Let's Talk Turkey

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Happy Veterans Day & Happy Thanksgiving!



Thank you to the brave men and women in our community who have served our country with courage and commitment. Your sacrifices, strength, and unwavering love for this country inspires us all.

I would also like to wish all of East Granby a Happy Thanksgiving Day with your friends and family!

State & National Elections: Elections were held on Tuesday, November 5th. Thank you to those who exercised your right to vote. Congratulations to all of the winners.

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

Power Outages, Town Emergency Shelter, and Emergency Numbers: The East Granby Senior/Community Center is the Town's Emergency Shelter. The Emergency Shelter has food, water, charging stations, and information. If you are in need of the shelter services, please reach out to Emergency Services Director Ken Beliveau by calling (860) 653-3434 or email kennethb@egtownhall.com and arrangements will be made. Please call the Selectmen's Office at (860) 653-3434 if you rely on electricity for life-saving equipment such as oxygen. We maintain a confidential list for emergency personnel to use in the event of a power outage. Important numbers to remember are 911 for emergencies, (860) 653-5385 for non-emergency police matters, and 211 for information regarding what is available for emergency support statewide.

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

The Future of East Granby is Bright! Join us in welcoming all our recently opened new and expanded businesses in town. Small businesses provide opportunities for entrepreneurs, create meaningful jobs, and help to foster local economies. Feel free to visit eastgranbyct.org and sign up to be kept up to date on town meetings and local happenings. Many of East Granby's organizations are run by volunteers. Please consider joining one of a wide variety of groups in town looking for members. We would love to have you!

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season with your friends and family! We will see you in January 2024!

Eden Wimpfheimer, First Selectwoman

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News From the Registrars

We would like to extend our appreciation to all of the poll workers and Town employees who supported the registrars in our early voting and Election Day events. Thank you to everyone who had to reschedule activities due to the early voting "take over" of the Senior/Community Center. We could not have pulled off such a seamless and successful election event without the support of such a reliable, supportive, and dedicated group. Also thank you to the electors who stood by patiently as we worked out some of the kinks in the new system.



Are you registered to vote?

To check your voter status, update your information, or register as a new voter in town, go to VoterRegistration.CT.gov or scan the QR code at right. If you need assistance, the Registrar's Office is open Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the East Granby Senior/Community Center or you may contact us at (860) 653-0097 or email registrars@egtownhall.com.

What does our annual canvass accomplish?

After a busy election year, we will begin a process of cleaning up the voter rolls. Although we attempt to keep up with this all year, if a voter moves and does not give us permission to remove them, we cannot do anything.

During our annual canvass we send notices to all that we receive evidence of a new residence or that have not voted in four years. We include a return letter and self-addressed stamped envelope. If a voter responds we can take them off our list or in some cases, they confirm that they are still at their currently listed residence.

If you receive a letter from the Registrars of Voters between January and May, please respond to it if it was addressed to you. If it is addressed to someone other than a resident, please allow the post office to return it to us. A returned envelope will allow us to remove the voter if they have moved and failed to provide a forwarding address.

Interested in working as a Registrar of Voters or working at the polls?

We are looking for a registered Republican to work as a Deputy Registrar. Hours will be very flexible, typically one day a month on a Tuesday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM or to cover for the Registrar's absence with additional hours as needed to cover election events throughout the year. Contact Michele in the Registrar's Office for additional information at (860) 653-0097 x2.



Poll workers are always needed for election events including early voting. Contact the Registrar's Office for more information. This is a paid position. Training is provided.



Cookies-By-The-Pound Annual Sale

Saturday, December 14th
9:00 am - 11:30 am

(Snow Date Sunday, December 15th, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

East Granby Congregational Church will hold its Annual Cookies-by-the-Pound Sale on Saturday, December 14th from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. This is an event not to miss!

Supplement your own cookie supply with some of our wide variety of homemade cookies for your holidays.

Let us do the baking for you!

East Granby Social Services

East Granby Social Services is located in the East Granby 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 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.

Emergency Assistance Fund: The East Granby Emergency Assistance Fund is available to 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. We need your help to support this fund now more than ever. 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: The CT Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) 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. East Granby Social Services is taking applications for the CT Energy Assistance Program through the end of May. Applications can also be made online at https://portal.ct.gov/heatinghelp/applyonline. Contact Social Services for more information on income limits and requirements or visit the State of Connecticut website at www.ct.gov and search "CEAP."



Eversource: An electric bill discount is now available to you if you have a financial hardship status on your electric account. Based on your household income or receipt of a public assistance benefit, you may be eligible for a 10% or 50% discount on your electric bill per month. Visit www.eversource.com/billhelp for more information on the electric discount and to see if you qualify.

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 for transportation to the pantry. If you are in need of food, please call Social Services at (860) 413-3328 or email elisec@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.



Holiday Gift Program: Social Services is preparing for the Annual Holiday Gift Giving Program**.** Each year, the community comes together to help make the holidays special for families who are facing financial hardship. Social Services is seeking local families, individuals, businesses, and other groups who are interested in sponsoring an East Granby child or family by fulfilling gifts on their wish lists. Donor registration forms can be found on the Social Services page on the Town website at www.eastgranbyct.org. For more information call or email Social Services!



Medicare Savings Program: The State of Connecticut offers financial assistance to eligible Medicare enrollees through the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP). These programs may help pay Medicare Part B premiums, deductibles, and co-insurance. There are three levels of MSP. Your gross income or combined gross income with your spouse determines the category for which you qualify. The monthly income limits, effective March 1, 2024, are $3,088 for an individual and $4,191.00 for a couple. If you qualify for one of the three Medicare Savings Programs (depending on your income), DSS will pay your Medicare Part B premium each month. In addition, some enrollees will be covered for Medicare deductibles and co-insurance. More information about the programs along with the printable and online application can be found at CT.gov by searching "Medicare Savings Program."

Operation Fuel: Operation Fuel offers emergency energy assistance to households who fall outside the CT Energy Assistance guidelines or have exhausted their CT Energy Assistance grant. Applications can be completed through the Operation Fuel website at https://operationfuel.org/gethelp/.

Commission on Aging News

We have had a very busy month serving the East Granby community and our seniors. We started with a booth on September 27th at the Farmers Market where many people visited and learned of the many events we have coming up. We even gained a new member to the Commission!

On October 1st we celebrated Bea Adams and her bequest to the Commission on Aging by a ribbon cutting and dedication of the new pavilion which we built with those monies. It was celebrated with refreshments by many townspeople and friends of Bea Adams. The ceremony was recorded and is on the Town website under the Commission on Aging for your review. Thank you all for attending. Please send any pictures you may have taken to Kelly Jacobs so they too can be put on our website. Stop by the pavilion, check out the dedication plaque, and say thanks to Bea.



On October 7th we held our annual Wellness Fair from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. The purpose of the Wellness Fair is to provide access to many resources needed for families, caregivers, and seniors for caring for our beloved aging town members. We had 27 vendors in attendance, 77 at-door registrations of mostly East Granby residents (and a few who chose not to register), and 50 people who participated in obtaining flu shots from the Farmington Valley Visiting Nurse Association. There were 22

people winning the vendor raffle prizes and three winners of COA special participation raffles of monetary gift cards. The vendor brochure can be picked up at the lobby of the East Granby Senior/Community Center and will provide a quick reference for needed services.

On October 19th, the Fall East Granby Cares Day occurred once again. This is such a wonderful program where high school Civics class students participate in providing service to seniors of our town through various tasks. Raking, weeding, winterizing furniture, painting, and other tasks are completed by students who volunteer to participate and receive community service hours needed for graduation. We had 20 students who served the needs of 10 town seniors. This program is now offered in both fall and spring and is such a great help to our town seniors. Look for the announcement for our Spring East Granby Cares Day to sign up your senior loved one.

November 1st was set for a Tech with Teens Day for our town seniors to explore and resolve issues they may have with the use of phones, computers, email, software applications. High school students were scheduled to provide one-on-one assistance and answer any questions on technology. It was scheduled in conjunction with a teacher's in-service day so the students would be off from school. Our Library opened its doors one hour earlier and provided their computers for this program. Unfortunately, we had the students ready to serve but didn't have the senior registrations due to conflicting town trips and scheduling. If this event is of interest, please let Kelly Jacobs know and we will make another attempt in the spring.

The Sunshine Fund on behalf of Rich Galluccio provides pick me ups to town members going through a rough time or needing assistance in some way. The Sunshine Fund also accepts donations to support these wonderful and thoughtful gifts to those in need. Over a dozen people have been acknowledged and/or assisted in just a few months. Please consider sending a contribution to "Rich Galluccio's Sunshine Fund," c/o Windsor Federal Bank, 21 Hartford Avenue, Granby, CT 06035. Requests for "Sunshine" can be made to Elise Cosker.

Early in 2025 we will be offering a new program on Financial and Technical Awareness to help our community avoid scammers who try to get money or confidential information from you. Watch for further details and announcements. Also in 2025, we are working on having a program on Legal Issues for Seniors as well. More information to come as this program is developed.

The members of the Commission on Aging are to be commended for their participation in making all of these events for our seniors possible. Thank you, Commission members! Should you or your senior need assistance with anything, please reach out to Kelly Jacobs who will relay it to our Commission. Our members are here to help in any way we can. Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays to you and yours!

East Granby Historical Society

Fife and Drum Program: James M. Clark, author of "Connecticut's Fife and Drum Tradition" (Wesleyan University Press, 2011) will be presenting a program on the New England tradition of fife and drum corps on Sunday, November 24th at 2:00 PM at the East Granby Senior/Community Center. Members of the Connecticut Valley Field Music will provide numerous musical examples, offering an array of musical Americana.



Fifes and drums arrived in New England with the first English colonists in the 17th century, originally serving the function of town criers and as an adjunct to local militias. By the late nineteenth century, the New England fife and drum corps had become valued local social and musical organizations, harkening back in their uniforms and their music to the earliest days of our republic. Today this tradition continues with a number of groups forming a community of musicians seeking to keep alive this old American tradition.

The Connecticut Valley Field Music group regularly performs at Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veteran's Day celebrations in addition to other civic events, as well as a circuit of fife and drum musters. Members of the Connecticut Valley Field Music act as musical instructors for Granby's youth group, The Marquis of Granby Jr. Ancient Fyfe and Drum Corps and we hope some members of that group join us at this program. This program is free and open to the public. Come and enjoy!

No Cost Fundraising for Allgrove/Seymour 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 Congregational Church

Rev. Dr. Sandra Fischer

Dear community members, I am excited to share with you the wonderful news from East Granby Congregational Church. It is with great pride that we announce that EGCC is now an Open and Affirming congregation. This milestone is the culmination of a year of self-reflection, growth, and development. We have had the opportunity to learn from informative speakers Elliot Altomare, Rev. Marily Kendrix, Candace Low, Rev. Denny Moon, and Rev. Marilyn Sponzo. Their wisdom and insights have been invaluable to our journey.

What does it mean to be an Open and Affirming church? For EGCC, it means that we celebrate everyone as beloved children of God, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances; physical, cognitive and emotional abilities; levels of education, and spiritual traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, sacraments, ministry, and mission of this church as we seek to grow together as followers of Jesus in a safe and nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!"

As we move forward, we will continue learning and growing together as a community. We embrace this significant step with open hearts and a commitment to inclusivity, love, and acceptance for all. If you are looking for a Christian congregation to call your spiritual home, please join us for Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM in person at 9 Rainbow Road (Route 20) or live-streamed online on our website: egchurch.org.

Capitol Update

Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61st District



Thank you to everyone who voted in the recent election, who took the time to learn about the issues, the candidates, and cast a ballot. Voting is a privilege and each of you has a hand in shaping our community, our state, and our country.

Despite so much focus being placed on the very top of the ticket with this year's Presidential election, I believe the most important choices—the ones that truly impact you on a daily basis—are made on the local and state level. One of those state level initiatives this past year has involved early voting. By most accounts the 14 days of early voting this fall was a great success in terms of turnout, although there were some problems in a few municipalities.

Now that the election and ballot counting is over, I will be interested in seeing a comprehensive analysis and breakdown of the process to learn what truly worked well and what needs refinement. One of my concerns when early voting was brought to a vote in the House was the significant costs that towns and cities would incur. While state law implements and dictates the procedures, state government does not compensate municipalities for any of the costs, polling staff, or workers. We need to examine data from this past year to possibly adjust polling days, particularly for primaries, or find a way to lessen the serious budget impact on smaller towns and their taxpayers.

Over the past months I have been gathering information about potential legislation for the upcoming "long" session of the General Assembly that starts in early January and ends in June. Several of these ideas are the result of discussions with constituents, and I value the opportunity to propose bills that solve problems or positively impact our district. One of the challenges this session will be to develop a two-year budget for the next fiscal cycle, especially now that the last of the federal ARPA funds are fully committed and there will be resulting budget gaps to address.

If you have any ideas for legislation or need assistance with state matters, you can email me at Tami.Zawistowski@housegop.ct.gov, or phone at 800-842-1423, or (860) 240-8700. You can also sign up for my email newsletter at www.RepZawistowski.com and follow my social media on Facebook @RepZawistowski and Instagram @RepZawistowski for the latest news and updates from the Capitol and our district. I would like to wish you, your family, and your friends a Happy Thanksgiving and the very best for Christmas, Hanukkah, and the New Year!

EAST GRANBY FARMERS' MARKET

Showcasing local farmers & artisans

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support during this summer's farmer's market! Your enthusiasm for local produce, handmade goods, and community connection truly made this season special ~ looking forward to another success next year.

The East Granby Farmers' Market is an amazing example of the ***power of community***.

Let's continue to ***SUPPORT LOCAL!!***

Let's Root for Each Other!

Email: eastgranbyfarmersmarket@gmail.com

Facebook: East Granby Farmers' Market ***Instagram***: bela_egfm

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER FRIDAYS 3:30–6:30

THANK YOU TO OUR MARKET SPONSORS!

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Northern Connecticut Veterans Association

Upcoming activities:

Next Meeting and Social Gathering
Tuesday, November 26th, 7pm at Gios Pizzeria
all veterans are welcome
We will hear about the history of the Marine Corps Toys 4 Tots fundraiser

There are a few small pavers that can be engraved in the veteran's walkway by the flagpole at the center of town. If interested, please contact Paul Oliva at poliva@aol.com

Pancake Breakfast, Tots 4 Tots fundraiser
Saturday, November 30th from 8am to 11am, Mary Ellen Brown Community Center
Please bring a new unwrapped toy for admittance
All are welcome!

Thank you to the East Granby Schools for their Veterans Day Program
And thank you to all who participated in and supported the drive-by parade for Seymour and Allgrove Schools and the Middle and High School program

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that brings community awareness of veterans in East Granby and the surrounding towns
- A veteran support group
- Engage students in local schools on Veterans Day, making presentations and participating in a motorcade parade
- Help veterans with their Veteran Administration benefits and medical appointments
- Scholarship Fund honoring an East Granby graduating senior
- A body with elected Officers and a Board of Directors

All veterans are welcome to join us
Want to know more? Email us at NorthCTVeterans@gmail.com





NORTHERN CT VETS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

When: Saturday, November 30, 2024

Time: 0800 – 1100

Where: East Granby Community Center

Admission: 1 New, Unwrapped Toy

Supporting United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Campaign

Open to Everyone



Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy

Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy, formerly East Granby Land Trust, is a regional land conservancy comprising Bloomfield, East Granby and West Hartford. Our mission is to protect open space and promote public appreciation of the natural environment across the region, protecting lands from the ridge to the rivers.

Big News!

The town of Windsor will be the newest addition to the Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy region. Windsor Land Trust is officially joining TRLC, increasing our member towns from 3 to 4 and expanding our reach from the traprock ridge to the Connecticut River. We welcome Windsor Land Trust's valuable experience and shared commitment to the conservation cause. And we look forward to working with the people of Windsor to keep striving for protection of our green spaces that provide so much character to our region.

Upcoming Events:

Nature Lecture Series 2025

January 8, 2025 6:30 p.m.
Protecting our Hemlock Trees
By Dr. Carole Cheah, Research Entomologist at CT Agricultural Experiment Station
Location: Via zoom, sign up at www.trlandconservancy.org/events

Dr. Cheah will give an overview of hemlock woolly adelgid and Connecticut's use of the biocontrol agent Sasajiscymnus tsugae to help manage HWA to preserve and protect our hemlocks.

February 5, 2025 6:30 p.m.
Bloomfield's Golf Course as a Public Asset
The Nature of Wintonbury Hills GC
By Bradley Klein & Dennis Petruzzelli, CGCS
Location: Via zoom, sign up at www.trlandconservancy.org/events

This PowerPoint presentation shows how the 200 acres of the town's golf course are an ecologically sustainable natural asset in terms of open space, habitat and plant diversity. Widespread benefits accrue to all town residents, regardless of whether they play golf. Bradley S. Klein is a longtime town resident and nationally recognized golf course journalist and consultant who has written a dozen books on golf design. He is also chair of the town's Golf Committee. Dennis Petruzzelli is a veteran golf superintendent and director of maintenance for Wintonbury Hills GC.

March 5, 2025 6:30 p.m.
The Dark Side of Light
Light Pollution and Its Effects on Birds, Wildlife, and Human Health
By Margery Winters, Assistant Director at Roaring Brook Nature Center
Location: Via zoom, sign up at www.trlandconservancy.org/events

A growing body of research suggests that the glow of uncontrolled outdoor lighting is having profound ecological impacts on migrating birds and other nocturnal wildlife. It is also affecting our own health. Learn how you can reduce light pollution around your home and help provide migrating birds safe passage between their spring nesting and wintering grounds. Margery is a long-time nature instructor at Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton where she is delighted to share her passion for earth sciences and nature with students of all ages. Margery currently serves as chair of the Simsbury Conservation Commission, is a member of the Simsbury Open Space Committee, and is president of the Simsbury Land Trust.

Sign up for our upcoming events and donate at www.trlandconservancy.org.

EAST GRANBY
GREATER TOGETHER COMMUNITY FUND
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We Need Your Help!

The East Granby Greater Together Community Fund is in need of volunteers for our Advisory Committee. The group was created in 2020 and has awarded over $100K in funds from the Hartford Foundation to eligible parties for the benefit of East Granby and its residents. If you would like more information, please email eastgranbygreatertogether@gmail.com or visit our East Granby Greater Together Community Fund Facebook page.



EGCCNS Preschool

...gentle learning through play



9 Rainbow Road, East Granby, CT 06026 ♥ egccns9@gmail.com ♥ (860 653-3913)



What's the latest at our preschool?



At EGCCNS Preschool, located at the back of East Granby Congregational Church, we focus our half-day classes on what's best for 3, 4, & 5-year-olds: learning through play, with an emphasis on social-emotional skills, in a beautiful classroom full of love.

Preschool-age children *need* to have regular, independent play with other children. In a loving environment away from home, our preschoolers navigate new skills, including:

- Sitting down and listening to a story
- Following simple directions and routines
- Sharing toys and resources
- Waiting their turn
- Being a kind friend

Becoming proficient at social-emotional interactions boosts preschoolers' confidence, and sets the stage for academic learning. Story time, music, movement and dance, art, exposure to foreign languages and diverse cultures, and learning about science and nature help our students grow in creativity, self-regulation, empathy, fine and gross motor control, and love of learning - all while having fun!

Want to know more? Visit our website at https://egccns9.wixsite.com/egccns-preschool, and email us at egccns9@gmail.com if you'd like to come see our classroom. We'd love to show you around!

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



Women's Club of East Granby
Presents

WINTER WONDERLAND

Children from 0 to 12 are invited to come see Santa, make crafts, enjoy snacks and receive a gift.
$15/child ($7.50/child for 3rd + child)

Register by Sunday, November 24 using the QR code to the right or at www.womensclubeg.org and click on Winter Wonderland.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14
Inclement weather date, 12/21

From 10 AM To 12:30 PM

EG COMMUNITY CENTER

We don't want any child to miss out. If you would like help with the cost of registration, please contact Elise Cosker at Social Services (elisec@egtownhall.com)

HOLIDAY MUSIC & CHEER!

Saturday, December 7th
10:30am - 11:30am
East Granby Public Library
Senior Citizens and Children Ages 3-9 years

Calling all seniors and young children.....Do you believe that MUSIC can be magical? Music can be ageless and connect us all! Come join us for intergenerational Music & Cheer! We will sing fun holiday songs, move a little, and decorate a cookie.

This intergenerational music class for seniors and children will start the season with holiday songs, lots of laughter and liveliness to brighten up everybody's day. Making music connects people in ways that few other activities can. Led by musician and teacher, Sandra Vick.

Invite your grandparents, neighbors, and friends and let's spread some cheer!

Register at:
www.egpl.org or
call (860) 653-3002



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www.eastgranbyrec.com

Late Fall 2024 Program Guide

Please scan the QR Code above or go to EastGranbyRec.com *for more information and to register for any of the programs listed in this booklet. We offer a wide range of programs, activities, and events for members of our community from ages 0-99 and are adding new things all the time, so check back often! Payment plans are now available, if needed. Please call the Parks & Recreation Office to discuss options: (860) 653-7660.*

Adult Activities

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. **Monday & Thursday evenings - see EastGranbyRec.com for the complete schedule incl. dates & class locations**

Adult Drop-In Basketball



This drop-in program is for anyone over the age of eighteen. Different teams are made weekly, and the number of participants is limited to twenty. We encourage you to register in advance. **Wednesdays, 10/2 – 12/4**
7:00 - 9:00 pm | New Gym at EG High School

Adult Tap Dance (Ages 16+)

Tap dance is an excellent workout that allows for creative expression and utilizes rhythm, syncopation, and sound in addition to movement. Tap dance sharpens reflexes and improves memory skills and coordination. **The next session begins in January**

Paint Night with Create & Paint Fun



Grab your friends and join us to create your own masterpiece using acrylic paints. You will leave with an 11x14 canvas snowman painting to help get you in the spirit of the holidays and winter!! All materials are included.
Friday, 12/13 | 6-8 pm | Cost: $45/person

Preschool Activities

Toddler – Preschool Playgroup

An opportunity for caregivers and their little ones to bond, learn and play together while connecting with other families. **Mondays, 9:30-10:30 am**
East Granby Farms Recreation Building

Youth Sports & Activities

Youth Basketball for Grades K – 8



Recreation basketball focuses on having fun while learning the fundamentals of basketball, developing individual skills, good sportsmanship, and team spirit.

Kindergarten Mini Hoops: 1 hr on Saturdays
Registration Deadline December 13, 2024

Grades 1 – 2: 1 practice & 1 practice/mini-game per week. Registration Deadline: December 13, 2024

Grades 3 – 8: 2 practices & 1 game per week.
Registration Deadline November 17, 2024

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

Recreational Dance Program

Classes for ages 2+, including Tap & Ballet, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Tumbling, Musical Theater, and Acro. Registration for the **Winter Session** starts soon. Classes **begin in early January 2025**

Introduction to Horseback Riding

Looking for an opportunity for your child to learn to ride, or improve their current riding skills? Join the riding instructors at End of Hunt Equestrian Center, in Suffield, for this introductory set of lessons for youth ages 3 years - 17 years. **Winter Session: Tuesdays, Jan. 7 – 21, 2025 | 4:30 – 5:30 pm**

Taylor Swift Dance & Sing Workshop

Swifties in Grades 4-8, join us for a high-energy, fun-filled session where you'll learn the choreography and vocals to one of Taylor Swift's hit songs. Learn the iconic dance moves, step by step, with guidance from our experienced choreographer. Then, we'll break down the vocals, allowing you to harmonize, hit the right notes and confidently sing along while dancing. **Friday, November 22, 6:00 – 8:00 pm | Cost: $35**

Celebrate the Holidays w/EGPR!

Festive Holiday Light Trail 2024

Decorate your home for the Holidays, then sign up via the GOOGLE FORM below to put your address on the Festive Trail of Lights map! East Granby Parks & Rec will create a driving route to help families find Holiday light displays throughout town. The map will be available on our website, and on our Facebook and Instagram beginning on Fri., 12/13.
Register your address by Wednesday, Dec. 11th to be included: bit.ly/EGLightTrail24

Shine a Light on Community Essay Contest

This contest is open to **all students in grades K-5** who reside in East Granby. Students must write their own individual essay on "**What my community means to me**". The essay should be approximately 100 words in length. It can be typed or handwritten; an adult may assist, if necessary. Please be sure the author includes their name, age/grade, and best contact information for their parent or guardian. Entries can be submitted via email at eastgranbyrecreation@gmail.com, or dropped in the white mailbox outside the Parks & Rec Office at 79 North Main Street. **All entries MUST be received by 11:59 pm, Sunday, December 1, 2024.**

The winner will have the honor of turning the lights on during the Town Tree Lighting, so they must be available to attend the event on 12/6 (rain date 12/7).

East Granby Farms Playscape

East Granby Parks & Recreation is excited to announce our plans to replace the wooden tractor play structure at East Granby Farms. This has been a cherished spot for families and kids for many years, but unfortunately, it's showing its age, and the time has come for it to be removed.

Plans for the new space include a modern play structure for children ages 2 to 12, featuring accessible elements and inclusive swings to ensure that children and adults of all abilities can enjoy it.



Due to budget constraints, the Town of East Granby is unable to fund this much needed project on its own. The East Granby Parks & Recreation Commission has launched a fundraising campaign, beginning with local businesses. If you own a business and would like information on sponsorship opportunities, please reach out to Alicia Van Neil, Director of Parks & Recreation: aliciav@egtownhall.com.

We will be launching a crowdfunding campaign for residents in the coming weeks. It is our goal to acquire all necessary funding by the end of 2024, and plan for Spring 2025 installation. *Every donation, big or small, brings us closer to turning this vision into a reality! We look forward to doing this TOGETHER!*

Thank you to the following businesses, who have donated at the time of this writing.
Community Supporters ($250): Signs Plus, Caldwell's Excavating & Grating, F & L Construction, LTD, SNE Building Systems, Inc. COPART, Simtech, Inc., AdEmrbroidery/ Graphic Inc., Express Software Production, New England Fleet Services
Joy Builders ($500): Fish Enterprises, Berkshire Hathaway, Newgate Builders, Inc.
Imagination Leader ($1,000): R&R Power Equip.

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14TH ANNUAL JACKY WELSH



Holiday Tree Lighting

CAROLING & MEMORIAL LUMINARIES



Friday, December 6, 2024, 6:00 pm

Rain Date - Saturday, December 7th

East Granby Town Campus - Center Street

- The annual tree lighting ceremony honors the memory of Jacky Welsh, a beloved young woman from East Granby who cherished the spirit of community. Join us as we **take a break from the hustle and bustle of the season** to come together in remembrance, celebration, and appreciation of our wonderful town.
- Join us on the lawn of Town Hall, where the **Marquis of Granby Jr. Ancient Fyfe and Drum Corps** and the **East Granby High School Chorus** will lead us all in traditional holiday songs. The winner of our ***Shine a Light on Community* Essay Contest** will switch on the tree lights, then we will enjoy **free cookies, hot cocoa, and festive holiday activities!** *(see essay contest details on the previous page).*
- We invite you to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to the **CT State Police and EG Resident Troopers' "Stuff-the-Cruiser" annual toy drive,** benefiting local domestic violence shelters. If you cannot attend, a collection bin will be available at the Resident Troopers' Office starting Nov. 18.
- For the third consecutive year, we will light up the town campus with luminaries in memory of loved ones who have passed. **Luminaries can be purchased** online at EastGranbyRec.com or in person at the First Selectwoman's Office during regular business hours. You can also buy luminaries at Town Hall on Saturday, Nov. 30, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and Thursday, Dec. 5, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. For questions, please contact Nicole: (860) 413-3301. **Memorial luminaries are $5 each, or five for $20.**

Memorial Luminary Order Form

If you prefer to mail your payment for memorial luminaries, please detach the bottom portion of this page, complete the order form details, and send it along with a check made out to *East Granby Parks & Recreation*. (Please note "Memorial Luminaries" in the memo portion of the check).
mail to Attn: Nicole Sokolowski, First Selectwoman's Office, 9 Center Street, East Granby, CT 06026



Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Number of Luminaries: _____ Payment Amount Enclosed: $_____

What would you like inscribed on each luminary? *Please list each luminary individually and write as legibly as possible. Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.*

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East Granby Youth Services

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Phone: 860-653-7800 | Website: www.eastgranbyct.org/youth-services-bureau

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★**East Granby Youth Services Bureau (YSB)**: Plans, evaluates, coordinates, and implements a range of resources and opportunities to support children, youth, and their families in East Granby. Our mission is to deliver 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 (CYS)**: 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. Meetings are held every 3rd Monday of the month and are open to the public. ***We are currently seeking individuals to fill upcoming board vacancies, including a position for a member of law enforcement. For more information, please contact the Youth Services Office.***

★**Counseling Services:** If your child or family needs counseling services, please contact the Youth Services Office. We would be happy to provide you with a referral to outside therapists who specialize in emotional, behavioral, and mental health issues and accept your insurance.

★**Juvenile Review Board (JRB):** 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. https://eastgranbyct.org/juvenile-review-board/. ***We are currently seeking new JRB members. Please contact the Youth Services Office for more information.***

★**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.

YAC Updates



Team Building Retreat: The East Granby Youth Services Middle School and High School Youth Action Council groups started off the year with an all-day Team Building Retreat at Winding Trails, Inc. in Farmington. There they participated in outdoor challenges including cooperative games, group problem solving initiatives, and low and high ropes courses.

Mentorship: The Middle and High School YAC Mentorship groups will be visiting the 3rd graders at R.D. Seymour School this month. They will spend time with the students throughout the year, working in small groups, and leading discussions about peer interactions and conflict resolution, coping strategies to deal with stress and anxiety, and much more. Plans to meet with the 4th and 5th graders are in the works!

Upcoming Events from the EG Youth Services Youth Action Councils





Letters to Santa: Send your Holiday Wish List to Santa! The High School Youth Action Council (YAC) will help deliver your letter to St. Nick and his team of elves will write back before Christmas. **Between November 27 - December 14,** Letters to Santa Mailboxes will be located at: The East Granby Public Library and East Granby Town Hall. They will also be accepted at the Tree Lighting on December 6, and at Winter Wonderland and the Recycle-a-Gift Shop on December 14.



Recycle-a-Gift: This December, the High School Youth Action Council will be hosting their annual Recycle-a-Gift event! This is the perfect opportunity to pass along that item that you received for your birthday/ last Holiday Season, that you never opened and have been feeling guilty about.

Donate: Donations will be accepted from November 27 - December 12, 2024. *Please remember that all donations must be in gift-able condition.* Donation Collection Bins will be in various locations including East Granby High School, East Granby Middle School, East Granby Public Library, East Granby Town Hall and on the back porch of the Sears Building at East Granby Farms.

Shop: On December 14, 2024, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm, children can come to the East Granby Town Hall and "shop" for family members. Our High School YAC members will assist each child with picking out the perfect gift for everyone on their list and wrap the packages for them. (Everything is free of charge.) Parents and guardians get to relax and wait outside the room so they will be surprised when they open their gift!

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EAST GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Igniting Sparks with AI

Recently, faculty and administrators in East Granby were treated to some excellent professional development about the changing world that is artificial intelligence (AI). One of the guest speakers, Matt Mervis of EdAdvance and Skills21.org talked about the incredible technology that is AI. Matt shared the famous quote made by Google's CEO Sundar Pichai when he was discussing AI on the television show 60 Minutes. When asked what AI is comparable to in the course of human civilization, Pichai replied, "I have always thought of AI…as more profound than fire or electricity or anything we've done in the past."[1] (The video clip is available on YouTube***: 60 Minutes*** show, "Google CEO: AI impact…") Pichai went on to explain that "this technology will be far more capable than anything we've ever seen before."

Indeed, the rapidity with which AI has developed in the past few years is phenomenal. Artificial intelligence platforms, programs, and devices have been with us for years. Spell Checker? Speech to Text? The Roomba vacuuming your floor? Those are all examples of AI. However, did you know the term was coined by a Stanford professor almost seventy years ago? Back in 1955, John McCathy defined AI as "the science and engineering of making intelligent machines" and is considered the father of artificial intelligence for the work he did.[2]

The January after ChatGPT was released in November of 2022, I attended an educational technology conference, where the keynote speaker put in a prompt asking it to write a poem of 20-30 lines in the style of Dr. Seuss about technology conference attendees who were excited to learn about the new developments in AI. He then added, "and make it be able to be sung using [a particular tune]. In less than a minute, a fully-formed, rhyming poem about the attendees was displayed on the giant screen, which we then sang.

Now, though, ChatGPT is joined by hundreds of other AI platforms, many with varying degrees of accuracy. Matt Mervis explained to the faculty the drawbacks of how some operate. He asked one to give him ideas on how to make cheese stick to pizza better. The fourth suggestion was to mix an adhesive with the cheese. Another question, "How many rocks shall I eat a day" corrected his grammar with "Did you mean to say how many rocks SHOULD I eat a day?" He said yes. It then told him to eat one small rock daily and provided tips on hiding the rock in ice cream or peanut butter to make it more palatable.

Misinformation, however, is the least of our worries. As Matt Mervis continued his presentation, he shared how disinformation is spread through AI, as well as how it is used to create fake images and deep fake videos. He talked with the teachers about safety, platforms with constraints, and what this means for education and academic integrity. One way to reduce students' overreliance on completing homework with AI is to create assignments considered "durable" or, in other words, not able to be completed using artificial intelligence. On his website, Skills21/AI, Matt has resources and a prompt page that leads teachers through the steps of creating more durable assignments.[3] Secondary teachers had time to explore these educational sites and work on adapting their own learning units, lesson plans, and assignments pertinent to their classrooms.

In two other workshops, Ed Duclos, a technology coach from South Windsor, spent the morning assisting East Granby teachers to explore the uses more deeply, as well as introducing neophytes to

this assistive technology. Faculty members shared how they use it in their personal lives: meal planning, vacation itineraries, and creating exercise plans. When Ed uploaded three articles and had AI turn it into a podcast within minutes, teachers were astounded. They worked in small groups thinking of ways this could help students learn and differentiate instruction. For each segment of this useful workshop, Ed introduced a new site, showed the educators how it helps students learn, and then provided teachers time to explore on their own or with grade-level/department partners. It was an exciting, collaborative, and hands-on session.

For this article, I wanted to give the readers an example of a response obtained through ChatGPT. (You could also try running it through another platform, such as Perplexity or Gemini.) The prompt was, "Please write a paragraph on how AI can help busy families save time and increase togetherness. List the top five ways."

Here is the AI-generated response, which was returned in mere seconds: "*AI can significantly help busy families save time and enhance togetherness by streamlining everyday tasks and improving communication. First, AI-powered virtual assistants can manage schedules, sending reminders for important events and helping families coordinate their activities seamlessly. Second, meal planning apps can suggest recipes based on dietary preferences and generate shopping lists, making dinner preparation quicker and easier. Third, AI can automate household chores through smart home devices, allowing families to spend less time on cleaning and more time enjoying each other's company. Fourth, AI-driven educational tools can support children's learning at home, freeing up parents' time while fostering family engagement in educational activities. Finally, AI can enhance family communication with tools that help organize group chats and share important updates, ensuring everyone stays connected and involved. Together, these solutions can create more opportunities for families to bond and enjoy quality time together."* What do you think? Is there any advice you could use to help your family?

What can parents do to keep their children safe with AI? One of the main strategies is to have open and honest communication, explaining the dangers and ramifications of using AI. Most platforms are not privacy-compliant for children, and therefore not allowed for school use. Talk to your child about how most platforms do not have safety nets for young people and why this is needed. Additionally, you'll want to discuss the implications of academic integrity and why it is important not to take shortcuts in their learning as they move toward adulthood. This technology will continue to evolve and impact future generations in ways we might not even imagine. As we navigate this new technology, schools and parents will need to work together, staying focused on student safety and training.

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EAST GRANBY SENIOR CENTER

DIAL-A-RIDE ON THE MINI BUS

❶ Grocery, Pharmacy & Banking every Wednesday

❷ Doctor, Dentist, Hairdresser & Personal Care Appointments every Tuesday and Thursday 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.

CHOICES: CALL 1-800-994-9422 for assistance with Medicare, Medigap and Medicare Part-D applications.
ELDER JUSTICE HOTLINE – Call (860) 808-5555 if you have been the victim of a scam, neglected, exploited or abused.

GET FIT EXERCISE CLASS

Mondays and Wednesdays 10:00 AM-11:00 AM at the Senior Center—$4.00 drop in cost. Improve fitness, balance, strength, flexibility, range of motion, and posture. This ALL LEVELS class uses hand weights, exercise bands, and loops done in or next to a chair for safety.

TAI CHI & QIGONG

Tuesdays 2:00 pm- 3:00pm at the Senior Center—$8.00 drop in cost. Tai Chi is a low-impact, slow motion exercise with many health benefits. It's for people of all fitness levels and improves muscle strength, flexibility, and balance, and it is also relieves stress. Qigong is a 7,000-year-old Chinese healing system that uses specific breathing techniques, postures, and movement. Together, Tai Chi and Qigong will help you center your body, mind, and spirit, while helping you to develop flexibility, balance, and strength. No class 12/24

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 appt. Cost $40

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~DECEMBER 2ND, JANUARY 6TH, FEBRUARY 3RD 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.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP

Second Monday of each month 2:00-3:00pm at Duncaster 4th floor, 30 Loeffler Rd., Bloomfield, You will have a chance to give/receive support to/from those who have Parkinson's, their families, and their caregivers. This is a great way to learn about the latest research, get practical information and education about Parkinson's and find emotional support. Call Karen (860) 380-5024 for more information.

SHOPPING TRIPS

- **NOVEMBER 18TH , DECEMBER 16TH, JANUARY 13TH , FEBRUARY 10TH – WALMART**
- **NOVEMBER 25TH, DECEMBER 23RD, JANUARY 27TH, FEBRUARY 24TH – BIG Y/OCEAN STATE/DOLLAR STORE**
- **DECEMBER 3RD – PRICE CHOPPER**
- **DECEMBER 9TH – WINDSOR TARGET**
- **FEBRUARY 3RD - ENFIELD**



THURSDAY DECEMBER 5TH —The Travelers Chorale Holiday Concert, –Hartford, CT ~One of our favorite trips of the year! The Travelers Chorale was founded in 1924 and is the oldest company-affiliated, eight-part choral group in America. Please join us for a night of exciting and moving music by the 100-voice chorale with special guests from the Farmington Valley Symphony Orchestra. This 100th Annual Winter Concert will be held in the Mortensen Hall at the Bushnell. **Depart the Senior Center at 6:15pm (for 7:30pm show). There is no charge for this event but please bring a non-perishable food donation to benefit Hartford families in need. Reservation due by November 25th.**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH —Painting Fun– Artist Sandy Poirier will instruct this lesson on how to paint a beautiful winter 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. Perfect to decorate your home for the holidays or as the perfect gift! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. All supplies will be included. **10:00am at the East Granby Senior Center. Cost is $18. Reservation and payment due by November 25th .**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH—Holiday Party— Let's get in the holiday spirit! We will start off with some light appetizers and our traditional holiday punch followed by a delicious lunch of pot roast with all the fixings (vegetarian option available by request) and some sweet treats for dessert. We will enjoy the wonderful music of Pierce Campbell who will delight you with some holiday classics. It's sure to be a fun and festive afternoon! **12:00pm at the East Granby Senior Center. Cost is $20. Reservation and payment due December 2nd.**

FRIDAY JANUARY 10TH– New Year Nutrition—Start the New Year with a fresh approach to healthy eating! Join Amy Woodman, a registered dietitian from Farmington Valley Nutrition and Wellness with years of experience in both clinical and private practice. Amy will share simple, flavorful tips to make your diet healthier and more enjoyable. Discover easy ways to improve your health without giving up the foods you love! **Program begins at 10:00 AM at the East Granby Senior Center. There is no charge for this presentation however, registration is required by January 2nd.**

FRIDAY JANUARY 24TH– Financial Scams—How to Protect Yourself—You won't want to miss this important and educational program presented by People's Bank. Older adults are often the target of financial scams. This may be due to scammers' beliefs about their wealth, their generous nature, or social isolation. Older people are especially vulnerable to online scams. According to the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), roughly $3.4 billion in total fraud losses were reported by Americans over age 60 in 2023, up 11% from 2022. The average loss per case was nearly $34,000! This presentation will give an overview of fraud/scams, Some of the scams that are currently being used and best practices and preventive actions. Empower yourself with the information you need to protect your financial assets and combat financial scams. Light refreshments will be served. **Program begins at 10:00 AM at the East Granby Senior Center. There is no charge for this presentation however, registration is required by January 16th .**

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

East Granby Public Library



GAVEL CLUB



Every 1st and 3rd Thursday
Thru June 5th
5:30pm - 6:30pm
Grades 4th-9th

New members are welcome at anytime! Improve your public speaking and leadership skills. $20 membership fee.

WINTER STORYTIMES

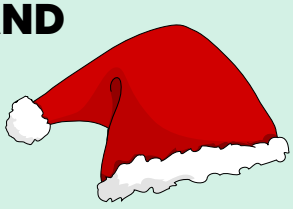


January 8th - March 26th

Little Ones Storytime
Wednesdays at 10:30am
Lap sitting - 3 years with caregiver

Terrific Tales Storytime
Thursdays at 10:30am & 12:30pm
3 - 6 years old with caregiver

FUN WITH SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS!



Monday, December 9th
5pm - 6pm

Join Wonderland Works Company for a magical night filled with stories, songs, and meet & greets.

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

YOGA KIDS



Saturdays:
November 16th and
December 7th
10:30am - 11:15am
Grades 1st-4th

Join yoga instructor Aubrey Schultz for a kid-friendly yoga class. Bring your own mat or borrow one of ours. Register for each class separately.

SECRET AGENTS CLUB - VOLUNTEER CLUB



Grades 7th-12th
Runs thru August 2024

Assist with behind the scenes library tasks that will benefit our community! You only commit to the dates that work for you.

KID NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY



Tuesday, December 31st
11:30am-12:00pm

Join us for stories, crafts, count down, and fun!



East Granby Public Library

(860) 653-3002
www.egpl.org

LUMINARIES ON DOREEN'S NATURE TRAIL



Saturday, November 16th

In honor of our former Director, Doreen Jacius' birthday, our storytrail will be lit from dusk to 8pm. Come walk the trail or use our wind phone in remembrance.

HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE



Tuesday, December 17th
6:00pm
Adult Class

Join us for this flower arrangement class. Cost is $15 per person.

NEEDLE FELTING: SNOWMAN



Thursday, December 12th
6:00pm
Adult Class

Join us for this 3D needle felting class with Angelina Fleury. Cost is $15 per person.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!



Our Juried Art show is around the corner.
Get your artwork submissions ready.
We will be collecting entries the week of January 13th.

Save the date for our opening art gala on Saturday, January 25th from 5pm-7pm.

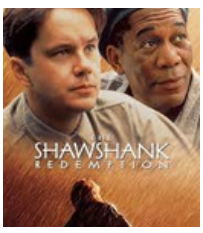


Afternoon at the Movies! Wednesdays at 1pm.

To register, visit www.egpl.org or call (860) 653-3002.

The Shawshank Redemption

November 20th
R, 2 hr 22 min



A banker convicted of killing his wife tries to prove his innocence and remain hopeful.

Love Actually

December 4th
R, 2 hr 10 min



Follows the lives of eight very different couples in dealing with their love lives in various loosely interrelated tales.

White Christmas

December 11th
NR, 2 hr



A successful song-and-dance team become romantically involved with a sister act and team up to save a failing Vermont inn.

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) 12/3, 1/7/2025

Conservation 7:00 (TH).....12/4

Board of Education 7:00 (TH)…….....11/25, 12/9
Second Meeting of the Month as Needed

Economic Development 5:30 (TH).....11/25, 12/23

Town and School Building Committee 7:30 (TH) .....As Needed

Board of Finance 7:00.....11/18, 12/17, 1/21/2025

Parks & Recreation 6:30 (TH).....12/5, 1/9/2025

Planning & Zoning 7:00 (TH).....12/10, 1/14/2025

Board of Selectmen 6:30 (TH) 11/26, 12/11, 1/8/2025, 1/22/2025

Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 (TH) 11/21, 12/19

Youth Services Commission 6:30 (EGF) 11/18, 12/16, 1/27/2025

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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