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# **Let's Talk Turkey** The Official Newsletter of the Town of East Granby

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### Spring is Just Around the Corner!

### Get Involved:

East Granby has many wonderful groups, clubs, and commissions which are always looking for new members. Visit eastgranbyct.org or read through this edition of "Let's Talk Turkey" for a list of commissions and organizations you may be interested in participating with.

### Reminder:

Visit eastgranbyct.org and click "E News Signup" to be notified via e-mail of town meetings and up to the minute town news.

### **Businesses:**

Congratulations to our newest businesses in town including The Craft Bakery, Almost Famous Brewery, the expansions of TJ's Burritos and Fearless Cards Toys & Collectibles, and the soon-to-be opened Anchor Eve Center.

### Development:

The recent sale of the 130 Acre Rainbow Road property has prompted the formation of a Village Center Steering Committee. The town will be putting out a Request for Proposal in the coming months for the Village Center Study to be completed.

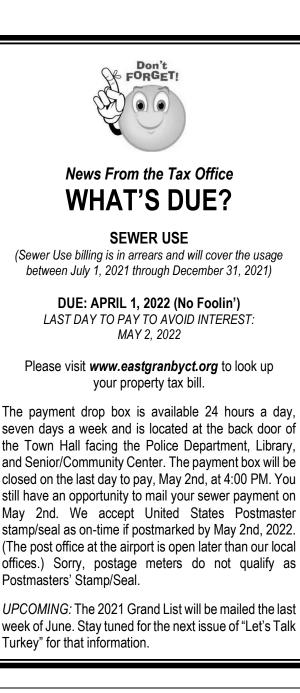
### **Budget Process:**

The Boards of Selectmen, Education, and Finance are continuing to work on fiscal year 2022-2023 budgets. Rough draft budgets were presented to the Board of Finance by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education on March 15th. Board of Finance will give directives to the boards on April 5th for the Annual Budget Hearing which will be held on April 19th with a Town Meeting May 3rd and a potential referendum in early/mid-May.

### COVID-19:

Farmington Valley Health District has established "Community Levels" for each county to help communities decide what prevention steps should be taken based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. Hartford County is determined to be a "Low" level. Farmington Valley Health District recommends for low level communities to stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and to get tested if you have symptoms.

Eden Wimpfheimer First Selectwoman



### **East Granby Social Services**

For more information on programs or if you need assistance, please contact (860) 413-3328 or e-mail elisec@egtownhall.com.

*Emergency Assistance Fund:* The East Granby Emergency Assistance Fund is available to those income eligible residents who are in need of 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 taken until May 31st from residents of East Granby who wish to apply for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP). This program



is designed to help offset the winter heating costs of Connecticut's lower income households. There is no liquid assets test for the 2021-22 CEAP program year. Winter heating assistance helps pay for a household's primary heating source such as oil, natural

gas, electricity, propane, kerosene, coal, wood, and wood pellets. Please contact Social Services for more information or visit the State of Connecticut website www.ct.gov and search "Energy Assistance."

*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. The pantry is currently operating on Friday mornings for registered participants to shop. Deliveries can be scheduled for those participants who are homebound.

If you are in need of food, please call Social Services at (860) 413-3328 or e-mail elisec@egtownhall.com.

To donate please call (860) 651-1659 or e-mail friendtofriendeg@gmail.com. Food donations may be dropped off at bins outside the East Granby Senior/Community Center and the East Granby Congregational Church, and inside the East Granby Post Office and Geissler's Supermarket in Granby. If you wish to donate money or local grocery store gift cards you can either mail to Friend to Friend Food Pantry, P.O. 06026 Box 631, East Granby, CT or e-mail friendtofriendeg@gmail.com.

**Good Sam:** The Good Samaritan Program is looking for seniors who are in need of small "handy-man" type work or would be interested in a friendly visitor or even someone to play



cards with! Please call Social Services at (860) 413-3328 or Senior Services at (860) 413-3334 if you have a need or know someone who does and would like to be

matched with one of our Good Sam volunteers, or if you would like to become a volunteer yourself. 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.

**Operation Fuel:** Operation Fuel offers emergency energy assistance to households who fall outside the Connecticut



Energy Assistance guidelines or have exhausted their Connecticut Energy Assistance grant. Applications can be completed through East Granby Social Services or directly through the Operation Fuel website at https://operationfuel.org/gethelp/.



### PZC to Hold Public Hearing Regarding Cannabis Dispensaries and Production Facilities

In June 2021 the State Legislators passed Public Act 21-1 to allow for cannabis establishments, such as dispensaries and production facilities, to operate in the State. Legislators have been pondering the pros and cons of legalizing cannabis sales and production, with the primary pros being decriminalizing cannabis use and raising revenue. Several states have already gone through the process of adopting laws to allow cannabis sales and production, ironically even though it is still currently against federal law to do so. This poses logistical issues when considering financing, transportation across state borders, etc. The State is in the early process of working out an application process, figuring out how they will collect and share revenue with the towns.

Although there are several unknowns, the State legislation is written in such a way that it is forcing towns to decide their position on cannabis establishments operating in their towns. The legislation allows towns local control on whether they want to allow a cannabis establishment in their town or not. The catch is they want all 169 towns to consider this now, prior to having any interest from an applicant, the application process worked out, or any understanding in how the revenue will be shared. Towns all across the State are being asked to contemplate and decide if they want to allow cannabis dispensaries and production facilities in their town. Municipalities can choose to allow, prohibit the use, or take no action. According to State legislation, taking no action allows it as a permitted use as of right. Through zoning regulations, towns can designate certain areas of their town to consider separation distances from schools, etc., thus giving a town control of where dispensary or production facility uses can be located. Lastly, towns can choose to prohibit the use all together via their zoning regulations.

On January 8th, the East Granby Planning and Zoning Commission approved a six-month moratorium to allow time for the Commission to consider whether they want to adopt zoning regulations to allow the use or prohibit the use. The Planning and Zoning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing at 7:00 PM on March 29th in the Senior/Community Center. The current proposal is to regulate the use, allowing cannabis dispensaries and production facilities to locate in our Commerce Park B zone. This is our industrial area located on Russell Road around the airport and the industrial area located off of Floydville and Wolcott Roads. This zone was chosen to keep these uses away from the village center and residential areas. For residents interested in participating in the Public Hearing, comments can be sent either in writing or made in person at the meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Director of Community Development, Gary Haynes, at (860) 653-3444 or garyh@egtownhall.com.

### **Commission on Aging**

The Commission on Aging (COA) wishes all to stay in good health. In these times, a lot of people in town are in need of help. The COA advocates for the senior community in town and needs help to continue doing so on an efficient basis. The Commission, as constituted, has nine members and three alternates. The Commission 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.

Our initiatives for 2022 are as follows:

- 1. Conduct the Senior Showcase in the fall.
- 2. East Granby Cares Day in the Fall of this year and Spring of 2023.
- 3. Create something at the Senior/Community Center to benefit seniors and the townspeople, in general, from the "Bea" Adams bequest.
- 4. Refresh publicity about the Good Samaritan program in town.
- 5. Have the Senior Celebration for all seniors 85 and over in the Spring of 2023.

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. If you're a person who would like to volunteer to help our town's seniors, please provide your information in the same manner. Details of this program and the Volunteer form can be found at the town website (eastgranbyct.org). Click on "Good Samaritan Program" on the front page for further information. You can also go to "Boards and Commissions," "Commission on Aging" for information. Join in and make our program a success by helping our seniors in town.

### East Granby Land Trust Update

The East Granby Land Trust would like to start by saying thank you to our two senior East Granby Land Trust interns who will be



graduating this year. Isaac Mullen and Nathan Welsh both attended board meetings, co-stewarded properties, and helped lead

programs. We appreciate their time and commitment to the Land Trust. We would also like to say welcome to our newest interns: Cecilia Carcorze-LeFebvre, Alex Cardoso, and Mira Goberman. We look forward to the new skills and ideas they will contribute to our board.

We have several programs this spring that are a great way to get outside and/or learn something new about our environment. Please check our website (www.eglt.org) or Facebook page closer to the day of the events for further detail, since many of our events are weather dependent.

*March Vernal Pool Walk* with Riverside Reptile Education Center owner Brian Kleinman will be held once the weather starts to warm up at the end of March. We will find a warm rainy night to watch the salamanders migrate back to the waterways and vernal pools. We will see and hear many frogs and salamanders, as well as learn the names and special features of each species as we find them.

**Yoga in the Woods Spring Solstice** is Sunday, March 20th at 10:00 AM. Join the East Granby Land Trust and yoga instructor, Britteny Mihalich, to celebrate the coming of spring at EGLT's Great Marsh property. Brittney has been teaching High School English in East Granby for six years, teaching yoga since 2013, and has been welcoming the solstice since 2017. Please RSVP at programs@eglt.com and meet at the Copper Hill entrance of the bike path.

**Earth Day Clean Up:** Earth Day is March 20th and we will have several groups in town cleaning up around that time. Middle School Youth Action Council will be cleaning Granbrook Park and Cub Scouts plan to focus on the town parks as well. Do you have a group that is willing to clean up a street on Earth Day or another weekend in April? Please do your part! Many of our streets and trails could benefit from an hour of your time picking up trash. E-mail us at president@eglt.org if you do a clean-up and we will send any kids who help make East Granby a cleaner place a Land Trust sticker for the work.

**Scavenger Hunt:** The High School Youth Action Council is planning a family fun interactive scavenger hunt on East Granby Land Trust's Ian Clark Preserve in celebration of Earth Day. The scavenger hunt will take place April 22-24. Check our Facebook page or website for more details closer to the date.

**Reptile and Amphibian Myths, Legends, and Folklore:** East Granby Land Trust and Historical Society are partnering together to bring you this program by Riverside Reptile Education Center owner Brian Kleinman on April 24th at 2:00 PM at the East Granby Senior/Community Center. Many people have wondered, do turtles come out of their shells? Can toads give you warts? Are baby venomous snakes more deadly than adults? Do copperhead dens really smell like cucumbers? Brian will bring live animals to share and speak on these questions and more at our special program.

**Bird Walk:** Our Bird Walk will be held on May 22nd at 7:00 AM at Suffield Wildlife Management Area with Riverside Reptiles Education Center owner Brian Kleinman. Bring you binoculars to see and your ears to hear the songs and sighting of our local birds.

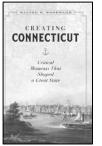
**Trails Day:** On June 4th at 9:30 AM, the East Granby Land Trust will be hosting a hike for Connecticut Trails Day. Pre-registration is required through https://trailsday.org/. Our plan is to begin at Cowles Park on Route 187/South Main Street in East Granby. We'll hike through Cowles Park, head up to the ridge to meet up with the Metacomet trail and will follow the trail along the ridge line over to the smaller lookout near Hatchett Hill Road. This hike is moderately difficult due to elevation gain but will be exclusively

on trail. We expect the hike will take around two hours. Pack water and wear sturdy sneakers or hiking boots. No rain date is planned. Confirm and see more details on the above link as the date approaches.

*Story Trail:* Please stay tuned for our newest story trail on the Ian Clark Preserve across from 140 Kimberly Road.

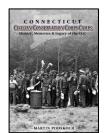
If you have any questions or would like to join the East Granby Land Trust, please visit our website at www.eglt.org.

### **East Granby Historical Society Programs**



Sunday, March 20th program now via Zoom only, 2:30 PM (no in-person meeting): State Historian Walt Woodward, a gifted storyteller, will share aspects of Connecticut's history, both serious and lighthearted, taken from his book *Creating Connecticut: Critical Moments That Shaped a Great State.* Enjoy an enlightening and entertaining hour. The registration link is

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094FAAAD2DA2FB6creating and will be also posted on the Historical Society's Facebook and East Granby Community Facebook pages.



Sunday, May 22 program 2:30 PM at the East Granby Senior/Community Center: "Connecticut Civilian Conservation Corps Camps" will be presented by Marty Podskoch. The CCC Camps, the public works program that operated from 1933-1942, was part of Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal" to relieve the poverty and

unemployment of the Depression. Young men and veterans provided unskilled manual labor related to environmental conservation and development of natural resources in rural lands. Twenty-one camps were set up in Connecticut's state parks and forests, including these nearby towns: Poquonock, East Hartland, and Barkhamsted. Marty has interviewed many old men whose fond memories of their youth in the CCC remained strong. They felt great pride in their work, calling it a good time in their lives. Come and learn about their labors in the woodlands and state parks that continue to be enjoyed by millions today. This free program is open to the public and will follow a 2:00 PM business meeting. Refreshments will be served.

### **Girl Scouts Race in 2022**

On Saturday, January 8th, families across East Granby, Hartland, and Granby eagerly tuned into Facebook Live for a muchanticipated event: the Salmon Brook Service Unit Girl Scout Pinewood Derby! This was the second year in a row (due to COVID concerns) that the race was live streamed, but the third year that the Girl Scouts have held their own "Girl Powered Pinewood Derby."

This year, 63 cars were entered into the race, including 58 Girl Scouts and 5 siblings. Each car was beautifully photographed and displayed on an online voting platform prior to the event, and families were encouraged to log in before the start of the race to vote for their



favorite cars. Design categories included most complicated wood carving, most Girl Scout pride, best wedge, and most bling, to name just a few. The design award winners were announced later, during the race.

From there, at 10:00 AM Saturday morning the race began! There were multiple heats spread over two hours. Medals were

presented to the first, second, and third place finishers in each Girl Scout level: Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes, and the top three overall finishers received trophies. The event was beautifully broadcast by Christian Robinson of Robinson Imagery, who also provided video, streaming, technology, and timing support. The races were announced by Pack 70 Cub

Master and Girl Scout dad Jonathon Matlach, who kept everyone engaged with his amazing emcee skills and epic dad jokes. The equipment used for the race was generously lent to the Girl Scouts by the East Granby Pack 70 Cub Scouts.



This event could not have happened without the amazing organizational skills of Salmon

Brook Service Unit volunteers Becky Hayes and Amanda Thompson. These women put months of planning and organizing into this event, which was inclusive of not just Girl Scouts but their siblings who were invited to participate. They truly made this event a cherished family memory to all those who participated.

While volunteers are essential to the success of events like this, we cannot forget that the funds raised during Girl Scout Cookie sales allow the girls endless opportunities and support Troop activities throughout the year. The Girl Scouts of Granby are also supported financially by periodic grants from the Granby Community Fund. Please remember the delicious cookies you enjoy help support these girls, and cookie season is in full swing now!

### No Cost Fundraising for PTO

The Allgrove/Seymour PTO collects Geissler's receipts to help raise funds to further support the curriculum in our elementary schools. The PTO receives five percent back on all receipts submitted through the Geissler's program. Receipts must be over \$35 and less than six months old. Submit receipts throughout the year at the following locations:

- The Allgrove & Seymour School Offices
- East Granby Public Library (box located behind the desk)
- East Granby Post Office (box located in lobby)

• East Granby Senior/Community Center (box located in lobby) Please submit receipts to any of the above locations as soon as possible so that they can be included in our next submission.



### Troop 70 is 70!

East Granby Boy Scout Troop 70 is celebrating its 70th anniversary as a

Chartered Troop in Connecticut. Immediately following the Memorial Day parade and ceremony on Monday May 30th, we will gather in the Senior/Community Center for a brief program followed by time to socialize and, hopefully, see some old friends! Everyone is invited to attend and if you know of families that have been involved in scouting over the past 70 years, please spread the word. If you have a funny story to share (maybe about a camping experience!), please let us know. For additional information or questions, please email Pete Bailey at petebailey15@cox.net or call Kyle Spears at (860) 651-0111.

### **DAR Recognizes High School Seniors**

The Abigail Phelps Chapter of the DAR is pleased to announce the 2021 Good Citizens Awards. Karen DiMenna, Chair of the DAR Good Citizens Committee, recognized four area seniors for their dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. All four are academically accomplished and members of the National



Honor Society: Madigan Dwyer of Avon, Madison Burgos of Simsbury, Maeve Dingley of Granby, and Sreekar Patti of East Granby.

Sreekar Patti is a senior at East Granby High School and has volunteered over 650 hours to an organization called Power of

Peace which has young people working with the goals of eradicating hunger, providing better living conditions, and giving underprivileged kids a means to prepare for the future. Sreekar is active in track and field and achieved black belt in karate.

### Food for Thought The Bradley Development League

Since 1995, the four towns that surround Bradley International Airport, East Granby, Windsor, Suffield, and Windsor Locks, have been cooperatively working together as the Bradley Development League. Formally incorporated as a non-profit in 2000, our former First Selectman chaired this consortium for a number of years and our current First Selectwoman was just installed to the board. The daily work by towns' directors of community development, economic development leaders, and airport officials in marketing available commercial buildings and sites, providing direct assistance to site selection firms, and businesses considering a move or an expansion here tends to be silent until you read about

it. League members recognize there is greater potential working collectively than can be realized working individually.

A good example of the marketing benefit in promoting our collective industry concentrations can be demonstrated by a recently published article. In addition to more obvious industries like aerospace or insurance, we focused on an industry that tends to be under-reported yet vital to and enjoyed by all of us—the food industry. Condensed, it went like this...

If you are thinking of having pizza tonight, it may be originating from East Granby. Domino's has been producing and supplying the fresh dough along with all the equipment and supplies to franchisees from East Granby since the late '80s. Today they service more than 350 franchisee owned and operated locations throughout New England and upstate New York.

The year 2021 saw lab and production space expansion for a major player in Windsor's food production industry. For over 20 years, OSF Flavors has been in Windsor creating custom flavors for foods and beverages. Rounding out the town's food production industry, other operations include Pepsi, Country Kitchen Bakery Outlet, Blue Line Foodservice (Little Caesar's), and Baronet Coffee.

If you are thinking about dessert, look to Suffield's HP Hood for a cornucopia of ice cream products. Each year, 40 million units of ice cream and 40 million ice cream sandwiches are produced and distributed from this facility. In addition to the Hood brand, they also produce a number of different brands that include Lactaid and Brigham's ice creams.

Bradley International Airport stimulates the wide variety of food options for travelers and local residents, both outside and inside the Windsor Locks terminal. Despite the pandemic, the airport recently opened a new Jamba Juice location, as well as a combined Auntie Anne's Pretzels/Carvel location. And, not to forget the flying public, the airlines are served by East Granby's Flying Food Group, a national airline caterer, which is growing its business along with Bradley International's expanded routes.

Though part of the Hartford Region, the Bradley Development League strives not only to foster and promote economic growth but to help the industries gain a competitive advantage and thrive. Just a little food for thought!

### Spotlight on Small Businesses

News from the Economic Development Commission

Periodically, the East Granby Economic Development Commission highlights businesses in town so that residents can know about some of the "hidden gems" that are located here. In this month and in future editions, our focus will be on some of the small businesses in town.



**Beauty By Fawn:** Beauty By Fawn is a skincare, waxing, and makeup business which has moved to East Granby in the past year. Fawn is a community member, graduating from East Granby High School in 2002. She went on

to become a licensed esthetician and in 2013 opened her first spa. In the past year she has moved her business into her home to be able to grow as she is creating a new skincare line this year. She provides medical grade facial treatments and chemical peels, as well as daily at home products. She also offers full body waxing, facial hair removal, eyebrow and lash tinting, and triple keratin lash lift in a relaxed spa environment. To contact Beauty By Fawn please visit www.BeautyByFawn.com or call 860-978-8797.

### **News From the Democrats**

The East Granby Democrats stand with the Ukrainians in their fight for democracy and condemn the atrocities occurring. We



strongly support our congressional delegation and President Biden as they work to provide assistance to them in their struggle. We are all united against the evil Putin and his apologists.

We were visited via Zoom by Congressman Larson from Washington, D.C. at our February meeting. He shared details of funds totaling \$2,065,600 which he was able to secure directly for East Granby in the recent Recovery Act. He fought to ensure the control over the funds was kept local through our Boards of Selectmen and Education. He also detailed his efforts as Chairman of the Social Security Subcommittee to ensure that it is fully funded, secure, and not a burden on future generations. After a lengthy Q&A, Congressman Larson was unanimously endorsed by the members of the DTC in attendance! We are proud to work to get him reelected!

Governor Lamont shared some great news also! Connecticut has gone from a 3.7 billion dollar deficit to over a 1 billion dollar surplus in four years. He is proposing 336 million dollars in tax cuts including property tax credits, lower car taxes, eliminating income tax on pensions for older residents, and student loan tax credits. Working to make Connecticut more affordable—thanks, Ned!

Our local Democrats, including former First Selectman Jim Hayden, have been working with the various boards and commissions to keep East Granby running smoothly. It is a great town and we will work to keep it that way. Our meetings are back in person at the Senior/Community Center on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM. Doors open at 7:00. If you have any questions, please contact Democratic Chairman Mike Malloy via e-mail: mikemalloy07@gmail.com.

### **East Granby Republicans**

As this is being written, war wages on in the eastern European country of Ukraine. The criminal invasion of this sovereign country



by Russia is causing untold suffering, affecting countless lives, and causing a disastrous immigration humanitarian crisis. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those people. Many of us are only a few degrees of separation from those

in danger of their lives and futures. In comparison with this war, and other serious national issues, it seems mundane to discuss local matters. But we must carry on, in the cause of freedom.

Months ahead of the statewide removal of the mask mandate, our First Selectwoman removed the mask mandate in our town buildings and made them optional. Our children are back in school meeting face-to-face with our teachers. These happenings are more than symbolic and represent a return to normalcy. These changes are only the start of what we hope to accomplish within our town.

With respect to increased transparency, the non-partisan organization the Yankee Institute has published a report entitled "Connecticut's Local Government Website Report Card." It shows how each one of the 169 towns in Connecticut rank in terms of openness of government. East Granby ranks a score of 50 on a scale of 100, which puts us just below the average. We aim to make this much better.

Some examples of how we might improve this ranking begin with the Board of Education. We recommend that the Superintendent's annual performance review be made public, like other towns have done. Another suggestion by parents of school age children is that school policies (which are already available on-line) be presented in a format that can enable word searches.

With respect to all of our Boards, all contracts should be available on our town's website. Once a contract has been signed by the Board of Education, Board of Finance, or Board of Selectman, the contract terms and conditions become binding on the town and its taxpayers.

We have many more ideas, will work to implement them, and welcome any thoughts or suggestions you may have. Our ultimate goal is to make East Granby even better, and more transparent! If you have any interest in supporting our causes or serving on a town board or commission, we would love to hear from you. We can be reached by contacting Lee Sandora at (860) 483-6945 or via e-mail at Isandoraeg@gmail.com. We hold our meetings at 7:00 PM at the Senior/Community center on the third Wednesday of the month, although our December date may differ. We would be happy to see you there. You can also get updates on our Facebook page: facebook.com/eastgranbyrepublicans. Come join us!



### Capitol Update Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61st District

In early February, the General Assembly began the 2022 legislative session. Similar to last year, public hearings and committee meetings are

taking place virtually, while the House and Senate Chambers are open for debates and voting on bills. Normalcy has begun to return with more public access to the Capitol Building. I would urge you to keep an eye on your government using www.cga.ct.gov to follow the schedule and track legislation and www.ct-n.com to watch meetings live. Early in the Session, the House Republican Caucus announced a full legislative agenda. As the Policy Co-Chair for the Caucus, I helped craft proposals focused on restoring public safety, establishing good faith government practices, making life more affordable, ensuring educational resources are available to all students, and addressing the needs of Connecticut's businesses. These proposals can be found at www.cthousegop.com/session2022.

One proposed bill I am a strong advocate for is Senate Bill 98, "An Act Extending the Manufacturing Apprenticeship Tax Credit to Pass-Through Entities." This tax credit has been a great help to the manufacturing sector in Connecticut and has contributed greatly to workforce training and job creation. This proposal would extend the tax credit to small businesses that are currently left out, such as sole proprietors, LLCs, partnerships, and S corporations. This would create an even playing field between smaller and larger manufacturing firms and greatly enhance the availability of apprenticeship programs. There are a great number of well-paying manufacturing job openings and anything we do to grow our skilled workforce will help. This is an urgent need as manufacturers, including many in East Granby, have reported difficulties finding employees at a time when our state has lagged behind in job creation.

Public safety has also been a local concern with the increase in car thefts and juvenile crime. In recent years, too many juveniles and citizens have been injured. Our caucus put forward a number of reform proposals including enhanced penalties for crimes committed using stolen firearms, expanded record sharing with the judicial branch so law enforcement can access records before detention requests are initiated, additional funding to the victims' compensation fund to reimburse crime victims, and assessing juvenile diversionary programs and the availability of job training and drug treatment programs. These reforms would be a step in the right direction to improve public safety.

A recent focus of attention has been transparency and good government. This issue has come to light due to a growing scandal surrounding school construction contracts overseen by a senior official in the Lamont Administration, OPM Deputy Secretary Kosta Diamantis. Local officials across the state have reported being pressured to choose particular contractors for projects, and some of these transactions have caught the attention of the FBI. Over a billion dollars have been allocated for school construction since 2018, I have joined my colleagues in calling for a legislative investigation into these issues. The legislature must review what has transpired and demand accountability.

As always, if you have questions or concerns regarding state government or need help working with state agencies please contact me at tami.zawistowski@housegop.ct.gov or (860) 842-1423. You can also follow my legislative activity on social media: Facebook (@repzawistowski), Twitter (@tamizawistowski), and Instagram (@repzawistowski).



# Think About being a GOOD SAM



# Neighbor to Neighbor

### VOLUNTEER TO HELP THE EAST GRANBY COMMUNITY

Contact: Elise Cosker : 860-413-3328

Kelly Jacobs : 860-413-3334

# The East Granby Community FREE HELP AT HOME

- Household chores
- Yard work
- Companionship
- Transportation See sample task list

For residents age 70+ or age 18+ with physical disabilities

### Local volunteers needed age 15\* & up

\*ages 15-17 with adult consent and supervision

### Sign up now at: www.URCommunityCares.org

All participants are background-checked.



Michelle Puzzo, President Call/text: 860-430-4557 Email: info@urcommunitycares.org

### Go to www.URCommunityCares.org for full list

Special requests will be considered

### **Household Tasks**

- Wash inside windows
- Dust
- Wash, fold, put away laundry
- Iron, mend clothes
- Clean, organize living area
- Sweep, vacuum, mop floors
- Change linens, make bed
- Clean bedroom
- Clean kitchen surfaces, appliances
- Clean refrigerator
- Wash/put away dishes
- Prepare meal, cook, clean up
- Water indoor plants, maintain plants
- Pet care, walk pets
- Bag up trash, declutter
- Organize cabinets, closets, drawers

### Yard Work

- Water plants, tend to gardens
- Mow lawn
- Rake leaves, clean up yard
- Trash
- Bring in mail, papers

### Companionship

- Play board games, cards
- Socialization
- Share music, play instruments
- Coach technology use

### **Local Transportation**

- Medical appointments
- Shopping trips, errands in town

### About UR Community Cares, the online platform for home-based assistance at no charge

**Our mission:** To connect people who need at-home help with those who want to help, town by town.

**Our model:** We provide a secure digital platform with free access for all enrolled participants at URCommunityCares.org.

**Who we help:** Community members age 70+ or age 18+ with a permanent or temporary physical disability.

**Who helps us:** Volunteers contribute their time on a monthly or weekly basis. Local agencies refer and enroll residents in need of free home-based support.

*What supports us:* Municipal funding, grant awards, sponsorships and donations from individuals and organizations.

What funds are used for: Annual background checks for the safety of all participants, top-tier website security and updates, insurance (including transportation) and COVID-compliant supplies.

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and 100% volunteer-based.



### **APRIL 2 9AM – 2PM**

### **BARGAINS GALORE!!**

### An Assortment of Items -- Too numerous to mention!! EAST GRANBY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



### **East Granby Veterans**

### Veterans High School Scholarship

Once again in 2022 the Veterans Group will be awarding a scholarship to any graduating East Granby High School student. They can apply through East Granby High School by requesting an application for this scholarship. Please submit the completed application back to the high school administration. The scholarship will be awarded at the high school annual awards banquet.

### Veterans Memorial Project

The new patio and walkway are almost complete. We do have room for a few more engraved pavers but only in the 6 inch x 12 inch size at \$100 each. Additionally, there is one large (14" x 48") granite tread available for sponsorship. If you would like to remember a family member or loved one please contact Paul Oliva by e-mail at poliva@aol.com.

### New Members

As always we are looking for new members to join our group. No formal application is necessary, simply attend one of our meetings at Gio's on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM.





# Friend to Friend March Update

### **Donation Drop-Off Event** To fill our shop for our Spring Opening:

### Saturday, March 26th, 10:00 am-2:00 pm 32 Spoonville Road

Please consider donating the following items to our Thrift Shop:

- Gently used spring and summer clothing and accessories
- Shoes/jewelry/pocketbooks
- Small housewares
- Artwork
- Complete/working toys

Because of our small space we do not accept books, bedding or large furniture.

Thank you!

## Food Pantry

To register with the Food Pantry call Elise at **Social Services at 860.413.3328** or email **elisec@egtownhall.com.** 

To volunteer or donate to the Food Pantry or Thrift Shop please call **860.413.9015** or email **friendtofriendeg@gmail.com**.

- In need of the following items: black beans, bottled juice, canned fruit/ vegetables (corn and peas), canned chicken and tuna, Campbell's Chunky and Progresso Rich and Hearty Soups, coffee, condiments, granola bars, jar pasta sauce, jelly, peanut butter, sugar, laundry detergent, paper towels and toilet paper.
- **Non-perishable** food donations may be dropped off *outside* at the EG Community/Senior Center and EG Congregational Church or *inside* at the EG Public Library and EG Post Office. You can also purchase and donate at Geissler's Supermarket in Granby, CT
- Monetary donations can be at *www.friendtofriendeg.com* or mailed to: Friend to Friend Food Pantry, P.O. Box 631, East Granby, CT 06026.

### Online Auction Extra Seat at the Table Fun(draiser)

Saturday, March 19th, 9:00 am – Friday, March 25th, noon

Visit our **Friend to Friend Thrift Shop Online Auction** page on Facebook. All sales benefit the Friend to Friend Food Pantry.

Browse the beautiful hand painted chairs and tables donated to our auction — the perfect pop of colors to decorate for Spring! We'll also be featuring a variety of other items in our auction. Item pick up will be Saturday, March 26th, from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at the shop.

### Thrift Shop Reopening this Spring.

Saturday, April 2, 10:00 am-2:00 pm 32 Spoonville Road, East Granby (860) 413-9015 (leave a message after hours)

Our store hours this season: Tuesday 10:00 am-2:00 pm Thursday Noon-4:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am-2:00 pm



### Secret Senior Admirer Program Enjoys a Second Successful Year!









#EG CommunityWorks, East Granby Senior and Social Services and the East Granby Public Library joined together again this year to present the Secret Senior Admirer Program. Residents and businesses participated by placing orders to surprise seniors they knew and sponsoring seniors they didn't. Order forms, available online and at the library, offered purchase options and free delivery of flowers from *The Long Stem Flower Shoppe*, baked goods from *The Craft*, candy from *Greeting the Seasons* and salon services from *The HairPort*.

The East Granby Public Library created and donated craft card kits and served as a collection center for orders. Kathy Iwanicki, a teacher at R.D. Seymour School organized a school-wide card-making initiative with students. A Limerick Contest was added this year and received 10 light-hearted entries, with gift cards awarded to the top three poets.

Over 175 seniors were secretly admired this February with cards, limericks, flowers, candy, and baked goods delivered to their doors. Thank you to all who participated, it was a pleasure to surprise these longtime neighbors who've helped grow this supportive community.

#EG CommunityWorks is a volunteer group focused on forming collaborations between business, education, government and non profit sectors to create programs and events which nurture and enrich the East Granby community. Questions? Email us at eg.communityworks@gmail.com.

















### Be Prepared for spring/summer - support EG Troop 70! http://EGTroop70.fpfundraising.com



Turn In Paper Order Forms By: 05/01/2022





East Granby's oldest licensed preschool ~ more than 50 years of learning and love



### 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

East Granby's longest-running licensed preschool, East Granby Congregational Church Nursery School, is now enrolling for our 53<sup>rd</sup> year! Our kindness-centered school features gentle learning through play, following the CT Standards for Early Childhood Education, with our half-day program from 9:30 a.m. to noon. To engage and nurture children, we provide a balance of freedom and instruction. Cooperation and communication skills are fostered in our indoor and outdoor classroom spaces, with centers designed to explore and engage. We offer hands-on learning, literacy, and number concepts focused on our theme of the week; and our days include stories, music, art, yoga, French, games, guest visitors (COVID permitting), and lots of love.

Three-year-olds may enroll in our two-day program starting at 32 months of age; four and five-year-olds may enroll either for three days per week or attend our full-week program. While all our four and five-year-olds leave our program emotionally and academically prepared for kindergarten, we do offer fours and fives the option of 45 minutes of additional academic enrichment time in the mornings before the other students arrive.

Would you like to know more? Please contact us at EGCCNS9@gmail.com or call at

(860) 653-3913 and we'll be happy to chat and set up a time for you and your child to visit our classroom, learn about our curriculum and meet our teachers. Please also visit our website, <u>https://www.egchurch.org/egcc-nursery-school</u>, and our Facebook page at <u>https://www.facebook.com/EGCCNS</u>, to learn more.

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is open through **April 30<sup>th</sup>**. We hope to hear from you soon!

Lee LaRochelle, Director/Teacher & Suzanne Richardson-White, Teacher

### East Granby Land Trust and East Granby Historical Society Present a Riverside Reptiles Program: Reptile & Amphibian Myths, Legends, Folklore

### When:

Sunday, April 24th, 2022 2:30pm <u>Where</u>: East Granby Community Center <u>What</u>: Riverside Reptiles Education Center owner Brian Kleinman will share live animals and facts and myths that have been told over time.

**Registration is appreciated:** https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ 30E0A48AFAA22A6FC1-reptile or email eastgranbyhistorical@gmail.com

### <u>Riverside Reptiles Education Center</u>

Reptile and Amphibian Myths, Legends, & Folklores!

Can Turtles come out of their shell? Do Milk Snakes drink milk? Can Toads give you warts? Are baby venomous snakes more deadly than adults? Are there Alligators in the sewers? Do snakes chase people? Do Copperhead dens really smell like cucumber? Brian, owner of RREC, will answer all these questions and more at our Special Program!



### Allgrove School

### KINDERGARTEN VIRTUAL REGISTRATION

### March 21<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> 2022

Welcome to Allgrove School! We are beginning our kindergarten registration for the upcoming school year 2022-2023. The registration paperwork can be downloaded from the district website at

<u>www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us</u>. Visit the Allgrove School page and click "Register for Kindergarten School Year 2022-23" under Quick Links. All the forms in our registration packet need to be completed in your web browser, saved as a PDF and emailed to <u>kindergarten-reg@eastgranby.k12.ct.us</u>.

Forms must be signed by the East Granby parent. The documents are fillable and typing ensures accuracy of the information submitted.

We look forward to meeting you and your child(ren) in the very near future.

If you have any questions regarding registration or cannot register during March 21<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>, please contact Miss Donna at 860-653-2505, Ext. 500.

All forms below must be filled in its entirety for your child's registration to be complete.

- Allgrove Registration Form
- Public School Information System Form
- Release of Information
- Dominant Language Form
- Emergency Form
- Bus Transportation Form
- State of Connecticut Health Assessment Record

Please scan a copy of your child's full-length *original* birth certificate, most recent physical and immunization records and include when emailing your child(ren)'s completed packet.

#### Proof of Residency:

- If you own your home, we will verify through the Town Assessor's Office
- Copy of a Utility Bill
- Copy of the Sales Agreement if purchasing home and scheduled closing date (If requesting to start school prior to closing date, written request must be submitted and approved by our Superintendent, Melissa Bavaro – <u>mbavaro@eastgranby.k12.ct.us</u>)
- If you are renting, a copy of your current lease agreement with lessee and lessor signatures
- If residing with family and do not have a lease, a Proof of Residency, Policy 5118, APR#1 must be completed and Notarized

### All registration information must be completed before your child may begin Kindergarten.

All pupils entering Kindergarten must be five years of age on or before January 1, 2023. <u>Please be advised that</u> pursuant to Section 10-184 of the Connecticut General Statutes, parents are required to register all children whose ages meet this eligibility for Kindergarten. If parents choose not to send their child to Allgrove Elementary School during this coming school year, please contact Donna Mattera at 860-653-2505, Ext. 500.

We look forward to having you become a member of our Allgrove Community!

### East Granby Middle School Honor Roll • Second Quarter 2021-2022

#### --- HIGH HONORS ---

#### GRADE 6

#### GRADE 7

Grayson Augsberger Avery BurkeStella McKay Timothy McKay Talia McKeenGabriella Aviles Patrick Baran Izabella BernsteinMaddox Cestero Olivia DallesanderWesley Namnoun Logan NicolleElizabeth Bissell Jasper ByrneOlivia Dallesander Robby Dlugolenski Maham EjazLogan Nicolle Tyler RioualJasper Byrne Gianna Caron Mason Chamberlair Kaitlyn Clemens Kasey ClemensNan Gao Ian GriffinTalon Sacristan Hendrix SclareKaitlyn Clemens Kasey ClemensWhitney Johnson Caleb LitchfieldCaitlin Van NeilStephanie Clement Chennacy Copeland			
Carson Elsner	Kaden Anderson Grayson Augsberger Avery Burke James Cavanaugh Maddox Cestero Olivia Dallesander Robby Dlugolenski Maham Ejaz Samuel Forero Ivan Gao Ian Griffin Whitney Johnson	Madeline Lundell Stella McKay Timothy McKay Talia McKeen Wesley Namnoun Logan Nicolle Vanessa Passeri Tyler Rioual Mark Roth Talon Sacristan Hendrix Sclare	Amani Akedde-Bernsteir Gabriella Aviles Patrick Baran Izabella Bernstein Elizabeth Bissell Jasper Byrne Jeanette Cabrera Gianna Caron Mason Chamberlain Kaitlyn Clemens Kasey Clemens Stephanie Clement Chennacy Copeland Colin Daly

**Daniel Jacius** in Jordon LaCharite Anav Mahindru Sophie McKenna Aislinn Moore Sierra Myers Sean Oconnor **Dionnee Ortiz** Myles Pisati Lorenzo Policella Nathan Russell Amelia Rutkowski Lourens Francois Lily Shuster Isaac Gaudette Cheyenne Smith Abigail Glenn Robyn Triblets Alyana VanBeek Evan Hanks Aidan Hayes Brenn Vaughn

Adarsh Atluri Kavin Jayaganesh Anastasia Augsberger Karina Baran Emma Leadbeater Alexa Bednarz Adrian Bento Maya Betts Olivia Caravello Cassidy Clark Genevieve Corricelli Izabella Dallesander Leila Feliciano Malia Gabbidon Matthew Richardson Anna Griffin Bartosz Jablonski Thomas Jacius Jake Schlagenhauf

#### **GRADE 8**

Sreekirthana Kolla Abhinav Lenkala Hansika Lenkala Jason Lloyd Beckett Lowman Ra'Miya Matthews Maya Mosteanu Benjamin Proulx Gretchen Ritter Elianna Russo Anas Sakti Varshny Sriganesh Andrew Yi Patrick Zhang

#### --- HONORS ----

GRADE 6

Ryan DeVane

Cody Sandora

Benet Stafford

**GRADE 7** 

Hadley Akerlind Brock Brunelle Emily Dallesander Isabella Huapaya Hailey Lewis Richard McTyson Jamien Pedraza Liam Smith Anna Sterrett John Walsh Zahira Williams-Barron

Gabriela Jablonska

**GRADE 8** 

Noah Bouchard Jean Lucas Cabrera Maria Caracciolo Andrew Case Jacob Cyr Gianni Damato Mackenzie Delpha Mackenzie DuBois Morgan Gabbidon Mia Grabowski Gabriella Hayes Tamia Hewitt Nathan James Christopher Lloyd Sebi Prescott Leilany Sanchez Genevieve Webb

### East Granby High School Honor Roll • Second Quarter 2021-2022

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
Arvind Bhattacharya Hannah Broome Jordan Collie Oliver Forero Jesse Gao Mia Hines Salina Ho Kayla Holjes Joshua Lemire Michael Lemire Tyler Marques Andrew O'Connor Ava Pasquantonio Alexandra Podbielski Chloe Rapose Kiley Rudzik Riley Ruggiero William Van Neil Peyton VanBeek Ava Walsh Cassi Worlund	Ashlyn Allen Kyle Anthony Alexander Cardoso James Fagnant Mira Goberman Taylor Hayes Shannon Jones Sanaiya Majors Jackson Moore Sara Moore Aishani Nagamalla Leo Nordell Aditri Patti Liam Phelan Ethan Sirotnak Adithi Tallapaka Abigail Wegrzyniak	Maria Amisano Ryan Barry Megan Benner Melina Betts Nicholas Braga Abigail Case Geoffrey Durante Morgan Egan Suzanne Figueroa Dylan Gates Brady Gill Holly Grenier Austin Griffin Ava Guyer Ryan Hall Samantha Kovaleski Gavin Kulch Jaidyn Lacharite Sophie Landolina Shreyas Lenkala Chen Li Marissa Lyman Lauren MacKinnon Larissa McDonough Lauren Monegan Kathryn Patrizzi Sean Pitney Alexandra Pond Kiernan Rudzik Adam Sakti Nathaniel Swanson Madeline Tracey Makenzie Vick Julia Walsh	Colby Betts Jearlin Cabrera Sheza Chaudhry Melanie Chen Matthew Fagnant Cayleigh Goberman Tirna Iqbal Patrick Lakomy Charlotte Michaud Ashley Moore Sreekar Patti Shannon Pham Victoria Pham Sarah Phillips Erin Russell Sarah Springer

### --- HIGH HONORS ---

### --- HONORS ----

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
Tanvi Bandikallu Kyrianna Christie Christopher Clement Davin Dziedzic Greta Jambard Caelan Jones Taylor Kohrer Alyssa Kovaleski Hailey Litchfield Cameron Lloyd Lindsey Monegan Robert Ravens-Seger Sheridan Scott Ava Tran Maximilian Vaughn	Oliver Baran Kieran Beman Cecilia Carcorze-LeFebvre Sienna Copeland Emmett Gallagher Jacob Guilmartin Arianna Lorigan McRea Michaud Mikheil Namoradze Kallen Smith Brandon Thomas	Landon Bohm Brandy Caterino John Connole Ryan French Luke Guyer Nicholas Huapaya Nathan Kraiza Sashieka Lewis Taylar Long Hailey Lynds Maeve McConnell McKenna Moore Nicholas Morrell Ana Namoradze	Vincente Auger Rhys Brauer Brooke DeJesus Matthew Fortier Jason Ho Meghan Jones Benjamin Lakomy Mila Miller Kaeleigh Reardon James Root Sebastian Ruiz Arne Worlund

### East Granby Public Schools Curriculum Matters

#### Information Technology Pathways

Over the past few years, East Granby Public Schools has increased our computer science and information technology career pathway options for students. Some careers leading from these courses include: software development, computing programmer, IT security analyst, web developer or administrator, computer systems engineer, video game designer, and network support specialist. Students might choose to go directly into computer-related careers right from high school, using the knowledge gained from East Granby courses. Our students who want to study computer science at a higher level at a university are getting a head start on their learning by following the Information Technology pathway, as outlined on our school counseling <u>College Career Pathways</u> page for East Granby High School.

In 2018, East Granby High School offered its first computer science course. Since then, we have added AP Computer Science, Game Design, as well as created a K-12 Coding Continuum for all students. The vertical alignment of coding was done by Brett Lowman (K-5 teacher and Curriculum Leader) in tandem with Wendi Meunier (6-12 Computer Science and Manufacturing Tech). She teaches a highly-popular drone course, which involves using simulation software, along with our Advanced Manufacturing Technology courses.

Students begin coding in Kindergarten at Carl Allgrove Elementary School with Mr. Lowman, our elementary librarian. They continue learning code with him through fifth grade. Students use code.org, quickly learning the basics. This website is free to use and provides an introduction focusing on logic and computational thinking. As an example, in second grade, one of the coding projects relied on students using their knowledge of repeat loops to create a really fun configuration of sticker art. If you remember playing with a Spirograph<sup>®</sup> as a child, imagine that design on a digital platform! Students coded the computer to create geometric shapes called hypotrochoids and epitrochoids in a digital form.

At R.D. Seymour Elementary School, fifth grade students used their knowledge of sprites and variables to create a virtual pet. (A sprite is a digital characterization.) After students each created a virtual pet, they selected objects and food for the pets to have interaction. Many students enjoyed creating a virtual dog and then giving the pet a toy, food, and bowl of water for interaction. Across the elementary grade levels, students have a variety of different projects, on a progression, building on previous knowledge and preparing them for more complex tasks as they advance in grade levels.

In sixth grade coding class at East Granby Middle School with Ms. Meunier, students coded mini animations. Using code.org, they first learned what a loop is and how to use one to animate a series of pictures to create the illusion of smooth movement. A finished project might include an

underwater scene with swaying seaweed and fish swimming across the screen - all done with coding that is looped.

Our students have opportunities to learn Computer Aided Design (CAD) in the middle school CAD class, as well as utilizing a more advanced CAD application in the high school Architectural Design and Manufacturing courses. In seventh grade, students in Ms. Meunier's class used Tinkercad to create a 3-D model of an animal. They then import this animal into a virtual environment using the platform Cospaces.edu. Afterwards, students utilize virtual reality (VR) goggles to "walk around" in the environment they created. Students individually designed a number of animals so each had their own virtual zoo. Classmates use the VR goggles to visit and explore each other's zoos.

VR goggles were also used in the Game Design course. Students explored JavaScript, CSS, and HTML programming in a hands-on way, by typing their own code to create a text and image-based adventure game. Each student created their own characters, environment, and game. This course is taught by Mr. Friedberg, who shares his enthusiasm for all things coding and computers in both the middle school and high school.

Mr. Friedberg's middle school students have been working with robotics and coding, with two of them creating Invention Convention projects using artificial intelligence and robotics. One project helps people with hearing impairment, while the other is working towards a robotic pollinator. His students have also created instructional videos for one another.

Middle school students also have an opportunity to explore in Mr. Berardy's Digital Media class. Aside from learning about how to integrate digital media into research presentations, students have lessons on artificial intelligence. One of their favorite learning units involves Lego<sup>®</sup> animation.

Through the high school's Computer Science Principles course, students have an introduction to a wide variety of topics, such as programming, artificial intelligence, and CSS and HTML. The course explores how computer science is a medium for creativity, communication, problem solving, and fun. In this class taught by Ms. Meunier, students build websites, apps, and use data for machine learning.

The high school added AP Computer Science in the 2019-2020 school year. The College Board, which oversees AP courses, provides the curriculum and guidelines to prepare our students for the AP test given in the spring. This class introduces students to the central ideas of computer science and computational thinking. It is designed to provide a deeper learning of content while developing skills through creative aspects of the field of computer science. Some universities give credit for AP classes completed in high school. Having these high level courses on a school transcript illustrate a student's ability to handle the rigor of a challenging course. Mr. Friedberg completed the required training to teach this course and loves leading students through this truly next-level learning.

Next year, East Granby High School will offer a new Cybersecurity class to juniors and seniors. Students will learn to assess cyber risks to computers, networks, and software programs from Ms. Meunier. This honors class lets students learn how to create solutions to mitigate cybersecurity risks. It is a highly-needed skill in today's world.

Photographs of final projects, along with screenshots of student work can be found on the *East Granby Curriculum Articles* page, which is a part of the East Granby Public School site.

Article by: Marjorie Light, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development, East Granby Public Schools

### ~ Message from your Board of Education ~

We would like to take this opportunity to engage our community in the upcoming Town Budget process. Having information on the process and proposals for funding our school system will be key in supporting our students at referendum time! To that end, we would like to share with you key dates of meetings and links to resources to assist you in gathering this important information.

**PUBLIC HEARING on APRIL 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm** at EGHS Auditorium - The Public Hearing is an opportunity for residents to hear the Board of Education (BOE) and Board of Selectman (BOS) budget proposals. It is also the time for residents to ask questions, make comments in support of the proposal. Later that evening, the Board of Finance (BOF) will adjourn to a meeting and consider the public comment just given. Members of the community can stay to hear this important deliberation as the BOF can adjust the budget proposal that will be sent to the Town Meeting (May 3) and eventually voted on at the referendum later in May.

**TOWN MEETING on May 3, 2022 at 7:00** pm at Community Center - At the Town Meeting the BOE and the BOS will make presentations on their budgets based on the direction from the BOF that was determined after the Public Hearing. The agenda of this meeting will also have a time for public comment but no further changes to the budget proposals can be made. This meeting will most likely be adjourned to a town referendum. A date for the referendum (if recommended by BOS) will be set that evening.

**BOE Budget Presentation 2022-2023** - To view the budget put forward by the BOE in February, please visit – <u>https://www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us/board\_of\_education/budget</u>

This link also contains prior year's budget presentations for your reference. Please forward any questions, comments concerns to:

Superintendent, Melissa Bavaro-Grande at <u>mbavaro@eastgranby.k12.ct.us</u> or BOE Chair, Bob Paskiewicz at <u>bobpaskiewicz@eastgranby.k12.ct.us</u>

The East Granby Public School system is the heart of our community and your support is an integral part of what makes this a special place to live.

Thank you!

### East Granby Fire Marshal's Office Safety Tips

Hopefully this newsletter finds all residents looking forward to the warmer temperatures of spring and the ability to get back outdoors after the cold winter months. Feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns that you might have.

### <u>A Couple of Recalled Items from</u> <u>the U.S. Consumer Product</u> <u>Safety Commission</u>

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

#### Viking Range Recalls Freestanding Gas Ranges Due to Risk of Gas Leak and Fire Hazard

This recall involves Viking Range Freestanding 5 Series Gas Ranges (models VGR and VGIC) manufactured between August 10, 2021 and December 1, 2021 and sold in stainless steel, white, and 14 other contemporary colors, which can be found at www.vikingincolor.com/the-contemporary-colors. The ranges were sold in various surface configurations including all burners or burners with griddle and/or grill.

Various model and serial numbers are included in this recall. Please visit the website for the Product Consumer Safety Commission for the full list. The model and serial numbers can be found on a label in one of three locations: on the left side panel under the left front grate support/burner bowl, on the front of the oven cavity face frame below the control panel, or on the bottom of the control panel above the door. Consumers should not search for the model and serial number when the range is hot.

The rigid gas tubing can separate at the joint to the bake, broil, and griddle burners, posing a risk of a gas leak and fire hazard when these burners are in operation. Consumers should immediately stop using the bake, broil, and griddle functions to avoid a risk of gas leak and contact Viking Range to arrange for a free repair by an Authorized Service Provider. Consumers can continue to use only the top surface burners of the range. Surface burners are those covered by the cooking grates on the top surface of the range. The griddle and ovens should not be operated.

Viking Range can be reached toll-free at 888-566-2512 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

#### **Shop LC Recalls Electric Space Heaters Due to Fire and Burn Hazards (Recall Alert)**

This recall involves Shop LC personal electric space heaters. The heaters are black or white with a gold grill and were sold individually or in sets of two. The heaters sold individually have a dome-shaped top and a carrying handle. The heaters sold in sets of two are cylinder shaped. The heaters measure about 8.46 inches tall and 5.3 inches wide. If any residents have this brand of heaters please visit the website for the Consumer Product Safety Commission to view which heaters are included in this recall by both SKU number and description.

The electric space heaters can overheat, posing fire and burn hazards. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled electric space heaters and return the product to Shop LC. Shop LC is notifying all known purchasers directly and providing free return labels with pre-paid postage. Upon receipt of the recalled electric heaters, Shop LC will refund consumers through the original method of payment. Shop LC can be reached toll-free at 877-899-0078.

As always for any questions or concerns please reach out to our office at (860) 653-3444 or by e-mail for a faster response:

KennethB@egtownhall.com JohnL@egtownhall.com RichardD@egtownhall.com AmandaT@egtownhall.com

### EAST GRANBY SENIOR CENTER

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

• Grocery, Pharmacy & Banking every Wednesday

**2** Doctor, Dentist, Hairdresser & Personal Care Appointments every Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Appointments should be scheduled no earlier than 9:00 AM and no later than 3:00 PM. Call (860)413-3327 at least 48 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. **MASKS REQUIRED.** 

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

**ELDER JUSTICE HOTLINE** – **Call (860) 808-5555** if you have been the victim of a scam, neglected, exploited or abused.

#### GET FIT EXERCISE CLASS

Mondays and Wednesdays 10:00 AM-11:00 AM at the Senior Center—\$4.00 drop 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.

#### KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

The first and third Wednesdays of each month from 1:00-3:00 PM at the East Granby Senior Center. Come and socialize, work on your own project, meet other knitters and crocheters, or make items to donate to area hospitals, shelters, or schools.

#### **BLOOD PRESSURE & BLOOD SUGAR SCREENING CLINIC**

**MONDAYS~ APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>, 11:00AM-12:00PM**. The Farmington Valley Visiting Nurses Association will be at the East Granby Senior Center providing free blood pressure screenings as well as blood sugar screenings. No appointment necessary.

**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 \$35. MASKS REQUIRED.

### SHOPPING TRIPS

- MARCH 28<sup>th</sup>, APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>, MAY 23<sup>rd</sup> BIG Y & OCEAN STATE
- APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> WALMART

#### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS/TRIPS**

**FRIDAYS, MARCH 25TH, APRIL 8TH & MAY13TH—Gentle Stretch & Flex**—Gain strength, increase flexibility and reduce stress ~ this class is the perfect way to get started on your journey to better physical and mental health. The class will be led by Laura Fetzer, who has over 20 years of teaching experience in the Granby/East Granby/Windsor area. The focus will be on enhancing ease of movement and joint mobility through gentle stretches, strengthening movements and balance. Laura will also help you to find and use some tools for calming the mind with gentle breath work and meditation techniques. No experience or equipment necessary. Take time for you - sign up today! Currently this is a three session class with the hopes of becoming more regular—try one or try all three! Join us 9:30 am at the East Granby Senior Center. There is no charge for this class however Pre-registration is REQUIRED by the Wednesday prior to class (3/23, 4/6, 5/11). Transportation is available if needed.

**FRIDAY APRIL 1ST**—**Painting for Fun**—Artist Sandy Poirier will instruct this lesson on how to paint a beautiful spring landscape. Come enjoy the fun of painting with acrylics on an 11x14 stretched canvas. You will create a one of a kind masterpiece to take home with you or maybe to gift to someone special. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. All supplies will be included. **10:00am at the East Granby Senior Center. Cost is \$15. Reservation and payment due by March 24th. Transportation is available if needed.** 

**FRIDAY APRIL 22ND**—Stress Awareness—April is Stress Awareness Month which is a national, cooperative effort to inform people about the dangers of stress, successful coping strategies, and misconceptions about stress that are prevalent in our society. Stress can impact a person's health - physically, mentally and emotionally. When allowed to build up over time, problems such as anxiety and depression, hormonal issues, difficulty sleeping, high blood pressure, heart disease and much more can arise. 10:00am at the East Granby Senior Center. There is no charge for this program and light refreshments will be served. Pre-registration is REQUIRED by April 14th. Transportation is available if needed.

**FRIDAY APRIL 29TH**—Coffee with Eden</u>—This will be a great opportunity to chat directly with your First Selectwoman, Eden Wimpfheimer, over a cup of hot coffee. Bring your interests, comments, concerns and praises as you relax in this informal setting. What a great opportunity to get involved and find out what's happening in your town! 10:00am at the East Granby Senior Center. There is no charge for this program and light refreshments will be served. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. and due by April 21st. Transportation is available if needed.

**FRIDAY MAY 6TH—Lunch Bunch**—Wood-N-Tap—Farmington, CT— The Wood-N-Tap is a true Connecticut original! This new location along the Farmington river allows for scenic views alongside delicious food. So many selections to choose from including burgers and sandwiches, salads and soups and pasta and pizzas. You don't want to miss this fun day out! **Depart the Senior Center at 11:15AM. Cost for lunch is on your own. Reservation by April 28th.** 

**FRIDAY MAY 20TH**—**The Old Mill English Tea Room**—Somers, CT—Join us for a lovely tea party! Experience an enchanting afternoon of tea and a lovely lunch. Order off the menu with so many choices including a variety of soups, salads, sandwiches, quiches and crepes! Be ready to sit, sip and relax! Depart the Senior Center at 11:00 AM. Cost for lunch is on your own. Reservation due May 12th.

Please call the East Granby Senior Center (860) 413-3334 or email <u>kellyj@egtownhall.com</u> to register or if you have any questions

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#### EAST GRANBY PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

## ROBOTICS

### LEGO EV3 ROBOTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH 10:30AM-12PM

**GRADES: 5-8** 

Join the STARBASE team and learn to program LEGO EV3 robots to complete a variety of tasks. Program the robots to push and pick up items and deliver them to designated locations. Step up to the challenge of designing your own programs to complete as many missions as possible.

SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER AT: WWW.EGPL.ORG





Receive materials you need to conduct an at-home hands-on science activity! Kits will be available for pickup at the library. Request one when you are checking out books! Recommended for ages 6-14 years.



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### Mommy & Me Storytime

Saturday, May 7th at 10:30am Ages 3-8 years old and their moms (Grandmas & special caregivers are welcome too!)

We will create special memories together by reading books and signing songs with a special Mother's Day theme. This event will be led by Deb Paskiewicz.

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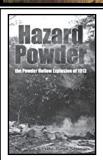
Saturday, May 14th 10:30am - 11:20am Grades 3-5

Join the CT Science Center for a hands-on science mystery! Someone altered the water for our experiment! Put your sleuthing skills to the test as you investigate what occurs when different substances are combined. Then look for evidence of chemical reactions and identify the unique properties of newly formed products to help solve the chem-mystery!

#### Register at: www.egpl.org



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Author Talk with Peter Floyd Sorenson

#### **Tuesday, March 29th at** 6:30pm In-Person and Virtual via Zoom

A redefinition of the people and the history behind the industry that carved the town of Hazardville out of the belly of Enfield, and a reframing of the destruction of a way of life by men whose only allegiance was to money.

### Author Talk with Megan Collins

### Monday, April 18th at 6:30pm



In-Person and Virtual via Zoom

With her signature "spellbinding, poignant, and atmospheric" storytelling, Megan Collins weaves a haunting and suspenseful tale filled with secrets that won't remain buried.

Join us to hear Megan tell us all about her book!

### East Granby Public Library 2022 Annual Fund Drive

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### Our Annual Fund Drive is our biggest fundraiser.

We need your support to cover 1/3 of our operating budget. With your donation we can continue to make the library a responsive and integral part of our community.



Interested in joining a book club? EGPL offers both in-person and virtual options. Check out our website www.egpl.org for more information!

### Afternoon at the Movies ~ Wednesdays at 1:00pm

Register at www.egpl.org or call the library at 860-653-3002.

Quvenshane Wallis stars as Annie, a

enough to make her way on the streets.

happy foster kid who's also tough

March 23rd

"**Belfast**" PG-13, 114 min.



A semi-autobiographical film which chronicles the life of a working class family and their young son's childhood during the tumult of the late 1960s in the Northern Ireland capital. March 30th

"Annie Live" PG, 118 min.



### April 6th

"Dear Evan Hansen" PG-13, 107 min.



The generation-defining Broadway phenomenon becomes a soaring cinematic event as Ben Platt reprises his role as a high schooler aching for belonging in the social media-age.

Meeting Schedules

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

Commission on Aging 6:30 (SC)	4/5, 5/3, 6/7
Conservation 7:00 (TH)	4/6, 5/4, 6/1
Board of Education 7:00 (AS)	3/28, 4/25, 5/23
Economic Development 5:30 (TH)	3/28, 4/25, 5/23
Town and School Building Committee 7:30 (TH)	As Needed
Board of Finance 7:00	4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 6/4
Parks & Recreation 7:00 (EGF)	4/7, 5/5, 6/2
Planning & Zoning 7:00 (TH)	4/12, 5/10, 6/14
Board of Selectmen 6:30 (TH)	3/23, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 5/11, 5/25
Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 (TH)	3/24, 4/21, 5/26
Youth Services Bureau 6:30 (EGF)	3/21, 4/18, 5/16

#### 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. At the discretion of the Editor, articles and graphics may be edited. 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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