



# Let's Talk Turkey

*The Official Newsletter of the Town of East Granby*

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## It's Been a Busy Summer & Fall is Just Around the Corner!

**FY 2022/2023 Approved Operating Budget:** East Granby taxpayers voted and approved the annual budget on May 16th with 230 in favor and 139 opposed. A total of 10% of eligible voters voted. Following the vote, the Board of Finance set the mill rate at 36.3 mills.

**Parks & Recreation Event:** The Last Blast of Summer Concert featuring the band "Still Kickin' with the Big City Horns" will be held on the Town Hall Campus green Friday, August 25th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Come join us...it will be fun for all!

**Public Safety Open House/Free Pancake Breakfast:** The Granby Ambulance Association (GAA) Sponsored Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, August 26th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Ambulance Building on Veterans Memorial Drive within our Town Hall Campus. Enjoy pancakes and meet & greet with the staff and volunteers of the GAA, Fire Department, and Police Department.

**Grants, Grants, Grants!** Town Hall departments and staff are actively mining new grant opportunities. Our Town Planner, Robin Newton, applied for and won a \$2.875 million dollar Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) grant through Capital Region Council of Governments (CROG) for the realignment of School Street in our Village Center. This is a huge accomplishment and opportunity. This project will include a realignment of School Street at key areas and will provide for sidewalks for pedestrians for the entire length of the road. We will be working with CROG to iron out the details and hopefully begin the project within the next year.

Robin also recently submitted an application for a Community Connectivity Grant Program (CCGP) for up to \$800,000 for sidewalks within the Town Campus including from Center Street along Route 20 in front of the Center Shops to along Route 187 (South Main Street) to the Town Campus. We are eagerly waiting to hear if the application will be chosen!

The Fire Department just applied for a \$42,800 FEMA grant for the installation of a vehicle mounted exhaust protection system for the Firehouse. The system we have now is antiquated and in desperate need of updating. We are hopeful to be chosen as we were for last year's FEMA breathing apparatus grant in the amount of \$209,524.76!

**Senior/Community Center:** The Commission on Aging was recently bequeathed \$22,000 and voted to install a beautifully built and functional outdoor pavilion. Keep an eye out in September's edition of "Let's Talk Turkey" for a special dedication ceremony. The pavilion oversees the beauty surrounding it, including Doreen's nature trail.

**Economic Development:** A Small Business Passport Program is scheduled to launch on August 25th! Participating East Granby businesses will be listed in the passport. Your job is to visit as many businesses as possible and collect passport stamps up to and through Small Business Saturday, November 25th. The program will culminate with a cash prize drawing for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places! Stop by Town Hall the week of August 21st to pick up your passport! This is a great opportunity for town residents to support small businesses. I envision this program expanding as our long-term Economic Development vision comes into fruition.

**"Welcome To East Granby" Signs Town-Wide Fundraiser:** You asked and we listened! Mark your calendars! A fundraiser for professionally designed and crafted road signs will be hosted at Almost Famous Brewery on Friday, October 6th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. This fundraiser is sponsored and organized by PeoplesBank, Bradley Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Economic Development. All residents and East Granby businesses are encouraged to attend. Keep an eye out in September's "Let's Talk Turkey" for sponsorship opportunities and fundraiser details.

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### Newsletter Publication Schedule

Submission Deadline	Delivered to Homes
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November 6	November 18
Jan. 2, 2024	Jan. 13, 2024

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## Board of Assessment Appeals

The Board of Assessment Appeals will meet in open session at the East Granby Town Hall on Monday, September 11th from 6:00 to 7:00 PM for the sole purpose of hearing appeals related to the assessment of motor vehicles listed on the October 2022 Grand List. No appointments are needed. Vehicles in question should be driven to the Town Hall parking lot. Please note that the assessment date for these vehicles was October 1, 2022 and that the State of Connecticut requires that assessments used are according to the values and guidelines set forth in the October 2022 J.D. Power pricing guide. For more information, please contact the Assessor's Office at (860) 653-2852.



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## Granby Ambulance Association Free Pancake Breakfast

Come & Celebrate 60 Years of Service!

**August 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 AM to Noon**  
at the Ambulance Building  
on Veterans Memorial Drive



Enjoy pancakes off the grill, meet your local heroes from the Ambulance, Fire Department, Local and State Police, Emergency Management & volunteers.

**New this year:**  
**Check out the Fire Museum!**

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**The Farmers Market:** Our Farmers Market is making its way back to town in September. Be sure to look inside this edition for details!

**Shred Day:** Mark your calendar! A shred day will be held for residents at Town Hall on Saturday, October 14th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. You will be able to dispose of your confidential files in a secure manner with on-site shredding. More information will follow in the September issue of "Let's Talk Turkey."

**Congratulations & Thank You to Our Latest Eagle Scout:** His project included the planning, organization, and execution of the restoration of the pillory at Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine. All visitors who travel from near and far to enjoy the museum will now have the opportunity to admire the beautiful, thoughtful preservation of the pillory replica.

**Back To School Safety:** The first day of school is August 30th. Just a reminder, there will be frequent school bus stops and short delays. Please drive carefully and obey all traffic rules. Never pass a stopped bus while it is picking up or dropping off passengers; it is extremely dangerous and against the law.

A big "Thank You" to staff and volunteers for your positivity and all of your continuous hard work to make and keep East Granby a beautiful place to live.

*Have a wonderful August and we will see you in September!*  
*Eden Wimpfheimer, First Selectwoman*

## 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 Lions Rubber Duck Derby

Sunday, September 10th

Get ready for the most exciting spectator sport in East Granby! The 11th Annual East Granby Lions Rubber Duck Derby is coming to town! Imagine a thousand rubber ducks racing down the river towards the finish line with hundreds of people alongside the riverbank cheering on their adopted duck, hoping it will finish in the money.



Here's how you can participate: Adopt a duck (purchase a ticket). Ducks are \$5 each. Each ticket has a number corresponding to the number printed on each duck. On September 10th, the ducks will be ceremoniously released from the Greenway bike bridge over Salmon Brook. They have to survive the fall from the bridge and then swim to the finish line at Granbrook Park. The ducks who are able to navigate all the hazards, keep from getting trapped in obstacles in the water, and cross the finish line downstream are the winners. Prizes include \$500, \$250 and \$100 in cash and various gift cards to area restaurants and businesses.



Festivities at Granbrook Park begin at 11:00 AM on September 10th. There will be burgers, hot dogs, and other refreshments as well as games and prizes for kids. It's fun for the whole family! The Rubber Duck Derby is the major fundraiser for our Lions Club. The Lions are all volunteers, so 100% of all money raised goes towards providing scholarships and contributing to local organizations and charities. If everyone in town just adopts one duck for the race, we could do so much more!

Ducks can be adopted at the East Granby Library or at Town Hall. They are also available at the RCC (a.k.a. The Dump), Geissler's, and Stop & Shop on select Saturdays. Ducks are also sold by all Lion members. Adopt your duck today! You don't need to attend the Duck Race to win, but we hope you can be there so you can give your duck a pep talk and then root it on to victory!



You can also adopt ducks using Venmo. Scan this QR code to make a payment. The Lions will respond with your duck number(s) based on the amount of payment, e.g., \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20, etc. Follow the ducks on Facebook as they prepare for the big race at "East Granby Lions Club Rubber Duck Derby."

## East Granby Social Services

East Granby Social Services is located in the Senior/Community Center and office hours are Monday to 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 [elisec@egtownhall.com](mailto:elisec@egtownhall.com). Drop boxes for Social Services can be found inside the Senior/Community Center and outside the front door of the Town Hall.

**Back to School Program:** Thank you to our generous residents and the East Granby Congregational Church for helping make our Annual Back to School supply program a success! We were able to assist over 20 East Granby families with gift cards to help purchase school supplies for the upcoming school year. Thank you for making a difference in your community!



**East Granby Cares Day** will take place on Saturday, October 21st. This is a collaboration between the Commission on Aging and East Granby High School students. This is a day where our students will have a chance to give back and get hands-on with helping the community. They will work on landscaping, fall clean up, small repair jobs, and assisting those in the community who need some extra help. If you are a senior citizen interested in participating in East Granby Cares Day please contact Elise Cosker at (860) 413-3328 or [elisec@egtownhall.com](mailto:elisec@egtownhall.com) or Kelly Jacobs at (860) 413-3334 or [kellyj@egtownhall.com](mailto:kellyj@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, 20 Center Street, East Granby, CT 06026.

**Energy Assistance:** Applications will be taken after October 1st from residents of East Granby who wish to apply for the CT Energy Assistance Program. New this year, applications can also be made on-line. 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 [www.ct.gov](http://www.ct.gov) and search "CT Energy Assistance."



friend to friend

**Food Pantry:** The Friend to Friend Food Pantry was established to supplement the weekly grocery needs of residents who have been identified by East Granby Social Services as needing assistance. The pantry is currently operating on Friday mornings



for registered participants to shop. The East Granby Mini-Bus is available on some Fridays for transportation to the pantry. If you are in need of food, please call Social Services at (860) 413-3328 or email [elisee@egtownhall.com](mailto:elisee@egtownhall.com). To donate please call (860) 413-9015 or email [friendtofriendeg@gmail.com](mailto:friendtofriendeg@gmail.com). Food donations may be dropped off at bins outside the East Granby Senior/Community Center and the East Granby Congregational Church and inside the East Granby Post Office and Geissler's Supermarket in Granby. If you wish to donate money or local grocery store gift cards you can either mail to Friend to Friend Food Pantry, P.O. Box 631, East Granby, CT 06026 or email [friendtofriendeg@gmail.com](mailto:friendtofriendeg@gmail.com).

**Individual Therapy:** Are you stressed? Overwhelmed? Grieving? Need someone to talk to? Appointments are available with a Licensed Clinical Social Worker at the Senior/Community Center on Mondays from 12:00 to 4:00 PM and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. For more information or to sign up for individual therapy please contact Social/Senior Services at (860) 413-3328/(860) 413-3334.



**Operation Fuel:** Operation Fuel offers emergency energy assistance to households who fall outside the Connecticut Energy Assistance guidelines or have exhausted their Connecticut Energy Assistance grant. Applications can be completed through East Granby Social Services or directly through the Operation Fuel website: <https://operationfuel.org/gethelp/>.

**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 Historical Society

**A Cow in the Historical Society Barn?** This cow face which appears to look out the window is actually a painted barn quilt square, a project of R.D. Seymour School students. Art teacher



Polly Vouglas writes: "A barn quilt square is an American folk art movement where a traditional or more modern quilt square pattern is painted on a wood panel and displayed on the side of a barn. These quilt squares generally have personal meaning to the one who displays it or a tie-in to

local history. During their third grade school year, R.D. Seymour art students learned how to organize and manipulate the elements of art and principles of design into different quilt square patterns. They took what they learned in art class and collaborative interactions with East Granby Historical Society president, Nancy Moody, and Granbees quilter, Karen Hines, to design and create a barn quilt square that was meaningful and representative of the East Granby Farms venue." Come and check out this new "resident" at the barn and visit the museum exhibits inside! Regular hours are the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 PM or by appointment: [moodycncancy@gmail.com](mailto:moodycncancy@gmail.com).



**A Lecture at Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine:** "Revolutionary Connections to Old New-Gate Prison: British Soldiers, Loyalists, and an Infamous Counterfeiter" will be presented by Don N. Hagist on Sunday, September 17th at 5:00 PM at the guard house of Old New-Gate Prison. The program is co-sponsored by the Friends of Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine and the East Granby Historical Society and is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Don Hagist is managing editor of *Journal of the American Revolution*. His historical studies focus on presenting an accurate picture of individual soldiers and their families, especially those of the British army who served in America. His most recent books, *Noble Volunteers: the British Soldiers who fought the American Revolution*, *The Revolution's Last Men: The Soldiers Behind the Photographs*, and *These Distinguished Corps: British Grenadier and Light Infantry Battalions in the American Revolution*, are available from major booksellers. Come enjoy a fascinating lecture at an amazing historical site.



### Town Flag Program

The East Granby Veterans Group is sponsoring a drive to replace the worn flags and hardware presently displayed on various utility poles throughout the town. The Town DPW is assisting with this effort by replacing the flags as necessary.

The Veterans Group, with the support of John Walker who originally managed the program, will provide the funds to purchase new flags and hardware. Therefore, we are asking our generous residents and businesses for financial support. Please send your donation in any amount no matter how large or small to:

Flags for East Granby  
120 Spoonville Road  
East Granby, CT 06026

Please make checks payable to: "Flags For East Granby"





## News from the Democrats

Local Democrats have met at their recent caucus and endorsed Joe Doering for First Selectman and Amanda Thompson for Selectwoman. They will lead a competent and energetic team, ready to work for a better East Granby. The Doering/Thompson team will be visiting neighborhoods throughout town during the upcoming campaign. They will be discussing issues, answering questions and getting your thoughts about East Granby's future. Please follow East Granby Democrats on Facebook and Instagram sites for dates and times.

Whether it is ensuring smart growth that reflects the character of our town, continuing to support a quality education system, or ensuring lower taxes through good management, the Democrats will work to represent every resident. Joe and Amanda need your support to get that done!

As shown by the recent rejection at a Town Meeting of a plan to add a member to the Planning and Zoning Commission, there are serious concerns about the current vision for our town as led by our current Board of Selectmen. Our Democratic candidates unanimously reject the idea of a mega-warehouse in our town center. They will work to maintain economic development while protecting the character of our town. They will work to support our schools, emergency services, and town infrastructure. And they will keep taxes down with proper management and planning.

Frankly we can't afford not to return the Democratic candidates, and their record of success, to our town boards and commissions. It's how we became the #1 small town to live in Connecticut, and we hope to keep it that way! There will be many upcoming opportunities to meet our candidates at a meet and greet near you. Follow East Granby Democrats on Facebook and Instagram for details on all our events!

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## East Granby Republicans

In a very short year and a half your leadership team championed by Eden and Steve has worked hard to accomplish the following:

- Ushered in a visionary, long term "Village Center Master Plan" for East Granby
- Created an Affordable Housing Plan & Accessory Housing Plan as required by the State
- Purchased a pumper apparatus and ladder truck for our Fire Department
- Purchased a new police cruiser for our Police Department
- Reestablished the Farmers Market (coming to town in September)
- Initiated plans to support and advertise existing businesses
- Purchased a plow truck for the Department of Public Works
- Worked collaboratively with boards and commissions with East Granby's best interests always in mind

The "Village Center Master Plan" study is completed and the results are in. A full-size color copy of the report is available for viewing on

the Town's website ([eastgranbyct.org](http://eastgranbyct.org)), at the East Granby Public Library, and at Town Hall. Thanks to those many businesses and residents who completed the online survey or showed up in person for Town Hall meetings. Goman+York, our advisory partners in the report, considers the level of participation for the study to be strong.

Your Republican team wants a vibrant and prosperous town and vows to maintain its historic, scenic, and rural character which we all cherish. With your support we look forward to serving the town for the next two years to continue our positive momentum.

Much progress has been made in a short period of time. Longer-term solutions for East Granby are necessary. To continue on this path Eden and Steve have been nominated for re-election for First Selectwoman and Board of Selectmen. The slate endorsed under Eden and Steve includes new faces who have life and work experience pursuant to their respective boards and commissions.

### Board of Selectmen

First Selectman - Eden Wimpfheimer  
Selectman - Steve Hall

### Board of Finance

Todd Springer  
Chris Cochran

### Board of Education

Whitney Burns  
Carole Margolis

### Planning & Zoning

Full Term - Tom Derlinga  
Alternate - Jay Tran  
Alternate - Todd Zessin

### Board of Assessment Appeals

Ann Ullmann  
Jim Francoline

### Zoning Board of Appeals

2024 Term Start - Jim Luchina  
2025 Term Start - Donovan Gregory  
Alternate - Katie Hastings  
Alternate - John Burda

Our leadership team is always available and willing to discuss any issues, concerns, or recommendations you may 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](mailto: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 thrilled to see you there. You can also get updates on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/eastgranbyrepublicans](https://facebook.com/eastgranbyrepublicans). Come join us and be a part of this exciting time as we look enthusiastically to the promising future of our town.

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## Capitol Update

*Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61st District*



June brought the end of the 2023 legislative session after long days of intense debate and deliberation on important bills. Here are some which may be of interest.

**FY 2024-25 State Budget:** Every two years, the legislature must pass a two-year state budget. This year the

budget garnered significant bipartisan support by incorporating many Republican initiatives included in the fully vetted alternative budget developed by my colleagues and I earlier in the year. The final approved budget included a state income tax reduction for many middle- and low-income earners and families, additional funding for vital services by nonprofits, increases to local education funding, and further tax relief for seniors through an adjustment to the eligibility levels on retirement income. It also made a significant financial commitment toward reducing and eventually eliminating the autism lifetime waiver waitlist. The budget reduces the size of state government and saves \$200 million in excess spending by having state agencies adopt hiring practices that are more consistent with practices in non-governmental organizations. While I do not agree with all that was included in the omnibus budget and implementer legislation, I was happy to support it—especially for the financial relief to taxpayers.

**Transportation and Road Safety:** To address growing safety concerns on Connecticut roadways, the legislature acted to implement additional effective road safety measures, like rumble strips and enhanced lighting features to deter wrong way drivers which have become far too common in our state. Public Act 23-51 passed both the House and Senate with broad bipartisan support. While enforcing existing laws concerning impaired driving—from alcohol, cannabis, or other influences—is paramount, these new measures may be a first line of defense to help prevent further highway fatalities.

**Protecting Seniors from Fraud:** Financial predators and scammers often prey upon older citizens who may be vulnerable to convincing stories and alarming pleas. P.A. 23-161 will provide more protections for seniors by authorizing disclosures and

temporary account holds by financial institutions, probate courts, and advisors to prevent the financial exploitation of state residents aged 60 or older.

**News from Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine:** Congratulations to Friends of Old New-Gate on completing a beautiful new entrance to the visitor center and construction of a new picnic area outside the museum walls! With assistance from the Town of East Granby, these improvements provide a more attractive and accessible walkway and a welcoming place to enjoy the outstanding views. For more information about the Friends of Old New-Gate group, email [friendsofnewgate@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofnewgate@gmail.com).

Old New-Gate applied for an important grant from the National Parks Service in 2022, and July brought good news. The museum will receive \$750,000 to support rehabilitation of Viets' Tavern located across the street from the prison. The grant is part of the Semiquincentennial Grant program commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. The program was created by Congress in 2020 and is funded through the Historic Preservation Fund. I am particularly excited that the grant will eventually provide public access to Viets' Tavern.

**Staying in Touch:** For information on bills passed during the 2023 legislative session, visit [www.cga.ct.gov/olr/majoracts.asp](http://www.cga.ct.gov/olr/majoracts.asp). If you have questions about state issues you can contact my office at (860) 240-8700 or [Tami.Zawistowski@housegop.ct.gov](mailto:Tami.Zawistowski@housegop.ct.gov). You can also sign up for email newsletters at [www.RepZawistowski.com](http://www.RepZawistowski.com) and follow my social media on Facebook (@repzawistowski) and Instagram (@repzawistowski) for the latest news from the Capitol and across the district.



## Let's Support Local! East Granby Fall Farmers Market



All proceeds will be donated to the East Granby Public Library

**When:** Fridays - September 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, 2023

**Time:** 3:30pm-6:30pm

**Where:** The Liquor Cabinet Plaza, East Granby, CT (corner of Rte. 20 and School St.)

Our market will showcase vegetables, maple syrup, baked goods, pottery, and more. The East Granby Public Library website and local Facebook pages will have updates on specific vendors closer to the market dates.

### **MORE Farmers & Vendors WANTED!**

Contact Information:

Phone: 860-680-2344 (Bela Ramos, Market Manager) | Email: [EastGranbyFarmersMarket@gmail.com](mailto:EastGranbyFarmersMarket@gmail.com)

Mail: East Granby Farmers Market/East Granby Public Library/24 Center St., East Granby, CT 06026



EAST GRANBY LIONS CHARITIES, INC.

# Annual Rubber Duck Derby

## Sunday, September 10th

### GRANBROOK PARK

Off Hartford Ave. (Rt.189) East Granby

## 11 AM TO 2 PM

Duck Race Starts at 1:30 PM

(Your ticket number corresponds with the duck number)



**\$5.00** Adopts a Duck for the Race

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Prize - \$500**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prize - \$250**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Prize - \$100**



**Face Painting!**

### FOOD!



**WE ACCEPT VENMO PAYMENTS**



**venmo**

1. Use camera to scan this code
2. Send payment for \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20, etc.
3. We will respond with your Duck Race numbers





# The EGCCNS Preschool's 16th Annual MUM Sale Fundraiser



*As with last year, our supplier is no longer able to guarantee colors, but if you would like to preorder, we will do our best to fill your order and set them aside for you!*

Pre-Order your festive 8" plants by  
**Sept. 1st** at NOON.  
Pick up at the  
**East Granby Congregational Church**  
Rtes. 187 and 20  
Pick up at any of the times to the right.

**OR**

Purchase plants at the  
**East Granby Congregational Church**  
Rtes. 187 and 20  
**Saturday, Sept. 9th** (9am-2pm)  
**Sunday, Sept. 10th** (12pm-2pm)

**Pre-Order Your Bright & Beautiful oversized MUM Plants Now!!**

**8" pots:** 1 @ \$15, 2 @ \$24, 3 or more \$10 each

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

8" pots: \_\_\_ Rust/Bronze \_\_\_ Purple/Pink \_\_\_ Yellow \_\_\_ Red \_\_\_ White

Please write the number totals in each color choice

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash or Check - Make check payable to EGCCNS

Send to: EGCCNS P.O. Box 390 East Granby, CT 06026

Venmo option available by calling Debbie

For more information or questions call Debbie Paskiewicz 860-214-7986

\*All Proceeds Benefit the EGCCNS Preschool \*Thank You For Your Support!!



# Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine

## Hours

### Aug - Sept 4th

Thurs-Mon | 10:00 - 4:30  
Tues / Wed | CLOSED

### Sept. 7th - Sept. 29th

Fri - Mon | 10:00 - 4:30  
Tues / Wed | CLOSED  
Thurs | Group Visits Only

## Announcement

We are excited to announce that Old New-Gate has received \$750,000 from the National Park Service to rehabilitate Viets Tavern. This funding was part of the Semiquincentennial Grant for state-operated sites to help commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

## Special Events

Aug 20 | Historic Reenactment | Free Admission  
Sept 17 | Bat Appreciation Day | Free Admission  
Sept 30 - Oct 30 | "Light into the Dungen:"  
A Jack O' Lantern Experience





23rd Annual Empty Bowls,  
Saturday, October 21st

## Soup's On — Chef's Edition! Featuring Private Chef Jay Welch

**Thank you Chef for volunteering your talents to the 23rd Annual Empty Bowls!** We are honored to have Chef Jay preparing soups **on site** at this year's Farm-to-Table themed event featuring organic ingredients from Sub Edge and other local farms. Chef Jay's training began at the French Culinary Institute in NYC. He's served as Chef de Cuisine and Executive Chef at restaurants in NYC, Nantucket and Connecticut. After COVID ravaged the hospitality industry Jay resumed his photography career. Later, in 2021, he began working at Sub Edge Farm in Farmington, CT, an organic CSA, farm-shop and supplier to area restaurants. The experience opened his heart and soul and ignited the flame to start cooking again. He currently serves as a Private Chef and a passionate champion of creating partnerships between local farms and restaurants.



### There's so much to enjoy this year at Empty Bowls!

#### 10:00 am pre-event (EG Community/Senior Center, 7 Memorial Drive, parking lot)

- Join us for a special one-mile, narrated plant tour of *Doreen's Nature Trail* with Traprock Ridge Conservancy (formerly EG Land Trust)

#### Empty Bowls (11:30 am – 1:30 pm, EG Community/Senior Center)

- Choose a hand-potted bowl created by Expressions Pottery Workshop artisans
- Enjoy delicious soups prepared by Private Chef Jay Welch featuring Sub Edge farm-to-table ingredients
- Check out Sub Edge Farm's Pop Up Fall Shop
- Enjoy live music by Bill & friends
- Snap the QR code for a link to favorite family soup recipes collected by Friend to Friend

#### Then stroll (or drive) to Expressions Pottery Workshop

(10:00 am – 3:00 pm, 9 School Street)

- Peruse a beautiful selection of hand made pottery by local artists
- Enter the FREE raffle for a chance to win a \$50 Expressions Pottery Shop Gift Card
- Purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win a fresh organic holiday turkey from Sub Edge Farm
- Indulge in a sweet treat
- Pick out a complimentary pumpkin to take home

*Empty Bowls benefits the Friend to Friend Food Pantry and is presented by:*



Tickets available online or mail-in, **September 1st** at [www.friendtofriendeg.com](http://www.friendtofriendeg.com). Mail-in form will also be in the September issue of *Talk Turkey* Newsletter. (\$20 pre-order, \$25 at the door)



***Save the Date!***

**GRANBY  
AMBULANCE  
ASSOCIATION**  
Fundraising Event

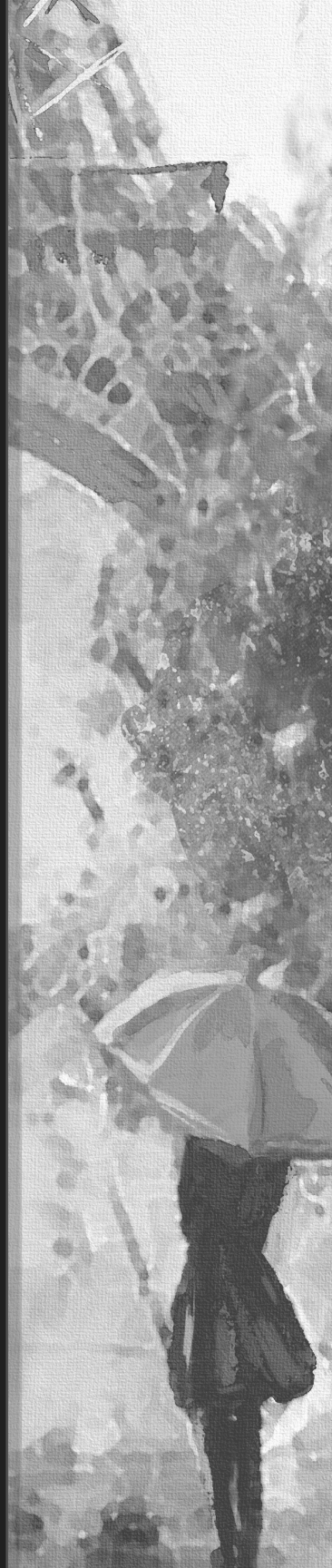
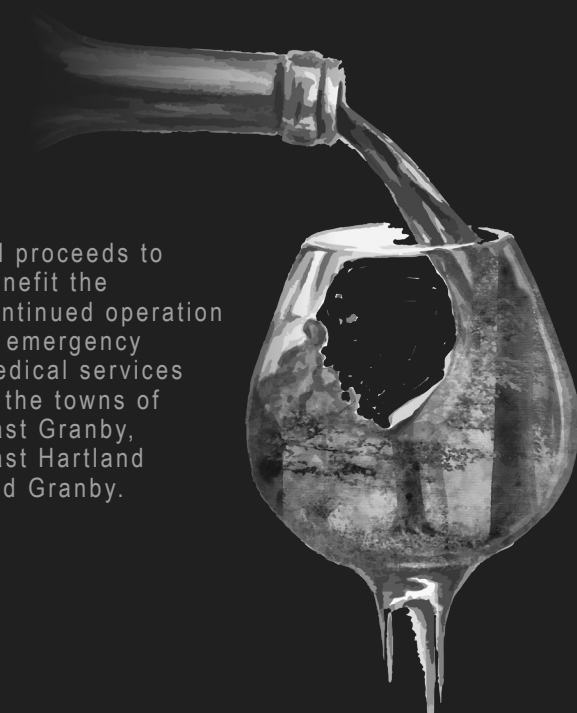
# A Perfect Pairing

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Celebrating fine wine, locally  
brewed beer and local artists.

**Saturday, October 21, 2023**  
**New England Air Museum**  
5:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
36 Perimeter Road  
Windsor Locks, CT 06096

All proceeds to  
benefit the  
continued operation  
of emergency  
medical services  
in the towns of  
East Granby,  
East Hartland  
and Granby.





In 2022 - 2023, we gave over **\$12,000** back to the community!  
**THANK YOU** to all of our donors and supporters!

- **EG Vol. Fire Dept**, to assist with the relettering of their newly purchased truck
- **Granby Ambulance Association**, to fund their Friends & Family CPR courses
- **Seymour School**, to fund a gardening project
- **Pauline's Stockpot Kitchen**, to purchase to-go containers for the much needed meals they provide
- **EG Parks & Rec**, to spruce up the mulch at Granbrook Park
- **EG Public Library**, to purchase all the museum passes patrons are able to borrow
- **2 college scholarships** awarded to EGHS seniors

**JOIN US** at our first meeting of the year!  
**Wed, September 6, 2023, 7 p.m.** at Gio's  
womensclubeg@gmail.com for more information

**Follow us on Facebook!**  
**Stay updated on our**  
**events and meetings!**



The Women's Club of East Granby is a secular organization that welcomes all women and has been serving the community since 1969. We are dedicated to community service and take pride in contributing to our town through fundraising and social and community events that include our children, neighbors and senior citizens. Our club offers fun and meaningful experiences which foster long-lasting friendships and promotes a strong support system within our community.



**SHRED  
IT  
DAY**

**SATURDAY  
October 14, 2023  
9am-12pm**

**EAST GRANBY TOWN HALL  
PARKING LOT**

**FREE SERVICE FOR EAST GRANBY RESIDENTS  
ONLY**

**PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT**

**ELIMINATE CLUTTER AND FIRE HAZARDS**

**PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION AND  
DISCARD YOUR DOCUMENTS SECURELY**

**LIMIT: 3 BOXES/BAGS PER HOUSEHOLD**



Join Cub Scouts today at [beascout.org](https://beascout.org)

**#ADVENTUREON!**



**East Granby Cub Scout Pack 70  
is Recruiting Boys and Girls Grades K-5**

**Joining Night: September 7, 2023 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM  
East Granby Community Center  
Email: [egpack70@gmail.com](mailto:egpack70@gmail.com)**



**SCOUT ME IN™**



## ENROLLING FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

At East Granby's longest-running licensed preschool, we nurture young children and help them grow in creativity, self-regulation, empathy, and love of learning. Young children learn best through play - and we love setting up our learning centers to fit with our current topics of discovery! As they play, not only do children learn about their world, but they gain social-emotional skills such as cooperation, communication, sharing, and self-advocacy. In addition to center discovery time, our school mornings include music, stories, art, science, movement and dance, foreign languages, guest visitors, and lots of love.

We offer a two-day program for three-year-olds (starting at age 32 months), and both three- and five-day programs for four and five-year-olds. While all our four and five-year-olds leave our program emotionally and academically prepared for kindergarten, we also offer an extended-day option of 45 minutes of additional academic enrichment time in the mornings before other students arrive.

Would you like to know more? Come visit us at our upcoming open house, Saturday, August 26, from 10:00 a.m. - noon. We would love to show you around our school! We still have spaces in our Monday/Wednesday/Friday 4 & 5-year-old class - email us at [EGCCNS9@gmail.com](mailto:EGCCNS9@gmail.com) to find out how to register and reserve your spot for the fall!

Can't make our open house? Please email us at [EGCCNS9@gmail.com](mailto:EGCCNS9@gmail.com) or call (860) 653-3913 and we'll be happy to set up a time to chat! Please also visit our website, <https://www.egchurch.org/egcc-nursery-school>, and our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/EGCCNS>, to learn more.



We hope to hear from you soon!

Suzanne Richardson-White, Director/Head Teacher, She/Her/Hers  
Linda Finkbeiner, Teacher, She/Her/Hers



East Granby Soccer Association's  
**Fall 2023 Soccer Registration is Open  
For Travel Teams (Grades 3-8)  
& In-Town (K-2)**

To register visit our webpage @  
<https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/default.aspx?portalid=50874>

## Soccer Referees Needed

Interested candidates, 13+ years of age, *which includes middle schoolers, high schoolers and adults*, can visit <https://ctreferee.net/become-a-referee> to learn more!

**Paid positions** for assistant and center referees.

**Cash payment distributed on game day.**

Opportunity to referee multiple games over the weekend.

**MENTOR opportunities available for NEW referees!**

*EGSA will provide reimbursement for referee training class  
and certification renewal!*

**East Granby Soccer Association is committed to providing the best possible refereeing experience for its volunteers. The board and coaches are committed to work collaboratively with referees and the referee coordinator to ensure that ALL fans/spectators, soccer players, and coaches treat volunteer referees with respect and dignity.**

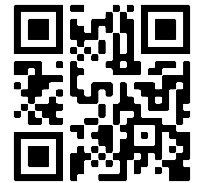
If you have any questions about the process of becoming a soccer referee,  
please contact: [egrefassignor@gmail.com](mailto:egrefassignor@gmail.com)





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

phone : 860-653-7660 | fax : 860-413-3702  
e-mail : eastgranbyrecreation@gmail.com  
[www.eastgranbyrec.com](http://www.eastgranbyrec.com)



## Late Summer/ Early Fall 2023

*Due to postal restrictions, we are unable to list all our programs in this booklet. Please scan the QR Code above or go to [EastGranbyRec.com](http://EastGranbyRec.com) for more info on the programs below, as well as a complete list of programs including flag football, pre-k soccer, pom & baton twirling classes, NEW dance classes, a NEW adult fitness class, basketball clinics, all our after-school programs, recreation basketball and more!*

### Adult Painting in Watercolor

Designed for all experience levels, guidance is provided on drawing, color theory, composition, design elements and watercolor technique.

**Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 pm or  
Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 am**

### Slow Flow Vinyasa Yoga

This class is great for those newer to yoga or those wanting to slow it down in a basic flow class. Modifications are given for all levels.

**Please see [EastGranbyRec.com](http://EastGranbyRec.com) for the complete schedule including dates and class locations.**



### 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. We encourage you to register in advance.

**Wednesdays, 9/27-12/6 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
East Granby High School**

### Zumba

This fun dance exercise program burns tons of calories and works your legs, arms, glutes, and abs. Classes are open to those ages 13+ years.

**Tuesdays, 9/12 – 12/19 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
East Granby Farms Recreation Building**

### New York City on Your Own Bus Trip

Enjoy a day in the city on your own.

**Saturday, December 2, 2023 | \$58/ person**

### Tennis Lessons for Ages 6-15

Age-based group lessons for beginner-intermediate players. No experience necessary.

**August 21-24 | East Granby High School**



### Mountain Biking for Kids - Fundamentals!

Designed for 8–12-year-olds, this program will cover the fundamental skills that all riders need to have to be safe and have fun on the trails.

**Wednesdays, Aug 16 & Aug 23**

### Mountain Biking for Kids – Level 2

Designed for young riders who have completed the Kids Fundamentals Clinic and are looking to improve their mountain bike skills. **Saturday, Sept. 9**



### Toddler - Preschool Playgroup

An opportunity for parents and their little ones to bond, learn, and play together while connecting with other families, sharing experiences, and building lasting friendships. **Monday Mornings, 10/16 – 12/4**

### \*NEW\* PlaySTRONG Tiny Tumbling

Classes for active little ones who are looking for a foundation of tumbling and fitness.

**Wednesday Mornings, 9/27 – 10/25**

**Visit our website for more information: [www.EastGranbyRec.com](http://www.EastGranbyRec.com)**

# Park Updates

## **East Granby Farms:**

A barn quilt piece has been installed on the side of the Historical Society Museum facing the East Granby Farms South Entrance (79 N. Main Street). A form of Americana folk art that preserves the country's quilting tradition and a communities' regional heritage, barn quilt pieces are large pieces of wood painted to look like quilt blocks. This barn quilt piece honors East Granby Farm's history as a dairy farm. This wonderful initiative is from Polly Voglus, Allgrove/Seymour Art teacher, and the creativity of East Granby Class of 2032's R.D. Seymour School Art Class. Thank you to Karen Hines from the East Granby Parks and Recreation Commission, and the East Granby Historical Society for their help in making this vision become a reality.

East Granby Farms is now home to a Little Library, donated last year by the Building Blocks Early Learning Center. It will be stocked with books in the coming weeks, and we encourage you to take one/leave one when you visit East Granby Farms Recreation Area. This Little Library was a part of the Building Blocks Early Learning Center's literacy initiative in 2022. We appreciate the creativity of our youngest readers in town, and patience as we worked out how best to display their hard work.

Coming soon... a NEW basketball hoop that will replace the tired old one!

The East Granby Farms Recreation Building is available to town residents for event rental. The fee is \$25 per hour, and we encourage residents to take advantage of the beautiful space. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Office at (860) 653-7660 with any questions or see [eastgranbyrec.com/info/facilities](http://eastgranbyrec.com/info/facilities) for information.

## **Cowles Park:**

The trails at Cowles Park are busy year-round and this summer has been no exception! The well-maintained hiking and biking trails are open to the public and available to residents and non-residents to use. The main parking lot on Rte. 187 is the most easily accessed parking area.

Thank you to the numerous volunteers from NEMBA (New England Mountain Biking Association) for the countless hours they spend maintaining the trails. To stay updated on their work and be informed of trail closings/openings, follow the Cowles Park Singletrack on Facebook. They are currently building and perfecting an Adaptive Mountain Biking (aMTB) Loop. Please call the Parks & Rec Office (860) 653-7660 or send a message to the Cowles Park Singletrack folks if you are an adaptive rider and would like to sample the course and/or assist with their efforts.

For now, trail maps can be found in the main parking lot; however, our volunteers and Parks & Rec Commission members are working to update the trail maps and make them available on our website. Please remember this is a Carry It In/ Carry It Out location and dogs must always be leashed.

## **The East Granby Greenway:**

Part of the Farmington Valley Greenway multi-use trail, the East Granby Greenway runs from Rte. 189 to Rte. 20 and continues north to Copper Hill Road. This paved path is a wonderful option for those looking for a smoother ride/walk. Dogs must be leashed, and please remember to always be aware of your surroundings and share the trail. While it remains open year-round, the Greenway is not plowed in winter months to allow for snow shoeing and cross-country skiing.

## **Granbrook Park:**

Located at the end of Granbrook Park Road, this property is part of The Town of East Granby Park System. Please remember that dogs must be leashed, fires are by permit only the park closes at sunset, and this is a Carry It In/ Carry It Out location.

Granbrook Park hosted yet another awesome summer of East Granby Parks & Recreation's Day Camp, Camp Granbrook. Over the course of seven weeks, one hundred fifty campers, ages 5-12, shared part of their summer with us, bringing the park alive with their energy and enthusiasm.

Follow us on social media:  /EastGranbyRec  @eastgranbyrec

This summer brought many challenges with littering, vandalism, partying, and excessive noise. This prompted a public reminder that the park is closed from dusk to dawn, and the subsequent locking of the access gate each evening. We hoped this would curb the disruptive behavior and fortunately, it seems to have worked. At this time, we are not implementing any additional measures; however, we will continue to monitor the situation and any further discussions and/or decisions will be at the discretion of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

East Granby residents may rent the pavilion for functions for a nominal fee of \$25 per hour. For additional information please call the Parks and Recreation Office: (860) 653-7660.

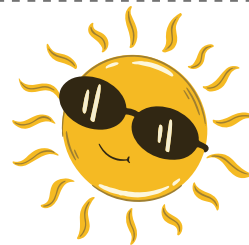
Thank you to the East Granby residents and members of the Parks & Recreation Commission who have been working to spruce up the park and make improvements!

## Upcoming Town Events – SAVE THE DATES!

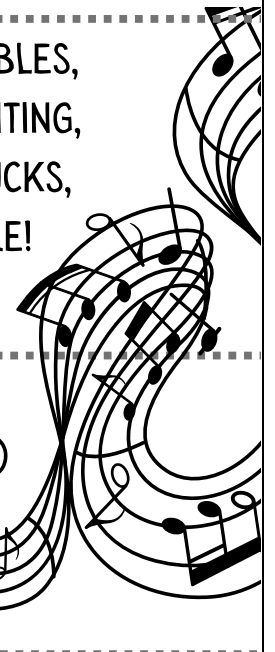
### Last Blast of Summer FREE Concert!

STILL KICKIN' WITH THE BIG CITY HORNS

Friday, August 25th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, East Granby Town Green



INFLATABLES,  
FACE PAINTING,  
FOOD TRUCKS,  
& MORE!



AUTUMNFEST  
SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023



FAMILY FRIENDLY  
& NOT-SO-SCARY

*Halloween  
Party*

SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 28, 2023  
OLD NEWGATE PRISON



13TH ANNUAL JACKY WELSH

*Holiday Tree Lighting*

CAROLING & MEMORIAL LUMINARIES

Friday,  
December 1st  
East Granby  
Town Campus

Visit our website for more information: [www.EastGranbyRec.com](http://www.EastGranbyRec.com)





**East Granby  
Youth Services**

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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 CYC 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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*We are adding new programs, activities, and events all the time! You can find more information at [eastgranbyct.org/youth-services](https://eastgranbyct.org/youth-services) or follow our socials!*



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# EGHS PROJECT GRADUATION 2023

## THANK YOU to the following supporters:

**Our Graduating Seniors enjoyed a ride aboard a double-decker bus to a substance-free overnight adventure immediately following Graduation at the Sports Center of Connecticut.**

The Adventure Park @ Storrs	Farmington Mini Golf	New England Fleet Services, Inc.
Airway's Golf Course	Farmington Valley Plumbing	Newgate Builders, Inc.
Allgrove/Seymour PTO	Farmington Valley YMCA	Northwest Community Bank
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Beman Hardware	The Fournier and Roy Families in memory of Matt and Caitlin	Pauline and Dave Parkinson
The Benner Family	Galasso Materials, LLC	People's Bank
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East Granby Parks and Recreation	Julie Breen Amato	Specialty Steel Treating, Inc
East Granby Republican Town Committee	Karly and Tim Butler	Star Nail LLC
East Granby Volunteer Fire Department	Kevorkian & Associates, LLC	State Line Propane/Oil
East Granby Wine and Liquor	Kinsley Power Systems	State Representative Tami Zawistowski
East Granby Youth Services Bureau	The Lenkala Family	Swede's Jewelers, Inc.
The Egan Family	Little Bird Wellness	Tersichore Dance
Everlasting Nutrition	Long Stem Flower Shoppe	THREE7PRESS
	Max Restaurant Group	TJ's Burritos
	MB Aerospace East Granby	Windsor Federal
	MBM Photography	Yard Goats
	McKenna Orthodontics, PC	YDF Center- Andrea McKay
	Metro Bis	
	Michael Amisano	
	Michael Savage	

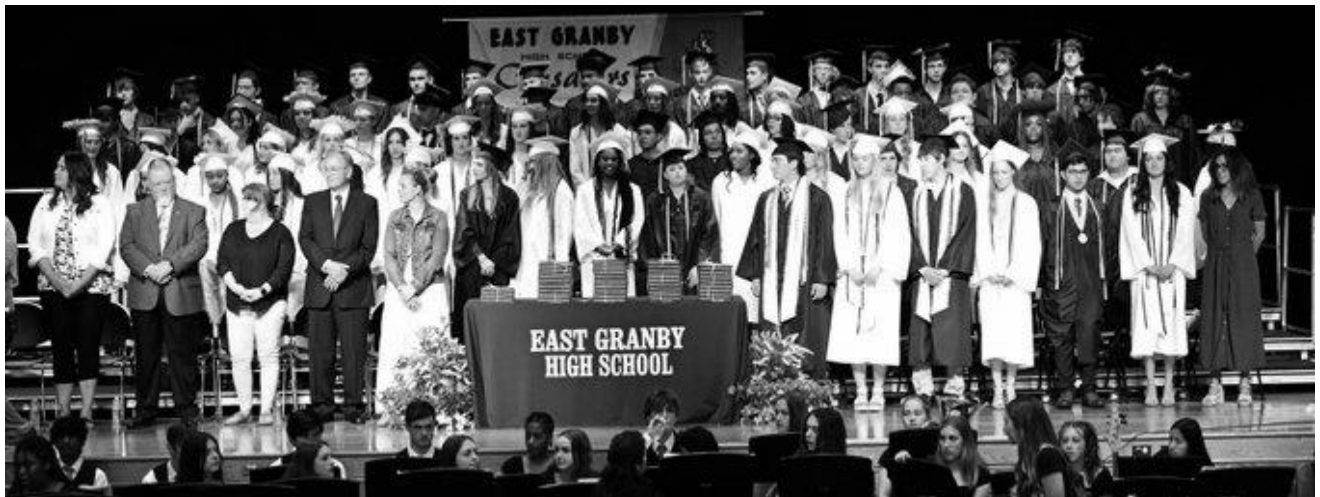
# EAST GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Hello East Granby Community Members!

The opening for school year 2023-2024 is just around the corner! East Granby Public School students completed the '22-'23 school year with lots of great learning opportunities, programs and activities including athletics, awards programs, field days, elementary art show, book fair, plays, concerts, Memorial Day Parade, community partnership programs, fundraisers, dance parties, ice-cream socials, field trips, spirit days, 8th Grade Dinner Dance, Prom, Senior Banquet, and a memorable graduation held in the East Granby High School Auditorium!

You are welcome to view photos from the school year on our district website: <https://www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us/>. You may also follow us on Twitter @EGranbySchools and the East Granby High School Facebook page.

## EAST GRANBY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023



### NEASC

New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) is an organization that provides accreditation for Connecticut schools. Accreditation is a 10-year cycle that engages schools in a multi-tiered process of analysis, reflection, and planning. The key components of the process are:

- a Self-Reflection completed by the school
  - a Collaborative Conference held with a small team of peer educators (from other districts)
  - the development and implementation of a school growth plan
  - a reflective summary report completed by the school
  - a personalized Decennial Accreditation visit
- <https://cpemhs.neasc.org/process/process-2020>



East Granby High School concluded their NEASC Accreditation process during the 2022-2023 school year. The school was officially informed through a letter stating that EGHS has met all requirements for continued accreditation.

The accreditation process began with a Collaborative Conference in Fall of 2020. A visiting committee toured and met with many members of the school community including the Board Of Education, staff, parents/guardians, and students. As part of the Collaborative Conference phase of accreditation, EGHS self-reflected on NEASC's Five Foundational Elements: Learning Culture, Student Learning, Professional Practices, Learning Support, and Learning Resources.

The NEASC Decennial Visit occurred in the Fall of 2022. An Accreditation team visited and spent three days in the building analyzing, rating and presenting to faculty what would formally become the school's Accreditation results.

The report's final findings are as follows: EGHS was rated as "Meets the Standard" for all Foundational Elements for Accreditation. NEASC provided us with nine commendations as well as three recommendations for improvement. You may read the report on the East Granby High School Website, under "For Parents."

The NEASC Accreditation process is a beneficial exercise that allows for continued learning to occur from the feedback provided through multiple stakeholders perspectives. The process is an excellent way to self-reflect and grow as a building in order to improve the goals of teaching and learning.

### **TEACHING & LEARNING**

Allgrove and Seymour Elementary Schools will be shifting their literacy instruction to an approach that is more deeply rooted in the science of reading. Core instruction will support reading development in the areas of phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, oral language and comprehension. During the spring of 2022, teachers evaluated different programs and overwhelmingly chose Savaas My View. Initial professional development for teachers was held in March. Continued professional development will occur in August as teachers begin implementing Savaas My View.

East Granby Middle School will begin implementing new programs to vertically align with K-5 curriculum and instruction in reading and math by using Savaas My View and iReady Math as teaching and assessment tools. Teachers will have professional development in August to facilitate this shift. EGMS teachers will also be implementing Smarter Balanced Interim Comprehensive Assessments and Smarter Balanced Interim Assessment Blocks to gather formative and summative assessment data to target their instruction for improved learning in Math, Reading, and Writing.

East Granby High School will continue to use multiple learning pathways in our curriculum as we challenge students to become critical thinkers, creators, communicators, collaborators, and empowered citizens. Using data to inform instruction will be a focus throughout the 2023-2024 school year to address improvement in all aspects of teaching and learning. We will continue to evaluate and update our curriculum to meet state and national standards in order to advance student learning.

## **ANNUAL STAFF CELEBRATION**

On May 11, 2023, East Granby Public Schools held their annual celebration to recognize employees who have marked 20 years of service to the district and those who have retired. Due to a number of factors, last year's celebration was postponed. The following individuals from 2022 and 2023 were celebrated at La Notte restaurant.

### **Retirement 2023**

Raymond Engle – Business Manager  
Rudy Ibanez – EGMS Spanish Teacher  
John Langan – EGMS Science Teacher  
Gina Palmbach – Allgrove/FRC Preschool Special Education Teacher

### **20 years of service 2023**

Diane Gibbs – Seymour Paraprofessional  
Susan Rosenstein – EGMS Social Studies Teacher

### **Retirement 2022**

Shellee Horner – EGMS Paraprofessional  
Susan Judice – Seymour Paraprofessional  
Brenda Testerman – EGHS Bookkeeper  
Robert Tonino – EGHS Social Studies Teacher  
John Wilson – EGHS Math & Physics Teacher  
Kathy Zagaja – EGHS Library Aide

### **20 years of service 2022**

Sarah Dugre – MS/HS Art Teacher  
Shannon Karlowicz – Seymour Elementary Teacher



Enjoy the remaining summer days! Wishing everyone health and happiness.

Best,

Missy Bavaro-Grande  
East Granby Superintendent of Schools









# East Granby High School Honor Roll

## Fourth Quarter 2022-2023

### HIGH HONORS

#### GRADE 9

Adarsh Atluri  
Karina Baran  
Alexa Bednarz  
Pavlo Behin  
Maya Betts  
Charlize Brown  
Olivia Caravello  
Cassidy Clark  
Genevieve Corricelli  
Izabella Dallesander  
Mackenzie Dubois  
Leila Feliciano  
Malia Gabbidon  
Mia Grabowski  
Gabriella Hayes  
Tamia Hewitt  
Bartosz Jablonski  
Thomas Jacius  
Sreekirthana Kolla  
Abhinav Lenkala  
Hansika Lenkala  
Killian Lizon  
Christopher Lloyd  
Jason Lloyd  
Beckett Lowman  
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  
Alyssa Kovalski  
Michael Lemire  
Hailey Litchfield  
Tyler Marques  
Andrew O'Connor  
Ava Pasquantonio  
Alexandra Podbielski  
Chloe Rapose  
Kiley Rudzik  
Sheridan Scott  
Maximilian Vaughn  
Ava Walsh  
Cassi Worlund

#### GRADE 11

Ashlyn Allen  
Kyle Anthony  
Kieran Beman  
Alexander Cardoso  
James Fagnant  
Mira Goberman  
Jackson Moore  
Sara Moore  
Aishani Nagamalla  
Leo Nordell  
Liam Phelan  
Ethan Sirotnak  
Abigail Wegrzyniak  
Caeddesey Williams

#### GRADE 12

Maria Amisano  
Maria Avalos-Escobedo  
Ryan Barry  
Megan Benner  
Melina Betts  
Landon Bohm  
Nicholas Braga  
Brandy Caterino  
Suzanne Figueroa  
Dylan Gates  
Holly Grenier  
Ava Guyer  
Nicholas Huapaya  
Samantha Kovalski  
Gavin Kuleh  
Jaidyn Lacharite  
Sophie Landolina  
Chen Li  
Taylor Long  
Larissa McDonough  
Lauren Monegan  
Ana Namoradze  
Kathryn Patrizzi  
Sean Pitney  
Jenna Pratt  
Adam Sakti  
Nathaniel Swanson  
Noah Thomas  
Madeline Tracey

### HONORS

#### GRADE 9

Adrian Bento  
Noah Bouchard  
Jean Cabrera  
Maria Caracciolo  
Andrew Case  
Gianni Damato  
Mackenzie Delpha  
Eliza Ersan  
Morgan Gabbidon  
Chase Malinowski  
Ra'Miya Matthews  
Elijah Rich  
Leilany Sanchez  
Devin Sirotnak

#### GRADE 10

Sarina Abrham  
Antonio Amisano  
Arvind Bhattacharya  
Kyrianna Christie  
Davin Dziedzic  
Hooriya Ilyas  
Caelan Jones  
Joshua Lemire  
Cameron Lloyd  
Mya McPherson  
Ana Mireles Avalos  
Jackson Pisati  
Olivia Price  
Brenna Rapose  
Robert Ravens- Seger  
Riley Ruggiero  
Melanie Ruiz  
Ava Tran  
Karla Vilchez

#### GRADE 11

Ryan Fisk  
Emmett Gallagher  
Taylor Hayes  
Arianna Lorigan  
Klavier Majors  
Aditri Patti  
Auryelle Spence

#### GRADE 12

Abigail Case  
Laiken Cormier  
Geoffrey Durante  
Morgan Egan  
Brady Gill  
Luke Guyer  
Shreyas Lenkala  
Marissa Lyman  
Lauren MacKinnon  
Camden Malinowski  
McKenna Moore  
Makenzie Vick  
Julia Walsh



# East Granby Middle School Honor Roll

## Fourth Quarter 2022-2023

### HIGH HONORS

#### GRADE 6

Mohid Ahmed  
Henry Ball  
Avery Bednarz  
Julian Bento  
Sydney Bloom  
Hannah Bouchard  
Abbygail Cole  
Lillian Cole  
Joseph Copeland  
McKenzie Cormier  
Mason Cosker  
Jason Dlugolenski  
Noah Doncet  
Emma Gerken  
Cameron Grabowski  
Ryan Hamilton  
Cole Hazard  
Brooke Hines  
Alan Joby  
Lylah Jones  
Kayla Lengyel  
Everett Lowman  
Addyson Russo  
Mason Schlagenhauf  
Zachary Smith  
Lily Thompson  
Quinn Thompson

#### GRADE 7

Abigail Abrham  
Kaden Anderson  
Avery Burke  
James Cavanaugh  
Olivia Dallesander  
Maham Ejaz  
Samuel Forero  
Ivan Gao  
Ian Griffin  
McAzyh Hercule  
Rachael Logie  
Madeline Lundell  
Stella McKay  
Talia McKeen  
Wesley Nammoun  
Logan Nicolle  
Vanessa Passeri  
Tyler Rioual  
Mark Roth  
Hendrix Sclare  
Benet Stafford  
Caitlin Van Neil  
Nehemiah Victor  
Lillianna Wagner

#### GRADE 8

Elizabeth Adams  
Amani Akedde Bernstein  
Gabriella Aviles  
Patrick Baran  
Izabella Bernstein  
Elizabeth Bissell  
Jeanette Cabrera  
Mason Chamberlain  
Stephanie Clement  
Chennacy Copeland  
Colin Daly  
Carson Elsner  
Evan Hanks  
Aidan Hayes  
Gabriela Jablonska  
Daniel Jacius  
Anay Mahindru  
Sophie McKenna  
Sean O'Connor  
Dionnee Ortiz  
Jamien Pedraza  
Lorenzo Policella  
Nathan Russell  
Amelia Rutkowski  
Jake Schlagenhauf  
Lily Shuster  
Robyn Triblets  
Alyana VanBeek  
Brenn Vaughn  
John Walsh

### HONORS

#### GRADE 6

Megan Blake  
Mackenzie Brooks  
William Fortier  
Kiele Lizon  
Adya Maharjan  
Isabel Onciul  
Lacey Payette  
Dylan Sandora  
Zayvion Shanks  
Evan Spencer  
Makar Tkachenko  
Myssa Yeomans  
Ethan Zhang

#### GRADE 7

Giuliana Aiello Crispin  
Grayson Augsburg  
Ryan DeVane  
Maddox Fortier  
Whitney Johnson  
Caleb Kleinman  
Gavin Lloyd  
Timothy McKay  
Brianna Peck  
Victoria Pellegrino  
Hailey Popella  
Christian Resto  
Cody Sandora  
Zion Williams Barron

#### GRADE 8

Kasey Clemens  
Kavin Jayaganesh  
Jordon Lacharite  
Myles Pisati  
Benjamin Resto  
Anna Sterrett  
Zahira Williams Barron

## 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.

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### \*\*SENIOR CELEBRATION\*\*

The Commission on Aging is hosting a special brunch to honor East Granby Residents 90 years old and older. Invitations will be mailed out by mid-August so please let us know if you are 90+ or if you know of a resident that is 90+. Please contact Senior Services at (860) 413-3334 or [kellyj@egtownhall.com](mailto:kellyj@egtownhall.com)

### 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)

**DANCING FEET—FOOT CARE**—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

### 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~ SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 11:00AM-12:00PM.** The Farmington Valley Visiting Nurses Association will be at the East Granby Senior Center providing free blood pressure screenings as well as blood sugar screenings. No appointment necessary.

### SHOPPING TRIPS

- AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> – WALMART
- AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> - BIG Y/OCEAN STATE/DOLLAR STORE
- SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> – STEW LEONARD'S & FOOTPRINTS



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS/TRIPS

### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> —CONGRESSIONAL MEDICARE/SOCIAL SECURITY UPDATE—

Congressman John Larson will be at the East Granby Senior Center to discuss new benefits available to Medicare and Social Security recipients this year and his legislation, the Social Security 2100 Act, which will enhance benefits for the first time in more than 50 years and strengthen the program for years to come. **10:00am-11:00am at the East Granby Senior Center.**

**Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – HEBRON FAIR – Hebron, CT**-Hebron Harvest Fair is the annual fall event in the charming town of Hebron, Connecticut. The festival, which takes place every September, features live music performances, racing pigs, a horse show, livestock exhibits, a bike stunt show, a firefighters' show, and animal pulling contests. Folks of all ages can enjoy animal barns, demonstrations, and contests. In addition to that, there are plenty of food vendors and a beer & wine garden for adults. **Admission is FREE for those 65+.** We will depart the senior center at 11:15am and we will leave at 2:30pm to return home. **Reservation due by August 31<sup>st</sup>** (In the event of inclement weather, this event will be cancelled).

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup> —MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID—**Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. You will build the skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to those who are struggling. You'll also learn how to help connect them to appropriate support. **This is a two day course; 1:00pm-5:00pm at the East Granby Senior Center. There is no cost for this program however reservation is required by August 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> —THE BIG E— West Springfield, MA** - Come and enjoy a day at New England's Great State Fair. It's the largest agricultural event on the eastern seaboard and the fifth largest fair in the nation! Take a stroll along the Avenue of the States featuring exhibits and vendors that best exemplify the heritage, food and traditions of each state; Take a look at the livestock and other farm animals; Stop in to the Better Living Center to visit the many vendors and of course enjoy the large variety of delicious foods. It's sure to be a fun-filled day! **Depart the senior center at 9:30am. We will leave at 2:00pm to return home. Cost for admission is \$12. Reservation and payment due by September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> —PRUDENCE CRANDALL MUSEUM—**Canterbury, CT. The Prudence Crandall Museum is a National Historic Landmark located in Canterbury, CT. Prudence Crandall is Connecticut's Official State Heroine. In 1832, Crandall, the white principal of the Canterbury Female Boarding School, was approached by a young Black woman named Sarah Harris asking to attend the school. Encouraged by conversations with both Harris and Maria Davis, a Black woman who worked for Crandall and shared copies of the abolitionist newspaper *The Liberator* with her, Crandall agreed to admit Harris. Join us as we learn about how these two brave women played a role in striving for education equality that shaped the nation! We will stop at Fenton River Grill for lunch on our way home. **Depart the Senior Center at 10:15am. Cost is \$10 (Lunch is on your own). Reservation and payment due by September 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**\*\*\*There are more activities being planned for the fall 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](mailto: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's Ice Cream truck will also have treats for sale.

## FALL STORYTIMES



### Little Ones Storytime

Every Wednesday from Sept 13th - Nov 15th  
10:30am

Lap sitting - 3 years with caregiver

### Terrific Tales Storytime

Every Thursday from Sept 14th - Nov 16th  
10:30am & 1:30pm

3 - 6 years old with caregiver

## PERLER BEADING

Monday, Sept 18th  
5pm - 6pm  
Ages 9-12



Choose colorful beads and arrange them on plastic pegboards to form patterns. We will then fuse them with heat to create a design!

A steady hand and patience is needed for this activity!

Visit [www.egpl.org](http://www.egpl.org) for more info, to register, and to see our complete list of programs!



## PARENT WEBINAR:



## 7 WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT'S STUDY PRACTICE & EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS WITHOUT LOSING YOUR MIND

Thursday, Sept 28th  
7pm (approximately 40 minutes)  
For parents of middle & high school students

In this highly dynamic, action-specific, and interactive webinar, parents will learn to recognize, address, and reinforce their student's study practice as they return to school. Presented by S4 Study Skills.

## STORY TRAILS!



### Doreen's Nature Trail

Location: East Granby Public Library  
Start at our library's patio and loop around the pond to enjoy a children's book. This story trail will be displayed year-round.

### Ian Clark Preserve

Location: Directly across from 140 Kimberly Rd.  
Loop around this 1/2 mile trail and enjoy our activity trail. Read, discover, and move. Now - November.



# East Granby Public Library

(860) 653-3002  
www.egpl.org

## GRANBY ARTIST ASSOC EXHIBITION

Opening Reception  
Thursday, August 10th  
5:00pm - 7:00pm

Exhibition Dates: August 10th - August 24th



## NEEDLE FELTING: BIRD PINS

Tuesday, September 19th  
6:00pm  
Adult Class

Join us for this 3D needle felting class. Choose a Cardinal or Tufted Titmouse Pin. Cost is \$15 per person.



## Thank You

to everyone who donated to our 2023 annual fund. You make everything we do possible!

## NEEDLE FELTING: PUMPKIN

Tuesday, October 10th  
6:00pm  
Adult Class  
Cost: \$15 per person



## LET'S TALK ABOUT MEDICARE WITH MATTHEW TYO

Saturday, September 21st  
6pm

Join Financial Advisor, Matthew Tyo, and learn what you need to know about Medicare before the enrollment period opens next month.



## Afternoon at the Movies Are Back! Wednesdays at 1 pm.

To register, visit [www.egpl.org](http://www.egpl.org) or call (860) 653-3002.

## Paint

August 16th  
PG-13, 1 hr 36 min

A TV painter who is convinced he has it all: a signature perm, custom van, and fans...until a younger, artist steals everything Carl loves.



## Love Again

August 23rd  
PG-13, 1 hr 44 min

A romantic comedy about finding love where you least expect it. Featuring new songs by Celine Dion.



## On a Wing and a Prayer

August 30th  
PG, 1 hr 42 min

In this true story, follow passenger Doug White's journey to safely land a plane and save his entire family from danger.





# 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) .....	9/5, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5
Conservation 7:00 (TH).....	9/6, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6
Board of Education 7:00 (AS) .....	8/28, 9/11, 9/25, 10/10, 10/23, 11/13
	<i>*Second Meeting of the Month As Needed*</i>
Economic Development 5:30 (TH) .....	8/28, 9/25, 10/23, 11/27, 12/18
Town and School Building Committee 7:30 (TH) .....	As Needed
Board of Finance 7:00.....	8/15, 9/19, 10/17, 11/14, 12/19
Parks & Recreation 7:00 (EGF) .....	9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7
Planning & Zoning 7:00 (TH).....	9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12
Board of Selectmen 6:30 (TH) .....	8/23, 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/21, 12/13, 12/27
Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 (TH) .....	8/24, 9/28, 10/26, 11/16, 12/28
Youth Services Commission 6:30 (EGF) .....	8/21, 9/18, 10/16, 11/20, 12/18

**The above meeting dates and times are subject to change.**

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

**Guidelines for Submitting Articles**

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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