



Let's Talk Turkey

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Memorial Day Parade ★ May 29, 2023 ★ 10:00 AM



Memorial Day is proclaimed to be a day to honor all Americans who died in military service. Please join our community in remembering those who sacrificed their lives to keep us safe and preserve our freedoms at our Annual Memorial Day Parade & Program. Big thanks go to the East Granby Lions Club who sponsors the parade and the Connecticut Air National Guard who provides the Honor Guard & Flyover. Parade participants should assemble at 9:30 AM in front of the Elmwood Cemetery on Nicholson Road. The parade will begin at 10:00

AM, proceed down Nicholson Road, cross Route 20 to School Street, and cross Route 187 to the Town Campus where there will be a short memorial service. In case of rain, a ceremony will be held at the Town Hall Meeting Room at 10:00 AM.

The 2023/2024 Town Budget Referendum will be held on May 16th from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Senior/Community Center. Please go to www.eastgranbyct.org for information regarding the budget referendum results.

Upcoming Town Meeting: There will be a Town Meeting called in late June to close fiscal year-end accounts and to review and act upon Board of Selectmen and Board of Education capital requests. These capital requests are not for additional funding, but rather to access capital funds previously approved by the Town through the annual budget referendum. Signs will be placed around town announcing the date.

The long-awaited East Granby Village Center Study is complete and our consultant Goman+York will offer a hybrid presentation of the finished product to the public, including business & property owners, on Monday, May 22nd at 6:00 PM at the Senior/Community Center. Look for the Village Center flyer in this edition for more information including Zoom instructions.

Economic Development: We are excited our Town's website has been enhanced to help support local businesses. Please visit our Town's website at egtownhall.com and click the "Doing Business" link to learn about development information, available properties, demographics, etc. and also the "Support Local" link, which is coming soon! Reminder to small businesses—be on the lookout in this edition for the Small Business flyer and visit the link or scan the QR code to complete a Small Business Survey.

The Boards of Selectmen and Education recently voted to share the costs of redoing the infields of the ball fields at East Granby High School using their respective federal funds. The Fire Department has been instrumental in helping water the fields along with additional assistance during the project by Public Works, students, and parents. We are grateful for this example of using shared services in order to benefit the schools and residents of our great town.

Town Hall, Parks & Rec, & Library Staff were recently trained in AED/CPR (Automated External Defibrillator) training, and we are now proud to have a majority of our staff certified.

Congratulations and thank you to our latest Eagle Scout candidate for choosing an Allgrove School outdoor area as his Eagle Scout project. He planned, organized, and executed the revitalization of an outdoor area which teachers often use to relax or read stories to students.

Hazardous Waste Collection: East Granby provides household hazardous waste collection for residents throughout The Metropolitan District. Our day is October 14th in Windsor Locks at the Public Works Garage located at 6 Stanton Road. All residents are welcome to go to any collection spot and date listed on the MDC website from April 29th to October 28th: <https://themdc.org/environment-health-safety/household-hazardous-waste-collection/>.

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Newsletter Publication Schedule

Submission Deadline	Delivered to Homes
July 31	August 12
September 5	September 16
November 6	November 18
Jan. 2, 2024	Jan. 13, 2024

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News From the Tax Office
WHAT'S DUE?

**TAX BILLS ARE PLANNED TO BE MAILED
JUNE 30, 2023**

LIVE ON TOWN WEBSITE JUNE 30th
PAYMENTS ACCEPTED BEGINNING
MONDAY, JULY 3rd from 8AM – 4PM



REAL ESTATE TAX
(FIRST INSTALLMENT OPTION)

MOTOR VEHICLE TAX
(for motor vehicles with an active registration on 10/1/2022)

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

DUE: JULY 1, 2023
(billing date is subject to budget approval process)
LAST DAY TO PAY TO AVOID INTEREST:
AUGUST 1, 2023

Please visit www.eastgranbyct.org to look up
your property tax bill.

Payment drop box is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week and is located at the back door of the Town Hall (facing the Police Department, Library, and Senior/Community Center). You still have an opportunity to mail your payment ON/OR before August 1st, 2023. We accept the United States Postmaster Stamp/Seal and recognize the payment as an on-time payment only if postmarked by August 1, 2023. Sorry, postage meters do not qualify as Postmaster Stamp/Seal.

DOES THIS QUESTION APPLY TO YOU?...

Did you sell a motor vehicle after 10/1/2022?

We will be sending you a bill the last week of June—why not see if you can have that adjustment now for the newest bill!

*If the answer is **YES**, please contact the Assessor's Office to report the changes and to see if the change qualifies for a tax adjustment on your bill coming to you due July 1, 2023. You can reach the Assessor's Office at (860) 653-2852.*

A special acknowledgement to the Allgrove 2nd Graders who sent such wonderful handmade thank-you cards to the Tax Collector's Office. Our department was one of four that had a visit from the Allgrove 2nd Graders. They learned all about where the tax money comes from and where the tax money goes—we had a lot of fun turning them all into taxpayers with their special one-hundred-dollar bill! It was truly our pleasure to have your 2nd Graders spend some time in our office. Look for the cards to be displayed in our department this upcoming tax season! I encourage you to take a moment to enjoy what comes out of the mouths of babes!

Annual Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 29th



The East Granby Lions Club proudly sponsors the Annual Memorial Day Parade. Marchers from all of the town's sport teams, service clubs, town organizations, and veteran groups are invited to march and are asked to gather in front of the Nicholson Road Cemetery from 9:30 to 10:00 AM.

The parade will begin at 10:00 AM with a brief memorial service at the Nicholson Cemetery followed by crossing Route 20 and proceeding up School Street, crossing Route 187 to the gazebo at Town Hall.

Spectators can line the street and proceed to the Town Green for the memorial ceremony. In case of rain, the program will be held at the Town Hall Meeting Room at 10:00 AM. For more info, call Lion Jim at (860) 463-9146.

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Recycling Collection Center (RCC): Current RCC permit stickers expire on June 30th. New stickers will become available to East Granby residents at the RCC facility located at 205 Turkey Hills Road (Route 20) beginning Saturday, July 1st and can be purchased on any Tuesday or Saturday throughout the month of July. The annual cost is \$75 cash or \$80 check/credit card. In affiliation with paintcare.org we now offer a paint shed at the RCC where residents may drop off leftover paint/cans.

Have a wonderful spring & summer and we will see you again in August!

Eden Wimpfheimer, First Selectwoman

News From the Registrars of Voters

Are you registered to vote?

Residents aged 18 years or older by Election Day, November 7, 2023, and meeting eligibility requirements may register. Go to MyVote.CT.gov to check if you are already registered in East Granby. If not, you may register online at VoterRegistration.CT.gov using a current Connecticut DMV ID. To register by mail, download a Voter Registration Form at MyVote.CT.gov or email registrars@egtownhall.com to request an application. Mail completed forms to Registrar of Voters, 9 Center Street, East Granby, CT 06026. You may also register in person at the Registrars' Office in the Senior/Community Center on Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Registrar Opening

The Democratic Registrar is retiring this year. We are looking for a candidate to fill this part-time position. Paid training will be provided and can begin immediately. You must be a resident of East Granby and a registered voter enrolled in the Democratic Party to qualify for this position. For more details on job responsibilities, work hours and compensation, please contact Cindy at registrars@egtownhall.com.

Do you want to work at the polls?

Election workers are essential to ensuring that elections are a success. We are always looking for new poll workers to work at upcoming elections, primaries, and referendums. This is a paid position. Some positions require working the full election day but accommodations can be made for split shifts. Poll workers aged 18 and older must be registered voters but 16- and 17-year-old students who are residents of East Granby are also eligible to work a six-hour shift. Contact us at registrars@egtownhall.com if you are interested.

June is Dog Licensing Month!



You can renew one of four ways: online, mail in, drop box, or in-person.

Online renewal: You'll need to know last year's tag number and rabies must be up to date. There is an additional \$1.75 processing fee. Simply go to our website, eastgranbyct.org, and click on "I Want To..."

or click on the Dog License tab of the Town Clerk's web page.

Mail in renewal: Include rabies certificate if updating is needed.

Drop box: The box is located outside Town Hall. Include rabies certificate if updating is needed.

Once we receive the information we will process and mail the license and dog tags back to you. Please note we cannot issue change so please leave exact dollar amount. Altered dogs are \$8.00, unaltered are \$19.00.

All dogs six months and older must be licensed by June 30th. A \$1.00 late fee will be charged each month for dogs not licensed starting July 1st. All dogs must have proof of a current rabies vaccination on file. If you no longer own a dog please let us know; you telling us is the only way we find out.

When licensing by mail, please include a self-addressed envelope with 70¢ postage and mail it to: Town Clerk, 9 Center Street, East Granby, CT 06026. No monies will be collected prior to June 1st.

All reminder notices are being sent via email only. If we have your email on file you have received a reminder; check your junk/spam mail. Failure to receive a reminder notice does not excuse the obligation of renewing your dog license (per CGS 22-338).

Questions? Contact Townclerk@egtownhall.com or (860) 653-6528.

Swimming Pool Season

News from the Building Department

As the swimming season is just around the corner, the Town of East Granby Building Department would like to remind residents of safety and code regulations regarding all pools. The adopted



current Connecticut state building code regulates pool installations and requirements. The code maintains that permits for the pool and its various electrical components are required. Safety

barriers are required for pools so outside easy access is held to a minimum. These barriers, such as fencing and self-closing gates, help deter individuals from entering the pool area. Alarms are required in the pool and to doors/windows that allow direct access to the pool area. Motion of the doors/windows or movement in the pool will sound an alarm to allow others to hear that the area has been breached.

Most individuals understand that water and electricity do not mix. Inspections for pool electrical components allow for a safe pool season regardless of the pool. Pool companies generally pull permits and hire licensed electricians to ensure that the job is done correctly to code and meets the safety regulations of the code and the manufacturers. Box store pools such as the blue rubber pools still require the needed permits for safe usage, including the barrier, ladder safety, GFCI breaker for the pump, electrical components, and much more.

There have been many permits pulled for pools and some have not had complete inspections, or none at all. Some permits have not been closed for a number of reasons. Closing a permit indicates all required inspections have been done and passed. Insurance companies prefer to see that the permit is closed—if an accident occurs and the permit is open, a problem with the insurance company may ensue. Pools with no permits where an incident occurs are an even bigger issue when it comes to liability. Please be sure to have your pool properly permitted and inspected, and have a safe swimming season!

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging (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 two openings for an alternate. Please help us out. If you have an interest or for more information, contact Rich Galluccio, Chairman, at (860) 658-0603 or Kelly Jacobs, Senior Services Director, at (860) 413-3334. The following are the COA initiatives for 2023.

East Granby Cares Day: This is a day set aside to get help from the high school students in town. We had our spring day on April 22nd this year. We were able to help six seniors with 24 high school students. We will have another day in the fall.

Wellness Fair: This is now scheduled for October 16th in conjunction with the Flu Clinic in town.

Senior Celebration: The Celebratory Brunch will honor our 90 years and above seniors. This is planned for September 23rd at 11:00 AM.

Pavilion on the Senior/Community Center: This will be a 12' by 20' structure placed on the concrete pad outside the Senior/Community Center. This has been made possible by a bequest from Bea Adams, a long-time resident of East Granby. The pavilion is on order and hopefully will be set up this summer.

East Granby Social Services

East Granby Social Services is located in the Senior/Community Center and office hours are Monday through Thursday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. For more information on programs or assistance please contact Elise Cosker, Director of Social Services, at (860) 413-3328 or elise@egtownhall.com. Drop boxes for Social Services can be found inside the Senior/Community Center and outside the front door of the Town Hall.

5th Annual East Granby Cares Day

This event took place on Saturday, April 22nd. Twenty-four East Granby High School students completed a variety of spring clean-up jobs for six of our senior residents here in town. East Granby Cares Day is a collaboration between the Commission on Aging and East Granby High School that happens each spring and fall. It is a day where our students are able to give back and help the senior citizens in their community and earn community service hours for graduation. Thank you to all who participated to make this day a success!

Back to School Program

Social Services will be collecting Target and Walmart gift cards this summer for the annual Back to School Program. This program supports income eligible families in East Granby who are facing financial hardship. The families are supplied with gift cards to assist with purchasing backpacks and school supplies for children to start the school year this September. If you are interested in helping support this program, please contact Social Services at (860) 413-3328 or email elise@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, 9 Center Street, East Granby, CT 06026.

Energy Assistance

Applications are being taken until May 31st at Social Services and now online at <https://portal.ct.gov/heatinghelp/applyonline>



for residents who wish to apply for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program. This program is designed to help offset the winter heating costs of Connecticut's lower income households. 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 on income limits and requirements or visit the State of Connecticut website at www.ct.gov and search "Connecticut Energy Assistance Program."

Food Pantry

The Friend to Friend Food Pantry was established to supplement the weekly grocery needs of residents who have been identified



friend to friend

by East Granby Social Services as needing assistance. The pantry is currently operating on Friday mornings for registered participants to shop. The East Granby Mini Bus is available for transportation to the

pantry. If you are in need of food, please call Social Services at (860) 413-3328 or email elise@egtownhall.com. To donate please call (860) 413-9015 or email 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, East Granby Public Library, and Geissler's Supermarket in Granby. If you wish to make a monetary donation or local grocery store gift card you can either mail to Friend to Friend Food Pantry, P.O. Box 631, East Granby, CT 06026 or email friendtofriendeg@gmail.com.

Individual Therapy

Are you stressed? Overwhelmed? Grieving? Need someone to talk to? Appointments are available with a therapist (LCSW) on Mondays from 12:00 to 4:00 PM and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. For more information, please contact Social Services at (860) 413-3328 or Senior Services at (860) 413-3334.



Renter's Rebate

The Elderly/Totally Disabled Renters rebate program is open until October 1st for seniors aged 65 and over (or under 65 and on permanent long-term disability receiving Social Security benefits) that rented in 2022 and have a total income less than \$40,300 for a single person and less than \$49,100 per married couple. Renters' rebates can be up to \$900 for married couples and \$700 for single persons. The renters' rebate amount is based on a graduated income scale and the amount of rent and utility payments made in the previous calendar year. There is no asset restriction. Please call Social Services for more information or to apply.





East Granby Veterans Group

On Saturday, May 20th from 8:00 to 11:00 AM we are hosting a pancake breakfast at the Senior/Community Center. Come out and have breakfast and support with East Granby Veterans!

We will march in the East Granby Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29th. Form up on Nicholson Road near the cemetery at 9:30 AM. Please let us know if you need to ride instead of march.

We are going to see the Hartford Yard Goats play on Saturday, June 24th and there are still a few tickets left in our section. It is Military Appreciation Night.

Our meetings are the last Thursday of the month at Gio's Pizzeria from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The next one will be May 25th. We hope to see you there.

If you would like to participate or want more information, please email eastgranbyCTveterans@gmail.com. All military and veterans are welcome.



East Granby Historical Society



The Original Fly Girls: A History of the Women Airforce Service Pilots

Sunday, June 4th at 2:30 PM
East Granby Senior/Community Center
Presented by Dr. Amanda Goodheart Parks
Free and open to the public

During World War II more than one thousand American women served as WASPS in support of the war effort. These pioneering women faced discrimination from the U.S. military and American society, and because their records were sealed after the war, their contributions to aviation were lost to history for decades. This lecture will chronicle the stories of these remarkable pilots who broke barriers and paved the way for future generations of American women to take to the skies. Dr. Parks is a historian, educator, and public speaker with over 15 years of experience bringing the past to life for people of all ages. She serves as an adjunct faculty member in the Salve Regina University History Department. This program will begin at 2:30 PM following a 2:00 PM Historical Society business meeting.

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 behind the desk)
- East Granby Post Office (box located in lobby)
- East Granby Senior/Community Center (box 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.

East Granby High School Senior Named DAR Good Citizen

At a recent awards meeting of the Abigail Phelps Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Inc. (DAR), Karen DiMenna, Good Citizen Committee Chairperson announced that Samantha Kovaleski of East Granby High School was a recipient of the DAR Good Citizen Award.



Samantha Kovaleski
DAR Good Citizen
Award Winner

Samantha was selected by her school's Social Studies faculty based on the following qualifications: Dependability, Service, Leadership, and Patriotism. Each of the winners from the four schools which participate have impressive lists of extensive school and community activities, and Samantha is no exception. She is a member of the National Honor Society, serves on Student Council and is an East Granby Land Trust intern.

In her junior year, she was the Student Representative to the East Granby Board of Education and was a member of the Connecticut Land Conservation Council Youth Planning Committee. She was a member of the Math League, participates in As Schools Match Wits, and is a trumpet player in the EGHS Band.

In athletics, Samantha has played JV and Varsity Soccer and is a member of the EGHS Track and Field Team, having also participated in Indoor Track. With all this activity, Samantha also finds time for babysitting and in the summer works at a local farm.

Samantha is the recipient of many awards and certificates of excellence, including AP Scholar Award, National Rural and Small Town Recognition Program Award, Harvard Book Prize,

CABE Student Leadership Award, NCCC Scholar Athlete Award, and Rotary Student of the Month for October 2022.

School Counselor Ms. Pendergast, in announcing East Granby High School's selection for their DAR Good Citizen Award winner, describes Samantha Kovaleski as a student who has taken all of their History classes and demonstrates a genuine interest in U. S. History and American Government. She ranks #1 in her class.

DAR Essay Contest Winners Announced

The Abigail Phelps Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is pleased to announce the winners of the American Revolution History Essay Contest. There are two divisions of this contest; the first is for students in grades 5 through 8, of which the topic was "Imagine that you are a delegate during the 1775-1776 second Continental Congress. Which colony are you from and what will be important for you to accomplish for your colony?" Stephanie Clement of East Granby Middle School was awarded 8th Grade Third Place and Amani Akedde-Bernstein of East Granby Middle School was awarded 8th Grade First Place.

The second division is for students at the high school level, of which the topic was "Select a figure from the era of the American Revolution. Discuss how he or she influenced the course of the war and his/her contributions to the founding of a new nation. Figures may be a well-known figure or an every day, man, woman, or child who supported the American Revolution in ways large or small." Abhinav Lenkala of East Granby High School was awarded High School Third Place. Hansika Lenkala of East Granby High School was awarded High School First Place. Hansika is also the First Place State winner, and the First Place Northeast District Division winner. Her essay has gone on to the National level competition.

The DAR is dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism. The essay contests support these objectives by encouraging young people to explore and appreciate the importance of American history. Each winner received a monetary award and a certificate, followed by a reception for winners, students, families, and friends held at Eno Memorial Hall in Simsbury. Essays were received from students in school systems in Simsbury, Avon, Granby and East Granby.



Amani Akedde-Bernstein, Stephanie Clement, Hansika Lenkala, Abhinav Lenkala
DAR Essay Contest Winners from East Granby Schools

News from Copper Hill United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Kelvin Jones



Significant Prayer Event

Most of us would agree that our nation needs prayer right now! For many years on the National Day of Prayer, there has been a prayer event in every town in Connecticut, a time when people come together to pray for our state and our nation. This year on May 4th, the East Granby prayer event was again held at Copper Hill United Methodist Church. First Selectwoman Eden Wimpfheimer read Governor Ned Lamont's proclamation and Pastor Kelvin Jones led the service, which had been planned by local prayer leader JoAnne Jones.

Pastor Kelvin Jones to Retire

On April 13th, Pastor Kelvin Jones announced to the Copper Hill Pastor-Parish Committee that he would be fully retiring on June 30th. Pastor Jones' ten years of leadership at the church are now the record in pastoral longevity over the 207-year history of the church. The church family has been most appreciative of the ministry of Rev. Jones and of his wife JoAnne, especially in the area of music. Rev. Jones has led the church in growing in their faith and has encouraged expansion of their community outreach. He also guided them in updating their sanctuary while maintaining the historical feel and has been responsible for numerous ministry innovations. The Joneses worked diligently alongside key laypersons to help the church weather COVID and come through it strong. Pastor Kelvin commented, "We give praise to God for this good chapter in our lives and in the life of this church." The Joneses plan to continue to live locally. Copper Hill Church will receive a new pastor on July 1st as a part of the United Methodist Church's current reconfiguring of parishes.

Key Verse

In this day when there is so much violence, road rage, etc., it is good to remember the words of Jesus, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." (Matthew 5:7)

News From the Democrats

Every two years, East Granby votes to decide their leaders and the direction of the town we call home. Our cherished school system, the direction of our town's business development, and our critical public safety are all decided by those we chose. For 25 years, the Democrats have guided this town through ups and downs, and it has resulted in one of the most desirable towns to live in Connecticut. We need your help to ensure that this continues. The election this November will decide our future. The Democrats will once again put forth candidates that continue to represent the broad diversity and needs of our residents. They will bring a professional skill set necessary for proper governance and success. Your support, simply by voting for our dedicated team of candidates, will guarantee that all the progress we've made will not be stopped



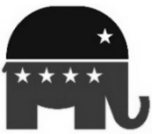
by any special interest or personal agenda. This is our town, and the Democrats will fight to keep it that way!

This year, following a long tradition, the Democrats will be awarding a scholarship to a graduating senior from East Granby High School. The quality of our schools is only made possible by the impressive young graduates who choose to stay in our school system. We applaud them all as they set forth on their next big adventure.

If you would like to support us, or get more involved locally, please contact our Democratic Chairman Mike Malloy at (860) 651-1895 or Mikemalloy07@gmail.com.

East Granby Republicans

As this publication goes to print, there are two very important events in the near future. There was a town meeting on May 2nd to discuss the 2023-2024 budget. Soon afterward there is expected to be a town-wide referendum to approve or reject the budget. All local residents and businesses are encouraged to attend, and vote.



A brief refresher on how property taxes are determined is presented here. Property taxes comprise the vast majority (87%) of East Granby's revenues, and the sum total of all property is called the Grand List. The three main components are: Motor Vehicles, Real Estate, and Personal Property (business equipment and machines). As mentioned in the previous "Let's Talk Turkey," the increase has amounted to less than one percent (0.84% actual) over the last seven years. Budget increases over this amount mean higher property taxes.

Recently, East Granby had an opportunity for a sizable increase on our Grand List. A well-respected developer had a prospective client who would occupy a planned storage facility. The developer requested a change to a local ordinance for a modest increase in allowable building size. Our Planning and Zoning commission voted to reject this request. The building would have brought in an estimated \$2 million. Reasonable limits on hours of operation and noise levels would have made the operation workable to the client and acceptable to adjoining residents.

Adding to our woes as a municipality is the State of Connecticut meddling in local affairs. The State has mandated that taxes on Motor Vehicles be capped at 32.46 mills. Since our expected mill rate exceeds this threshold (overall rate of 35.8), this will cause an increase in mill rate on Real Estate and Personal Property to 36.3. In addition, there is proposed legislation that would change the assessment rate on property from the existing 70% to 75%.

Our team is always available to discuss any issues and concerns you have. 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 Todd Zessin at (860) 471-0935 or via email at todd.zessin@gmail.com. We hold our meetings at 7:00 PM at the Senior/Community Center on the third Wednesday of the month. 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



Late April at the State Capitol marked the end of the committee process for lawmakers and the transition to more regular debate on the House floor. For a couple of weeks, the Capitol campus was at a lull as legislators and staff prepared for the final stretch of the session. As Chair of House Republican

Screening, I worked closely with caucus colleagues to analyze bills expected to reach the House floor and weigh them with a view to protecting our communities. Amidst these quietly busy weeks in Hartford, fellow legislators and I continue to hear constituent concerns on many issues, especially public safety.

Many of us have seen recent footage online or in the news of a middle-aged man fighting off four masked juveniles attempting to steal a car out of his driveway in Rocky Hill. The broad daylight attack was shocking—and infuriating. It is also only one example of many crimes that have become more brazen in recent years.

The "smart on crime" approach to public safety pushed through the legislature in recent years but opposed by my colleagues and I clearly isn't working. We need to reconsider and amend these laws that reduce police effectiveness, soften criminal penalties, facilitate early release for even convicted murderers and in many cases treat the criminals with more care than that afforded to victims.

Closer to home, we've seen an attempted carjacking on Route 75 in Windsor Locks, a multi-street takeover in Simsbury, catalytic converter thefts, and car break-ins throughout our area. Locking your car is important but doesn't work as a deterrent when thieves are smashing the windows. While car break-ins and catalytic converter thefts are disregarded by some as "only property crimes," the level of criminal activity can escalate when there are no meaningful consequences for these actions.

This session, Republicans offered a package of public safety proposals that included expanding the circumstances under which juveniles charged with certain violent crimes are automatically transferred to the adult criminal docket, and adding another two years to the mandatory minimum sentence for carjacking when a firearm or deadly weapon is involved. We have also proposed reversing some of the restrictions the legislature imposed on police in the past few years that have impeded their ability to enforce existing laws.

We have responded to the concerns of our constituents—and have also worked with several of our state's big city mayors, almost all Democrats, in crafting some of this legislation. Unfortunately, our proposals aimed at instilling more accountability into Connecticut's criminal justice system have been received coolly by our majority party colleagues in the legislature. While I am not extremely optimistic about these ideas being adopted, I will continue to push for reforms holding criminals accountable and offering additional support to crime victims.

As always, please contact my office if you have questions about state issues: (860) 240-8700 or Tami.Zawistowski@housegop.ct.gov.

EAST GRANBY VETERAN'S

Pancake breakfast

MAY 20TH 8-11AM

EAST GRANBY SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER
\$8 PER PLATE / \$7 10 AND UNDER

PANCAKES, SAUSAGES, COFFEE/TEA/JUICE

QUESTIONS?

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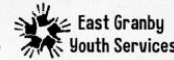
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LAST BLAST OF SUMMER CONCERT:
STILL KICKIN' WITH THE BIG CITY HORNS
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

FOR MORE INFO ON THESE FREE AND FAMILY FRIENDLY CONCERTS ON THE TOWN GREEN, INCLUDING FOOD VENDORS AND ACTIVITIES FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY, SEE OUR WEBSITE: WWW.EASTGRANBYREC.COM

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EAST GRANBY SENIOR CENTER SUMMER FUN CONCERT



**Friday, June 16th
12:30-1:30pm**

Outside at the Senior Center—Cost \$25

Are you ready to celebrate summer?

Join us outdoors for the fabulous sounds of the Airborne Jazz Band performing their high energy show with a wide collection of songs ready to bring music to your ears and kick off the summer in style!

Enjoy a cold lobster roll boxed lunch while you sit back and relax Don't forget to grab a delicious dessert from the ice cream truck! (roast beef or turkey sandwich may be substituted for the lobster roll if requested in advance)

Please bring sunscreen, hat and a chair

Pre-Registration/Payment (\$25/pp) is required—due by June 8th

Payments can be made by:

Dropping off at any town hall office or

by mail to EG Senior Services, 9 Center Street, East Granby, CT 06026 (checks payable to COA)

PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME, EMAIL/PHONE NUMBER, AND PAYMENT IN YOUR ENVELOPE (This event is for seniors only)

Questions? Call (860) 413-3334 or email kellyj@egtownhall.com

Transportation is available if needed—call the mini bus (860) 413-3327

In the event of inclement weather this program will be moved inside the senior center



Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine 2023 Season



Reservable Mine Tours

Reserve your mine tickets ahead of time, or just drop in! Tickets are not reservable on Free Days.

Hours (May - Sept.)
Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon | 10:00 - 4:30
Tues/Wed | CLOSED
Thurs | Group Visits Only
*Last tours at 4:00pm



Special Events

May 13th Sculpture Unveiling | Free Admission
June 10th- CT Open House Day | Free Admission
July 16th - Mineral Show | Free Admission
August 20th- Historic Reenactment | Free Admission

Stay Tuned for October Hours and Details about "Light into the Dungeon: A Jack O' Lantern Experience"

Special thanks to the **Friends of Old New-Gate and Town of East Granby** for providing ARPA funding to improve our walkways and picnic area. This section outside of the prison walls is always available for public use. Stop by and check it out anytime; **CT Stonescaping & Gardens** did an amazing job!



East Granby Village Center Master Plan

**MONDAY,
MAY 22, 2023
6:00 PM**

**EAST GRANBY
SENIOR/COMMUNITY
CENTER**

**(20 CENTER STREET,
EAST GRANBY)**

AND VIA ZOOM:

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION Final Presentation

After several focus groups with Center businesses and property owners, Town boards and commissions, and three public planning and visioning sessions for residents held earlier this year, the Town of East Granby and consultant Goman+York welcome you to attend this final public information session for the reveal of the completed Village Center Master Plan.

Meeting ID: 898 9031 1769
Passcode: 277246
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89890311769?pwd=ZE03Qks3ck1KS3g3ZEd3dkZadjJmUT09>
For local toll-free calling dial 860-370-3002



Protection from Property & Mortgage Fraud

Sign Up for This FREE Service from Your
Town Clerk

The East Granby Town Clerk is now offering a free service that helps protect residents from potential property and mortgage fraud. **PropertyCheck** will automatically alert you of any recordings regarding the property you specify.



Register for PropertyCheck in 4 easy steps:

- 1) Sign up at the website listed below
- 2) Select how you would like to receive notifications
- 3) Enter the property owner's name
(as it appears on the official record)
- 4) Click CREATE MY SUBSCRIPTION



PropertyCheck Now Available
East Granby Town Clerk Christine Gallagher
<https://recordhub.cottsystems.com/EastGranbyCT/>



We are pleased to announce our most recent
East Granby Greater Together Community
Fund grant recipients totaling
\$14,700

East Granby Public Library Story Trail

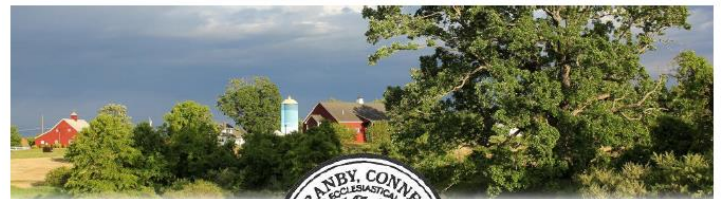
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Legacy Fund



**East Granby Public Library,
Historical Room - digital
archiving**

Connect with us:

- ✉ eastgranbygreatertogogether@gmail.com
- 📘 East Granby Greater Together Community Fund



East Granby Small Business Owners:

**The Town of East Granby wants
to hear from you!**

Please help the Town of East Granby serve you and your business better by taking a brief online survey to evaluate East Granby's small business climate, activities, and communications.

**Visit this link or scan the QR code
to complete the online survey:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V5BDTSH>

Scan here!



Participate in the survey by May 29, 2023. Questions? Contact Robin Newton, East Granby's Director of Planning & Economic Development at 860.785.3010 or robin@egtownhall.com.

Thank you for your response!



friend to friend
Food Pantry & Thrift Shop

Lessons in change.

Spring is about change and new beginnings. In this spirit, we wish Linda and Brad Wolfe the happiest of trails in their new adventure as they leave East Granby. Linda has volunteered with the Friend to Friend Food Pantry for over 15 years and her contributions as volunteer to Director and Vice President of the Board are immeasurable. Her dedication, compassion, intelligence and sense of humor will be missed by both volunteers and clients, whom she knows by name. (We felt her talents too great not to share, so we gave her info on food pantries to explore in her new neighborhood!) We'd also like to thank her husband, Brad Wolfe for all his legalese in keeping the food pantry a professional and viable nonprofit. Brad has volunteered through the years on numerous town boards and committees, which also included time as an East Granby Ambulance volunteer. Many residents remember Brad as the meeting moderator and voice of reason at the toughest of East Granby Town Meetings, ensuring time and respect for all opinions represented. We'll miss them terribly, but know they'll continue to make the space around them a better place for all.

Another change, but one we're excited for, will be a deliciously re-imagined 23rd Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser on Saturday, October 21st. Please join Expressions Pottery Workshop and the Friend to Friend Food Pantry as we present "Soup's On — Chef's Edition" featuring our special guest, Chef Jay Welch. We'll be keeping old traditions and adding some new to make this a must-attend event. More details to follow on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Finally, please join us May 24-28 at Almost Famous Brewing Company's Spring Food Drive to benefit our pantry. Find the fun details on social media. (Donations to the pantry are lowest in the spring and summer months.) Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and those in the community that help us get the job done through dollar or deed!

Food Pantry

To register with the Food Pantry call Elise at Social Services, 860.413.3328 or email elise@egtownhall.com. To volunteer or donate to the Food Pantry or Thrift Shop please call 860.413.9015 or email friendtofriendeg@gmail.com.

Non-perishable Donation Info

Items needed at the pantry: Jarred pasta sauce, jelly, peanut butter, stewed tomatoes and sugar.

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 and Stop & Shop 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

Thrift Shop

32 Spoonville Road, 860.413.9015
860.392.8362 (after hours)
friendtofriendthriftshop@gmail.com

We are accepting donations of gently-used seasonal clothing, jewelry, shoes, housewares, small furniture, artwork and complete/working toys. Please note we are a tiny shop so we do not feature books, bedding or large furniture. You can drop off during shopping hours or on our covered front porch on nice weather days. Thank you!

Hours:
Tuesday, Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm
Thursday noon-4:00pm



Thank you to our 2023 Sponsors and Donors!

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Friends of WCEG



Donors



Barn Museum Located at East Granby Farms
85 North Main Street
East Granby, CT 06026

Open 2nd & 4th Sundays, 2-4pm, June-October

East Granby Historical Society

Preserving East Granby's
Agricultural & Cultural History

Learn more at:

www.eastgranbyhistoricalsociety.org



Mail to: PO Box 188, East Granby, CT 06026

New Members
Always Welcome!



Visit the barn museum, sit inside the fully restored circa 1857 Concord Coach & explore other artifacts from East Granby's rich history. Enjoy several hands-on activities for all ages.



See our website for information about special events and programs:
www.eastgranbyhistoricalsociety.org



EGCCNS Preschool

...gentle learning
Through play



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

Learning Centers	Now Enrolling for 2023-2024		Outdoor Learning
	3-year-olds (32+ months)	T/Th	9:30 am - noon
	4 & 5-year-olds	M/W/F	9:30 am - noon
	4 & 5-year-olds enrichment*	M/W/F	8:45 am - noon
	4 & 5-year-olds 5-day	M-F	9:30 am - noon
	4 & 5's 5-day enrichment*	M-F	8:45 am - noon
	*additional academic time reinforcing skills for kindergarten readiness		
	9 Rainbow Road (P.O. Box 390), East Granby, CT 06026 EGCCNS9@gmail.com (860) 653-3913 https://www.egchurch.org/egcc-nursery-school/		

We would like to THANK the following businesses for their support and donations to our very successful Coffee Cup Raffle fundraiser on April 29th

Almost Famous Brewing Company in East Granby
Amped Fitness in East Granby
Ancher Eye Center in East Granby
Anytime Fitness in Granby
Aurora's Pizza in Enfield
Barista Café in Suffield
Brignole Vineyards in East Granby
Cake Gypsy in Avon
Clark Farms at Bushy Hill in Granby
Copper Hill Golf Club in East Granby
Cracker Barrel Pub in Tariffville
The Craft Bakery in East Granby
Dairy Cream in Windsor Locks
Emmons Tropical Fish in Granby
Everlasting Nutrition in East Granby
Fearless Cards Toys & Collectibles in East Granby
Gio's Brick Oven Pizzeria in East Granby
Greeting the Seasons in Granby
The Hairport in East Granby
Horses & Hounds in Granby
ISCC Fitness Center in Simsbury
J & G Restaurant in East Granby

Jake's Wayback in Granby
Joining Technologies, Inc. in East Granby
Julliano's Pools in Vernon
Karenough Crafts & Boutique in Suffield
Liquor World in Granby
Long Stem Flower Shoppe in East Granby
Molly's Homemade Jewelry in Suffield
Neckers Toyland in Simsbury
Old Mill Pond Village in Granby
Pentimento Design in Suffield
Rancho Viejo in Granby
Route 10 Tire in Granby
Spare Time in Windsor Locks
Star Nall in East Granby
Three Figs Restaurant in Suffield
Tim's Automotive in Granby
TJ's Burritos in East Granby
Tractor Supply in Simsbury
Village Cork and Keg in Granby
Willy's Scoop du Jour in Suffield
The Y (YMCA) in Granby

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

We would also like to thank all those who came & bought raffle tickets to support our annual fundraiser!



7th Annual Golf Tournament

Sponsored by the Women's Club of East Granby



Copper Hill Golf Club Saturday, June 3, 2023 (rain date Saturday, June 10th)

Registration: **1:00 pm**

9 Hole Scramble/Shotgun Start: **2:00 pm**

Dinner: **5:30 pm**

\$100 per person, includes golf, cart, prizes and dinner buffet

\$45 per person for dinner buffet only

WCEG has been giving back to the East Granby community for almost 50 years. Proceeds from this event help fund EG community organizations & scholarships.
Join your friends and neighbors for this fun event!

Please complete and mail check payable to WCEG by May 20th to:

WCEG, PO Box 30, East Granby, CT 06026

(to pay with Venmo, go to our website – www.womensclubeg.org)

For questions, please email womensclubeg@gmail.com or contact Shirley Woods, 860-221-5953.

	Name	Email
Player 1		
Player 2		
Player 3		
Player 4		

No foursome, no problem! We will pair you if needed. Proper golf attire required,

	Name	Email
Dinner Only		

Women's Club of East Granby



Application for Donation

To apply for a donation from WCEG, complete and mail this application by
May 31, 2023, to: PO Box 30, East Granby, CT 06026 or email us at
womensclubeg@gmail.com

Organization name _____

Organization FEI # _____

Contact name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Send donation to: _____

Please provide a brief description of how the donation will be used and the number of East Granby residents who will benefit from the donation. Attach additional supporting information to this application, if needed.

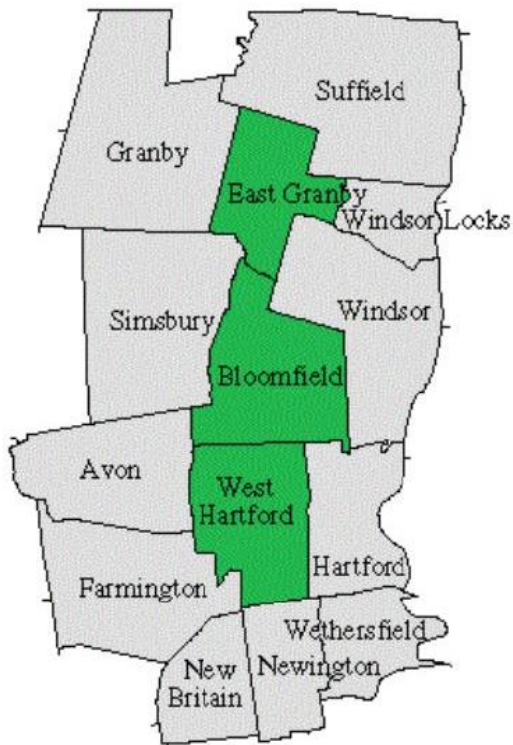
Amount of donation request _____ \$ _____

If the amount is less than requested, can your organization still utilize the funds? _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Introducing ...

Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy



Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy Officially Established!

On April 10, 2023, Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy was established with plans to help our communities protect the environment, preserve local farming and connect residents with the outdoors. This completes the legal steps of a merger process set in motion when members of East Granby Land Trust, West Hartford Land Trust, and Bloomfield's Wintonbury Land Trust voted earlier this year to combine forces.

Amanda Thompson, President of the Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy board of directors and President of the former East Granby Land Trust said, "Our land trusts served important roles preserving open space to maintain the character and quality of life residents enjoy in our communities. The formation of Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy will help the region better promote farmland, waterways, wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation and education for the benefit of current and future generations."

The land trust's mission is to conserve, improve and study the region's natural resources for the public's benefit, including the traprock ridge shared by the three towns and the Farmington River and Park River watersheds. The merger plan honors restrictions on how previously donated lands can be used and continues projects already underway in each town. Members and volunteers now protect a combined 49 properties totaling 642 acres that include numerous nature preserves, four working farms, community gardens and education programs.

Pooling Resources to Boost and Sustain Efforts

Victor Herson, President of the former Wintonbury Land Trust in Bloomfield and a member of the new land trust board said, "We are excited to join forces with our neighbors and strengthen efforts to conserve land and connect people with nature. Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy will provide the foundation for efficiencies and expanding resources that ensure sustainability and success in the future."

David Sagers, Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy's Treasurer and President of the former West Hartford Land Trust, added, "The merger is the culmination of almost two years of collaboration and planning to increase the sustainability of land acquisition and conservation in our community. This brings together a larger group of like-minded supporters to significantly increase our impact on the environment across the region."

Forging the Partnership

Leaders from the three land trusts began exploring opportunities to work together in 2021 during workshops with the Connecticut Land Conservation Council. The Council provides training and recommends policies to ensure the long-term viability of land conservation efforts in the state.

The land trusts received a grant from The Peter and Carmen Lucia Buck Foundation to study the feasibility of merging and to develop a plan. Representatives worked with Sharon Danosky, president and owner of the Danosky & Associates consulting firm, and Ed Spinella, chair of the tax-exempt organizations group at the law offices of Murtha Cullina. The Pro Bono Partnership also provided free legal services from Donna Brooks and Tyler Archer at Shipman & Goodwin and Matthew Scherneck, Zohra Sayedy, Aafke Pronk, Rob Cortinas, and Ronald Silverman at Hogan Lovells.

Aaron Lefland, Deputy Director of the Connecticut Land Conservation Council, noted, "Land trusts make a promise to conserve land in perpetuity. East Granby, West Hartford and Wintonbury Land Trusts have demonstrated their commitment to upholding that promise by coming together to form a stronger, more enduring organization."

Bob Canace, Senior Program Officer at The Peter and Carmen Lucia Buck Foundation, added, "The Foundation congratulates the East Granby, West Hartford and Wintonbury Land Trusts for having the vision to map out a new future that will take advantage of each organization's history, enthusiasm and vision to continue protecting natural areas and offering community-based programs."

Getting Involved

Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy's new board of directors met for the first time on April 26 in Bloomfield. Members of the merging land trusts elected directors and officers from each of the three towns, including student directors from East Granby Land Trust's internship program. Members and volunteers will organize new committees for Land Acquisition, Land Conservation, Education & Outreach, Fundraising & Membership, Governance, and Finance.

To become a new member, volunteer for a committee, or learn more about the merger, visit the merger project webpage: www.trlandconservancy.org.

East Granby Spring Clean Up Project and CT Trails Day Hike: East Granby Middle School Youth Action Council and Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy are asking you to join them in an East Granby Town Clean Up Sunday, May 21st, 2023 from 10-12 pm. We are asking all town organizations and small groups of any kind to commit to cleaning up one mile of East Granby roads. We will provide the bags and vests for your group and DPW will pick up all trash bags Monday, May 22nd 2023. Let's all work together to keep our town looking great. Note: All youth groups must have at least two adults in attendance, including high school groups. To register your group please email: youthactioncouncil@gmail.com.

CT Trails Day Hike will be June 3rd, 2023 9:30am-12:00pm in Wilcox Park (71 Hoskins Rd., Bloomfield) will be led by volunteers Paula Jones and Kevin Gough. This will be a 3 mile hike on the Wilcox Park trails to the Metacomet Trail. Starting at the parking lot, we will proceed through the meadow and then take the yellow trail, joining the Metacomet Trail along the ridgeline. We will proceed north on the Metacomet to the Buck Property, recently donated to Bloomfield as an addition to the park. We will then return to the meadow via the yellow trail. RSVP on www.wintonburylandtrust.org/events at the bottom of the page under calendars.

Celebrate West Hartford will be held Saturday, June 10th 10am-6pm and Sunday, June 11th noon-6pm. Celebrate West Hartford is a family-oriented two-day community festival on the grounds of Town Hall in West Hartford, CT. We will be there with a booth, come and say hello, become a member, or learn how you can volunteer.



79 North Main Street | East Granby, CT
Mailing Address: 9 Center Street, East Granby, CT 06026

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e-mail : eastgranbyrecreation@gmail.com
www.eastgranbyrec.com

Spring/Summer 2023 Program Guide

Adult Activities

Adult Painting in Watercolor

Join award winning artist Lori Rapuano and learn how to paint in watercolor! This program is designed for all experience levels; each student works at their own pace, and small class sizes ensure individual assistance can be given. Guidance is provided on drawing, color theory, composition, design elements and, of course, watercolor technique. Bring reference photos to work from and your own materials and supplies.

Classes are \$25 each and are held in the Sears House at East Granby Farms.

Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

June 6, 13, 20, 27

Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 am

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

June 7, 14, 21, 28

Slow Flow Vinyasa Yoga

While connecting breath to movement, we 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 are given for all levels. This class is great for those newer to yoga or those wanting to slow it down in a basic flow class.



This Spring, classes will be offered Monday and Wednesday evenings (and some Thursdays), 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Please see EastGranbyRec.com for the complete schedule including dates and class locations.

Strength and Strollers

This tot-friendly workout group will meet weekly and help you get in shape and build muscle. Each 1-hour class will begin with a dynamic warm up and a walk/run. We will then move to a total body strength workout that can be modified for all fitness levels and then finish with a cool down/stretching routine.



Thursdays, April 27 - June 15 | 9:00 - 10:00 am
East Granby Farms Recreation Center

Adult Drop-In Basketball



This drop-in program is for anyone over the age of 18. Different teams are made weekly, and we limit the number of participants to 20. Priority is given to those who purchase a punch card and arrive by 7:00 pm. You can purchase a drop-in pass each week for \$5. We encourage you to register in advance.

Wednesdays, 3/8 – 5/31 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm
East Granby High School New Gym

High School events & programs take precedence. Please follow the East Granby Parks and Recreation Facebook page to ensure you receive notifications for last minute changes due to scheduling conflicts.

Zumba

Join instructor Renee Klucznik for this a fun dance exercise program that burns tons of calories and works your legs, arms, glutes, and abs. Classes are open to those ages 13+ years. You may join us at any point during the Spring session.

Tuesdays, 5/16 – 6/20 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm
East Granby Farms Recreation Building

Follow us on social media:



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Introduction to Backpacking

Learn the basics (and some secret advanced stuff too) and plan and execute your first backpacking experience. We'll cover everything from trip and meal planning, packing your pack, dealing with wild animals, storing your food, to even how to go to the bathroom in the woods (GASP!) Our class will learn the basics in a classroom environment, take a practice hike to test out equipment, and finish with a three-day, two-night trip on the Appalachian Trail here in CT. We'll practice and follow Leave No Trace principles and philosophy in our planning and execution of our class. This class is ideally suited for people that have previous hiking experience and are physically active. Group size is limited to 6 persons, ages 14 and up. Kids under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible registered adult.

Session I:

Class - Thursdays, May 25 & June 1, 2023
Trip - June 2, 3, 4, 2023 (rain or shine)

Session II:

Class - Thursdays, June 8 & 15, 2023
Trip - June 16, 17, 18, 2023 (rain or shine)

Session III:

Class - Thursdays, July 27 & August 3, 2023
Trip - August 4, 5, 6, 2023 (rain or shine)

Mountain Biking for Adults - Fundamentals!

Learn to ride on the trails of our very own Cowles Park!

This program is for all types of riders, those who are new to mountain biking or are experienced riders looking to kick bad habits. Our instructors will take you back to the basics with a progressive approach to teaching bike/body position, operation of controls, and navigating the trail.

This class is for ages 16+ and all participants must have their own safe and working mountain bike.

Skills to be taught include Ready Position, Bike/Body Movements, Braking/Shifting, Climbing/Descending, Reading the Trail, Wheel Lifts, and Introduction to Cornering.

Session II: Saturday, May 27, 2023
4:00 – 7:00 pm | Cost: \$100

Session III: Saturday, June 3, 2023
4:00 – 7:00 pm | Cost: \$100



Bus Trips

New York City on Your Own

Enjoy a day in the city on your own to enjoy the Big Apple. See Chinatown, Little Italy, Central Park, a museum, the zoo, a Broadway show, or shop - use your imagination!

Saturday, June 10, 2023 | \$58/ person

Bronx Zoo Trip

Join us on **Monday, August 21, 2023**, for an exciting trip to the world-famous Bronx Zoo!

Our deluxe motorcoach will leave the East Granby Farms parking lot at 7:30 am and depart the Bronx Zoo at 4:30 pm.



The Total Experience Deluxe package includes zoo shuttles, Wild Asia Monorail, Bug Carousel, Children's Zoo, the New 4-D Theater, and the Congo Gorilla Forest! **See EastGranbyRec.com for more information and ticket pricing.**

Youth Sports

Mountain Biking for Kids - Fundamentals!

This program is designed for 8–12-year-olds and will cover the fundamental skills that all riders need to have to be safe and have fun on the trails. Our instructors will use a progressive approach to safely teach riding position, bike/body movement, braking and shifting just to name a few. Our goal is to make your child a more confident rider wherever they may be, on the trails or in the neighborhood. **Cost: \$100**

Skills to be taught include ready/neutral position, bike/body movement, braking/shifting, climbing/descending, reading the trail, intro to turning, and wheel lifts.

Requirements: All participants must have a properly fitting bike helmet and a safe and working mountain bike with hand brakes.

Practices take place 5:00 – 6:30 pm, in Cowles Park. Each session is two 90-minute lessons.

Session 2: Thursday & Friday, May 11 – 12

Session 3: Fridays, June 2 & June 9

Session 4: Wednesdays, July 12 & July 19

Session 5: Wednesdays, Aug 16 & Aug 23

Mountain Biking for Kids - Level 2

This program is designed for young riders, who are 8-12 years old, and who have completed the Kids Fundamentals Clinic and are looking to improve their mountain bike skills. Our fun, progressive approach to teaching is designed to develop riders' confidence and abilities to tackle common obstacles found on single track mountain bike trails. **Most of the instruction will take place on the trails of Cowles Park in East Granby.** Topics covered will include balance and body position, wheel lifts, hops, and bump jumps, negotiating steep transitions, small drops, riding rock gardens and switchbacks. **Cost: \$80**

Requirements: All participants must have a properly fitting bike helmet and a safe and working mountain bike with hand brakes.

Session 1: Friday, May 26 | 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Session 2: Wednesday, June 28 | 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Soccer Shots Mini (Ages 2-3)



This program is geared toward our youngest players. Soccer Shots Mini is a high-energy program that introduces children to the fundamental soccer principles such as using your feet, dribbling, and the basic rules of the game. Through fun games, songs and positive reinforcement, children will begin to experience the joy of playing soccer and being active.

Wednesdays, 5/10 – 6/14 | 4:30 – 5:00 pm

or

Thursdays, 5/11 – 6/15 | 4:30 – 5:00 pm

East Granby Farms | Cost: \$109

Soccer Shots Classic (Ages 3-5)

Soccer Shots Classic utilizes creative and imaginative games to focus on basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting. We also highlight positive character traits during each session, such as respect, teamwork, and appreciation. ***This program is geared toward 3-year-olds who have soccer experience up to those who are not yet enrolled in kindergarten.***

Wednesdays, 5/10 – 6/14 | 5:15 – 6:00 pm

or

Thursdays, 5/11 – 6/15 | 5:15 – 6:00 pm

East Granby Farms | Cost: \$109

Skyhawks - Multi-Sport Tots (Ages 2-3)

Introduce your little superstar to sports in SkyHawks' most popular program!

This basketball and soccer class uses age-appropriate games and activities to explore balance, hand/eye coordination, fitness, sport skills and child development. Parent participation is required during this program.



Tuesdays, 5/23 – 6/20 | 4:30 – 5:15 pm
East Granby Farms | Cost: \$89

Skyhawks - Mini-Hawks (Ages 4-6)

This multi-sport program was developed to give children a positive first step into athletics. Sports are taught in a safe, structured environment filled with encouragement and fun. Through exciting games and activities, children explore balance, hand/eye coordination and skill development at their own pace.

Tuesdays, 5/23 – 6/20 | 5:30 – 6:30 pm
R.D. Seymour School Gymnasium | Cost: \$89

After School Programs

Middle & High School Tennis with Mr. Ziff



Our instructor, PE Teacher, Joel Ziff, will lead this opportunity for all students in Grades 6-12.

Mr. Ziff will lead groups of all ages and skills to learn or improve their skills. Fitness, stroke development, game play and fundamentals will be focused on with our beginner players. Court movement, fitness, and match strategy will be the focus for the more experienced players.

All lessons will be held at the East Granby High School Tennis Courts and will be moved indoors to the gym, in the event of rain.

Monday - Friday, June 5 - 9, 2023
2:15 - 3:45 pm | Cost: \$79

Please note: the 4:00 late bus is available only on Tuesday and Thursday.

Visit our website for more information: www.EastGranbyRec.com

Children's Summer Camps & Programs



In the list below, you will find the calendar of upcoming camps and programs that East Granby Parks & Recreation has planned for Summer 2023. Due to space constraints in this publication, we have not provided descriptions; however, detailed information and registration for all programs can be found on our website: www.EastGranbyRec.com. Please call the Office with any questions: (860) 653-7660. We are looking forward to an AWESOME Summer!

Follow us on social media:



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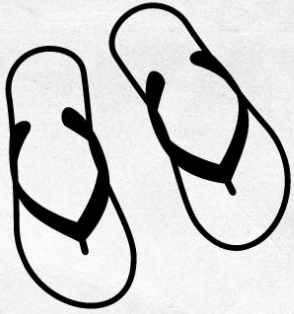


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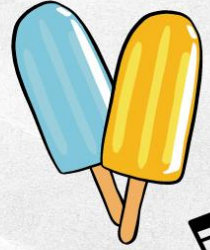
Mini Adventurers Camp - Week 1: Animals Big & Small	3 - 5	PK - K	<u>6/20 - 6/23</u>	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Minds in Motion - Session 1 AM: Chemical Creations	6 - 11	-	<u>6/20 - 6/23</u>	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Minds in Motion - Session 1 PM: Crime Scene Investigation	7 - 11	-	<u>6/20 - 6/23</u>	1:00 - 4:00 PM
Tennis Lessons - Week 1: 6-8 yr olds	6 - 8	-	<u>6/26 - 6/29</u>	9:00 - 9:55 AM
Tennis Lessons - Week 1: 9-11 yr olds	9 - 11	-	<u>6/26 - 6/29</u>	10:00 - 10:55 AM
Tennis Lessons - Week 1: 12-15 yr olds	12 - 15	-	<u>6/26 - 6/29</u>	11:00 - 11:55 AM
Camp Granbrook - Week 1: Carnival Kick-Off & Spirit Week	-	K - 5	<u>6/26 - 6/30</u>	8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Totally Rock Star Summer Dance Camp	5 - 8	-	<u>6/26 - 6/30</u>	9:00 - 11:30 AM
Mini Adventurers Camp - Week 2: Under the Sea & at the Beach	3 - 5	PK - K	<u>6/26 - 6/30</u>	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Mountain Biking for Kids - Level 2: Session 2	8 - 12	-	<u>6/28</u>	5:00 - 7:00 PM
Broadway Musical Workshop	-	3 - 8	<u>7/5 - 7/7</u>	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Saturday Morning Cartooning – Session 1: Mario & Friends		4-8	<u>7/8</u>	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Skyhawks Flag Football Camp - Session 1	7 - 12	-	<u>7/10 - 7/13</u>	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Tennis Lessons - Week 2: 6-8 yr olds	6 - 8	-	<u>7/10 - 7/13</u>	9:00 - 9:55 AM
Tennis Lessons - Week 2: 9-11 yr olds	9 - 11	-	<u>7/10 - 7/13</u>	10:00 - 10:55 AM
Tennis Lessons - Week 2: 12-15 yr olds	12 - 15	-	<u>7/10 - 7/13</u>	11:00 - 11:55 AM
Horsemanship Summer Program at End of Hunt - Session A	3 - 16	-	<u>7/10 - 7/14</u>	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Piano Exploration with Mrs. Lepak	-	3 - 5	<u>7/10 - 7/14</u>	9:00 - 11:00 AM
ART-Ventures - Week 1: Fairies & Dragons	5 - 12	N/A	<u>7/10 - 7/14</u>	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Camp Granbrook - Week 2: Race Around the World	-	K - 5	<u>7/10 - 7/14</u>	8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Mini Adventurers Camp - Week 3: Superheroes	3 - 5	PK - K	<u>7/10 - 7/14</u>	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Mountain Biking for Kids - Fundamentals! - Session 4	8 - 12	-	<u>7/12 - 7/19</u>	5:00 - 6:30 PM
Dance Pawty Dance Camp	3 - 6	-	<u>7/17 - 7/21</u>	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Singing Stars with Mrs. Lepak	-	2 - 5	<u>7/17 - 7/21</u>	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Kara Wolters Dream Big Basketball Camp for Girls	-	4 - 10	<u>7/17 - 7/21</u>	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
All Boys Ninja Hip-Hop Tumbling Camp	4 - 8	-	<u>7/17 - 7/21</u>	12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Horsemanship Summer Program at End of Hunt - Session B	3 - 16	-	<u>7/17 - 7/21</u>	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Camp Granbrook - Week 3: Wacky Water Week	-	K - 5	<u>7/17 - 7/21</u>	8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Saturday Morning Cartooning – Session 2: Baby Yoda & the Mandalorian		4 - 8	<u>7/22</u>	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
WINS for Life Basketball Camp (Boys)	-	4 - 9	<u>7/24 – 7/27</u>	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
WINS for Life Basketball Camp (Girls)	-	4 - 9	<u>7/24 – 7/27</u>	12:45 – 3:45 PM
Food Explorers: Chocolate Baking (Grades 2-4)	-	2 - 4	<u>7/24 - 7/28</u>	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Circuit Labs: AM - Hands-On Electronics	-	3 - 6	<u>7/24 - 7/28</u>	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Circuit Labs: PM - App Inventors	-	3 - 6	<u>7/24 - 7/28</u>	1:00 - 4:00 PM
Food Explorers: Chocolate Baking (Grades 5-8)	-	5 - 8	<u>7/24 - 7/28</u>	1:00 - 4:00 PM
Camp Granbrook - Week 4: Superheroes Week	-	K - 5	<u>7/24 - 7/28</u>	8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Introduction to Backpacking - Session 3	14 - 99	-	<u>7/27 - 8/3</u>	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
WINS for Life High School Advanced Clinic (Boys)	-	8 - 11	<u>7/28</u>	9:00 - 11:30 AM
WINS for Life High School Advanced Clinic (Girls)	-	8 - 11	<u>7/28</u>	12:15 - 2:45 PM
Wiffle Ball Camp	-	5 - 10	<u>7/31 - 8/4</u>	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Fun 4 All: Hands on Science	-	1 - 6	<u>7/31 - 8/4</u>	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
My Dolly and Me Camp	5 - 10	-	<u>7/31 - 8/4</u>	1:00 - 4:00 PM
Mini Adventurers Camp - Week 4: Pirates & Princesses	3 - 5	PK - K	<u>7/31 - 8/4</u>	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Camp Granbrook - Week 5: The Wonderful World of Sports	-	K - 5	<u>7/31 - 8/4</u>	8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Saturday Morning Cartooning – Session 3: SpongeBob Squarepants		4 - 8	<u>8/5</u>	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Skyhawks Flag Football Camp - Session 2	7 - 12	-	<u>8/7 - 8/10</u>	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
That 70s Dance Camp - Peace, Love & Remix	7 - 11	-	<u>8/7 - 8/11</u>	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Fun 4 All: Outside the Lines Art Camp	-	1 - 6	<u>8/7 - 8/11</u>	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Mini Adventurers Camp - Week 5: Movies & Books	3 - 5	PK - K	<u>8/7 - 8/11</u>	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Camp Granbrook - Week 6: Outdoor Madness Week	-	K - 5	<u>8/7 - 8/11</u>	8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Food Explorers: Tapas & Tacos (Grades 2 - 4)	-	2 - 4	<u>8/14 - 8/18</u>	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
ART-Ventures - Week 2: Amazing Faces & Places	5 - 12	-	<u>8/14 - 8/18</u>	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Circuit Labs Summer: AM - Circuit Makers 101	-	1 - 3	<u>8/14 - 8/18</u>	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Food Explorers: Chopped Cookout (Grades 5-8)	-	5 - 8	<u>8/14 - 8/18</u>	1:00 - 4:00 PM
Circuit Labs Summer - PM - Interactive Circuitry	-	7 - 9	<u>8/14 - 8/18</u>	1:00 - 4:00 PM
Camp Granbrook - Week 7: Mystery Week	-	K - 5	<u>8/14 - 8/18</u>	8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Mountain Biking for Kids - Fundamentals! - Session 5	8 - 12	-	<u>8/16 - 8/23</u>	5:00 - 6:30 PM
Saturday Morning Cartooning – Session 4: Mickey Mouse & Friends		4 – 8	<u>8/19</u>	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Minds in Motion Session 2 AM - Electricity and Magnetmania	7 - 12	-	<u>8/21 - 8/25</u>	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Minds in Motion Session 2 PM - Agent992 Robot	8 - 12	-	<u>8/21 - 8/25</u>	1:00 - 4:00 PM

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★ East Granby Youth Service Bureau

The mission of the East Granby Service Bureau is to coordinate the delivery of community-based services for prevention, intervention, treatment, and follow up for at risk youth, and to provide opportunities for all youth to function as responsible members of the community.

★ Commission on Youth Services

The Commission on Youth Services (CYS) was established to serve in an advisory capacity and support the mission and staff of the Youth Services Bureau. Members are appointed by the board of selectmen and represent various segments of the community including law enforcement, education, children and families, and local businesses and organizations.

The goal of the CIS is to advocate for our youth population by evaluating priority needs and interests on an ongoing basis and assisting the YSB in the development of appropriate programs and services. Meetings are held every 3rd Monday of the month and are open to the public.

★ Counseling Services

Counseling services addressing emotional, behavioral, and mental health issues are available for children and families residing in East Granby. We provide parenting support, family therapy, individual therapy, play therapy for children, referrals, and school consultation. School, Parent, and Self-referrals are accepted. All services are professional and confidential and are offered free of charge to East Granby residents.

★ Juvenile Review Board

The East Granby Juvenile Review Board provides a community-based program for diverting eligible juvenile cases from the Juvenile Justice System, supporting families with service needs, and providing intervention at the local level. For more information, see: <https://eastgranbyct.org/juvenile-review-board/>

★ Youth Action Council (YAC)

The Youth Action Councils are groups of youth in grades 6-8 and 9-12, brought together to work on the common goals of discovering the needs, increasing public awareness, and actively serving East Granby youth, their needs, interests, and concerns. Just like the name implies: this is a group of ACTION! Leadership skills are developed while the YAC members choose the projects, then plan & execute all aspects of them. **Students interested in joining either the Middle School YAC or High School YAC for the 2023-2024 school year should pick up an application in the High School Office or Middle School Office or email eastgranbyyouthservices@gmail.com.**

We are adding new programs, activities, and events all the time! You can find more information at eastgranbyct.org/youth-services or follow us on Facebook /eastgranbyyouthservices or Instagram @eastgranby_youthservices.

Upcoming Programs & Events

East Granby Spring Clean Up

East Granby Middle School Youth Action Council and Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy are asking you to join them in a town wide clean up **Sunday, May 21st, 2023, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**. We are asking all town organizations and small groups of any kind to commit to cleaning up one mile of East Granby roads. We will provide the trash bags and safety vests for your group and EG DPW will pick up all trash bags **Monday, May 22nd**. Let's all work together to keep our town looking great! Note: All youth groups must have at least two adults in attendance, including high school groups. **To register your group and receive your road assignment, please email: youthactioncouncil@gmail.com**

Sports Day

Come join the High School and Middle School Youth Action Councils on **May 21, 2023, 2:00 - 3:30 pm, at East Granby Farms**, for a day where kids in grades K-2 can come and enjoy all types of games, sports, challenges, and activities. This event is FREE, but we ask that you register so we know how many kids to expect. *This is a drop off program run by the High School and Middle School Youth Action Councils.*

Sound Healing and Guided Meditation

Join us on **June 11, 2023, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, at East Granby Farms**, and enjoy an hour of calmness and relaxation to benefit the Jordan Porco Foundation. The event is FREE, but we encourage a donation to this foundation that is committed to helping prevent suicide and bring attention to the need for more mental health assistance for all ages.

Kelvin Young and Josette Lumbruno will be leading this event. Kelvin Young is an award-winning sound healer using singing bowls and gongs. Josette, an East Granby resident, is a certified meditation and mindfulness teacher. Please donate to the Jordan Porco Foundation and join us at this event:

<https://rememberingjordan.org/support-us/donate/>

Thank you!

The Middle School Youth Action Council would like to thank all the families that attended their annual Great Skate event on March 19th. A total of \$89 was donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Youth in Action

Earlier this year, the Middle School YAC held a successful Pet Food Drive. Last Month, the group brought donations to Bandit's Place Animal Rescue and Wildlife Rehabilitation in East Hartland and had the opportunity to volunteer their time. They painted the inside of a new shed, cleaned up supplies, and fed horses and ducks. They also had the opportunity to hold baby ducklings and learn about the different types of animals at the shelter and how they came to be there. The students had a great experience!





East Granby High School Honor Roll

Third Quarter 2022-2023

HIGH HONORS

GRADE 9

Adarsh Atluri
Karina Baran
Alexa Bednarz
Maya Betts
Charlize Brown
Jean Cabrera
Olivia Caravello
Cassidy Clark
Genevieve Corricelli
Izabella Dallesander
Leila Feliciano
Malia Gabbidon
Mia Grabowski
Gabriella Hayes
Tamia Hewitt
Thomas Jacius
Sreekirthana Kolla
Abhinav Lenkala
Hansika Lenkala
Jason Lloyd
Beckett Lowman
Chase Malinowski
Cole Malinowski
Kaya McKay
Maya Mosteanu
Sebi Prescott
Gretchen Ritter
Elianna Russo
Varshny Sriganesh
Andrew Yi
Patrick Zhang

GRADE 10

Tanvi Bandikallu
Hannah Broome
Jordan Collie
Brendan Egan
Oliver Forero
Jesse Gao
Mia Hines
Salina Ilo
Kayla Holjes
Greta Jambard
Caelan Jones
Alyssa Kovaleski
Joshua Lemire
Michael Lemire
Tyler Marques
Andrew O'Connor
Ava Pasquantonio
Alexandra Podbielski
Chloe Rapose
Kiley Rudzik
Sheridan Scott
Peyton Van Beek
Maximilian Vaughn
Ava Walsh
Cassi Worlund

GRADE 11

Ashlyn Allen
Kyle Anthony
Kieran Beman
Cecilia Carcorze Lefebvre
Alexander Cardoso
James Fagnant
Mira Goberman
Taylor Hayes
Jackson Moore
Sara Moore
Aishani Nagamalla
Leo Nordell
Aditri Patti
Liam Phelan
Ethan Sirotnak
Kallen Smith
Abigail Wegrzyniak
Caeddesey Williams

GRADE 12

Maria Amisano
Ryan Barry
Megan Benner
Melina Betts
Landon Bohm
Nicholas Braga
Abigail Case
Suzanne Figueroa
Holly Grenier
Ava Guyer
Luke Guyer
Ryan Hall
Nicholas Huapaya
Samantha Kovaleski
Gavin Kulch
Jaidyn Lacharite
Sophie Landolina
Shreyas Lenkala
Chen Li
Larissa McDonough
Lauren Monegan
Ana Namoradze
Kathryn Patrizzi
Amy Post
Adam Sakti
Madeline Tracey

HONORS

GRADE 9

Pavlo Behin
Adrian Bento
Noah Bouchard
Maria Caracciolo
Andrew Case
Kara Dabkowski
Mackenzie Delpha
Mackenzie Dubois
Eliza Ersan
Morgan Gabbidon
Bartosz Jablonski
Killian Lizon
Christopher Lloyd
Ra'Miya Matthews
Elijah Rich
Leilany Sanchez
Devin Sirotnak
Genevieve Webb

GRADE 10

Sarina Abrham
Antonio Amisano
Arvind Bhattacharya
Kyrianna Christie
Davin Dziejdzic
Gweneil Guthrie
Hooriya Ilyas
Hailey Litchfield
Mya McPherson
Jackson Pisati
Olivia Price
Brenna Rapose
Robert Ravens- Seger
Riley Ruggiero
Melanie Ruiz
Ava Tran
William Van Neil
Karla Vilchez

GRADE 11

Emmett Gallagher
Shannon Jones
Sanaiya Majors
McRea Michaud

GRADE 12

Maria Avalos- Escobedo
Devita Bishop
Brandy Caterino
Geoffrey Durante
Morgan Egan
Dylan Gates
Brady Gill
Austin Griffin
Sashieka Lewis
Marissa Lyman
Hailey Lynds
Deshawn McClymont
Maeve McConnell
McKenna Moore
Brett O'Brien
Sean Pitney
Kiernan Rudzik
Makenzie Vick
Julia Walsh



East Granby Middle School Honor Roll

Third Quarter 2022-2023

HIGH HONORS

GRADE 6

Mohid Ahmed
Henry Ball
Avery Bednarz
Julian Bento
Megan Blake
Sydney Bloom
Hannah Boucharde
Abbygail Cole
Lillian Cole
Joseph Copeland
Mckenzie Cormier
Mason Cosker
Noah Doucet
Emma Gerken
Ryan Hamilton
Chloe Hayes
Cole Hazard
Brooke Hines
Alan Joby
Lylah Jones
Kayla Lengyel
Kiele Lizon
Everett Lowman
Mark Parfeniuk
Lacey Payette
Gideon Rich
Addyson Russo
Mason Schlagenhaut
Lily Thompson
Makar Tkachenko

GRADE 7

Abigail Abrham
Kaden Anderson
Grayson Augsburg
James Cavanaugh
Olivia Dallesander
Robby Dlugolenski
Maham Ejaz
Samuel Forero
Ivan Gao
Ian Griffin
Trevor Gworek
McAzyh Hereule
Whitney Johnson
Gavin Lloyd
Rachael Logie
Madeline Lundell
Timothy McKay
Talia McKeen
Wesley Nammoun
Logan Nicolle
Vanessa Passeri
Hailey Popella
Christian Resto
Tyler Rioual
Mark Roth
Hendrix Selare
Klimentiy Tkachenko
Caitlin Van Neil
Nehemiah Victor
Lillianna Wagner
Tein Yang

GRADE 8

Elizabeth Adams
Amani Akedde Bernstein
Gabriella Aviles
Patrick Baran
Elizabeth Bissell
Jeanette Cabrera
Stephanie Clement
Chennacy Copeland
Colin Daly
Evan Hanks
Gabriela Jablonska
Daniel Jacius
Kavin Jayaganesh
Anay Mahindru
Sophie McKenna
Aislinn Moore
Sean O'Connor
Dionnee Ortiz
Jamien Pedraza
Nathan Russell
Jake Schlagenhaut
Lily Shuster
Robyn Triblets
Alyana VanBeek
Brenn Vaughn

HONORS

GRADE 6

Jason Dlugolenski
William Fortier
Cameron Grabowski
Isabella Herivaux
Joseph Pyskaty
Charlotte Rutkowski
Dylan Sandora
Zayvion Shanks
Zachary Smith
Quinn Thompson
Myssa Yeomans
Ethan Zhang

GRADE 7

Avery Burke
Maddox Cestero
Ryan Devane
Maddox Fortier
Caleb Kleinman
Brianna Peck
Victoria Pellegrino
Hope Robblets
Cody Sandora
Benet Stafford

GRADE 8

Izabella Bernstein
Suchita Bhattacharya
Mason Chamberlain
Kaitlyn Clemens
Kasey Clemens
Carson Elsner
Lourens Francois
Isaac Gaudette
Aamiyah Gregory
Aidan Hayes
Mason Johnson
Jordon LaCharite
Alayna Pariaug
Lorenzo Policella
Anna Sterrett
Grace Summerlin

East Granby Public Schools Curriculum Overview for 2022-23

Each spring, the Curriculum Leaders across the district submit a synopsis of new initiatives and exciting news from their grade levels, departments, and building, which is compiled into a lengthy document. This article highlights just some of the many new building or district initiatives, as well as extra learning opportunities (such as guest speakers and field trips tied to curriculum).

Our K-5 buildings both implemented the new math program, iReady Classroom Mathematics and are loving the specificity of the data they receive. Another K-5 initiative is the use of mClass DIBELS Benchmark Assessment System, which provides a set of measures for assessing reading skills and gives a menu of activities for students based on their composite scores. Teachers can monitor progress to track student growth and determine next steps for development. The third graders had a deeper study of phonemic awareness and phonics through the Really Great Reading program.

Carl Allgrove Elementary students learned outside of the classroom, too, with visits to the EG fire station, post office, library, Historical Society, and nature trail (depending on their grade). We were fortunate to have the Children's Museum StarLab Traveling Planetarium and the Connecticut Science Center bring three science units to our school.

R.D. Seymour Elementary students also enjoyed learning experiences outside the classroom or through guest presenters. A Mohegan Tribe's Educators Project representative visited third grade. Fourth graders visited the CT Historical Society to support the immigration social studies unit. Students investigated the "push and pull factors" that cause people to immigrate. Grade 5 went to STARBASE, a five-day STEM-based academy where students collaborate to explore various STEM fields, using the Scientific Method to conduct experiments in chemistry and physics. They observe and analyze data to draw conclusions about the world.

In elementary Art, all third graders are creating a class Barn Quilt Square that will be on permanent display at Seymour School, Allgrove School, and East Granby Farms. This was made possible through funding provided by the PTO. The K-5 Art Show is May 18th, 2023, at Allgrove. A sensory- friendly showing for special needs students is 5:30-6 pm, with public viewing from 6 -7:15 PM.

The physical education teachers in K-5 led the drive to raise money for the American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge, with Allgrove raising \$9,212.52 and Seymour raising \$14,522.22. Both schools have their annual field day upcoming in June, which is run by the PE teachers, with lots of support from school staff and families!

In technology class, fifth grade students are preparing a Stop Motion Animation project using iPads, LEGO and other materials. EGPS students begin coding in kindergarten and continue learning more advanced skills each year. Our K-5 library time focused on exploring new books from different genres that incorporate Social Emotional Learning topics and diversity. The annual Read Across America celebration was a huge success with Seymour and Allgrove students gathering together for a morning activity. At the middle school library, weekly student newscasts were generated by sixth graders, which featured original student work from the EGMS digital multi-media design class using the Stop Motion Studio app.

Elementary music had multiple in-person concerts, the first since 2019. It was joyous to see the children performing for their families. These concerts ranged from grade-level performances to the 4th and 5th grade chorus and band. Watch for upcoming spring performances in June! The Seymour Players - 34 students from 4th and 5th, presented "A Friendship Show," which was a big success!

In English, the middle and high students won multiple awards across a variety of writing contests. EGMS students received 7 awards in the 2023 UCONN Student Writing Contest. Their work was selected from over 1,600 state entries in three categories: fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. All honorees had their names published in the Connecticut Student Writers Magazine and the Gold award winner had his entire work published. Eighth graders submitted reflective writing pieces to the UCONN Letters About Literature Writing Contest and 58% of our 8th graders were recognized among the 849 submissions. Among the awards were 5 Honorable Mentions, 33 Silver Medals, and the Top Prize for Grades 7-8.

Our high school English students were equally successful. Nine students were published in Young Writers: Twisted Tales. One ninth grade student received two platinum awards for a short story and a poem through the UCONN Connecticut Writers Contest. A student received recognition from the Daughters of the American Revolution National Headquarters as the national essay winner of Patriots of the American Revolution High School Essay competition. She will share her essay with an audience of thousands in June at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

In the Family & Consumer Science department (FCS), students learned about personal banking from the Granby Peoples Bank. Later this month, The Johnson Wales Culinary rep will review careers in the food service industry. The International Culinary class teamed up with Manufacturing students, with FCS creatively designed charcuterie boards using the handcrafted cutting boards made by manufacturing students. The manufacturing students judged the designs and shared in the tasty presentation. Also, our Child Development class offered Toddler Time this fall to 8 local youngsters, reopening after COVID.

In Manufacturing, Engineering, and Technology courses, students are working with the Tello drones, programming them for synchronized LED displays. Manufacturing II students are working on their flagship project: the National Science Foundation STEM Electric Guitar Project. Students who already know how to play the guitar will develop a series of lessons to teach their peers.

Our Mathematics department implemented more Project Based assessments tailored to individual student needs and/or interests. The EGHS teachers have experimented with Defined Learning Assignments, access to these lessons provided by the CT State Department of Education, that incorporate project based learning into mathematics. A department goal for next year is to build Thinking Classrooms across the department.

The Physical Education and Health department continues to focus on personal growth and student accountability. For health, they used a new SEL curriculum, understanding internet/social media effects (for both safety, reliability, and kindness) and some of the Choose Love curriculum. (It was created by Scarlett Lewis after her son was murdered during the Sandy Hook Elementary School) The classes addressed internet and social media effects for safety, reliability, and kindness.

Three EGMS Invention Convention students were chosen by a panel of administrators and the science curriculum leader to compete in the State Championships. Their projects were *Non-Shatter Wrap*, which protects plates against breaking; *Page Tracker*, which is a special bookmark that keeps track of your page even if it falls out; and *YAAD*, a digitally timed medication dispenser.

In Social Studies news, two 8th graders placed in this year's Abigail Phelps Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Competition. Students wrote historical fiction stories from the perspective of a delegate to the Continental Congress between 1775-1776.

Additionally in social studies, the certification process of the UCONN ECE class allows us to teach two different classes at East Granby High School that are UConn accredited classes: Early US History (Colonization of America to the Civil War) and Modern US History (Reconstruction to Modern Times). Community service was the focus for the sophomore Civics classes, which partnered with the Council on Aging and provided East Granby residents with assistance in cleaning up their yards in the fall and the spring. Students raked leaves and performed a variety of other outdoor tasks to fulfill their community service requirement for the class.

For the World Language Department, our Spanish II and Spanish II Advanced classes are very well received by the students, and will prepare them to advance to high levels. The Spanish library continues to be a useful resource for all levels of Spanish students. EGMS seventh graders begin basic conjugation of verbs and learn a variety of authentic expressions in order to communicate in the target language. There are four levels with students advancing from studying families, celebrations, relationships and authentic products...all the way up to building communication skills on the topic of friendship and relationships and are demonstrating authentic use of the subjunctive language through advice, recommendations and suggestions.

In Art 6-12, EGHS expanded and updated cameras for Photography and AP Art History class completing an installation mural. EGHS had two student recipients for the Connecticut Association of Schools Award for visual and performing arts.

This year in the Business Dept., architectural software for building stadiums was incorporated into Sports Marketing & Entertainment. The Future Business Leaders of America Jr (8th grade) created products for Shark Tank investor presentations.

The middle and high school band and chorus has over 20 performances between their school and numerous community gigs for our town and beyond. Performances included Veterans Day, The Big E, and more. Our music students were selected to perform at the NCCC Music Festival, the C.M.E.A. Northern Region HS Music Festival. Musical Theater & Drama (HS) and Intro to Theater Class (MS) ran this year. This year's play, *Legally Blonde JR*, by the MS and HS Drama Club students was great fun! Be sure to mark the HS Spring Concert (5/24), the EG Memorial Parade (5/29) and the MS Spring concert (5/31) on your calendar.

As in the past, this year our faculty, staff, and administrators have made great efforts to meet student needs, both academic and social-emotional. We are working on closing the gaps and implementing strategies to help our students move forward.

EAST GRANBY SENIOR CENTER

DIAL-A-RIDE ON THE MINI BUS

- ① 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.
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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.

LICENSED THERAPIST

Are you stressed? Overwhelmed? Grieving? Need someone to talk to? Schedule an appointment with a therapist (LCSW). You will be able to address your concerns in a safe and supportive environment. Appointments are available Mondays 12pm -4 pm and Thursdays 9a.m-1pm. Contact Senior/Social Services to book your appointment. (860) 413-3334 or (860) 413-3328.

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. (No Class 5/15, 5/29, 5/31)

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)

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~ JUNE 5TH, JULY 10TH, AUGUST 7TH 11:00AM-12:00PM. The Farmington Valley Visiting Nurses Association will be at the East Granby Senior Center providing free blood pressure screenings as well as blood sugar screenings. No appointment necessary.

SHOPPING TRIPS

- **MAY 22ND, JUNE 26TH, JULY 31ST, AUGUST 28TH—BIG Y/OCEAN STATE/DOLLAR STORE.**
- **JUNE 12TH, JULY 10TH, AUGUST 14TH – WALMART**
- **JULY 17TH – ENFIELD**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS/TRIPS

FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH—PAINTING FUN—Back by popular demand - Artist Sandy Poirier will instruct this lesson on how to paint a beautiful summer floral picture. 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. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.** All supplies will be included. **10:00am at the East Granby Senior Center. Cost is \$15. Reservation and payment due by June 1st.**

Friday, June 16th— SUMMER FUN CONCERT – Are you ready to celebrate summer? Join us outdoors for the fabulous sounds of the Airborne Jazz Band performing their high energy show with a wide collection of songs ready to bring music to your ears and kick off the summer in style! Enjoy a cold lobster roll boxed lunch while you sit back and relax. Don't forget to grab a delicious dessert from the ice cream truck! Please bring sunscreen, hat and a chair. **12:30-1:30 at the East Granby Senior Center Cost is \$25. Reservation and payment due by June 8th. See enclosed flyer for more information.**

FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH —TALCOTT MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL– Celebrate America!—Simsbury, CT. Join us at our own table for one of Connecticut's favorite Independence Day celebrations! Conducted by Carolyn Kuan, this program will include all of your patriotic favorites. You will have your fingers snapping and toes tapping. Plus there will be fireworks following the concert! Pack your own picnic fare or choose from a large selection of food/drinks for purchase on site at a variety of concession tents. **We will depart the Senior Center at 6:30pm (concert begins at 7:30). Cost is \$40. Reservation and payment due by June 22nd. (Rain date is Saturday July 1st).**

FRIDAY, JULY 14TH—HAMMONASSET BEACH STATE PARK—Madison, CT— A visit to Hammonasset Beach State Park is more than just another day at the beach. Connecticut's largest shoreline park offers over 2 miles of beach to enjoy swimming, strolling along the boardwalk, or just relaxing in the sun! We will spend about 2-3 hours at the park and then head to one of our favorite spots for lunch at Lenny & Joe's before we head home. **Depart the Senior Center at 9:00am. There is no charge for this trip however cost for lunch is on your own. Reservation due by July 6th. Don't forget a towel/chair hat & sunscreen! This program will be canceled in the event of inclement weather.**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH—Hartford Yard Goats—Hartford, CT—Take me out to the ball game, take me out to the park! Come watch a game at the beautiful baseball stadium from the Yeungling Deck while you cheer on the Hartford Yard Goats as they take on the Reading Fightin Phils (the AA affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies). An all you can eat buffet is included. **Depart the Senior Center at 12:00pm for the 1:10pm game. Cost is \$40 (includes game ticket and all you can eat buffet). Reservation and payment due by July 20th.**

*****There are more activities being planned for the summer months so be sure to check the Senior Moments Newsletter coming out later this month!*****

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

East Granby Public Library

TOUCH A TRUCK

Wednesday, August 16th
10:30am-12:00pm; Families welcome



Touch a firetruck and the DPW's trucks out in our parking lot. Come see them up close! Adam Ice Cream truck will also have treats for sale.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM - FIND YOUR VOICE

June 12th - August 12th
All ages



READ & WIN! Read books of your own choosing, complete missions, and earn chances to spin our library's prize wheel! Registration opens in June.

SUMMER READING KICK OFF - MAGIC SHOW WITH ED POPIELARCZYK

Monday, June 12th at 4pm; Families welcome



YA BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, July 25 @ 5pm or
Wednesday, August 2 @ 5pm;
Incoming Grades 8-12



Venture into the story *Aristotle & Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* by Benjamin Alire Saenz. Bring your own book or borrow one.

East Granby High School & Middle School incoming 8th-10th graders will be eligible to earn extra credit toward their summer reading!

Visit www.egpl.org for more info, to register, and to see our complete list of programs!



PEEK AT OUR PEEPS!

May 2nd - June 5th



Visit the library during business hours and see the life cycle of a chicken!

May 2nd - May 22nd: Eggs incubating
May 23rd - May 25th*: Eggs hatching
May 26th - June 5th: Meet the little chicks!

*Dates of hatching are approximate.

FUN WITH ARIEL & BELLE

Monday, July 24th
5:45pm - 6:45pm
Ages 3-9 years



Join Wonderland Works Company and Princesses Ariel and Belle for stories, photo opportunities, and songs!

MAKER SPACE

Every Thursday in July
10:30am to 12:00pm
Ages 3-12 with caregiver
Drop-in program!



Use our supplies from our maker space cart and see what you can create!



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(860) 653-3002
www.egpl.org

DESIGNER BAG & GIFT CARD BINGO!

Saturday, May 20th
Doors open at 5pm,
Bingo starts at 6pm

At: VFW Suffield, 972 Sheldon St, Suffield, CT
\$40 per ticket. Purchase tickets at:
<https://allaboutfundraisers.org/events> OR call
(860) 653-3002 or email Moniqueg@egpl.org



A Beatles Conversation with Wayne Hayes

Monday, May 15th
6pm - 7pm



Are you a Beatles fan? Come join the conversation and see Wayne's memorabilia collections. Do you have something to share? Bring it!

Needle Felting Mushroom Workshop

Tuesday, May 16th
6pm
Adult Class



Join us for a workshop in how to needle felt a mushroom! Angelina Fleury will be leading this class. Cost is \$10 per person.

EAST GRANBY PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL FUND



Your support matters!

We ask the community to support our Annual Fund to continue offering the materials and services East Granby has come to expect: Notary Services * Museum Passes * Maker Space * Historical Room * Books and ebooks * Meeting Rooms * Programs * 3D Printing * Trails * And More!

Donations can be dropped off or Venmoed to @EastGranbyPublicLibrary. 100% of your donation will be directed to supporting the Library.



Book Clubs

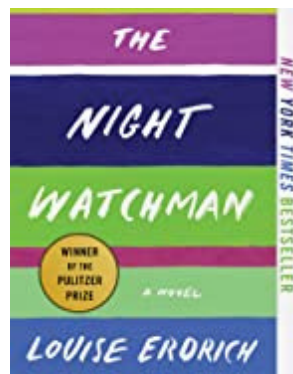
Interested in joining a book club? EGPL offers both in-person and virtual options on select Monday mornings and Tuesday afternoons.

In-person Book Club

Monday, June 12th; 10am

Featured book:
The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich

This powerful novel explores love and death with lightness and gravity and unfolds with elegant prose and sly humor.



Virtual Book Club

Tuesday, May 30th; 4pm

Featured book:
An Elephant in the Garden by Michael Morpurgo

Here is a story that brings together an unlikely group of survivors whose faith in kindness and love proves the best weapon of all.



Meeting Schedules

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

Commission on Aging 6:30 (SC)	6/6, 7/11, 8/1
Conservation 7:00 (TH).....	6/7, 7/12, 8/2
Board of Education 7:00 (AS)	5/22, 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24
	<i>*Second Meeting of the Month As Needed*</i>
Economic Development 5:30 (TH)	5/22, 6/26, 7/24, 8/28
Town and School Building Committee 7:30 (TH)	As Needed
Board of Finance 7:00.....	6/13, 7/18, 8/15
Parks & Recreation 7:00 (EGF)	6/1, 8/3
Planning & Zoning 7:00 (TH).....	6/13, 7/11, 8/8
Board of Selectmen 6:30 (TH)	5/24, 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, 7/26
Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 (TH)	5/25, 6/22, 7/27, 8/24
Youth Services Commission 6:30 (EGF)	6/26, 8/21

The above meeting dates and times are subject to change.

Library, Board of Education, and Recreation times & dates are found in the articles. Times are PM unless noted.

Guidelines for Submitting Articles

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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