Let's Talk Turkey

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Memorial Day Parade ★ May 26, 2025 ★ 10:00 AM

Memorial Day is proclaimed to be a day to honor all Americans who died in military service. Please join our community in remembering those who sacrificed their lives to keep us safe and preserve our freedoms at our Annual Memorial Day Parade & Program. Big thanks to the East Granby Lions Club who sponsors the parade and the Connecticut Air National Guard who provides the Honor Guard & Flyover. Parade participants should assemble at 9:30 AM in front of the Elmwood Cemetery on Nicholson Road. The parade will begin at 10:00 AM, proceed down Nicholson Road, cross Route 20 to School Street, and cross Route 187 to the Town Campus where there will be a short memorial service. In case of rain, a ceremony will be held at the Town Hall Meeting Room at 10:00 AM.

The Town Budget Referendum will be held on May 20th from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Senior/Community Center. Please go to www.eastgranbyct.org for information regarding the budget referendum results.

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

East Granby Village Center: The School Street redesign plan is under final review by CRCOG (Capital Regional Council of Governments) and the CT DOT. We have funds set aside in our Five Year Capital Plan to help pay for construction and engineering plan costs when the time arrives. The project is being funded by a $2.875M CRCOG Grant awarded to the Town.

Economic Development: Our long-awaited "Welcome to East Granby" signs are being constructed as I type this newsletter. Thank you again to all the business owners and residents who made this venture possible! We are excited to display the finished product and are planning a special ribbon cutting ceremony for the public.

Members of Economic Development, our East Granby Town Planner, State Representative Tami Zawistowski, and I enjoy making local business tours. If we have not yet stopped by your business, please reach out to me and we will schedule a visit soon!

Visit our Town's website at eastgranbyct.org and click the "Doing Business" link to learn about development information, available properties, demographics, etc. as well as the "Support Local" link.

Hazardous Waste Collection: East Granby provides household hazardous waste collection for residents throughout the Metropolitan District. Our day is October 19th in Windsor Locks at the Public Works Garage, 6 Stanton Road. All residents are welcome to go to any collection spot and date listed on the MDC website from April 27th to October 26th: https://themdc.org/environment-health-safety/household-hazardous-waste-collection/.

Recycling Collection Center (RCC): Current RCC permit stickers expire on June 30th. New stickers will become available to East Granby residents at the RCC facility located at 205 Turkey Hills Road (Route 20) beginning Saturday, June 29th and can be purchased there on any Tuesday or Saturday throughout the month of July. The annual cost is $75 by check or $80 by credit/debit card. A fee for users of bulky waste disposal will be in effect beginning July 1st. Fees will be posted on the Town's website as well as in a mailer to all residents. In affiliation with paintcare.org we now offer a paint shed at the RCC where residents may drop off leftover paint/cans.

Have a wonderful spring & summer!
Eden Wimpfheimer, First Selectwoman

***** Look for updates and insights from me inside each edition of "Let's Talk Turkey!" *****

Correction Notice: The print edition listed the date of the referendum as May 21st. This online version has been edited to reflect the correct date of May 20th.

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Community Updates and Insights from the First Selectwoman

May Edition

A Personal Reflection—Gratitude, Service, and What I Brought Home: I recently returned from a week in Sumpango, Guatemala, where I joined a mission trip with Breaking Cycles, an organization dedicated to breaking the cycles of lack of education, sexual abuse, and alcoholism. Our team worked in some of the poorest villages in the region, where many families live without reliable access to clean water, proper shelter, or basic resources we often take for granted. During our time there, we built concrete living spaces, provided bunk beds for families in need, and we had the opportunity to teach in local schools. The experience was profoundly humbling and deeply moving. As I returned to East Granby, I was reminded of how fortunate we are to live in a community where support, stability, and opportunity are within reach for so many. This journey not only opened my eyes to global need but also renewed my appreciation for the importance of service, compassion and the strength of community—values which matter deeply here at home.

Sewer Update: Our MDC (Metropolitan District Commission) billing, sewer metering system, and flow data accuracy has been a topic of concern for quite some time. Following a recent meeting with MDC, I am pleased to share we are making meaningful progress. We have launched a comprehensive study which will span approximately six months. During this period, we will collect consistent data and report findings back to MDC for reevaluation of our sewer billing. Accurate data is not just critical, it is the foundation for fairness and accountability.

To properly measure usage, we are actively working to replace two of our main meters, in Meter Pits 1 and 5. We will be conducting a full comparison between MDC billing data and independent flow assessments performed by Flow Assessment Services. This includes reconciling water consumption data and sewer flow to ensure billing accuracy and long-term system reliability. Thanks to a shared services partnership with the Simsbury Water Pollution Control Authority, we are also receiving hands-on support with meter replacement labor, further strengthening regional collaboration.

It is important to note that in addition to the meter pit upgrades, we are undertaking sewer pipe analysis and an inflow and infiltration (I&I) study, actions MDC has been recommending for nearly 40 years. We are able to pay for the study and testing thanks to a CT Clean Water Fund grant through DEEP, as well as revenue generated from sewer hookups and permits, which has been responsibly set aside in our Sewer Reserve Fund.

I am incredibly proud of the partnership with Town staff and our consultants for finally tackling this long-standing challenge with the seriousness and commitment it deserves. Thank you to East Granby's Board of Selectmen/WPCA and Board of Finance for their support and to our residents for your patience and trust as we work through this process. This is not just about today's bills, it is about securing a more transparent, equitable, and reliable infrastructure system for current residents, local businesses, and future generations.

East Granby Teen Headed to Junior Olympics for Sport Stacking! We are proud to share that 15-year-old East Granby resident Mia Dunlevy has achieved a remarkable milestone—she is the only athlete from Connecticut to qualify for the 2025 AAU Junior Olympic Games Sport Stacking Championships in Houston, Texas! Her journey to this national stage began with an impressive 10th-place finish in her age group at the 2025 Hotlanta Sport Stacking Championship, earning her a coveted spot through both the Amateur Athletic Union and the World Sport Stacking Association. Please join us in cheering her on as she represents not only our town, but the entire state!

Fire Department Memorandum of Understanding: In a significant step forward, the Town, the East Granby Volunteer Fire Department (EGVFD), and its Association are close to finalizing a long-anticipated Memorandum of Understanding, an agreement which has been over a year in the making. This marks a proud milestone for both the Town and the EGVFD, as it will be the first formal agreement of its kind between the two entities, further strengthening their partnership and shared mission to protect and serve the residents of East Granby.

Solar Project Information Session: A proposed solar project, Broadleaf Solar, a portion of which is located here in East Granby, is currently in the planning stages and we want to ensure our residents stay informed and involved. A public information session hosted by DESRI, a well-regarded and experienced company in the renewable energy sector, will be held on June 11th at 5:00 PM at the Senior/Community Center. All community members are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and learn more about the project. If you are unable to attend, you are welcome to submit questions in advance to info@egtownhall.com. Materials from the session will be made available on the Town website: eastgranbyct.org. Look inside this edition of "Let's Talk Turkey" for more information.

Help Us Celebrate America 250! East Granby has formed a local team to help prepare for America 250, the nationwide celebration of our country's 250th anniversary. We are in the initial planning phase, and we need your help! We are looking for enthusiastic community members to join the effort and help shape how our Town commemorates this historic milestone. If you are interested in being part of this exciting initiative, we would love to hear from you! Please email: info@egtownhall.com for more information.

East Granby Farm's New Playscape Is Open for Play! We are proud to announce the new playscape at East Granby Farms is officially installed and ready for children to enjoy! This wonderful addition to our community was made possible through the generosity of local businesses, residents, and grant support from the Hartford Foundation, along with the hard work of our Parks & Recreation staff and commission. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held in the coming months; stay tuned for the date. In the meantime, we welcome you to visit and enjoy this exciting new space!

It is an honor to serve such a vibrant, connected community where neighbors support each other and every step forward reflects our shared commitment to growth and unity. From infrastructure upgrades to events which bring us together, East Granby continues to thrive, and I am proud to be part of it. My door is always open. If you have any questions, concerns, or simply want to talk, please feel free to reach out.

~ Eden



Memorial Day Parade
May 26, 2025

The East Granby Lions Club proudly sponsors the Annual Memorial Day Parade. Marchers from the Air National Guard, Middle and High School Band, the town's sport teams, service clubs, various organizations, and veteran groups are invited to march and are asked to gather in front of the Nicholson Cemetery from 9:30 to 10:00 AM. The parade will begin at 10:00 AM with a brief memorial service at Nicholson Cemetery It will cross Route 20 and proceed up School Street, then cross Route 187 to the gazebo at Town Hall. Spectators can line the streets and proceed to the Town Green for the memorial ceremony. In case of rain, the program will be held at the Town Hall Meeting Room at 10:00 AM. For more information, please call Lion Jim at (860) 463-9146 or Lion Dave at (860) 324-8356.

Join Us for an Open House About Broadleaf Solar!

Curious about solar energy? Join us on Wednesday, June 11th from 5:00 to 7:30 PM at the East Granby Senior/Community Center (20 Center Street). Broadleaf Solar is a proposed 100 MW utility-scale solar project, approximately 40% of which will be sited in East Granby, including the project's interconnection to the regional transmission grid. Members of our team will be present to answer questions about the project. The installation of this project will support soil rejuvenation, repairing historical erosion control issues; cease the use of harmful pesticides; include the removal of unstable buildings; and will continue to work with the Farmington River Wild and Scenic Committee to protect valuable local watercourses and repairs to their contributing watersheds. You can find out more information about the project at www.broadleafsolar.com and contact us at broadleaf-contact-form@desri.com. Looking forward to seeing you there!

News From the Tax Office

What's Due?

Sewer Use: Sewer bills were mailed Tuesday, April 29th. They are due May 1st, but you have until May 30th to pay without interest. Sewer Use billing is in arrears and will cover the usage between July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Payment Options for Sewer Usage Bill:

- Pay online (*fees do apply*) at https://eastgranbyct.org/tax-collector/. Click on link: "Use this link to look up sewer usage bill AND pay online." When paying sewer online you must have the bill number (for example: 2025 06 1234567) or unique ID to search for the bill. If there is a balance due, there will be a checkbox all the way to the right. Check the box to add to the cart.
- Pay by phone (automated) by calling 1-833-317-4232 (*fees do apply*). You will need the bill number (for example: 2025 06 1234567) and amount due.
- Pay in office at 9 Center Street, East Granby. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and from 1:00 to 4:00 PM (closed 12:00 to 1:00 PM) and Friday 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. (The office will be closed Friday, May 23rd and Monday, May 26th.)
- Dropbox (available 24/7) is located outside of the Town Hall building (side facing Senior/Community Center) for checks only, no cash.
- Mail to Tax Collector, Town of East Granby, PO Box 150411, Hartford, CT 06115-0411.

Upcoming July Tax Bills: Tax bills are expected to be mailed out by the end of June.

Did you recently pay off your mortgage? If you recently paid off your mortgage, do not rely on your mortgage company to notify the Tax Office that the bill should be mailed to you. It is always in your best interest to notify the Tax Office by phone or email that the bill should be mailed to you rather than the mortgage company. Per Connecticut State Statute 12-130, failure to send out or receive any such bill or statement shall not invalidate the tax.

News From the Registrars

New Tabulators Starting with the Budget Referendum: The State of Connecticut has implemented new tabulators throughout the state. State funding provided the units and towns are responsible for maintenance costs. We will need to run each ballot type (in person, absentee, early voting, and same day registration) through its own machine so results will now take a little longer to process. They are a bit smaller and utilize programming via a thumb drive versus a memory card which will save on the costs of mailing memory cards back and forth. The units are not connected to the internet and a dedicated laptop will be used to configure the memory stick for each event. A new

memory stick (transfers from the ES&S website to be loaded on our laptop) will be necessary for each election event to preserve the integrity of the dedicated laptop.

Important: When you place your ballot on the new tabulator it will feed much slower (it won't get pulled in quickly). Please gently place the ballot on the feeder tray and wait for a message to appear on the screen stating, "Thank you for voting your ballot has been counted." It will also indicate if you overvoted or undervoted and give you the option of having your ballot returned or read excluding the races that had errors. Please read the screens carefully before exiting the polling place.

What are some important dates for 2025? The Town website will contain a bit more detail than we can provide here. Please check for additional information or contact us in the office. Some upcoming election events this year include the following:

- Budget Referendum – May 20th
- Last day to switch major parties in order to vote in that party for a primary – June 9th
- Primary – September 9th including 7 days of early voting (if a primary is necessary)
- General Election – November 4th including 14 days of early voting

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. As long as you will be 18 by Election Day (November 4, 2025) you are eligible to register. If you need any 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 registrars@egtownhall.com.

Voter Information: Did you know that in Connecticut, registering as an Independent is not the same as unaffiliated? When you register as an Independent you are registering for that party. There are numerous minor parties in our state/town. To register for no party, you should be selecting "unaffiliated."

Did you know that in Connecticut you cannot vote in a primary unless you are registered in one of the two major parties—and you must vote in the primary that you are affiliated with. There is a 90 day wait to switch parties and become eligible to vote.

Annual Canvass is Complete: We have completed our annual canvass. We canvassed over 249 voters and were able to clean up our files of voters who have moved out of East Granby. Thank you for the prompt responses from those who received letters!

High School Voter Registration Session Complete: On April 21st we went to East Granby High School to conduct a voter registration and informational session. We were able to admit 11 new electors and hire one new poll worker.

Do you know who your elected state officials are in the Town of East Granby? East Granby is in the following districts:

- *Congressional District 1 – Congressman John Larson (D)*
  https://larson.house.gov
  Phone: East Hartford Office – (860) 278-8888
  Phone: Washington D.C. Office – (202) 225-2265
- *Senatorial District 7 – John Kissel (R)*
  https://www.ctsenaterepublicans.com/senators/john-a-kissel/
  Phone: 1-800-842-1421
- *General Assembly District 61 – Tami Zawistowski (R)*
  https://repzawistowski.com
  Email: tami.zawistowski@housegop.ct.gov
  Phone: (860) 240-8700

Interested in working as a Deputy 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. Additional hours will be as needed to cover election events throughout the year. This is a paid position and training will be provided. Contact Michele in the Registrar's Office for additional information at (860) 653-0097, x2. Poll workers and moderators are always needed for election events including early voting. Contact the Registrar's Office for more information. These are paid positions and training is provided.



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.

Upcoming Events

from the East Granby Lions

Memorial Day Parade: May 26th at 10:00 AM. See elsewhere in this edition of "Let's Talk Turkey" for more information.

Lion Food Tent at Old New-Gate Prison: We will have our food tent at Old New-Gate Prison this summer for four events:

- June 29th – Historic Reenactment
- July 27th – Mineral Show
- August 25th – Trades Day
- September 20 – Bat Appreciation Day

Visit the Museum for these wonderful events and support the Lions fundraising efforts.

Annual Duck Race: The Annual Duck Race will be held at Granbrook Park on Sunday, September 7th. Tickets are available from Lions members and will be sold at the Lions Food Tent at New-Gate, the Farmers Market during August, and in other locations throughout the summer. For tickets call Lion Dave at (860) 324-8356.

Members Needed: All proceeds raised by our dinners, Duck Race, and other fun events benefit Lions projects such as scholarships for East Granby High School seniors, programs for the blind, and donations to local organizations. All funds raised go directly to the community with no overhead costs! For more information on how to become a Lion and support their charitable work in our community, please call Lion Jim at (860) 463-9146.

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 for 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.

Back to School Program: Over the summer Social Services will be collecting Target and Walmart gift cards as well as monetary donations to the East Granby Emergency Assistance Fund for the annual Back to School Program. This program supports income eligible families in East Granby who are facing financial hardship. The families are supplied with gift cards to assist with purchasing backpacks and school supplies for children to start the school year. If you are interested in helping support this program, please contact Social Services at (860) 413-3328 or email elisec@egtownhall.com.

Emergency Assistance Fund: The East Granby Emergency Assistance Fund is available to those income eligible residents who are in need of emergency financial assistance with fuel, housing, medical, electric, and other critical needs. The fund is supported solely through donations and gifts from the community and 100% of the funds raised are given back to qualifying residents who are facing financial hardship. Donations can be made to "East Granby Emergency Assistance Fund" and mailed to East Granby Social Services, 20 Center Street, East Granby, CT 06026.

Eversource: Based on your household income or receipt of a public assistance benefit, you may be eligible for the Low Income Discount Rate Program which provides a 10% or 50% discount on your monthly electric bill. For more information, contact Eversource at 800-286-2828 or visit www.eversource.com/billhelp.

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 for our homebound residents. 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 donation (monetary or local grocery store gift card) you can either mail to Friend to Friend Food Pantry, P.O. Box 631, East Granby, CT 06026 or email friendtofriendeg@gmail.com.

Individual Therapy: Are you stressed? Overwhelmed? Grieving? Need someone to talk to? Call to schedule an appointment with a licensed therapist, LCSW. You will be able to

address your concerns in a safe and supportive environment. Contact Social or Senior Services to schedule an appointment at (860) 413-3328 or elisec@egtownhall.com and (860) 413-3334 or kellyj@egtownhall.com.

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. Not all earned income (income from wages) is counted toward eligibility. The monthly income limits, effective March 1, 2025, are $3,209 for an individual and $4,336.00 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. Additional information as well as the printable and online applications can be found at CT.gov by searching "Medicare Savings Program."

Renters' Rebate: Applications are being taken from April 1st through September 30th for the Elderly/Totally Disabled Renters' Rebate Program. This program is for seniors age 65 and over (or under 65 and on permanent long-term disability receiving Social Security benefits) that rented in 2024 and have a total income less than $45,200 for a single person and less than $55,100 per married couple. Renters' Rebates can be up to $900 for married couples and $700 for individuals. 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.

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Northern Connecticut Veterans Association

Upcoming Activities

Next Meetings and Social Gatherings: Tuesday, May 27th and June 24th, 6:00 PM at Gio's Pizzeria. All veterans are welcome.

East Granby Memorial Day Parade: On Monday, May 26th, meet at 9:30 AM on Nicholson Road**.** We will be walking and carrying our military service flags.

Thank you to all who attended and supported our Spring Pancake Breakfast. We appreciate it!

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that brings community awareness of veterans in East Granby and the surrounding towns. All veterans are welcome to join us. Want to know more? Email us at NorthCTVeterans@gmail.com.

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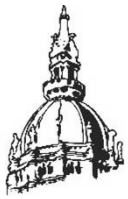
Capitol Update

Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61st District



State Budget: The state legislative session is now in full swing. While bills are being debated and passed at what may appear to be a dizzying pace, this session has so far been reasonably steady and predictable with the committees wading through more than 3,000 proposals, holding public hearings, and considering which ideas should be forwarded to the House and Senate.

With this being a "long" session (it adjourns at midnight on Wednesday, June 4th) the state budget dominates the conversation and influences decisions on other bills being considered. During a long session year, the legislature must produce a biennium budget that covers the next two fiscal years, and that budget will require the Governor's signature to become law.

As usual, there are multiple proposed budgets which will be debated and negotiated before a final package is approved by the entire Assembly. There are pros and cons within each, and the best path forward for our state will come from a combination of these ideas.

Since 2017, there has been a lot of discussion about the state's "fiscal guardrails"—spending cap, bonding cap, and volatility cap—and this year is no different. Since being implemented, those caps have saved taxpayers substantial amounts of money, fully funded the Budget Reserve "Rainy Day" Fund and paid down more than $8 billion from our unfunded pension liability. Still, fiscal pressures have some legislators looking to break those caps.

In February, the Lamont administration presented a $55.2 billion biennium proposal that is colloquially called the "governor's budget." According to the CTMirror, his proposal "would spend almost $27 billion next fiscal year, up 3.8% from current levels, then jump another 4.6% to $28.2 billion in 2026-27." The Governor's bill does not exceed the spending cap.

Weeks later, the Appropriations Committee passed its own $55.7 budget, a "proposed $27.2 billion for next fiscal year, boosting appropriations more than 4% and exceeding the spending cap—which aligns spending growth with household income and inflation—by $215 million. Its budget would total $28.5 billion in 2026-27, boosting spending by about 5%," according the CTMirror.

Most recently, House Republicans introduced a balanced, $54.4 billion alternative budget that stays well within all of the state's fiscal guardrails. According to the CTMirror, "The plan, which would spend less than both Gov. Ned Lamont and majority Democratic legislators have proposed" would enact a number of cost-saving measures related to state government. "House Republicans would boost spending 3.8% next fiscal year and another 1.8% in 2026-27 and note their plan, unlike the $55.7 billion package the Democratic-controlled Appropriations Committee offered last week, would fall under the constitutional spending cap." Unlike the governor's budget, the Republican budget fully funds the tiered excess cost/special education support

for municipalities, and also—among other initiatives—reduces the public benefits charges on electricity bills and eliminates the passport to parks assessments on car registrations.

Each long session year, there are multiple proposals and ideas on how much revenue the state should raise through taxation and how those funds are spent. It's always a delicate balance between wants, needs, and affordability.

Congratulations to Morgan Bengel, Old New-Gate Prison: On a local note, I'd like to offer my congratulations to East Granby resident Morgan Bengel for earning the Mimi Findlay Award for Young Preservationists from Preservation Connecticut! Morgan is the site administrator for Old New-Gate Prison and Copper Mine and has done a remarkable job managing and improving our hometown national landmark. She has been instrumental in positioning the site for future success by overseeing ongoing maintenance, infrastructure improvements, exhibit preparations, mapping the tunnel network, and by working with scientists to study and protect endangered bats in the mine. She also keeps New-Gate well connected to our community through special events such as the annual East Granby Halloween Party that attracts children of all ages. I'm extremely happy that her dedication and hard work is being recognized statewide. Congratulations, Morgan!

Contact Information: If you need assistance with state matters or would like more information about a specific issue, you can email me at Tami.Zawistowski@housegop.ct.gov or call either 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.

East Granby Veterans Group

Honoring All Who Served

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 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 any 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 Rd.
East Granby, CT 06026

Please make checks payable to: Flags For East Granby

WE WANT YOU!

EAST GRANBY
GREATER TOGETHER COMMUNITY FUND
at the
Hartford Foundation
FOR PUBLIC GIVING

We are looking for motivated volunteers to join us in our rewarding work to benefit our town!

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 $125K 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 connect with us at eastgranbyac@hfpgcommunityfunds.org.

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East Granby Greater Together Community Fund

EAST GRANBY FARMERS' MARKET

Fridays | 3:30 - 6:30 PM
August & September 2025

SHOP LOCAL & enjoy live entertainment, kid's activity zone, special guest vendors, food trucks & more each week!

All proceeds benefit the East Granby Public Library!

Join us at the Liquor Cabinet plaza (corner of Rte 20 & School St)

WANTED:
VENDORS, MUSICIANS, NON-PROFITS & VOLUNTEERS!
If you are interested in joining our market this summer, please contact us at eastgranbyfarmersmarket@gmail.com

Save the date for the 25th Annual Empty Bowls Anniversary Celebration



Chef Julien Tessier, owner of Julien's Farm Store

October 4, 2025 will mark the 25th year of Empty Bowls in East Granby. Our Special Guest Chef this year is Chef Julien Tessier, owner of Julien's Farm Store in Granby, CT. Julien's is a garden gourmet-style farm store and bakery producing artisanal, handmade breads, sandwiches, cakes, pastries, and other provisions, using traditional baking techniques. Everything is made from scratch on-site.

Julien's Farm Store
175 Barn Door Hills Road, Granby, Connecticut
Thurs-Sat: 8am-4pm **Sun:** 8am-2pm



The Empty Bowls Story: *Think Globally – Act Locally*



Avis Cherichetti

We've all heard that phrase a hundred times. One of the best ways to do just that is to support the October 4 Empty Bowls event co-sponsored by Expressions Pottery and Friend to Friend. Proceeds support the East Granby Food Pantry.

Empty Bowls is a grassroots movement by artists and crafts people around the world to raise money for food related charities. Avis Cherichetti was one of the founding potters for the Empty Bowls event in East Granby, now celebrating its 25th Anniversary.

Avis and other pottery artists from Expressions made bowls for an event at the Farmington Valley Art Center in Avon. When Expressions moved to East Granby, the group approached East Granby's social services director with the idea to hold an Empty Bowls event here. Avis recalls that Phoebe Allen approached area restaurants to make and donate soup while Avis handled getting the bowls made and the other event logistics.

Soon, Friend to Friend and the Women's Club of East Granby got involved in soliciting for the soup, organizing and publicizing the event, and serving the soup. The Women's Club remained involved with Empty Bowls through 2022. The potters at Expressions continue to generously donate all the gorgeous bowls — for 25 years!

Touch the heart of your world and feed the hungry in your community. We look forward to seeing you at this year's special celebration!

EXPRESSIONS
POTTERY WORKSHOP

friend to friend
Food Pantry & Thrift Shop

Food Pantry

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

Non-perishable donation info

- **Items needed at the pantry: canned fruit, cereal, Chef Boyardee Ravioli, clothes detergent, coffee, hearty soups, red kidney beans, sugar, tomato paste, tomato sauce in jar, tomatoes stewed**
- Location drop offs: *outside* at the EG Community/Senior Center and EG Congregational Church or inside at the EG Public Library and EG Post Office. You can also purchase and donate at Geissler's Supermarket.
- Monetary donations can be made at **friendtofriendeg.com** or mailed to: Friend to Friend Food Pantry, P.O. Box 631, East Granby, CT 06026.

Thrift Shop

32 Spoonville Road,
East Granby, CT
860-413-9015

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Tuesday: 10-2
Thursday: noon-4
Saturday: 10-2

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Registration: 1pm
9 Hole Scramble/Shotgun: 2pm
Buffet Dinner: 5:00pm

Grassmere Country Club
130 Town Farm Road
Enfield, CT 06082

Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy

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

Opening Celebration of Tree Trail at Hawk Hill Farm, Bloomfield
Approximately 80 people gathered on April 27 at TRLC's Hawk Hill Farm for the grand opening of a new Tree Trail. The Trail identifies and features information on nine trees. Five of the nine trees are "notable," meaning that they are among the largest and most historical trees of their species in Connecticut. East Granby, eagle scout candidate, Christopher Lloyd built a kiosk and placed nine educational tree signs as his project. Bloomfield Mayor Danielle Wong and Windsor Mayor Nuchette Black-Burke were in attendance. Bloomfield Poet Tom Nicotera presented a new poem, "Ode to a White Oak," inspired by the notable (and majestic) White Oak on the Trail. The ceremony concluded with Diana Hughes (whose generosity funded the Tree Trail) cutting the ribbon.

The Hawk Hill Farm Tree Trail (and trail system) is open to the public. When visiting, please park on the right-hand side of the small parking lot in front of the red barn at 20 Duncaster Road, Bloomfield. The trail begins at the kiosk. Hawk Hill Farm is a working farm, please stay on the designated public trail to not interfere with the farm operations.

Upcoming Hikes:

Saturday, May 24, 2025 6:30-8:30 am, Spring Bird Walk, East Granby
Hartford Audubon Society Member, Brian Kleinman, will be leading this early morning bird walk. We hope to see migrating spring birds, including late warblers. Bring your binoculars and join us to learn how to identify birds by song and sight. We will meet in the Farmington Canal Heritage Bike Trail Parking Lot, 244 Turkey Hills Rd., East Granby.

Saturday, June 7, 2025 9:30 am, CT Trails Day Hike, Mill Brook Park Windsor
Join us in exploring the former Millbrook/Traditions Golf Course, 147 Pigeon Hill Rd. Windsor. The hike will be approximately 2.5 miles and take about two hours walking along the woods, meadows and winding trails (many cart paths) of the former golf course. The area is intentionally being "rewilded," allowing plants and wildlife to flourish. Registration is required at trlandconservancy.org.

East Granby Volunteer Fire Department 2025 Neighborhood Visit Schedule

The East Granby Volunteer Fire Department has formed a schedule for summer neighborhood visits. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

The East Granby Volunteer Fire Department is a 100% volunteer organization. If you are interested in donating to, learning more about, or joining the department, please visit our website at egfireandrescue.com.

LOCATION	DATE (All visits begin at 6:30 pm)
Schoolhouse Landing	Tuesday, June 3rd
Wynding Hills	Tuesday, June 10th
Seneca Drive	Tuesday, June 17th
Brighton Drive	Thursday, June 19th
Granger Circle	Tuesday, June 24
Nutmeg Road	Tuesday, July 1st
Country Club Lane	Tuesday, July 8th
Lexington Drive	Tuesday, July 15th



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

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East Granby Historical Society

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www.eastgranbyhistoricalsociety.org

facebook.com/eghistorical

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

New Members Always Welcome!



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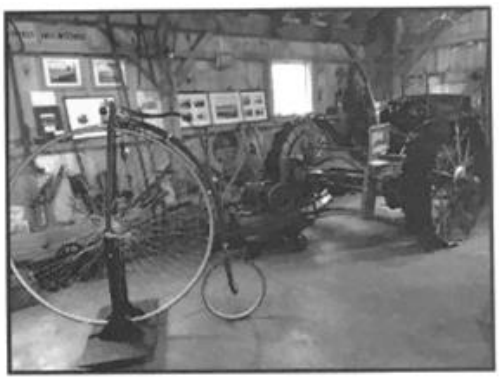

See our website for information about special events and programs:
www.eastgranbyhistoricalsociety.org



East Granby Congregational Church Nursery Preschool
P.O. Box 390
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EGCCNS Preschool ...gentle learning through play



We would like to THANK the following businesses for their support and donations to our very successful Coffee Cup Raffle fundraiser on April 26, 2025!

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Broad Brook Brewing in Suffield
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Fortify Wellness & Physical Therapy in East Granby
Gio's Brick Oven Pizzeria in East Ganby
Granby Liquor World in Granby
The Hairport in East Granby
J G Restaurante in East Granby
Juliano's Pools in Vernon
Karenough Crafts & Boutique in Suffield
KM Floral Designs in East Granby
Liquor Cabinet in East Granby
Little Bird Wellness in East Granby
Lox Stock and Bagel in Bloomfield & Granby
Moxy Boutique in Suffield
Neckers Toyland in Simsbury
Old Mill Pond Village in Granby
Pacifica Cuisine in Suffield
Pentimento Design in Suffield
The Plant Lounge in Suffield
Pioneer Valley Martial Arts in Southwick, MA
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Route 10 Tire in Granby
Spare Time in Windsor Locks
Starbucks in Granby
Star Nail in East Granby
Suffield Gymnastics Academy in Suffield
Suffield Nail Salon in Suffield
Suffield Village Market in Suffield
Three Brothers II in East Granby
Tiger Belly Noodle Bar in Granby
Tim's Automotive in Granby
TJ's Burritos in East Granby
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Way Back in Granby
The Whisk, Inc. in Granby
Wilma's Scoop Du Jour in Suffield
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Zanto in Suffield

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

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

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Mailing Address: 9 Center Street, East Granby, CT 06026

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www.eastgranbyrec.com

Summer 2025

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 available, if needed. Please call the Parks & Recreation Office to discuss options: (860) 653-7660.*

East Granby Parks and Recreation would like to recognize the long-time commitment of two commission members who have stepped in January. Karen Hines is a long-time member of the commission who has served for almost 30 years. Her commitment to programming, Cowles Park, the nominating committee and the Greenway will be missed. Pat Gill served in many roles over his 20 years on the commission, most of which was as the Chair of the commission. Pat will be missed for his leadership, willingness to advocate for the Parks and Recreation program and budget. His leadership on many sub-committees, including continuing on the current STEAP grant committee, did not go unnoticed.

Both of your energy, support, and commitment will be missed.

We wish you both the best!

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 our website for the complete schedule incl. dates & class locations**
*Yoga students may add a **Reiki** session immediately following class to enhance their yoga practice*

Bus Trips & Events



Coming Soon
Ellis Island & the Statue of Liberty

The day includes round-trip transportation, a scenic ferry ride from Liberty Park, and time to explore two iconic landmarks and learn about America's immigrant history. **October 2025**

Bronx Zoo

Relax and enjoy a comfortable ride to the Bronx on a luxury coach bus, followed by the Total Experience Deluxe package — including zoo shuttles, the Wild Asia Monorail, Bug Carousel, Children's Zoo, the new 4-D Theater, and the Congo Gorilla Forest.
Monday, August 18, 2025 | Cost: $85/person

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Dawn - Dusk

From Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day, the main gate is locked overnight

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Featuring classic tunes from Bootleg Harmony

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Come hungry and enjoy the food trucks!

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*** RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 ***

FAMILY FRIENDLY



Halloween Party

Saturday, 10/25 | Rain Date: 10/26

At Old Newgate Prison

15TH ANNUAL JACKY WELSH
Holiday Tree Lighting
CAROLING & MEMORIAL LUMINARIES

Friday, December 5, 2025
EG Town Campus
Rain Date Dec. 6

East Granby Farms Playscape Update



We're thrilled to share that the brand-new playscape is installed at East Granby Farms—and **it's OPEN FOR PLAY!** If you haven't yet, we hope you'll come check it out!

In the coming weeks, we'll be adding three additional pieces of play equipment, and a new walkway and ADA accessibility mats to make the playscape accessible to everyone. Once complete we're looking forward to holding a special celebration to thank the community and mark the official completion of the playscape.

Our staff worked closely with the Parks & Recreation Commission and dedicated volunteers to raise funds, apply for grants, and bring this vision to life. We are grateful for the time, energy, and passion they poured into this effort. We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to local business owner Tony Sponzo and AFS Contracting, LLC for their generous work on site.

Most of all, we want to thank the incredible community that made this possible. A huge thank you to all the businesses, organizations, and individuals who stepped up to help. Special thanks to Amped Fitness, Riverside Reptiles Education Center for hosting fundraising events, and to Miss Cindy and her amazing dancers who danced and cartwheeled their hearts out for donations.

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



Summer Camps & Programs

Below, is a chronological listing of all the Summer Camps and Programs we are offering. As always, for more information or to register, please visit our website: ***www.EastGranbyRec.com.***

Activity	Ages	Grades	Dates	Times	Location
Tennis Lessons: Week 1	6-15		6/23 - 6/26	MULTI	EG High School
Ahoy! Mermaid & Pirates Dance Camp	4-7		6/23 - 6/27	9 - 11 AM	EG Farms
A Wicked Awesome Dance Camp Adventure	7-12		6/23 - 6/27	1 - 3:30 PM	EG Farms
Acro/Tumbling Workshop Summer Session 1	7-12		6/23 - 6/27	4 - 5:30 PM	EG Farms
Camp Granbrook (Week 1): Superheroes Everywhere		1 - 6	6/23 - 6/27	8 AM - 3:30 PM	Allgrove School/Granbrook Park
Mad Science: Eureka Invention	7-12		6/30 - 7/3	9 AM - 12 PM	EG Farms
Camp Granbrook (Wk 2): Adventure Week & Mission Impossible		1 - 6	6/30 - 7/3	8 AM - 3:30 PM	Allgrove School/Granbrook Park
Food Explorers: Seasonal Farmers Market Baking		2 - 6	6/30 - 7/3	1 - 4 PM	EG Farms
Tennis Lessons: Week 2	6-15		7/7 - 7/10	MULTI	EG High School
Flag Football Summer SKYHAWKS	7-12		7/7 - 7/10	9 AM - 3 PM	Ahrens Field (Granby)
East Granby Basketball Summer Camp for Boys	8-14		7/7 - 7/10	9 AM - 12 PM	EG High School
Broadway Musical Theater Workshop		3 - 8	7/7 - 7/10	3 - 4:30 PM	EG Farms
Mini Adventurer Camp Week 1: Superhero Training Camp	3-5		7/7 - 7/11	9 AM - 12 PM	EG Farms
Horsemanship at End of Hunt: Session 1	5-17		7/7 - 7/11	9 AM - 1 PM	End of Hunt Equestrian Center
Camp Granbrook (Week 3): The Wonderful World of Sports		1 - 6	7/7 - 7/11	8 AM - 3:30 PM	Allgrove School/Granbrook Park
Mini Adventurer Camp Wk 2: Under the Sea & At the Beach	3-5		7/14-7/18	9 AM - 12 PM	EG Farms
Fairytale Fantasy Dance Camp	3 - 6		7/14-7/18	1 - 3 PM	EG Farms
Horsemanship at End of Hunt: Session 2	5 - 17		7/14-7/18	9 AM - 1 PM	End of Hunt Equestrian Center
Acro/Tumbling Workshop Summer Session 2	7-12		7/14-7/18	3:30 - 5 PM	EG Farms
Camp Granbrook (Week 4): Water, Water Everywhere Week		1 - 6	7/14-7/18	8 AM - 3:30 PM	Allgrove School/Granbrook Park
Mrs. Lepak Summer Music Academy		1 - 3	7/14-7/18	9 - 11 AM	R.D. Seymour School
Kara Wolters Dream Big Basketball Camp for Girls		4 - 10	7/14-7/18	MULTI	EG High School
East Granby Basketball Summer Camp for Girls	8-14		7/21-7/24	9 AM - 12 PM	EG High School
Mini Adventurer Camp Week 3: Space Exploration	3-5		7/21-7/25	9 AM - 12 PM	EG Farms
ART-ventures with Pigasso & Mootisse	5 - 12		7/21-7/25	1 - 4 PM	EG Farms
Camp Granbrook (Week 5): Wacky Week		1 - 6	7/21-7/25	8 AM - 3:30 PM	Allgrove School/Granbrook Park
Circuit Labs: Hands on Electronics		4 - 7	7/21-7/25	9 AM - 12 PM	Holcomb Farms (Granby)
Circuit Labs: App Inventors		4 - 7	7/21-7/25	1 - 4 PM	Holcomb Farms (Granby)
Mini Adventurer Camp Kindergarten Extension (Week 3)		K	7/21-7/25	12 - 2 PM	EG Farms
Mini Adventurer Camp Week 4: Pirates & Princesses	3-5		7/28-8/1	9 AM - 12 PM	EG Farms
Fun 4 All: Lego Moving Marvels	6-12		7/28-8/1	9 AM - 3 PM	Holcomb Farms (Granby)
Camp Granbrook (Week 6): Detective Challenge		1 - 6	7/28-8/1	8 AM - 3:30 PM	Allgrove School/Granbrook Park
Mini Adventurer Camp Kindergarten Extension (Week 4)		K	7/28-8/1	12 - 2 PM	EG Farms
Flag Football Summer SKYHAWKS	7-12		8/4-8/7	9 AM - 3 PM	EG Farms
Mini Adventurer Camp Wk 5: Animal Kingdom & Jungle Safari	3-5		8/4-8/8	9 AM - 12 PM	EG Farms
Fun 4 All: Outside the Lines Crafts	6-12		8/4-8/8	9 AM - 3 PM	Holcomb Farms (Granby)
Mini Adventurer Camp Kindergarten Extension (Week 5)		K	8/4-8/8	12 - 2 PM	EG Farms
Camp Granbrook (Week 7): Out of this WORLD!			8/4-8/8	8 AM - 3:30 PM	Allgrove School/Granbrook Park
Tennis Lessons: Week 3	6-15		8/11-8/14	MULTI	EG High School
Mini Adventurer Camp Week 6: Colors of the Rainbow	3-5		8/11-8/15	9 AM - 12 PM	EG Farms
ART-ventures Splish Splash Art Blast	5-12		8/11-8/15	1:00 - 4:00 PM	EG Farms
Circuit Labs: Circuit Makers 101		1 - 3	8/11-8/15	9 AM - 12 PM	Holcomb Farms (Granby)
Circuit Labs: Robot Commanders 101		1 - 3	8/11-8/15	1 - 4 PM	Holcomb Farms (Granby)
Mini Adventurer Camp Kindergarten Extension (Week 6)		K	8/11-8/15	12 - 2 PM	EG Farms

East Granby Youth Services

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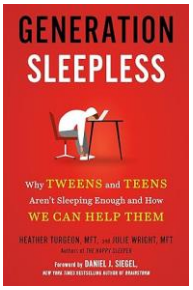
Phone: 860-653-7800 | Website: www.eastgranbyct.org/youth-services-bureau

★ **The Commission on Youth Services (CYS) is currently seeking new members, including a representative of law enforcement.** This advisory board supports the Youth Services Bureau's mission and staff. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month and are open to the public. Please contact the Youth Services Office for more information.

★ **Counseling Services:** If your child or family needs counseling, contact the Youth Services Office for a referral to therapists who specialize in emotional, behavioral, and mental health and accept your insurance.

Upcoming Parenting Programs



Generation Sleepless Book Discussion: Join us for a special one-time book club discussion on *Generation Sleepless: Why Tweens and Teens Aren't Sleeping Enough and How We Can Help Them* by Heather Turgeon, MFT and Julie Wright, MFT. An intimate glimpse inside a silent epidemic that is harming teens and how parents can help them reclaim the restorative power of sleep. A representative from the Farmington Valley Health District, in collaboration with East Granby Youth Services, will lead this important community conversation on teen mental health and sleep. This is a great chance for parents to connect, share concerns, and learn ways to support their teen's wellbeing. **Thursday, July 24, 6:30 pm, at the East Granby Public Library - Register at egpl.org. *Copies of the book are available for check out after registration.***

Youth Action Council (YAC) Wrap Up

Our Middle School YAC met with the Northern Connecticut Veteran's AssocationEast Granby Veteran's group and learned about the different branches of the military, heard about members experiences and shared what they do as a Youth Action Council. The group is very excited to work with the group in the future. Members also volunteered along with the High School Youth Action Council members at the Friend-to-Friend Food Pantry and took a tour of both the pantry and the thrift store. They met with Director of Social Services, Elise Cosker and learned what services the town offers and how they might be able to volunteer in the future. Continuing with their learning about our community they assisted with the Town Easter Egg Hunts and assisted with the High School Youth Action Council's Sports Day for Allgrove and Seymour students.

They are now in the process of sharing their year-long commitment with potential new members for the 2026-2027 year.

Our High School YAC ventured out the Enfield Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry and volunteered their time learning about how their system worked. They have hosted their annual Sports Day for Allgrove and Seymour students and assisted with the annual Easter Egg Hunt. They are gearing up for their final event on May 10th by offering a 2nd movie in the park for all to join.

EAST GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Taking Flight with STARBASE

Last month, our fifth-grade students were fortunate enough to attend STARBASE, described on their website as "*a premier educational program, sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. At DoD STARBASE, students participate in challenging "hands-on, minds-on" activities in Science, Technology, Engineering & Art/Design, and Mathematics (STEAM).*" Groups of students board the bus at R.D. Seymour School and head off to a world of hands-on learning and discovery. For the past four years, our fifth-grade students have looked forward to an unforgettable week hosted at the Windsor Locks Readiness Center near Bradley Airport.

Our journey with the STARBASE program began unexpectedly during the COVID-19 pandemic. When other districts had to withdraw, a spot became available for R.D. Seymour School. Since then, it has become a highlight of our fifth-grade year. The STARBASE curriculum introduces students to real-world applications of science, technology, engineering, and math. From designing space stations using CAD software to programming robots through obstacle courses, every activity encourages problem-solving and creativity. Students have built rockets aimed at specific targets, engineered contraptions to safely drop an egg without breaking it, and explored principles of flight and physics. The week culminates with a tour of a Chinook helicopter and a special graduation ceremony—an inspiring conclusion to an exciting and enriching experience.

The helicopter tour was a favorite with grade 5 students Elena and Chuck. Chuck loved learning about cargo helicopters, while Elena was excited that they had an opportunity to "tour a helicopter worth millions of dollars for free!" *(The district pays only for the cost of transportation to the facility, as the program is free of charge.)*

Students Jayden, Lily, and Macy cited rocket building as their favorite activity. All three mentioned how much fun they had with their friends building and testing the rockets. Macy summed it up when she said, "We made lasting memories there."

R.D. Seymour School Principal, Marsie Luckenbach, shared that in addition to the excitement of the program, the impact of STARBASE is clear. "Since our students began participating, we have seen a notable rise in our fifth-grade NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) scores. In 2021, 59% of students met or exceeded expectations. By 2024, that number rose to 85%."

When asked about their favorite activity, fifth graders James, Ben, Chuck, and Madelyn all cited the marble maze. Madelyn explained, "I thought it was cool that we could build however we wanted as long as it was at least 100 cm tall and that it had to take one minute long." James added, "It was fun to get together with my group members and complete different challenges."

As in years past, Superintendent Melissa Bavaro-Grande visited our learners at STARBASE in the beginning of April. "Our fifth-grade faculty, Mrs. Karlowicz, Mrs. Striefler, and Mr. Esposito, all speak highly of the program, so I knew it was going to be good. Each year, I'm impressed by the authentic learning activities and am excited to see the hands-on activities. It was wonderful to see the connections kids make and the technological vocabulary they are using in their discussions."

Many of the student participants mentioned new learning or increased understanding when sharing their love of STARBASE. Kayla and Madelyn both talked about programming robots with code. Madelyn explained, "I think this because when we were there, we programmed Spike LEGO robots and Ozobots. We learned how to make the Spike robot make sounds and maneuver around obstacles."

STARBASE continues to spark curiosity, boost confidence, and ignite a passion for STEM learning in our students—one launch at a time.

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Submitted by Marjorie Light, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development

A few STARBASE learning experience photos are posted on the district website curriculum article page.

References: STARBASE: https://dodstarbase.org/about/

EAST GRANBY SENIOR CENTER



SUMMER FUN CONCERT



Friday, June 13th

12:00-1:00pm

Outside at the Senior Center—Cost $25

Are you ready to celebrate summer?
Join us outdoors for a wonderful concert with the Caribbean Vibe Steel Drum Band performing music that will make you feel like you are on a tropical island! Featured on the Today Show, their fun and festive music will surely have you toe tapping and kicking the summer off in style!

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

Please bring sunscreen, hat and a chair

Pre-Registration/Payment ($25/pp) is required—due by June 5th
Payments can be made by:
Dropping off at the Senior Center or
by mail to EG Senior Services, 9 Center Street, East Granby, CT 06026
(checks payable to COA)

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

Questions? Call (860) 413-3334 or email kellyj@egtownhall.com
Transportation is available if needed—call the mini bus (860) 413-3327



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





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. (No Class 5/19, 5/26, 5/28)

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 5/20)

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~ JUNE 2ND, JULY 7TH, AUGUST 4TH 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

- **MAY 19TH, JUNE 30TH, JULY 28TH, AUGUST 25TH BIG Y/OCEAN STATE/DOLLAR STORE**
- **JUNE 2ND, JULY 7TH, AUGUST 4TH – PRICE CHOPPER**
- **JUNE 9TH, JULY 14TH, AUGUST 11TH – WALMART**
- **JUNE 16TH - BLUEBACK SQUARE/CHEESECAKE FACTORY**
- **JUNE 23RD - ENFIELD**
- **JULY 21ST – TRADER JOE'S/REIN'S DELI**

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28TH —The Travelers Chorale Spring Concert– Hartford, CT ~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. This Annual Spring Concert will be held in the Mortensen Hall at the Bushnell. **Depart the Senior Center at 6:15pm. There is no charge for this event but please bring a non-perishable food donation to benefit Hartford families. Reservation due by May 22nd.**

FRIDAY, MAY 30TH —Olde Mystick Village on your own—Mystic, CT**—**Come spend a relaxing day in Olde Mystick Village. Stroll the beautiful paved walkways and enjoy shopping in distinctive buildings designed to represent a New England Village of about 1720. Once you worked up an appetite, visit some of Mystic's best restaurants for a bite to eat. There are many benches and rest areas to catch your breath, unwind, and enjoy the beautiful surroundings and let your mind slip back to another era! **Depart the Senior Center 9:00am. This will be an "on your own" excursion. We will depart at 2:00pm to return home. No cost however, reservation is required by May 22nd.**

FRIDAY JUNE 13TH—Summer Fun Concert– Are you ready to celebrate summer? Join us outdoors for a wonderful concert with the Caribbean Vibe Steel Drum Band performing music that will make you feel like you are on a tropical island. Enjoy a delicious lobster roll and ice cream. **12:00-1:00 at the East Granby Senior Center. Cost $25. Reservation/payment due by June 5th. See enclosed flyer for more information.**

SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST—Farmington Polo Club—Farmington, CT— Get ready for an unforgettable day and experience the thrill of polo! Witness the speed, skill and athleticism of the game as players compete on horseback. While polo goes as far back as 2,500 years, when the Persian King's cavalry and guards used it as a training exercise, the modern game of polo was started in 1863 by British Army officers stationed in India. The object of the game is to get the ball across the goal line and into the goal area. The teams are usually made up of 4 players. At halftime, you can head to the field to "stomp the divots", a time-honored tradition and the highlight the day. The purpose is to smooth the field that has been chewed up by ponies' hooves and mallet swings. This isn't just a match; it's a vibrant event with horses, food and the unique tradition of divot stomping. Come ready to cheer and be part of the fun! We will be in the VIP tent which offers open seating, food buffet and cocktail service. **We will depart the Senior Center at 3:15pm (for the 5:00 pm match). Cost is $45 (includes food buffet). Reservation and payment due by June 12th.**

FRIDAY JUNE 27TH—How to Navigate Volatile Markets—Does all the recent market volatility make you uneasy? Are you concerned about the impact on your retirement savings? Please join us as Matthew J. Sondrini, AAMS™, CRPC™, Vice President of The O'Brien Group discusses ways to navigate a volatile market. In this presentation he will discuss the current market and economic conditions, assessing your risk tolerance, bull & bear markets and 5 ways to navigate volatility. You won't want to miss this timely and important discussion! **10:00am at the East Granby Senior Center. There is no charge for this program however, registration is required by June 19th.**

FRIDAY JULY 11TH—Thimble Islands Tour– Branford, CT, Join the crew of the Sea Mist as you tour the famous Thimble Islands off the coast of Branford, Connecticut. First discovered in 1614 by Adrien Block, these islands were used for everything from farming to quarrying granite, from bootlegging to hiding Captain Kidd's treasure. Captain Kidd sailed here in 1665…you can still feel his presence today. Please note there are several large steps to get in and out of the boat. After our wonderful day on the water we will stop for lunch at Home Restaurant. **Depart the Senior Center at 9:30AM**. **Cost is $17 (lunch is on your own)**. **Reservation & payment due by July 2nd. This event will be canceled in the event of inclement weather**

PICKLEBALL

Pickeball anyone? We are looking to see if there is enough interest in playing pickleball at the indoor courts in Suffield. Please email/call the East Granby senior center if you have any interest in learning or playing with a group from our Senior Center.

Please call the East Granby Senior Center
(860) 413-3334 or email kellyj@egtownhall.com to register and/or to get on our mailing list.

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BEDTIME STORIES



Mondays: May 19th & June 23rd
6:00pm-6:30pm
All are welcome to join

Join Allgrove School teachers and friends for bedtime stories. Register for each bedtime story session separately.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM - LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY!



June 16th - August 10th
All ages

READ & WIN! Read books, complete missions, and earn chances to spin our prize wheel! Receive a BOGO ticket to see a Hartford Athletic soccer game, just for signing up!

SUMMER READING KICK OFF PARTY AND MAGIC SHOW!



Monday, June 16th
3:00pm-5:00pm

Join us for bubbles, button making, crafts, and more! Evening to conclude with a family comedy magic show with Ed Popielarczyk. Be prepared to be amazed!

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

BASEBALL NIGHT



Monday, June 30th
5:30pm-6:30pm
Ages 5-12 years

Join Mr. Carroll for an amazing night of baseball stories, trivia, prizes, batting practice, and ice cream!

INVENTION WORKSHOP



Tuesday, June 24th
5:30pm-7:00pm
Grades 6th-10th

Join us for an Invention Workshop led by the Connecticut Invention Convention. Prizes will be awarded!

MAKER SPACE



Thursdays, July 10th and July 24th
10:30am-12:00pm
Ages 4-12 with caregiver

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

BOARD GAME MONDAYS

5:00pm-6:00pm
6th-8th Graders



July 7th: Hues and Cues
July 14th: Telestrations
July 21st: Dr. Eureka



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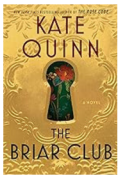


Monday, June 30th
5:00pm-7:00pm
Brignole Vineyards

Join us for a great book discussion, delicious wine, and fun conversation. 10% of wine sales from the night will be donated to the Library! Feel free to bring a friend or two—the more, the merrier. Cheers to good reads and good deeds!

ANNUAL FUND

Support our Annual Fund to help us continue offering the materials and services East Granby loves: Notary Services * Museum Passes * Maker Space * Historial Room * Books and ebooks * Meeting Rooms * Programs * 3D Printing * Trails * Movies * And More!

Donate in person or via Venmo @EastGranbyPublicLibrary—
every dollar goes directly to the Library!

Read in Peace - Silent Book Club

First Saturday of Every Month
June 7th and July 5th
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Bring a book, a cozy blanket, and join us for an evening of silent reading and subtle connection. Because sometimes, the best conversations don't need words. Light refreshments will be served.

GOLF PUTTER DRIVE

Ongoing

We're building a putter collection for future mini golf events! Please consider donating a putter to EGPL—or grab one for us if you spot one at a garage sale or secondhand sports shop!

Afternoon at the Movies! Wednesdays at 1pm.

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

The Ride

May 21st
PG-13, 1 hr 38 min

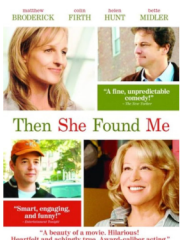
The inspiring true story of a BMX champion who overcame an abusive childhood through the love and life lessons of his interracial foster family.



Then She Found Me

May 28th
R, 1 hr 45 min

Life deals a few heavy blows to April (Helen Hunt), a 39-year-old schoolteacher.



A Complete Unknown

June 4th
R, 2 hr 29 min

A 19-year-old from Minnesota arrives with his guitar and talent in 1961 NYC, destined to change the course of American music.



Meeting Schedules

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

Commission on Aging 6:30 (SC)	6/3, 7/1, 8/5, 9/2, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2, 1/6/2025
Conservation 7:00 (TH)	6/4, 7/2, 8/6, 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3, 1/7/2026
Board of Education 7:00 (TH)	5/27, 6/9, 6/23, 7/14, 7/28, 8/11, 8/25, 9/8, 9/22, 10/14, 10/27, 11/10, 11/24, 12/8
Second Meeting of the Month as Needed	
Economic Development 5:30 (TH)	5/19, 6/23, 7/28, 8/25, 9/22, 10/27, 11/24, 12/22, 1/26/2026
Town and School Building Committee 7:30 (TH)	As Needed
Board of Finance 7:00 (TH)	5/20, 6/17, 7/15, 8/19, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16, 1/20/2026
Parks & Recreation 6:30 (TH)	6/5, 8/7, 9/4, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4, 1/8/2026
Planning & Zoning 7:00 (TH)	6/10, 7/8, 8/12, 9/9, 10/14, 11/17, 12/9, 1/13/2026
Board of Selectmen 6:30 (TH)	5/28, 6/11, 6/25, 7/9, 7/23, 8/13, 8/27, 9/10, 9/24 10/8, 10/22, 11/12, 11/25, 12/10, 1/14/2026, 1/28/2026
Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 (TH)	5/22, 6/26, 7/24, 8/28, 9/25, 10/23, 11/20, 12/18, 1/22/2026
Youth Services Commission 6:30 (EGF)	5/19, 6/16, 8/18, 9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 12/15 1/26/2026

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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