouse roofs are complete.



Power Outages/Town Emergency Shelter/Emergency Numbers: The Senior/Community Center is the Town's Emergency Shelter. The Emergency Shelter has food, water, charging stations, information, and much more. Please call the Selectmen's Office at (860) 413-3301 if you rely on electricity for life-saving equipment such as oxygen. We maintain a confidential list that emergency personnel use in the event of a power outage. Important numbers to remember are 911 for emergencies, (860) 653-5385 for non-emergency police matters, and 211 for information regarding what's available for emergency support statewide. To be automatically notified in case of emergency, go to www.eastgranbyct.org and click on the "Citizen Alert" button in the middle of the page.

Leaf Pick-Up: There will be a town-wide leaf pick-up on November 16th. Please use the brown leaf bags sold at hardware stores and leave them at curbside (no private roads) no later than 7:00 AM on Saturday the 16th.

Seasonal Employment Opportunities: As we approach the winter season, our building department can use two seasonal workers to clear sidewalks of snow. The hours are sporadic based on "mother nature" and pay \$17 per hour. For more information, call the Selectmen's Office at (860) 413-3301.

Snowstorm Information: There is no parking allowed on streets during winter storms. This allows our DPW to clear the roads of snow and ice as soon as possible. Winter parking on the street during regular weather is also restricted between the hours of 12:00 AM and 6:00 AM during the months of November through April.

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Happy Thanksgiving to All!
Jim Hayden, First Selectman

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Absentee Ballots



Make your voice heard on November 5th and vote! Absentee Ballots are available in the Town Clerk's office for those who are unable to vote at the polls on Election 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

You can apply for an absentee ballot in person or by mail. An application for an absentee ballot can be downloaded from the Town of East Granby's website: www.eastgranbyct.org/townclerk/elections.

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

East Granby Congregational Church Annual Turkey Supper

The East Granby Congregational Church will hold its Annual Turkey Supper with all the fixins' on Saturday, November 2nd, at the church. There will be two seatings, one at 5:00 PM and the other at 6:30 PM. Takeouts are available for pickup between 5:30 and 6:00 PM. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors, \$10 for children ages 6-



12, and children under 5 eat free. Make reservations for dinner and takeouts by calling Grace-Ann at (860) 658-0593.

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving \$100,000 Initiative Meeting


East Granby Greater Together Community Funds Kick-Off event will be held Tuesday, October 29th from 5:30 – 8:00 PM at the Asnuntuck Community College Conference Center. This is an opportunity for you to be involved in deciding how East Granby's Community Fund is established—this is not a fundraiser!

You may have heard that the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has established a \$100,000 fund for each town in its 29-town service region. Town Community Funds will be distributed by the Hartford Foundation through an inclusive and participatory process led by an Advisory Committee made up of town residents that truly reflect their town.

At this Kick-Off event you will:

- Receive an update from the Hartford Foundation on the Community Funds program
- Learn how to set up your town's Advisory Committee
- Have a chance to participate in shaping your town's Community Fund program

For more information and to RSVP, e-mail Kate at knicome@hfpg.org or info@egtownhall.com.



*Town
Leaf
Collection
Day*

Saturday, November 16th

The Town of East Granby will provide a town wide leaf collection day on Saturday, November 16th. Leaves must be in brown kraft bags, which can be purchased at local hardware stores and need to be placed at the curbside prior to 7:00 AM on November 16th. Bags will not be picked up on private roads.

Women's Club of East Granby Coming Events

Thanks to everyone who supported the WCEG Car Wash on September 28th! It was a gorgeous day and we were thrilled to meet so many members of the community! We also thank everyone who stopped by at the Duck Derby to chat



and support our Bake Sale! The proceeds from both events will fund our annual community donations.

We welcome our new members who joined us at our New Member Dinner on October 9th. We enjoyed meeting new friends who share a common interest in supporting the community. If you are interested in learning more about the Women's Club of East Granby, contact one of our Co-Presidents, Shirley Woods (shirleywoods@cox.net) or Laura Namnoun (Inamnoun@gmail.com).

Here's our listing of upcoming events:

- **Senior Thanksgiving Lunch:** Friday, November 8th from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the East Granby Senior/Community Center. The Women's Club will be providing lunch for the East Granby Seniors' Club—a homemade turkey dinner with all the fixings.
- **Winter Wonderland:** Saturday, December 14th from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the East Granby Senior/Community Center. This wonderful holiday event is for children up to 12 years old. Crafts, holiday music, a cookie sale, and a gift from Santa Claus for each child. Register between September 22nd and November 18th at www.womensclubeg.org.



East Granby Veterans

Thank you again to all who came and supported our tag sale in September!

On Thursday, November 7th, we have been invited to attend the Allgrove School Veterans Day assembly; please arrive at 9:00 AM. This is a lovely program put on by our youngest students. Please RSVP if you can attend.

On Friday, November 8th, we have been invited to be in the Middle and High Schools for their annual Veterans Day Program, including an all school assembly, visits with students, and lunch. Please arrive at 8:45 AM. This is a wonderful program; please come out and support the students in honoring us. Please RSVP if you can attend.

Monday, November 11th is the annual Veterans Dinner sponsored by Resilience Grows Here. It is free for all veterans and their families. Don't miss the good food and comradery.

Tuesday, November 12th is our monthly Veterans Coffee House from 8:00 to 10:00 AM at Three Brothers II Restaurant. We meet the second Tuesday of the month, so come on out for some casual conversation! December 10th is the date for the next month.

Our meetings are the last Tuesday of the month at Gio's Pizzeria from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The next one will be October 29th and November 26th after that. Come out and join us. All are welcome!

If you would like to participate (and we'd love to have you join us), please e-mail eastgranbyCTveterans@gmail.com and let us know.



Historical Society News

The last scheduled Historical Society barn opening for the season is Sunday, October 27th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Appointments may also be made by contacting Nancy Moody at (860) 653-2866 or moodycncancy@gmail.com.



Turkey Hills, a.k.a. East Granby

Enjoy the gorgeous foliage and hillside views from East Granby Farms, and while you're there, examine the painted turkey outside the barn! It was one of several larger-than-life turkeys painted for East Granby's 150th Anniversary in 2008. Our town was once known as the Turkey Hills Ecclesiastical Society (yes, due to the abundance of wild turkeys). It was one of four Congregational societies within the town of Simsbury. In 1786, the Turkey Hills Society and the Salmon Brook Society to the west broke away to form the town of Granby. East Granby finally became a separate town in 1858. The historical turkey shows an outstanding display of many scenes from East Granby's history. Artist Julie Hassler wrote a detailed explanation about this turkey which may be read on the plaque mounted on the barn's exterior. Admire the turkey and then admire the Turkey Hills!

Town Tour Booklets

Updated versions of the 2008 Town Tour (written for the 150th Anniversary) are now available for sale in the historical barn and at the Town Clerk's office for \$5.00.

Two full mini-bus tours enjoyed perfect weather on October 13th as they cruised around town learning about some East Granby history. You may either purchase the booklet or borrow it from the library and do your own tour—or let us know if you're interested in a future bus tour, so that we might schedule another one.

New members are always welcome! Please check out our new website at eastgranbyhistoricalsociety.org.

East Granby Cemetery Association

The mourning of loved ones during the Victorian era (the period of Queen Victoria's reign from 1837-1901) was truly an art.



From the touching to the macabre, mourning customs were strictly followed. Read on and see what you think of these very unique customs, many of which may have been followed by your grandparents.

At the time of death, curtains would be drawn and the clocks would be stopped. Mirrors would be covered in black material so the soul would not get trapped behind the glass and be prevented from passing to the other side. A wreath of laurel, boxwood, or flowers (always tied with a black bow) was hung on the front door to let people know a death had occurred and also to let them know they could visit and bring a covered dish.

It was common to take photographs of the deceased and display them in a frame or album. The hair of the deceased was often cut off and made into a wreath to be displayed in the home. Most people died at home and the bodies were laid out and watched at home until the burial. The body was watched over every minute until burial in order to ensure that the person was actually dead and not in a coma. Most wakes lasted three to four days. The use of flowers and candles helped mask unpleasant odors in the room. The body was carried out of the house feet first to prevent the spirit from looking back in the house and beckoning another member of the family to follow. Family photographs were often turned face down to prevent relatives and friends from being possessed by the spirit of the dead.

After burial, there was a concern about body-snatching. "Resurrectionist Men" were men who stole bodies from graves to sell them for dissection. Often doctors themselves would steal bodies because medical schools needed fresh cadavers for dissection class. "Bricking-over" a grave was a good way to prevent the body from being stolen.

Because there was such fear of a loved one being buried alive, coffin makers designed warning systems such as a bell on the grave which was connected to the inside of the coffin by a chain—hence, the expression "saved by the bell." In many cemeteries, the bodies were buried with heads facing the west and feet facing the east. Although originally associated with pagan sun worshippers, it is primarily attributed to Christians who thought the final summons to judgment would come from the east.

In Victorian times, small cakes known as "funeral biscuits" were given to those who came to wakes and funerals. They were usually wrapped in white paper and sealed with black sealing wax. Personal stationery and handkerchiefs had a black border. White was the standard color for the funeral of a child—white coffin, white gloves, etc.

Victorians were preoccupied with death because it was so much a part of their life. Because of the high mortality rate, death and mourning became a way of life and the Victorians developed elaborate rituals to deal with it. They understood loss and grief. Their rituals provided stability and refuge.

We need to respect, maintain, and preserve our ancient burying grounds, for they are a window to our past. The East Granby Center Cemetery is one such cemetery right here in East Granby. If you would like to support the cemetery, please consider joining the East Granby Cemetery Association or making a donation toward the preservation and upkeep of the cemetery. If you would like information about the Association, please call John Rusnock at (860) 653-2194. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to "East Granby Cemetery Association" and send to Carol Mathis, 61 Cider Mill Heights, North Granby, CT 06060. We appreciate your support.

News from the East Granby Land Trust

Free Hot Dog Social and Annual Fall Hike on Saturday, October 26th, 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Come join us for a hike and a hot dog, or just a hot dog at the East Granby Farms Recreation Center! Hikers and non-hikers welcome. Hikers will meet at the main entrance of East Granby Farms and hike up to the ridge and back for a moderate hike followed by grilled hot dogs, chips, and soda in the recreation building. We will start cooking around 11:30 AM if you'd like to just stop by and say hi and have lunch on us.



Eastern Coyotes in Connecticut and EGLT Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 7th, 6:30 PM

This program is co-sponsored by the East Granby Public Library. Come get an overview of coyotes in Connecticut, including their history, habitat, diet, behavior, and reproduction. The program will be followed by EGLT's annual meeting. All are welcome. Please register by calling (860) 653-3002 or sign up at the Library.

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Grant

Last spring EGLT received a matching grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to hire interns to work on invasive species at the Ian Clark Preserve. We are happy to report that we have completed the grant work and are close to establishing a short loop trail through the property. Stay tuned! For questions please e-mail programs@eglt.org or president@eglt.org.

The East Granby Land Trust (EGLT) is a private, non-governmental, non-profit organization incorporated in 1974 for the purpose of conserving the natural resources and unique features of East Granby. EGLT currently owns land parcels comprising over 280 acres that are open to the public for passive recreational activity including hiking, photography, geocaching, and nature study.

Scouts to Conduct Annual Food Drive



Girl Scouts.



East Granby Pack 70 Cub Scouts, East Granby Troop 70 Boy Scouts, and the Girl Scouts Salmon Brook Service Unit are once again conducting a Food Drive to benefit the East Granby Friend to Friend Food Pantry. The Scouts will also be collecting refundable bottles and cans, with the proceeds to support the lessons and adventures of East Granby Pack 70. Scouts delivered donation bags and instructions to all East Granby neighborhoods on Saturday, October 19th. Please support the community and put out your nonperishable food items, as well as refundable bottles and cans (in a leak-proof bag), at the end of your driveway on Saturday, October 26th. Pickup will begin at 8:00 AM.

Support the PTO with Geissler's Receipts

The Allgrove/Seymour PTO collects Geissler's receipts to help raise funds to further support the curriculum in our elementary schools. When we submit receipts over \$35, we receive 5% back from Geissler's. Receipts must be over \$35 and less than six months old. Submit your original receipts throughout the year at the following locations:



- The Allgrove School office
- The Seymour School office
- East Granby Public Library - box located behind the desk
- East Granby Post Office - box located in lobby
- East Granby Community Center - box located in lobby.

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 or intern. School, parent, and self-referrals are all welcome. East Granby residents interested in counseling services should contact Sue Lawshe, LMFT at suel@egtownhall.com or (860) 653-7800.

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging (COA) advocates for the senior community in town and needs help to continue doing so efficiently. The Commission, as constituted, has nine members and three alternates. The Commission now has 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.

We are also looking for volunteers for the Good Samaritan Program. The East Granby Good Samaritan Program is ready and able to help people in town. If you have a need and are looking for help or if you know someone who could use help, contact Senior Services or Social Services to be matched up with our volunteers.

Details of this program and the volunteer form can be found at the Town website (eastgranbyct.org), under "Boards and Commissions," "Commission on Aging." The front page of the town website also has a "Good Samaritan" button. Clicking it will give you all the information you need about the program and how to participate. Join in and make our program a success!

East Granby Social Services

Office hours for East Granby Social Services are Monday through Wednesday from 12:00 to 3:00 PM, and Thursday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Times outside these hours are available by appointment. For more information please contact Elise Cosker, Director of Social Services, at (860) 413-3328 or elisec@egtownhall.com.

Holiday Gift Program

The holidays are just around the corner and Social Services is preparing for the Annual Holiday Gift Giving Program. Each year, the community comes together to help make the holidays special for families who are facing financial hardship. It is an opportunity to be anonymously matched to a child or family in town and fulfill gifts on their "wish lists." Financial donations and store gift cards are greatly appreciated and are used to fill unmatched requests.

Emergency Assistance Fund

The East Granby Emergency Assistance Fund is available to those income eligible residents who need emergency financial assistance with fuel, housing, medical, electric, and other critical needs. The fund is supported solely through donations and gifts from the community and 100% of the funds raised are given back to qualifying residents who are facing financial hardship. Donations can be made to the "East Granby Emergency Assistance Fund" and mailed to East Granby Social Services, P.O. Box 1858, East Granby, CT 06026.

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

The Friend to Friend Food Pantry was established to supplement the weekly grocery needs of residents who have been identified by East Granby Social Services as needing assistance. Weekly rides to the Food Pantry are provided by the East Granby Mini-Bus for residents in need of transportation. Each year Friend to Friend creates holiday food baskets to make sure everyone can enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving and holiday dinner. To volunteer or donate please call (860) 651-1659 or e-mail friendtofriendeg@gmail.com. Food

donations may be dropped off at the East Granby Senior/Community Center, the 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

Good Sam

The Good Samaritan Program is looking for volunteers who are interested in lending a hand to assist seniors in maintaining their independence and maintaining their home. This is a flexible program that can work with your schedule. The time commitment is as big or small as you are interested in giving.

Please call Social Services for more information regarding any of these programs or to schedule an appointment.

Bradley Regional Chamber of Commerce

Upcoming Events

First Friday Business Networking

First Friday Business Networking will be held November 1st at Bobby V's Restaurant at 7:30 AM. Registration is recommended.



Business After Hours Cocktail Party

On November 7th, East Street Shops will host a free fully catered cocktail party during an Expanded Business After Hours to raise money for Friend to Friend Food Pantry, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. This event includes not only the Bradley Chamber but also surrounding chambers (TVCA) and community members. Their newly renovated center is located at 10 East Street next to Planet Fitness. Come and mingle with members of other area organizations while enjoying open bar and hors d'oeuvres. For those who would like to give we will be accepting voluntary monetary donations to benefit Friend to Friend Food Pantry. Bring a friend! Registration is required.

Lunch & Learn

On November 14th (TBD) there will be an E-Circle Marketing Lunch & Learn at 12:00 PM: "A Fresh Approach to Marketing and Sales that Will Drive Business Growth." Registration is required.

Business After Hours

On November 12th, Business After Hours will be held at Bradley Airport at 5:30 PM. Tour new updates of the terminals and Kevin Dillion, Executive Director of the Airport Authorities, will speak. Registration is required.

USA Mechanical Ribbon Cutting

USA Mechanical Grand Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting will be held at 4:00 PM on November 14th. USA Mechanical & Energy Services, LLC is doubling their footprint. David Ford, President, states, "With the growth of the company in both construction and HVAC service and maintenance, we've added additional employees, sheet metal fabrication and warehouse space, offices, and a conference room/training center." David adds, "East Granby is our home—we are here to stay."



Ambassador Luncheon

An Ambassador Luncheon will be held at Double Tree Hotel/ Shade Bar & Grill at 12:00 PM on November 20th. Registration is recommended for faster service. This is a "pay your way" event open to non-members.

All events are free for Bradley Regional Chamber members and there is small fee for non-members. Visit www.bradleyregionalchamber.org for more information and to register. The Bradley Regional Chamber of Commerce promotes the economic, industrial and professional needs of the East Granby and Windsor Locks business community. Connect with us by phone at (860) 653-3833, e-mail admin@bradleyregionalchamber.org, visit our website, or follow us on Facebook.

News from The Democrats

The East Granby Democrats have been busy sharing their vision to continue East Granby's good management. Recent achievements include the designation as the hottest real estate market in Connecticut for the first quarter, a high school that is rated the highest possible—a "10" on the local real estate search engines, infrastructure improvements, including a sorely needed roof on Allgrove and the Middle/High School, and many road repairs as part of a comprehensive road plan to ensure every road is top notch. This progress has occurred while keeping our tax rate 16% lower than Granby and among the lowest in the Farmington Valley!



The Hayden/Doering team hopes to keep building on these recent achievements and continue to make East Granby the best small town in Connecticut! Keeping the team that got us here is the best way to support and ensure their success.

Re-Elect Hayden Doering: "Energetic Leadership 2019"

First Selectman	James M. Hayden
Board of Selectmen	Joe Doering
Board of Finance	Mike Malloy
Board of Finance	Natalie Welsh
Board of Education	Lynn Landolina
Board of Education	John Welsh
Board of Education 4yr Term	Michele Holt
Board of Assessment Appeals	David Tobin
Planning & Zoning	John Welsh
Planning & Zoning	Bob Ravens-Seger
Planning & Zoning Alt.	Mark Ricketts
Planning & Zoning Alt.	Jennifer Frank
Zoning Board Appeals 2020	Jennifer Cook
Zoning Board Appeals 2021	Betty Ann Hayden
Zoning Board Appeals Alt.	Dillon Tyman

The Pasta Dinner was held on October 11th and included a visit by Congressman Larson who shared stories from Washington, D.C. and discussion of the upcoming presidential election. He expressed his support for our local candidates. He reminded us he began his political career many years ago as a member of the Board of Education in his hometown. Special thanks to Betty Ann Hayden and Nancy and Dave Lawton for organizing the delicious pasta feast.

The DTC holds its monthly meeting the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at the East Granby Senior/Community Center. Join us!

East Granby Republicans

“We do not have a government of the majority.
We have government by the majority who participate.”

— *Thomas Jefferson*



November 5th Election Day is coming very soon. We encourage all eligible voters to show up at the polls and vote! Does your vote count? Absolutely. Let's look at some

previous East Granby local results. Budget referendums have failed or passed by four and two votes respectively. Elections have been decided by as few as eight votes. Early in 2019, less than 18% of East Granby's voter population voted to increase our town budgets again. Our town voted for a bonding issue to spend more than \$12 million, with about \$10 million coming in the form of bonds. This passed with a mere 15% of voters participating.

On a State level, serious questions deserve answers. Why does our State of Connecticut require towns to spend at least as much money on education as the prior year, despite declining student populations? In East Granby, since 2007, the Board of Education budget increased by \$5.3 million (+48%), despite the fact that K-12 student population (less Choice students) showed a decrease of 15%. Furthermore, look at line 45 of your 2018 Connecticut State tax return. Why do teachers get to exclude 25% of their pension from State income tax, while all other non-military retirees don't?

Locally, other questions abound. How do our students' achievement scores compare with neighboring towns (Granby, Suffield, and Simsbury)? How has student achievement changed over the last five- and ten- year periods? How does our cost per student compare with these towns? Why, over at least the last two years, was some Connecticut Transportation grant money for East Granby spent on non-transportation items?

“The ignorance of one voter in a democracy
impairs the security of us all.”

— *John F. Kennedy*

We repeat—your Republican team pledges to: 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.

East Granby Republicans have a full slate of motivated men and women running for municipal offices this November, including fresh new faces and experienced candidates. We are focused on East Granby's future. Here is our endorsed slate of candidates:

Board of Selectmen

First Selectman..... Todd Zessin
Selectman John Ziobro

Board of Finance

Richard Galluccio
Glenn Zaugg

Board of Education

Full Term John Corcoran
Full Term Lucia Ziobro
Four Year Term Rick Bortz

Planning & Zoning

Full Term Dan Velcofsky
Full Term Angela Ciottone
Alternate Katie Hastings
Alternate Jim Luchina
Alternate Charlie Allen

Board of Assessment Appeals

Aaron Nardi
Andrea Ullmann

Zoning Board of Appeals

John Burda
Philip Chester III

We welcome your help with our campaign efforts this fall—as a volunteer, a contributor—or if you would just like a lawn sign. Contributions can be made at www.egRepublicans.com or by mail; just let us know if you would like us to send you a form. We can be reached by contacting Lee Sandora at (860) 483-6945 or lsandoraeg@gmail.com. You can also get updates on our Facebook page: facebook.com/eastgranbyrepublicans. Get informed, demand answers, get out and vote!

Capitol Update

Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61st District

Beginning October 1st, a number of new state laws and tax increases took effect. Many of them could have an impact on you, your business, or our community. Here are just a few:

- Public Act 19-191, “An Act Addressing Opioid Use.” This law requires pharmacists to offer consultations to all patients when dispensing a prescription. Also requires practitioners who prescribe an opioid drug with more than a 12-week supply to establish a treatment agreement with the patient or discuss a care plan for chronic opioid drug use. (See Sec. 1-2, 4-6, 9-11.)
- Public Act 19-18, “An Act Concerning Cottage Food Products and the Production of Honey and Maple Syrup.” This legislation ensures that Connecticut maple syrup and honey

producers will be regulated by the Department of Agriculture instead of the Department of Consumer Protection. This addresses serious concerns expressed by our small producers of these local products.

- Public Act 19-13, "An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Cigarettes, Tobacco Products, Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products to Persons Under the Age of Twenty-one." This law raises, from 18 to 21, the legal age to purchase cigarettes, other tobacco products, and e-cigarettes, and increases fines for those who sell to anyone under the legal age.

I would encourage you to take a look at the full list of new laws online at www.cga.ct.gov and search "Acts Effective." I offer this list and the link for informational purposes; it does not indicate my support or opposition to these initiatives.

In addition, a number of new tax increases included in the Democrat state budget went into effect on October 1st, most notably taxes on prepared foods, digital goods, vehicle trade in fees, and alcohol excise taxes.

Consumers will now see a 7.35% tax on certain prepared foods including those found at grocery stores. Initial guidance from the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) included numerous previously untaxed items. After public outcry, the guidance was revised, applying the increase only to prepared foods currently taxed at 6.35%. However, DRS does not have the authority to change the law as written, and despite what Governor Lamont and legislative Democrats say, many additional food items we buy from grocery stores are still at risk of being taxed. The only way to protect consumers from this regressive tax is to call a special session and remove the part of the law that taxes groceries. Many of my colleagues and I have petitioned for a special session to correct this issue.

You may have also noticed the 6.35% sales tax is now applied to digital goods previously taxed at 1%. This increase applies to online services, including, but not limited to, TV streaming services (e.g., Netflix, Hulu), online music (e.g., Spotify, Apple Music), eBooks, and in-app.

Another increase is the alcohol excise tax which was hiked by 10%, except on beer. This significant increase will impact package stores and wineries, and ultimately their customers.

The current motor vehicle trade-in fee of \$35 will increase to \$100, hurting families upgrading their cars as well as businesses with vehicle fleets.

Each of these tax increases will add to the cost of living for Connecticut residents and will hit low and fixed income residents the hardest.

On a local note, I am very happy to report that Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine had a very successful 2019 season, and plans are underway for 2020. Site Manager Morgan Bengel has done an exemplary job with the assistance of dedicated volunteers, interns, and seasonal staff. An official "Friends of New-Gate" group is in the process of being organized; more information will be available soon.

As always, please contact me if you have questions about state issues by phone at (860) 240-8700 or by e-mail at Tami.Zawistowski@housegop.ct.gov. I would also encourage you to sign up for my e-mail newsletters online at www.RepZawistowski.com and follow my social media on Facebook (@repzawistowski), Twitter (@tamizawistowski), and Instagram (@repzawistowski) for the latest news from the Capitol and across the district.



You are invited to attend the

9TH ANNUAL TOWN HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

on Friday, November 29th. Festivities start at 6PM at the Town Hall with the Tree Lighting & Carol Sing. Then we head over to the Senior/Community Center where we will have pictures with Buzz Lightyear & Woody, letters to Santa, and yummy hot chocolate with marshmallows.

#EG CommunityWorks Calendar

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Special Note:

Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine's last day open this season is Monday, October 28th, they will reopen in May 2020.

Easy ways to help:

Save your Geissler's grocery receipts (that are less than 6 months old and over \$35) and drop-off at the EG Public Library or the EG Post Office. *Geissler's donates back 5% to the Allgrove/Seymour PTO!* (Students can also drop-off their receipts at school.)

October

26th, Saturday: EG Pack 70 Cub Scout/Girl Scout Annual Food Drive (benefits Friend to Friend Food Pantry) & **Bottles/Cans Fundraiser** (benefits Pack 70 lessons and adventures). Please put out your non-perishable food items as well as refundable bottles and cans (in a separate leak-proof bag) at the end of your driveway on **Saturday, October 26th for pick up beginning at 8:00 am if you received a bag the week before.** You can also drop-off donations to EGMS Gym (south side of building) from 9:00-11:00am. Thank you, and please contact EGpack70@gmail.com with questions.

26th, Saturday: EG Congregational Church Autumn Festival, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Luncheon, vendors, crafters, bake table, teacup auction, handmade items. If you or someone you know would like to buy a space as a vendor or crafter, please contact Judy (860) 653-7747 or doxie99@aol.com.

26th, Saturday: EG Land Trust Annual Fall Hike and a Free Hot Dog Social, 9:30 am-1:00 pm. Join us for a hike up to the Metacomet Ridge from East Granby Farms followed by a free Hot Dog Social at the EG Farms Recreation Center. Open to hikers and non-hikers alike! Event to be held rain or shine.

26th, Saturday: 2nd Annual East Granby Cares Day, a collaboration between the Commission on Aging the East Granby High School students. This is a day students have a chance to give back and get hands on with helping the community. They will work on landscaping, fall clean up, small repair jobs and assist those in the community who are no longer able to keep up with their chores. If you are interested in participating either as a student volunteer or as a recipient, please contact Kelly Jacobs at (860) 413-3334 kellyj@egtownhall.com or Elise Cosker at (860) 413-3328 elisec@egtownhall.com

26th, Saturday: Halloween at Old New-Gate: East Granby Night, *Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine and EG Parks & Rec*, 5:30-7:00 pm, EG residents are free, non-residents \$5.00, call 860-653-3563 or checkout Facebook event for details.

26th, Saturday: Ed-toberfest!, 7:00 pm, Marks Auto Parts, 22 Russell Road. This Octoberfest celebration includes live music by Still Kicking & the Big City Horns, great food (yes, those big fat pretzels w/beer cheese dipping sauce), craft beer, wine and wonderful raffles including a 50/50. Proceeds benefit the Ed Chatey Scholarship Fund which awards a scholarship every year to an EGHS student entering the trades. Come join us for a fun party and great fundraiser! Purchase tickets (\$20) from Rosalie at EG Town Hall or email echateyscholarship@gmail.com and are available at the door!

27th, Sunday: A Perfect Pairing: Wine Tasting and Art Show, Granby Ambulance Association Fundraiser, 1:30-4:30pm, wine tasting and fine art show featuring 3 local artists will be held at Holcomb Farm, 111-113 Simsbury Road in West Granby. Brad Field will give opening address. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at www.eventbrite.com or go to <https://granbyambulance.org/a-perfect-pairing/> for more information.

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November

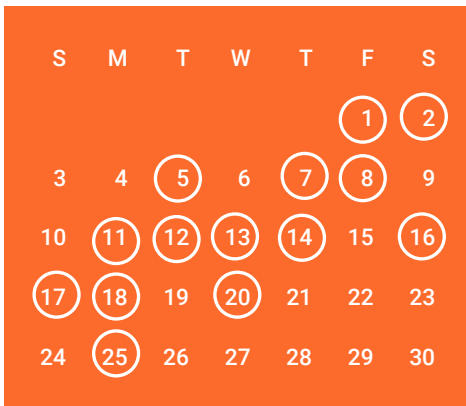
1st, Friday: EG Senior Center: How to Protect Your Computer, 10:00 am, EG Community/Senior Center. This presentation will cover antivirus, how to protect your computer and personal information from scams, hackers, and malicious software/viruses. Hear the latest security tips from local experts and learn how to prevent hackers from accessing your personal data. You can't afford to miss this important presentation! Light refreshments will be served. No charge, but reservation due by October 24th, call (860) 413-3334.

2nd, Saturday: Fetch Me a Story!, 12:30-2:00 pm, call 860-653-3002, EG Public Library

2nd, Saturday: EG Congregational Church Thanksgiving Supper, two sittings: 5:00 and 6:30 pm. Adults \$15, seniors \$14, kids 6-12 \$10 and children under 5 are free. To reserve please call Grace Ann at 860.658.0593

5th, Tuesday: VOTE! It's Election Day, 6:00 am-8:00 pm, EG Community/Senior Center

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Contact List

Community Cuisine

<https://nourishmysoul.org>

EG Congregational Church

www.egchurch.org

EG Fire Department

www.eastgranbyfire.com

EG Historical Society

www.eastgranbyhistoricalsociety.org

EG Land Trust

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EG Lions Club

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EG Parks & Rec

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EG Public Library

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EG Senior Center

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EG Social Services

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EG Veterans

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Friend to Friend

www.friendtofriendeg.com

Granby Ambulance Association

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Nourish My Soul

<https://nourishmysoul.org>

Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine

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Resilience Grows Here

www.resiliencegrowshere.org

Women's Club of EG

www.womensclubeg.org

Youth Action Council (EG High School)

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Youth Action Council (EG Middle School)

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November, continued

7th, Thursday: EG Veteran's Day Program at Allgrove School, 8:45 am, open to all Military and Veterans.

7th, Thursday: Self-care series by The Military Family Connection, sponsored by Resilience Grows Here, 10:00-11:00am, East Granby Farms, RSVP via facebook event or email Kim at Kls7389@gmail.com to let her know that you will be attending.

7th, Thursday: Community Cuisine Dinner, 5:00 pm–7:00 pm, EG Community/Senior Center, *Nourish My Soul*, *EG Lions Club*, *EG Veterans*, *EGMS YAC*, *Friend to Friend*, *Oxen Hill Farm*, *Resilience Grows Here*, *Women's Club of EG Seniors – if you need a ride, call the Mini Bus at 860-653-6418.*

7th, Thursday: EG Land Trust Annual Meeting/Eastern Coyotes in Connecticut, 6:30 pm, Co-sponsored by EGLT and the East Granby Public Library, the presentation focuses on the history of coyotes in Connecticut, an overview of coyote habitat, diet, behavior, and reproduction. It also provides practical recommendations for optimum coexistence with our coyote population. Coyote artifacts will be shared with the audience.

8th, Friday: EG Veteran's Day Program at EGMS/HS, open to all Military and Veterans, 8:45am–12:30 pm, lunch provided.

11th, Monday: Veteran's Day Celebration Dinner, 5:30-8:30 pm, hosted by *RGH* and the *Town of EG*, EG Community/Senior Center. *Donations of back packs, Dunkin Donut \$5 gift cards, hooded sweat shirts, Gold Bond body powder, foot powder and socks are being accepted for our homeless veterans.* RSVP by October 31 to 860-352-2333 x 324 or lphilippon@fvhd.org

12th, Tuesday: Library Book Discussion: The Aviator's Wife, by Melanie Benjamin, 10:00 am, EG Public Library

13th, Wednesday: Women's Club of EG Meeting, 7:00 pm, contact shirleywoods@cox.net for location

14th, Thursday: EG Senior Center: AARP Driver Safety Course, 9:00 am-1:00 pm at the EG Town Hall meeting room. Completion of this course may result in a savings on your car insurance! Cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Call (860) 413-3334 by November 1st to reserve your seat.

16th, Saturday: Jr. Chef Cook-Off & Pop-Up Market, 10:00am-1:00pm, EG Community/Senior Center. Jr. Chefs compete for the *2019 Master Chef* and *Market Favorite* awards from 11:00am-12:00pm. This annual fundraiser helps ensure that all children have access to our *Jr. Chef* program and also supports our *Jr. Chef Boot Camp for children of recently deployed military families*. **There is no fee to attend.** Come cheer for your favorite Jr. Chef, shop the holiday market, and help make a difference in our community! *If your business would like to sponsor the event, please contact Alicia Newton at alicia@nourishmysoul.org

17th, Sunday: Friend to Friend Thrift Shop Pop-Up Art Gallery Sale, 1:00-5:00 pm, Copper Hill Golf Club. **Free admission.** Peruse our gallery of quality art for sale, view *on-loan-for-the-day artwork* from special EG friends, have your caricature done by Matt C. Ryan and *Free Lunch Friends*, and more. Cheese plates and beverages, including wine & craft beers are available for purchase. If you have a piece of art to loan for viewing or to donate to our sale, please call 860-392-8362 or email friendtofriendthriftshop@gmail.com. Art proceeds benefit the Food Pantry.

18th, Monday (a total of five consecutive Mondays, including the 25th and December 2nd, 9th and 16th): **Chess Program: EG Public Library**, 5:30-6:30pm, sign up is required online egpl.org or call 860-653-3002. For all ages, grades K-12, class is intended for all skill levels.

20th, Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 pm, EG RTC Meeting, EG Community/Senior Center. All Republicans and supporters welcome.

25th, Monday: Flower Arranging: A Thanksgiving Centerpiece, 6:30-8:00 pm, call 860.653.3002, EG Public Library.

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NOW you can also get the latest events by clicking the *East Granby Community Works Calendar* link on the bottom of our town website page eastgranbyct.org.

December

5th, Thursday: *EG Land Trust Meeting*, 7:00 pm, EG Public Library

6th, Friday: *Holiday Party – Get in the Holiday spirit!* EG Senior Center. We will start off with some appetizers and holiday punch before our scrumptious dinner. Enjoy the fabulous sounds of the *Airborne Jazz Band* — ready to bring music to your ears and help you kick off the holiday season in style! 12:00pm sharp, reservations due by November 29th, call 860-413-3334.

9th, Monday: *Book Discussion: Beneath the Scarlet Sky*, by Mark T. Sullivan, 10:00 am, EG Public Library

9th, Monday: *Needle Felting Winter Scene Card*, 6:00-8:00 pm. Space limited, call 860.653.3002 to reserve your spot. EG Public Library

11th, Wednesday: *Farmington Valley Chorus Holiday Show*, 7:00pm, EG Public Library

11th, Wednesday: *Women’s Club of EG Meeting*, 7:00 pm, contact shirleywoods@cox.net for location

14th, Saturday: *Winter Wonderland*, (Snow date is Sunday, Dec. 15.) Women’s Club of EG, 11:00am-12:30pm and 1:00-2:30pm sessions, EG Community/Senior Center, go to www.womensclubeg.org for registration info.

19th, Thursday: *EGCC Chorus & Bell Choir Show*, 7:00pm, EG Public Library

Monthly Happenings ...

At EG Congregational Church:

Tuesdays: **Book Study**, 1:00 pm, Buttaro Rm

Wednesdays: **Morning Prayer/Meditation**, 6:30 am, Buttaro Rm

Thursdays: **Morning Bible Study**, 10:45 am, Buttaro Rm and **Yoga**, 7:00 pm, CEC First Wednesday (2:00 pm) and Thursday (7:00 pm), each month:

Free Genealogy Group Meeting, Fellowship Hall

At EG Historical Society:

Second & Fourth Sundays each month: **Barn/Museum Seasonal Hours: 2:00-4:00**, June thru October.

At EG Public Library:

Second Monday each month: **Book Club**, 10:00 am, books available at library.

At EG Veterans:

LOCATION CHANGE: Coffee House is the second Tuesday of the month at **Three Brothers II** from 8-10 am. All are welcome.

EG Veterans meetings are the last Tuesday of the month at *Gio’s Brick Oven Pizzeria* from 7:00-9:00 pm, all are welcome.

At Resilience Grows Here:

First and Third Thursday each month: **Military Family Connect Group**, 10:00–11:00 am, EG Farms Recreation Building. Email **Kim** at kls7389@gmail.com if you’ll be attending and check the RGH Facebook page for cancellations. Veteran, Active Duty and Reserve families from all towns are welcome.

If we missed you or you’d like to participate, please email us at eg.communityworks@gmail.com. The calendar appears in *Talk Turkey* and is posted on the *East Granby Community* Facebook page every month.



Photography by Janine Baryza-Ly

Dinner is better when we eat together!

Please join us for a

Community Cuisine Dinner

Thursday, November 7th, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

(Snow date: Friday, November 8th)

East Granby Community/Senior Center

Bring your family, a friend, a neighbor or yourself and indulge in the support and comfort of small-town living.

**** Seniors — if you need a ride, call the Mini Bus at 860-653-6418. ****

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT COMMUNITY CUISINE

HOW DID IT START? Members of *Friend to Friend* and *Nourish My Soul* wanted to create an opportunity for our community to come together and share a meal. They contacted local non-profit organizations to participate and served the first dinner in July 2018.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE AND WHO CAN ATTEND?

Community Cuisine provides a gathering space for all in the community to meet and enjoy a meal together. Neighbors in East Granby and surrounding communities are welcome.

HOW MUCH DOES THE MEAL COST AND WHO PAYS FOR IT?

The meal is **FREE** — *no town funds are used!* **From the Ground Up** student volunteers solicit overstocked and imperfect foods from generous grocery stores and local farms, like *Oxen Hill*. A menu is created and we start cooking! (We also graciously accept cash donations.)

WHO COOKS THE MEAL? *Nourish My Soul*, *From the Ground Up*, and *Jr. Chef* members along with others in the community.

DO I HAVE TO ARRIVE AT 5:00 AND STAY THE ENTIRE TIME?

No, we serve for two hours. People arrive and eat in 'waves'. Stay as long as you'd like and please bring a take-home container for leftovers! Once you're finished, volunteers will ready the space for the next diners.

WHAT TYPE OF FOOD DO YOU SERVE? All kinds, including vegetarian dishes. Our menu is a reflection of the food we've "rescued" and varies for each dinner.

DO YOU NEED VOLUNTEERS? Volunteers are welcome — contact Alicia Van Neil at 860-653-7660 or aliciav@egtownhall.com.

WHEN IS THE NEXT COMMUNITY CUISINE DINNER?

We hope to have additional meals in 2020. See future editions of *Talk Turkey*.

Community Cuisine Dinners are enthusiastically prepared for you by committee members, volunteers and organizations including *Nourish My Soul*, *Resilience Grows Here*, *EG Lions Club*, *EG Veterans*, *EGMS Youth Action Council*, *Friend to Friend*, *Oxen Hill Farm*, and the *Women's Club of EG*.

East Granby Parks & Recreation

Register online today! Be sure to check out our website for additional information and recently added programs....

<https://eastgranbyct.myrec.com>

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Adult Events and Classes



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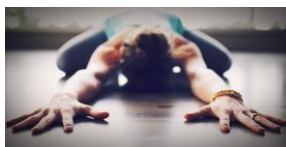


Adult Holiday Craft Series

Looking to make a beautiful centerpiece for your Holiday table or a special decoration for your home? Get direction and inspiration from the creative instructors from Joy & Wit.

Join us on Sunday, November 10, 2019 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm at East Granby Farms to create the centerpiece on the left. Cost \$42.

Join us on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 from 6:30 – 8:30pm to create the 3 candleholders (photo on the right) to add to your holiday table. Cost \$40 also at East Granby Farms.



Slow Flow Vinyasa Yoga

While connecting breath to movement, we will start with a warm-up then flow through a series of yoga poses (asanas) building heat slowly and gently and ending in a relaxing Savasana. Modifications will be given for all

levels. Blocks, straps and knee pads will be available to assist your practice. Bring your own yoga mat.

This class is great for those newer to yoga or those wanting to slow it down in a basic flow class.

The fall session will run Mondays from 6:00pm – 7:00pm October 7, 14, 21, 28 & November 4, 11, 18, 25.

The winter session will run Mondays from 6:00pm – 7:00pm December 2, 9, 16, January 6, 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 10, 17, 24.

The fee is \$8 per class and payment is made on-site the night you attend - cash & checks only.

This program is open to all those 18 years or older and will take place at East Granby Farms in the Recreation Building.

Men's Drop in Basketball

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 Granby Parks and Recreation Waiver is required in order to play.

Participants must wear white-soled gym shoes.

There is no basketball during school vacation or on non-school days. This is a first-come first serve program with limited enrollment.

The program will run on Wednesday evenings from October 16, 2019 – June 10, 2020 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm in the East Granby High School New Gym.



Zumba is a fun dance exercise program that burns tons of calories and works your arms,

glutes, and abs. Come join us in the fun! It's a great way to spend an hour of your Tuesday! You may join us at any point during the fall session. Please bring sneakers, water bottle, towel (if desired).

This program is open to all those 13 years of age or older. An East Granby Liability Waiver is required (for those under the age of 18 it must be signed by a parent/guardian).

The program will take place on Tuesdays September 17 – November 19, 2019 from 6:00 – 7:00pm at the Recreation Building at East Granby Farms.

Several payment options are available:

- ❖ 10-week punch card: \$70
- ❖ 8-week punch card: \$60
- ❖ 6- week punch card: \$48
- ❖ 4-week punch card: \$34
- ❖ Walk-ins: \$10 (cash/check only).

Adult Tap & Jazz Dance Program

This fun class is geared towards adult students, who are either returning to dance or are starting dance for the first time. Join instructor Miss Cindy for this Jazz and Tap class.

The moves you will be learning will help gain sharpened reflexes as well as balance, mobility, and strength.

Winter Session 1:

Thursdays: January 9, 2020 – March 12, 2020 at the Recreational Building at East Granby Farms. The cost is \$125 for the session.

Winter Session 2:

Thursdays: March 19, 2020 – May 28, 2020 (no class 4/16) at the Recreation Building at East Granby Farms. The cost is \$125 for the session.



New York City Trips

Looking for a fun way to get to the city to create your own adventure? See Chinatown, Little Italy, Central Park, a museum, the zoo, a Broadway show or shop then this bus trip is for you...

Join us Saturday, December 7, 2019. The Bus will depart from East Granby Community Center (20 Center Street, East Granby) at 7:15am and will leave the city from the Stagecoach Tavern (between 53rd/54th Streets, along 7th Avenue) at 6:00pm. The cost is \$46 and all trips require advance registration.

Space is limited so be sure to sign up early.

Youth Events and Classes



Growing Healthy Kids

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.

This program is open to youth ages 6 – 9. The program runs on Mondays from 4:00pm – 5:30pm, October 2019 – May 2020 on the following dates: 10/28, 11/25, 12/16, 1/27, 2/24, 3/30, 4/27 & 5/18 at East Granby Farms in the Recreation Building.

There are two payment options. All 8 classes for \$110 or \$20 per class. One-time drop in for class does require advanced online registration.

What's Cooking Jr. Chef

Join us in this youth development program exploring the fundamentals of culinary arts, food systems, and nutritional education. The program is designed to help youth to develop leadership, teamwork, and culinary skills as well as gain nutritional knowledge and a new appreciation for diverse, healthy and sustainably produced food.

Developed by Nutritionist, Alicia Newton after years of working with families to develop healthier eating habits. Meet you in kitchen where we will be stirring up change!

This program is open to all those ages 10-14 years old. It will run on Wednesdays from 4:00 – 6:00pm from January 15 – February 19, 2020 at the East Granby Senior/Community Center. The cost for the program is \$150.



Drop-in Youth Basketball

Join the fun with Drop-in Middle School Basketball! This program is for East Granby residents and/or students only. Looking to practice and get ready for the basketball season or just want to get out and have a little fun? This is the place to be. This co-ed program will take place on the following dates from 7:00 – 9:00pm at the East Granby High School New Gym.

- ❖ October 28
- ❖ November 4

The cost is a cash/check fee of \$3 per night.

Drop-in High School Basketball

Calling all high school basketball players. Join us for a drop-in evening to brush up on your skills or just get out and have fun.

This program will run on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00pm at the High School New Gym. The cost is \$3 cash/check fee per night.

The program will run on the following dates:

- ❖ November 7
- ❖ November 14

Crusader Basketball Clinic

Join East Granby High School Boys Varsity Coach Ryan Aeschliman for 6 weeks of clinics. Looking to brush up on your skills, pick up new skills before the season starts? These clinics will teach and review basic fundamentals of the game: dribbling, passing and shooting. Students learn qualities of being a teammate on and off the court. Each clinic consists of drills and games to teach and improve skills. The clinics will challenge you to step outside your comfort zone and build your confidence to become the best player you can be. Join us for one week or all five weeks.

This program is co-ed and will run on Saturdays from October 5 – November 23, 2019 (no program on 10/12 & 10/19) and is open to all students in grades 3 – 8th. The 3rd – 5th graders will meet from 9:00am – 10:00 am in the High School New Gym.

You may drop in for one-week for \$15 – Pre-registration is required.

Youth Basketball Program

Join East Granby Parks and Recreation for our youth basketball program. Our youth basketball program is designed to provide a positive recreational basketball program for youths in grades 1-8. The goals of the program are to instruct the players the rules of the game, develop individual skills, foster teamwork, learn good sportsmanship and to have FUN!

Teams and practice nights are determined by availability of coaches. Practices are two times a week with games on the Saturdays. This year we will be playing teams from Suffield and Granby.

Team divisions are listed below:

1st and 2nd grade boys and girl's teams
3rd and 4th grade boys and girl's teams
5th and 6th grade boys and girl's teams
7th and 8th grade boys and girl's teams

1st & 2nd grade teams cost \$95 and begin practices and games in January 2020.

3rd – 8th grade teams cost \$110 and begin practices the 1st week in December and games begin in January 2020.

The season runs through early March 2020 for all teams.

Deadline to register for grades 3 – 8 is Friday, November 15, 2019.

Deadline to register for grades 1 – 2 is Friday, December 6, 2019.

Mini Hoops - Kindergarten Basketball

Calling all Kindergarteners! Join us for this instructional, co-ed program that teaches the fundamentals of basketball. Come and participate in fun activities designed to develop a child's basketball skills. All participants will receive a basketball and t-shirt.

The mini hoop program will begin in January 2020 and run for 8 weeks (no class 1/18 and 2/15) on Saturday mornings from 9:00am – 10:00am. Cost: \$75

Ski Sundown

Looking for an opportunity for your child to get out and ski during the winter months?

Open to all 3rd – 12th graders

Join East Granby Parks and Recreation as we head up to Ski Sundown immediately after school on Mondays. We provide bus transportation and supervision. Ski Sundown staff provide lessons, rentals and the mountain. See our website for many options available. Don't miss this fun and exciting opportunity.

Deadline to register:

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Flute Choir

You will learn techniques specific to the flute, ensemble music and learn about flutes in other cultures. Games with music theory, history of the flute and exploration of unique sounds the flute can make will also be explored.

This class is open to all flute players who have played for one year.

The instructor for this class is Beth Galloway. Beth has been playing the flute since fifth grade. She has a BS in Music Education from UCONN and has taught privately for many years.

The class will take place on Mondays: from January 27 – March 9, 2020 from 4:30pm – 5:30pm at The Sears House at East Granby Farms and the cost is \$160.

Preschool Play Time

Need some time out with your little ones?
Tired of being your summer routine?
Come join other mothers and fathers for a fun filled morning of play, crafts and socializing. Give yourself a change to start the week off right.

This is a parent-child class. Please bring a nut-free snack and drink for circle time.

This program will run on Mondays: from October 7 - December 19, 2019 (no class on October 14 & November 14).

Our winter session will run January 6 – March 9, 2020 (no class on January 20 & February 17). Both sessions are geared toward those children not yet enrolled in kindergarten.

The cost is \$40 for all 8 sessions or a one-class fee of \$15. Preregistration is required for the drop in classes.

Movin' Minis:

Dance & Twirl Combo Class

The Movin' Minis program is designed specifically for dancer's pre-k, kindergarten – grade 2! With an introduction to Ballet, Hip-Hop, and Baton, our "Movin' Minis" develop an enthusiasm and love for dance & twirl while building skill, coordination, confidence, and more!

No Experience Needed!

This program will run Tuesdays: December 3, 2019 – February 4, 2020. 4:30pm – 5:15pm for our pre-school and kindergarten minis and 5:15pm – 6:00pm for our 1st and 2nd graders.

The cost of the program is \$110 for new students (includes a new baton) and \$99 for returning students. Both classes take place at East Granby Farms in the Recreation Building.

"HALFTIME"

POM CHEER, DANCE & TWIRL CLASS AFTER SCHOOL AT RD SEYMOUR

Have you been to a UCONN game lately?

Watched an NFL or BIG TEN game on TV?

Is your child paying more attention to the cheer and dance teams or the baton twirlers than the game?

If so, they'll LOVE this class!

It's full of fun, high-energy, hip hop dance, cheer pom, and baton twirling! Participants will learn moves in all disciplines guaranteed to get the crowd out of their seats!

This class is Great Exercise and a confidence boosting opportunity! You will also see it builds coordination. Your child is sure to have a blast!

No Experience Needed!

This class will run on Tuesdays, December 10, 2019 – February 11, 2020 (no class 12/24 & 12/31) from 3:00pm – 4:00pm. The cost is \$110 for new students (includes a baton) and \$99 for returning students. This class will be held at R.D. Seymour School.

After-school ART-ventures for Allgrove students – Lions and Tigers and Pigs – Oh My!

Animals have been an important subject for artists all over the world since the beginning of time. From ancient caves to the present day, magnificent creatures can be seen in paintings, sculptures, ceramics, mosaic art, fabric design, masks and stained glass. On a wild journey through the animal kingdom, art adventurers discover a multitude of kooky critters - as well as their own creativity - while exploring various techniques, tools, and materials. Stained glass giraffes, fabric dogs, ceramic pigs, wooden snakes, colorful dinosaurs, and clay lions with fluffy fiber manes - these are just a few of the animals created during our awesome art excursions. Fun facts about each creature are included.

A ROARING good time!

This class will take place at Allgrove elementary school – New this Year! Open to all kindergarten – 2nd graders.

This class takes place on Wednesdays immediately after school (more details are given about the process on our website).

Session 2 runs Wednesdays from November 6 – January 8 (no class on 11/27, 12/4, 1/1 & 2/24) The cost for each session is \$87.

Winter sessions will also run at Allgrove elementary – be sure to check out the website for more information.



After-school ART-ventures for R.D. Seymour students in the Rain Forest!!



Head off on a jungle art safari!

Art explorers trek through the rain forest, discovering the wondrous and rare creatures that call it home.

Journey into the world of parrots, jungle cats, snakes, red-eye tree frogs and more all while experimenting with whimsical and original art forms and techniques!

Create stained glass tigers, build rockin' rain sticks, paint ceramic turtles, design repousse reptiles, and sculpt froggy light switch covers.

Throughout the voyage art adventurers learn about the importance of saving the rain forest, and pick up super artist survival skills like printmaking, painting, collage, and journaling. They even make their own t-shirts using a unique and unusual oil pastel technique.

Surprises and laughter round out this fun-filled art safari.

Adventurers return home with awesome works of art each week.

Thursdays: 3:00 pm - 4:00pm at R.D. Seymour School. The second session runs November 21, 2019 - January 16, 2020 (no class: 11/28, 12/5, 12/26). Cost: \$86.

With a dash of whimsy and a dollop of fun, we help art explorers think creatively about art and the amazing role it plays in our wonderful world!

- Provides unique and original art experiences using quality art materials
- Talented instructors encourage children's creative spirit and imagination
- Inspires children to create art that is uniquely their own

- Fosters creativity through exposure to a variety of art tools, techniques and materials
- Includes wicked cool, sometimes kooky, art activities kids love to do

After-school Mad Science program



Secret Agent Lab

Join us for this fun and interactive after-school program.

In this program students will develop secret agent and detective skills in this super hands-on program! Uncover the science involved in evidence gathering and analysis - from fingerprints to tracks to trash!

Come discover how chemistry and the science of forensics can come to the aid of a secret agent or detective. Secret agents-in training will use science and awesome technological tools to connect the dots and help sniff out the suspects!!

Join us Wednesdays from 3:00pm – 4:00pm.

Fall Session 2: November 6 - December 11, 2019 (no class 11/27 & 12/4)

Time: 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Cost: \$69 per session

Jazz - Hip Hop - Tumbling

(Grades K – 2)

This high energy class teaches rhythm, coordination, balance and basic tumbling skills, set to fun, upbeat age appropriate music. Join Miss Cindy for this fun and energetic class!

Thursdays – January 9 – March 12, 2020 from
4:30pm – 5:15pm. Cost: \$125

Ballet & Tap Dance Program

Calling all Kindergarten - 2nd Graders!!

Join us for an energetic class that introduces young dancers to ballet sequences, and the basic steps of tap. We will work on rhythm, musicality and terminology.

Join Miss Cindy and get Dancing!

Thursdays – January 9 – March 12, 2020 from
5:15pm – 6:00pm. Cost \$125

Ballet Tap & Jazz

Calling all 3rd - 5th Graders!

Join Miss Cindy for a fundamentals class that will teach techniques in ballet, tap and jazz. More experienced dancers will work with her on improving technique and building skills.

Thursdays, January 9 – March 12, 2020 from
6:00pm – 6:45pm. Cost: \$125

Jazz – Hip Hop – Tumbling

(Grades 3 – 5)

This class incorporates basic tumbling skills with Jazz and Hip Hop dance techniques and combinations. Balance, Flexibility and Strength are emphasized!

Join Miss Cindy to learn new skills or improve the ones you have!!

Thursdays – January 9 – March 12, 2020 from
6:00pm – 6:45pm. Cost: \$125.

Jazz Hip Hop and Tumbling

(Grades 6 – 8)

This class will teach tumbling and acro-skills.

The class will focus on developing flexibility, strength and balance while learning both jazz and hip hop techniques.

Join Miss Cindy for an energetic and fun class!

This program is open to those in grades 6 - 8.
Thursdays – January 9 – March 12, 2020 from
6:45pm – 7:00pm. Cost \$125.

Tiny Dancers

Calling all younger dancers...

(Age: 2 - 4)

This class is designed as an introductory class for our youngest dancers. The class will focus on teaching listening, social skills all while learning basic steps and terminology.

Flexibility, coordination and gross motor skills will be focused on. Age appropriate music is always used.

Join Miss Cindy for a fun class filled with energy and enthusiasm!

Saturdays: January 11 – March 14, 2020 from
9:00am – 9:45am. Cost \$125.

American Red Cross Babysitting Course

This class will give youth ages 11-15 years old the information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for children in the absence of a parent or adult guardian.

This training will help participants develop skills in leadership and professionalism; basic care; safety and safe play and first aid.

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 from 9:00am –
4:00pm at East Granby Farms in the Recreation
Building.

Cost: \$40 for EG residents and \$50 for non-EG residents.

This program is being supported and presented by the East Granby Youth Services and Parks and Recreation.

Introduction to Horseback Riding

Looking for an opportunity for your child to learn to ride?

Improve their current riding skills?

Join our advanced riding instructors in this introductory set of lessons.

Held off site in the indoor barn at End of Hunt Equestrian Center.

This program is open to those ages 3 – 17. The cost is \$105 and the program will run on Tuesdays: January 14 – January 28, 2020.

Holiday Craft Program for children

Join us for a fun holiday craft program. Each program will offer holiday crafts and the children will create a fun gingerbread house to take home.

Grades 3 -5: Friday, December 6, 2019 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Cost: \$10

Grades K – 2: Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 4:00pm – 5:00pm. Sponsored by the Middle School Youth Action Council. Cost: \$10

Preschool Children: Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 2:30pm – 3:30pm. Cost \$10

All programs will be held at East Granby Farms in the Recreation Building.

Annual Town Halloween Party!!

East Granby's Halloween party is on the move and is growing!

**Saturday, October 26, 2019
5:30pm – 7:00pm.**

Join us this year at Newgate Prison. We are partnering with Newgate Prison and other town non-profits to make our annual Halloween event even more special.

Check out the East Granby Parks and Recreation website for additional details as we get closer to the date. Flyers will go out with updated information will through Allgrove & Seymour Schools.

Don't miss out on this fun event open to all East Granby Families with children 5th grade and younger.

Please bring a non-perishable can of food, being collected by the Lions Club, for the Friend to Friend Food Pantry.

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Event

East Granby Parks & Recreation invites you to attend the 9th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting and Caroling on Friday, November 27, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Town Complex. After please join us for pictures with our special guests Buzz Lightyear and Woody, letters to Santa and delicious hot chocolate.

Ceremonies will be held rain (snow) or shine.

This is a free event and you do not need to RSVP.

Online registration is strongly encouraged at: <https://eastgranbyct.myrec.com> or you may contact the office to register by calling 860/653-7660.

FRIEND TO FRIEND THRIFT SHOP'S

Art-Revival Gallery & Sale



Sunday, November 17, 2019
1:00-5:00 p.m.

Copper Hill Golf Club
20 Copper Hill Road, East Granby

Save the date to get your holiday decorating
and shopping off to a great start!

Join **Friend to Friend Thrift Shop** for a special pop-up art sale at **Copper Hill Golf Club** in East Granby. We'll feature beautiful artwork, including paintings, prints, pottery and sculpture that was gifted to us during the year and saved for this special event. This **event is free**, please join us and

- Shop the beautiful artwork for sale at *very reasonable* prices.
- View our "on loan for the day artwork" from special friends in East Granby
- Have your caricature done by Matt C. Ryan and the *Free Lunch Friends*, from Tariffville, CT between 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Get framing tips and techniques from Donna Duquette, owner of *Affordable Framing*, East Granby
- Purchase a cheese plate and beverage, including wine and craft beers while you peruse.

All art proceeds benefit the *Friend to Friend Food Pantry*.

Do you have artwork to donate to our sale? Please drop it off at our shop during operating hours, or call 860-392-8362 for pick up.



Friend to Friend Thrift Shop • 32 Spoonville Road • Hours: Tues. & Sat. 10-2 / Thurs. 2-6

Winter Wonderland



Sponsored by
The Women's Club of East Granby
Saturday, December 14, 2019
(snow date: SUNDAY December 15, 2019)
At the East Granby Senior/Community Center



Children from birth to 12 years of age are invited to 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!

Winter Wonderland has limited seating. Send us your information as shown in the form below, by U.S mail or email. You can send us a check, or pay us at the event by check or cash. Sorry – we don't take credit cards. The deadline for registration is November 24th. A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of registration.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Child's Name: _____

age: _____ gender: _____

Child's Name: _____

age: _____ gender: _____

Child's Name: _____

age: _____ gender: _____

Child's Name: _____

age: _____ gender: _____

Please check which session you would like to attend:

_____ Session 1 **11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

_____ Session 2 **1:00 pm - 2:30 pm**

Admission \$8 per child



Email: WCEGWW@gmail.com

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

Website: womensclubeg.org

**East Granby Pack 70 Cub Scouts
Scrapbooking / Crafting
Fundraiser**



Graciously Hosted by:
East Granby Congregational Church
9 Rainbow Road, East Granby, CT

**Come and join us for a day of
Scrapbooking / Crafting
Saturday, January 25, 2020 ~ 9 am to 9 pm**

\$40 includes cropping space, lunch and dinner

There will be a raffle, workshops, demonstrations and gifts!
Each attendee will receive one raffle ticket with your registration....
You may purchase additional raffle tickets at the event

Creative Memories Vendor attending:

Kelly Burke – Creative Memories <https://www.creativememories.com/user/kellyburke>
kburke6110@yahoo.com

(Contact in advance if you'd like to place an order or want more information, or are just looking for advice on where/how to start organizing photos)

A Cricut machine, tools and some punches will be available for your use. Please bring a power strip and extension cord for any electronics you might be using. WiFi is available.

Checks should be made payable to East Granby Pack 70 Cub Scouts

Mail your registration & check by January 5, 2020 to:

Kelly Burke, 12 Surrey Drive, East Granby, CT 06026

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____ *(we will try to accommodate most requests)*

FRIENDS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIT WITH: _____



friend to friend

Food Pantry & Thrift Shop

A Fast Fall Finish!

On October 19, we celebrated the 19th 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 and your attendance at this successful fundraiser! Now, we move forward to preparing and distributing our Thanksgiving and Holiday Food Baskets, see below for more info. We'd also like to invite you to the *Friend to Friend Thrift Shop's* admission-free event, **Art-Revival Gallery & Sale** on November 17th. See the flyer in this newsletter for details. And finally, please visit the Thrift Shop before it closes for the season on Saturday, December 21st at 2:00 pm.

Food Pantry

To register with the Food Pantry call **Social Services** at **860.413.3328** or email **elisec@egtownhall.com**. To volunteer or donate call **860.651.1659** or email **friendtofriendeg@gmail.com**.

- In need of the following items: jelly, cereal, tuna, pasta sauce, hearty soups, canned fruit and vegetables, coffee, personal care products 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
friendtofriendthriftshop@gmail.com

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 21st at 2 p.m. Drop by for clearance savings!

We'll reopen on Thursday, April 2, 2020.

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

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. **To volunteer or donate please call 860.651.1659 or email friendtofriendeg@gmail.com.**

In December, Social Services coordinates with EG Town Employees, EG Public Library, EG Congregational Church, Copper Hill Church and local families to help Santa and his elves make sure children have hats, mittens, books and small toys on Christmas morning. **To volunteer or donate gifts call Social Services at 860.413.3328 or email elisec@egtownhall.com.**

www.friendtofriendeg.com

East Granby Public Schools

October 2019

Five years ago, East Granby Public Schools (EGPS) launched a revision of the Mission and Vision Statements by seeking input from stakeholders, which included administrators, faculty, students, parents/guardians, community members, business partners, and the Board of Education. The goal was to create a vision of the graduate. What will our students know and be able to accomplish upon graduation. In addition, the district designed numerous pathways of success for our students.

Since 2016, the district has focused efforts on the following six categories for a Portrait of an EGPS Graduate: **Intellectual Agility**, **Mindfulness** and **Mindset**, **Global Acumen**, **Creativity** and **Innovation**, **Leadership** and **Collaboration**, and **Technological Ability**. As a district, we will look again at these categories to fine tune and create easily understandable outcomes throughout the K-12 continuum.

Stepping into a high school mathematics class, we see an example of how students think critically and intellectually. Working with a partner, students tackle a problem and then explain to others their mathematical reasoning. Implementing math discourse in the classroom, students eagerly demonstrate on the interactive SMARTBoard the logical progression and sequence of steps used to solve a problem.

To provide an example of the Global Acumen focus, and in conjunction with the literacy work of the TCRWP (Teachers College Reading and Writing Project), elementary teachers and students are using a cultural diversity lens to closely read texts. The district invested in mentor text sets at each grade level to support both reading and writing units. The selection of these mentor texts were based upon the following TCRWP criteria: character representation and the affirmation of cultural identities, authors who are positioned to tell their stories with authenticity, stories with relevance to students' lives, and texts with an authentic voice. There are a variety of resources to support this initiative. These include Teaching Tolerance and the National Education Association. Teachers will guide students in exploring multicultural and diversity issues in an open and supportive environment. The goal is to guide students in addressing biases, understanding differences and, more importantly, engaging respectfully with all people.

To highlight an activity demonstrating Creativity and Innovation, last spring, our students in *Regional and International Cuisine*, taught by Family and Consumer Science educator Susan Corey, partnered with students in *Advanced Manufacturing II* taught by Wendi Meunier, built operational food trucks. Students studied how to succeed in building a business, marketing, and exploring what international foods would sell the best with their peers.

To keep on top of new technologies, Ms. Meunier also has a dedicated drone class this school year after a successful pilot in the manufacturing classes. Students learn about drone design, repair, careers, and flight.

One of the techniques we employ in moving students toward achieving mastery in a discipline is through Project-Based Learning (PBL). When students lead investigations in Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) units, they have a vested interest in the learning and assume greater ownership in their education. For example, one innovative PBL unit in second grade originated from our district's work with Sara Slogesky, a Buck Institute trained consultant. With her guidance, second grade teachers designed an authentic unit on Cape Cod beach erosion. Small groups of second graders conducted research using print and digital resources and then theorized and tested a variety of pathways to halt or slow the progression of erosion. Finally, they defended their proposals in front of an audience of scientists and district administrators.

Under Connecticut's Education Plan, students will be required to "apply key knowledge and skills by planning, completing, and presenting a project linked to one or more areas of personal interest" through a Capstone Project. "Capstone engages students in a project/experience that focuses on an interest, a career path, or an academic pursuit that synthesizes classroom study and real-world perspectives." This spring, East Granby High School will present a community night where students share their work and we can celebrate the completion of their Capstone projects. The evening will include project displays, as well as TED-talk style presentations for a select number of students' work.

Looking forward, this small, but highly successful and innovative district has plans for further improving teaching and learning practices through expanded professional development offerings, empowering students to take control of their own learning, and improving student performance by providing multiple learning opportunities through a variety of pathways. All of this is only possible due to the dedicated employees, students, and community members of East Granby.

Best Regards,

Melissa Bavaro-Grande
Acting Superintendent

Marjorie Light
Curriculum Director

Susan Cavanagh
Curriculum Consultant

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Focus Group Press Release

The East Granby Board of Education invites the East Granby community to participate in the search process for a new Superintendent of Schools.

On **October 29, 2019**, Mary Broderick, CABE Search Services Consultant working with the East Granby Search Committee, will conduct a series of focus groups to hear from the community on the qualities, experiences, and characteristics desired in a new leader. Town officials, teachers, administrators, other staff, parents, students, and community members will participate in focus groups. Members of the general public are invited to participate at **7:30pm** in the **East Granby Senior/Community Center located at 20 Center Street, East Granby, CT**. Drop-ins are welcome!

All are also welcome to participate in a survey to help clarify the qualities and characteristics desired in our next Superintendent. You can complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EastGranby> or by visiting the school district website www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us, the East Granby Town Website www.eastgranbyct.org, or the [East Granby Community Facebook](#) page. The survey will be open until **November 1, 2019**.

“We are hoping to get the thinking of the community to help us in this important process,” Bob Paskiewicz, Chair of the East Granby Board of Education, stated. “We invite everyone to participate.”

Feedback from the focus groups and survey will be incorporated into a leadership profile that will help to identify candidates who best fit the needs of the East Granby schools and community.

The Board anticipates the start date for this new leader to be July 2020. Applications will be accepted until January 31, 2020.

“We have a sound process that should identify a high-quality leader for our schools,” Mr. Paskiewicz added. We are looking forward to attracting a talented pool of candidates from which to select our next leader.

Public Media Release

East Granby Board of Education

The East Granby Board of Education announced its policy for determining eligibility of children who may receive free milk served under the Special Milk Program (SMP).

Local school officials have adopted the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for family size and income criteria for determining eligibility. The following income guidelines will be used in Connecticut from **July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020**, for determining eligibility of participants for free milk in the Child Nutrition Programs.

Income Guidelines for Free Milk in Child Nutrition Programs School Year 2019-20					
Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income
1	16,237	1,354	677	625	313
2	21,983	1,832	916	846	423
3	27,729	2,311	1,156	1,067	534
4	33,475	2,790	1,395	1,288	644
5	39,221	3,269	1,635	1,509	755
6	44,967	3,748	1,874	1,730	865
7	50,713	4,227	2,114	1,951	976
8	56,459	4,705	2,353	2,172	1,086
Each additional family member	+ 5,746	+ 479	+ 240	+ 221	+ 111

The income calculations above are based on the following formulas:

- monthly income is calculated by dividing the annual income by 12;
- twice monthly income is computed by dividing annual income by 24;
- income received every two weeks is calculated by dividing annual income by 26; and
- weekly income is computed by dividing annual income by 52.

All numbers are rounded upward to the next whole dollar.

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free milk. Applications are available on the East Granby district website at www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us. To apply for free milk, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at your child's school office. Only one application is required per household and an application for free benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purposes of determining eligibility and for administration and enforcement of the milk program. Additionally, all school-aged children in income-eligible households can receive school milk benefits regardless of a child's immigration status, and the district/school does not release information for immigration-related purposes in the usual course of operating the CNPs. Note that the district *may* share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs,

auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules. This information may also be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

For up to 30 operating days into the new school year, eligibility from the previous year will continue within the same local educational agency (LEA). When the carry-over period ends, unless the household is notified that their children are directly certified or the household submits an application that is approved, the children must pay full price for school meals and the school will not send a reminder or a notice of expired eligibility.

No application is required if the district directly certifies a child based on a household member receiving assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program. All children in these households are eligible for free milk benefits. Households receiving assistance under the SNAP/TFA programs will be notified of their eligibility and their children will be provided free benefits unless the household notifies the determining official that it chooses to decline benefits. If any children were not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free milk benefits extended to those children. Households receiving SNAP or TFA benefits for their children should only submit an application if they are **not** notified of their eligibility by **October 30, 2019**.

Some children *may* be directly certified for free milk based on Medicaid (HUSKY). No application is required if the district directly certifies a child based on Medicaid (HUSKY). All children in these households are eligible for free milk benefits. Households receiving assistance under Medicaid (HUSKY) will be notified of their eligibility and their children will be provided free benefits accordingly, unless the household notifies the determining official that it chooses to decline benefits. If any children were not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free milk benefits extended to those children.

If a child is not directly certified, the household should complete a free milk application form. The application for the SNAP or TFA households require the SNAP or TFA case number and the households may be asked to provide proof of the SNAP or TFA case number. The signature of an adult household member is also required.

Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free milk. Please send in an application or contact the determining official for more information.

When known to the district/school, households will be notified of any child's eligibility for free milk if the individual child is Other Source Categorically Eligible because the child is categorized as either: Homeless; runaway as defined by law and determined by the district's or school's homeless liaison; or enrolled in an eligible Head Start or pre-kindergarten class as defined by law. Households with children who are categorically eligible under Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs should complete an application and check-off the relevant box. Questions should be directed to the determining official. For any child not listed on the eligibility notice, the households should contact the school or determining official about any child also eligible under one of these programs or should submit an income application for the other children.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the determining official or school if it chooses to decline the free milk benefit. If households/children are **not** notified by the district/school of their free milk benefit and they receive benefits under Assistance Programs or under Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs, the parent/guardian should contact the determining official or their school.

Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are categorically eligible for free milk. A foster parent does not have to complete a free milk application if they can submit a copy of the legal document or legal court order showing that the child is a foster child. Additionally, a foster child may be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits. If the foster family is not eligible for free milk benefits, it does not prevent a foster child from receiving free meal benefits. Note however, that a foster child's free eligibility does not automatically extend to all students in the household.

Application forms for all other households require a statement of total household income, household size and names of all household members. The last four digits of the social security number of an adult household member must be included or a statement that the household member does not have one. The adult household member must also sign the application certifying that the information provided is correct.

Under the provisions of the policy for determining eligibility for free milk, the **Business Manager** will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If he/she wishes to make a formal appeal, a request either orally or in writing, may be made to **Melissa Bavaro-Grande at 860-653-6486** for a hearing to appeal the decision.

The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure. Each school and the central office of the school district has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by an interested party.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if household size changes at any time, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for free milk, if the family income falls at or below the levels shown in the Income Guidelines. Questions regarding the application process may be directed to the determining official at **860-653-6486**.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#), (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;*
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or*
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.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 & BLOOD SUGAR SCREENING CLINIC – PROVIDED BY THE FARMINGTON VALLEY VNA

MONDAY~ DECEMBER 2ND 11:00AM-12:00PM.

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

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

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

EXERCISE CLASSES, PROGRAMS AND SHOPPING

PEDI—CARE FOR YOUR FEET—Professional foot care is provided by a licensed nurse the 1st and 2nd 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:

- **NOVEMBER 18TH – WALMART**
- **OCTOBER 28TH, NOVEMBER 25TH – MRS. MURPHY'S & OCEAN STATE JOB LOT**
- **NOVEMBER 4TH – ENFIELD**

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR COMPUTER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST—This informative presentation will cover antivirus, how to protect your computer and your personal information from scams, hackers, and malicious software/viruses. Hear the latest security tips from our local experts and learn how to prevent hackers from accessing your personal data. You can't afford to miss this important presentation! **10:00am at the East Granby Senior Center. Light refreshments will be served. There is no charge for this presentation. Reservation due by October 24th**

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

Completion of this course may result in a savings on your car insurance! **Thursday November 14, 2019 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 1st to reserve your seat.

**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

30 Minutes on Medicare Basics

What Baby Boomers Need to Know About Medicare

Saturday, November 2nd at 11am



What You'll Learn:

- What Medicare is, who is eligible for it, and how you get it
- Who needs to enroll in Medicare and when
- The two ways to have Medicare and how to choose
- What Medicare costs and how to mitigate those costs through private insurance
- How to start planning for future healthcare costs

Attend if:

- You are 60 & Over
- You are concerned about retirement healthcare expense
- You are recently retired or are planning to retire soon
- You want to understand how to begin making important Medicare decisions

*Presented by Matthew Tyo RICP®, - Financial Advisor
At the East Granby Public Library*

Registration is available online or call the library to reserve your spot today.

Save the Dates Holiday Music at the Library!

Wednesday, December 11th at 7pm join us for a holiday concert with the Farmington Valley Chorus



Thursday, December 19th at 7pm join us for our annual holiday concert with the East Granby Congregational Church Chorus and Bell Choir

“All Things Downton”



**Thursday, January 9th at 6:30pm
At the Senior/Community Center**

Do you love Downton Abbey? Sip away the winter blues with Kim Larkin of Klassic Kreation as she brings the world of the British Aristocracy to life.

Join us for tea, chocolate and an interactive Downton Abbey quiz!

\$5 a ticket. Stop in the library to register or register online at www.egpl.org

Afternoon at the Movies ~ Wednesdays at 1:00pm



October 30th

“The Tomorrow Man”

PG-13, 94 min.



Two lonely people “on the wrong side of 60” experience great loss and respond to the uncertainty around them in ways that give the m some comfort.

November 6th

“The Hustle”

PG-13, 93 min.



Two female con artists compete to swindle a naïve tech prodigy out of his fortune.

November 13th

“Long Shot”

R, 124 min.



Sparks fly after a journalist becomes a speechwriter for his first crush, a presidential candidate, and turns her onto a wild new world of parties and rule-breaking.

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)	11/5, 12/3
Conservation 7:00 (TH).....	11/6, 12/4, 1/8/2020
Board of Education 7:00 (AS)	10/28, 11/12, 11/25, 12/9
Economic Development 5:30 (TH)	10/28, 11/25, 12/16, 1/28/2020
Town & School Building Committee 7:30 (TH).....	11/7, 11/21, 12/5
Board of Finance 7:30	11/14, 12/12
Parks & Recreation 7:00 (EGF).....	11/7, 12/5
Planning & Zoning 7:00 (TH).....	11/12, 12/10, 1/14/2020
Board of Selectmen 6:30 (TH).....	11/13, 11/26, 12/11, 12/23
Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 (TH).....	11/21, 12/19
Youth Services Bureau 6:30 (EGF).....	11/18, 12/16

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

The following are the deadlines for the upcoming "Let's Talk Turkey" editions. 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 newsletter. This will enable our Editor and Printer enough time for the one week turn around delivery date. Articles should pertain to an East Granby organization, agency, or business (non-advertisement) and be of general interest to the public. The name of the submitter and a phone number must accompany the article. If you have any questions, please call (860) 653-2576.

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