Let's Talk Turkey

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Welcome Fall 2025!

Fall officially begins on Monday, September 22nd! The days are still warm, but the evenings are already a little cooler and the sun is setting earlier. It is the perfect time to get outside and enjoy all East Granby has to offer this season. A stroll on the Metacomet Trail, a bike ride on the Rails to Trails, or some time at East Granby Farms, Cowles Park, or Granbrook Park are all great ways to take in the beauty of fall and breathe in the fresh autumn air.

Business Passport Program: Remember to pick up your "Passports" at the Building & Planning office in Town Hall! Each visit to a participating local business earns you a stamp, and every stamp helps support the small businesses which keep East Granby thriving. Completed passports can be turned in after Small Business Saturday in November for a chance to win one of several cash prizes. It is a fun way to shop local and show love for the businesses which make our community special.

East Granby Hazardous Waste Collection: Mark your calendars! Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held on Saturday, October 18th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Windsor Locks Public Works Garage, 6 Stanton Road. It is a great opportunity to safely clear out items from around the house you are not sure what to do with. For more details, visit themdc.org/environment-health-safety/household-hazardous-waste-collection.

Annual Shred Day: East Granby residents are invited to Shred Day at Town Hall on Saturday, October 4th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to safely and securely dispose of your confidential papers with on-site shredding. You will find more details in this issue of "Let's Talk Turkey."

Leaf Pick Up: East Granby residents may place leaves curbside in brown paper lawn bags on select days in November. Please check for your scheduled pick-up date and find additional details in this issue of "Let's Talk Turkey."

Senior Wellness Fair: East Granby's Commission on Aging invites seniors, their families, and caregivers from East Granby and surrounding towns to a Senior Wellness Fair at the Senior/Community Center on Wednesday, October 8th from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. Join us to explore a wide range of resources and information on health, housing, financial planning, and more. Local experts and organizations will be on hand to share products, services, and helpful tips to support seniors and their families. It is a great opportunity to learn, connect, and stay informed!

September is Emergency Preparedness Month! Winter storms will be here before we know it, so now is a great time to put together a basic emergency supply kit. Make sure you include water for drinking and sanitation, flashlights and extra batteries, non-perishable food, and supplies for your pets. For more tips and helpful information, visit eastgranbyct.org/emergency-management.

Police: Emergency Dial 911 / Non-Emergency (860) 653-5385
State-Wide Information and Availability of Resources: Dial 211
Eversource Energy: (860) 286-2000 or visit eversource.com
Town Hall: (860) 653-2576 or email info@egtownhall.com
Town Facebook Page: Visit "facebook.com/townofeastgranbyct"
Shelter/Evacuation: Senior/Community Center, 20 Center Street (860) 653-4371

Municipal Elections: Mark your calendar—Election Day is Tuesday, November 4th! Polling will be open from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM at East Granby's Senior/Community Center. This year, you will be voting for our municipal boards and commissions. Be sure to exercise your right to vote—we hope to see you at the polls on the 4th! Please contact the Town Clerk's office at (860) 653-6528 or townclerk@egtownhall.com with any questions or for more information.

Wishing you a beautiful end to summer and a joyful start to autumn! We look forward to connecting with you again in November.

Eden Wimpfheimer, First Selectwoman

Stay informed and connected!
Look for more updates from me inside each edition of "Let's Talk Turkey!"

Newsletter Publication Schedule

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Community Updates and Insights from the First Selectwoman

September Edition

Sewer System Study Update: Since replacing the meter in Meter Pit 5 on July 8th, we have seen a significant and positive change in our readings. The new meter is now consistently reporting flows of about 50 gallons of water per minute, compared to the previous 200-250 gallons per minute. The Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) is receiving the same data, so we are aligned and consistent in our reporting. This is a strong indication we are moving in the right direction and our corrective measures are working. Our ongoing sewer system study is continuing to examine whether inflow and infiltration are affecting our pipes, ensuring the Town and users are billed accurately for actual usage. Thanks to the Sewer Reserve Fund funded by developer hookup fees and a DEEP grant, taxpayer dollars are not being used for the meter replacements or the study. Our upcoming meeting with the MDC will focus on ensuring that billing reflects true usage, not estimates. We are proud of the progress made so far and grateful for the expertise and dedication of all involved in addressing this long-standing challenge. Stay tuned for further updates!

Thank You to everyone who visited the Volunteer Fair! A heartfelt thanks to all the groups who participated in this year's successful Volunteer Fair, including the Granby Ambulance Association, America 250 East Granby Celebration Committee, Commission on Aging, Republican Town Committee, East Granby Cub Scouts, Women's Club of East Granby, Friends of New-Gate, Land Trust, Historical Society, and our Police and Fire Departments. Your involvement helps make East Granby such a vibrant community! If you are interested in joining any of these groups or exploring other civic opportunities in Town, please reach out to info@egtownhall.com.

Playscape Ribbon Cutting and Festivities: A big thank you to our Parks and Recreation team for making the ribbon cutting such a successful and well attended event! Many of us remember the old wooden playscape—my own kids enjoyed it when they were young—so it is exciting to see the new playscape's improved safety and fun features for our community's children to enjoy. Check out the photo below! For a full list of the businesses, residents, and grants which helped make this project possible, please reach out to the Parks and Rec Department.



Town Campus sidewalks are almost complete! Thanks to a State Connectivity Grant, the new sidewalks on Town Campus are nearly finished! Residents, kids, parents, and teachers can now safely walk between Allgrove School, the Senior/Community Center, Library, and Town Hall, and everyone can enjoy a stroll to the Center Shops along Route 20. Looking ahead, we have already begun the application process for another Connectivity Grant to extend sidewalks to East Granby High School/Middle School, East Granby Farms, and along Route 187 North and South—all funded by the grant, with no cost to taxpayers. It is a great step for safety, exercise, and enjoying our town!

See your town in a whole new way! East Granby is proud to introduce ClearGov, a new online tool which makes Town finances and operations easier to understand for everyone. Residents can soon log in to see how our budget is allocated, track town spending, and explore helpful data about municipal services, all in a clear, user-friendly format. We look forward to inviting you to see how this platform enhances transparency and efficiency in our Town government. We are in the final stages of preparation and expect to be fully up and running soon…stay tuned!

Explore the Village Center Master Plan: Just a reminder to visit the Town's website and search for the Village Center Master Plan to see how this long-term vision is gradually coming to life! The plan draws on population trends, traffic studies, zoning regulations, and more, while also addressing economic development, housing, architectural character, and connectivity. It provides a comprehensive view of the thoughtful planning guiding the growth and future of our community.

As always, my office door and phone are open to you. If you have any questions or concerns about town matters, I am happy to help and make time to listen. I am truly grateful to be part of this community and for the generosity and spirit of its residents.

~ Eden

New From the Registrars

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. If you need any assistance, the Registrars' Office is open Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the East Granby Senior/Community Center or contact us at (860) 653-0097 or email registrars@egtownhall.com.

Congratulations and Thank You! We were able to certify 3 new moderators and recertify a current moderator this August. Congratulations to Thomas Cornwell, Diane Forney, John Clark, and Janice Aprea. Thank you all for taking the time out of your weekend to complete this training; we are looking forward to working with all of you. Voters can congratulate them in person at upcoming election events.

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:

- Registration Information will be available at the high School September 23rd.
- September 30th time TBD – tabulator testing for November 4th election.
- October 17th – deadline to register by mail or register in person by 8:00 PM for the November 4th election. The Registrars' Office will be open from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
- October 20th to November 2nd – Early Voting and Same Day Registration 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM (8:00 AM to 8:00 PM on October 28th and 30th).
- November 3rd – limited registration session for those whose qualification to vote was attained after October 17th. Office hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM for qualified electors.
- November 4th – General Election & Same Day Registration

Did you know that Per state statute 1-217 you may be allowed to suppress your address? Per this statute, if you are at a high-risk job (police officer, corrections officer, etc.) you are eligible to have your address suppressed from all Freedom of Information Act requests. Please contact the Registrars' Office for information on how to make this happen. There is also a Voter Registry Privacy Program, Public Act 21-2, if an elector requires suppression of their address to ensure the safety of the voter and their family. This request must go through the Secretary of the State's Office and a sworn statement will need to be provided. The Secretary of State's Office will then send the Registrars the information necessary to suppress the addresses.

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 and are typically one day a month on a Tuesday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM or to cover for the Registrars' absence. Additional hours are as needed to cover election events throughout the year. This is a paid position and training will be provided. Contact Michele in the Registrars' Office for additional information at (860) 653-0097, extension 2. Poll Workers and moderators are always needed for election events, including early voting. Contact the Registrars' Office for more information.

News From the Assessor's Office

Veterans and Active Service Tax Exemptions: There are tax exemptions possible on real estate or motor vehicles for honorably discharged veterans of all ages and branches of service. A veteran's time of service needs to include a specific period of war or conflict, regardless of whether they served in combat. Additionally, a VA disability rating of 10% or more warrants a higher exemption. The State has also passed legislation that allows dwellings to be totally exempt for veterans that have a 100% Total and Permanent Disability Rating. The rating document from the VA also needs to be filed. There is also a Motor Vehicle exemption for persons in active service in all branches. No veteran or person in active service should assume that they are not eligible. Please contact the Assessor's Office with any questions to see if you qualify for any of these exemptions. All applications must be on file with the Town Clerk or Assessor's Office no later than September 30th.

Board of Assessment Appeals: The Board of Assessment Appeals will meet in open session at East Granby Town Hall on Wednesday, September 24th at 6:00 PM for the sole purpose of hearing appeals related to the assessment of motor vehicles listed on the October 2024 Grand List. No appointments are needed. Due to legislative changes the Board may no longer consider factors such as mileage or condition. Vehicles are assessed strictly on MSRP (Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price) and straight line depreciation. Please contact the Assessor's Office with any questions at (860) 653-2852.

East Granby Social Services

East Granby Social Services is located in the Senior/Community Center and office hours are Monday through Thursday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. For more information on programs or assistance please contact Elise Cosker, Director of Social Services, at (860) 413-3328 or 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.

East Granby Cares Day will take place on Saturday, October 18th. This is a collaboration between the Commission on Aging and East Granby High School students. This is a day when our students will have a chance to give back and get hands-on with helping the community. They will work on landscaping, fall clean up, small repair jobs, and assisting those in the community who need some extra help. If you are a senior citizen interested in participating in East Granby Cares Day, please contact Elise Cosker at (860) 413-3328 elisec@egtownhall.com or Kelly Jacobs at (860) 413-3334 kellyj@egtownhall.com.

Emergency Assistance Fund: The East Granby Emergency Assistance Fund was created to provide financial support to income-eligible residents facing urgent needs, including fuel, housing, medical, electricity, and other critical expenses. The fund is entirely supported through grants and generous donations, and 100% of the funds raised are distributed directly to East Granby households experiencing financial hardship. As we approach the winter heating season, your support is more crucial than ever. We rely on the community's generosity to ensure no one in need is left without. 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.



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/.

Energy Assistance: The CT Energy Assistance Program is designed to help offset the winter heating costs of Connecticut's lower income households. Winter heating assistance helps pay for a household's primary heating source such as oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, kerosene, coal, wood, and wood pellets. East Granby Social Services will begin taking applications for oil heating customers for the CT Energy Assistance Program starting October 1st. Applications can also be made on-line at https://portal.ct.gov/heatinghelp/applyonline. Please contact Social Services for more information on income limits and requirements or visit the above website.



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 (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 contribute a 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: The holiday season is fast approaching, and East Granby Social Services is once again preparing for our annual Holiday Gift Giving Program. Each year, our community comes together to bring joy to local families who are facing financial hardship. We are currently seeking generous individuals, families, businesses, and community groups to sponsor East Granby families by fulfilling holiday wish lists for children. Sponsors can choose to purchase gifts or gift cards or make a monetary donation. This is a wonderful opportunity to give back and directly support a neighbor in need. Whether you sponsor a full family or contribute a few items, your kindness can make a meaningful difference. Visit the Social Services page at www.eastgranbyct.org in the coming weeks for more details or reach out directly by phone or email to sign up as a sponsor.



Renters' Rebate: The application filing period for the CT Renters' Rebate Program ends on Tuesday, September 30th. This program is for seniors age 65 and over (or under 65 and receiving Social Security Disability 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. The rebates can range from $50-$700 for a single person and 50-$900 for married couples. 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.

Commission on Aging

Upcoming Activities: The Commission on Aging has a very busy fall ahead in support of our town's seniors and their families. We hope to see you at multiple COA events.

- On September 30th, East Granby Library is presenting a program on Medicare and the various options and needs assessment. Call the Library for more information and to register.
- On October 7th, join us for a celebration of Rich Galluccio's contributions to the Commission on Aging at 6:00 PM and view the donation of multiple hydrangeas that beautify the area behind the Senior/Community Center. Light refreshments will be available. Please join us to celebrate Rich, the beautiful plants, and the dedication plaque. You may also stay to participate in the monthly COA meeting following at 6:30 PM.





- On October 8th, the Annual Wellness Fair and Flu Clinic will again be at the Senior/Community Center from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. Resources will be available to assist with all aspects of the needs of elderly and the variety of support vehicles available to assist families and seniors. All are welcome to attend. Raffles, prizes, and refreshments will be available. We always have a great turn out by families and seniors.
- On November 8th, a Free Elder Law Program presented by Bickford/Genest Law Offices is being held from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. Topics will include Medicare, estate planning, and probate preparation. A Q&A period will also be available to ask questions of the attorney. Light refreshments will be available. Please call Kelly at (860) 413-3334 to reserve your seat.
- On November 15th, a Fall Prevention and Balance Class for all townspeople will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, presented by COA member Jessica Crickmore. Jessica will demonstrate exercises to practice on your own to improve balance and avoid falls. A handout will also be available for you to take with you. Please call Kelly at (860) 413-3334 to reserve your seat.
- In May of 2026, in recognition of May as "Older Americans Month," the COA will be celebrating our seniors with a special "Senior Art and Achievement Show" which will be held at the Library. Our town seniors will be able to display their life

achievements, which will be displayed in the Library for the entire month. Start preparing now on what you would like to share with your community! More information will be available as the time gets closer.

Notes from the Women's Club of East Granby

The Women's Club is a group of women from East Granby and surrounding towns who meet monthly to organize community and fundraising events, all to promote community and give back to the community. We cannot do this without the support of our members as well as the community. We meet at rotating locations throughout the year. Please feel free to attend a meeting and learn more about us. New members are always welcome.

Upcoming Meetings:

- October 1st – New Members Meet & Greet at 8 Mount Vernon Drive (Laura's house) at 6:30 PM
- November 5th – 88 North Main Street (Shirley's house), time TBD
- December 3rd – Holiday dinner at Cracker Barrel

Upcoming Events:

- October 1st – New Members Meet & Greet. Appetizers provided by current members. New prospective members join for conversation, snacks, and to learn more about membership.
- December 13th – Winter Wonderland. An event that typically sells out. Kids have snacks, receive a gift from Santa, and make crafts. Raffles available.
- March 7th – Used Book Sale at the Senior/Community Center. More info to come on when and where to donate used books.
- April 25th – Annual 5k Ridge Run
- June (Date TBD) – Annual Golf Tournament & Annual Dinner and Raffle Fundraiser

For more information, please visit our Facebook page or visit our website using the QR code shown. We look forward to welcoming any new members when we resume our meetings. You can also email womensclubeg@gmail.com.

News from Copper Hill United Methodist Church

New Director of Music: Copper Hill United Methodist Church of East Granby is pleased to announce that Juliana Hall has been named as our Director of Music as of June 2025. Juli Hall began studying the piano with her mother when she was six years old and has played in churches from the Midwest to the East Coast for more than 50 years, including the past 30 years in the Farmington Valley. During that time, she has been a regular at churches in Avon, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, and Waterbury, and most recently served as pianist and music director of the East Granby Congregational Church. Juli is also a well-known composer of classical art songs, having received a master's degree in composition from the Yale School of Music and a Guggenheim Fellowship. Her music has been performed by more than 800 singers and pianists in three dozen countries on six continents, including concerts at Carnegie Hall and the Library of Congress, and abroad at St. Paul's Cathedral and Wigmore Hall.





Past, Present, and Future: In 1729, John Wesley assumed leadership of a small group of Oxford University students who strived to be methodical about their personal holiness. They were jeeringly referred to as the Holy Club or methodists. Now, 296 years later, the church now known as the United Methodist Church is the spiritual home of approximately 80 million people. As the church has evolved, it is as much a story of American history as it is of the church. We invite you to join us to learn more about the past, present, and future of the United Methodist Church in a presentation by Jeffrey Cedarfield of Copper Hill UMC that will be held in the large conference room of the East Granby Public Library on Wed October 15th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. All are welcome!

All will find a warm welcome at Copper Hill UMC; we are a friendly faith community serving the towns of East Granby, Granby, Suffield, and Southwick, MA. Worship is led by Pastor Jeff Cedarfield at 9:30 AM every Sunday in person and on Facebook Live. The church is across the street from Copper Hill Golf Course and the GPS address is 27 Copper Hill Road, East Granby.

The East Granby Democratic Town Committee will hold its annual Pasta Dinner Friday, September 19 from 5 to 7 PM in the East Granby Senior/Community Center.
Come meet candidates running this fall for election!
Suggested donation is $10 and kids under 12 eat for free.



East Granby Democratic Town Committee Endorsed Candidates for 2025 Municipal Election

"Action and Integrity for East Granby"

JASON HAYES, *First Selectperson*
AMANDA THOMPSON, *Selectperson, Re-elect*
JEFF CLARK, *Board of Finance, Re-elect*
MIKE MALLOY, *Board of Finance, Re-elect*
JOANNA TACZANOWSKY, *Board of Finance*
DAVE GILROY, *Board of Education*
LYNN LANDOLINA, *Board of Education, Re-elect*
AUSTIN GELINAS, *Planning and Zoning*
BOB RAVENS-SEGER, *Planning and Zoning*
JOHN WELSH, *Planning and Zoning, Re-elect*
BILL HEARN, *Planning and Zoning, Alt.*
PAT MCKENNEY, *Planning and Zoning, Alt.*
FRAN NUSSBAUM, *Planning and Zoning, Alt.*
JENNIFER COOK, *Zoning Board of Appeals*
DAVID TOBIN, *Zoning Board of Appeals*
JENNIFER FRANK, *Zoning Board of Appeals, Alt.*
JOSETTE LUMBRUNO, *Zoning Board of Appeals, Alt.*
PETER RITTER, *Zoning Board of Appeals, Alt.*
PATRICK ROSENBERGER, *Board of Assessment Appeals*

East Granby Republican Town Committee Endorsed Candidates for 2025 Municipal Election

"Commitment to Community: East Granby Republican Candidates"

EDEN WIMPFHEIMER, *First Selectwoman*
TODD ZESSIN, *Selectman*
KEN OULLETTE, *Board of Finance Full Term*
RALPH BLANCHARD, *Board of Finance Full Term*
PAUL KRZYKOWSKI, *Board of Finance 2 yr Term*
DREUX NAMNOUN, *Board of Education*
BOB LOOMIS, *Board of Education*
RYAN REA, *Planning & Zoning Full Term*
TODD ZESSIN, *Planning & Zoning Full Term*
JAY TRAN, *Planning & Zoning 2 yr Term*
JOEL STRONG, *Planning & Zoning Alternate*
LEVI TYREE, *Planning & Zoning Alternate*
JIM LUCHINA, *Board of Assessment Appeals*
RON HUNT, *Zoning Board of Appeals 2026*
CASSIE ROZANSKI, *Zoning Board of Appeals 2027*
DONOVAN GREGORY, *Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate*

Capitol Update

Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61st District



Thank You! Thank you to everyone who so generously donated school supplies during the inaugural Stuff A Truck event with East Granby Volunteer Fire Department on August 1st, the first day of East Granby Farmers' Market. In a few short hours, we were able to collect a large amount of supplies and donations which East Granby Social Services distributed to families needing a little extra help getting ready for the first day of school. I want to thank the volunteers from East Granby Fire Department for partnering with me on this worthwhile event and bringing a rescue truck for children to explore. It was a beautiful day at the market, and it was wonderful to see this year's vendors and community organizations connecting with the people who make East Granby a great place to live.

Keeping Our Rivers Clean: I was recently interviewed by WTNH Channel 8 about a letter I wrote to the Environmental Protection Agency's New England office concerning combined sewage discharges into the Connecticut River by states to our north. Connecticut has done a lot to clean up the river, the most impactful of which is the Metropolitan District Commission's $335 million Hartford project which should be completed in 2026. In the meantime, cities to our north—most notably Springfield, West Springfield, Chicopee, and Holyoke—continue to dump combined sewage into the river during periods of heavy rain. For example, in one day this past August, Holyoke dumped 7 million gallons of combined sewage into the Connecticut River (this information was obtained from public records). I've heard from constituents about this over the summer, and lately some of the floating waste was visible around the state line in Suffield (I've even received a video). Dumping combined sewage into the Connecticut River has been going on for many, many years and it needs to stop. While Connecticut still has work to do on this issue, we are making significant progress. Massachusetts is far behind. Since Connecticut has no jurisdiction over our neighboring states, I'm hopeful that the letter to the EPA will spur some action towards a regional solution.

Local Elections—Please Vote! With local elections coming up on November 4th, it's important to be well informed about the candidates and to know the dates and times for early and regular voting, as well as availability and deadlines for absentee ballots. The Secretary of State's office has a comprehensive website with this information online at MyVote.CT.gov. If you're unsure about your eligibility, requirements, and deadlines, please go to the website or contact the East Granby Registrars' Office at (860) 653-0097.

Upcoming Legislative Session and Contact Information: The 2026 legislative session starts in early February. If you have ideas for legislative proposals, need assistance with state related matters or would like more information about a specific issue, email me at Tami.Zawistowski@housegop.ct.gov, or call 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's Town-Wide
Leaf Collection Pickup

Wednesday, November 12th

OR

Wednesday, November 19th

Leaves must be in brown bags which can be purchased at local hardware stores and need to be placed at the curbside prior to 7:00 AM on:

- Wednesday, November 12th if your normal trash pickup day is Monday

  OR

- Wednesday, November 19th if your normal trash pickup day is Tuesday.

Bags will not be picked up on private roads.

Protection from Property & Mortgage Fraud

Sign Up for This FREE Service from Your Town Clerk

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





Register for PropertyCheck in 4 easy steps:

1) Sign up at the website listed below

2) Select how you would like to receive notifications

3) Enter the property owner's name
(as it appears on the official record)

4) Click CREATE MY SUBSCRIPTION

PropertyCheck Now Available

East Granby Town Clerk Christine Gallagher

https://recordhub.cottsystems.com/EastGranbyCT/

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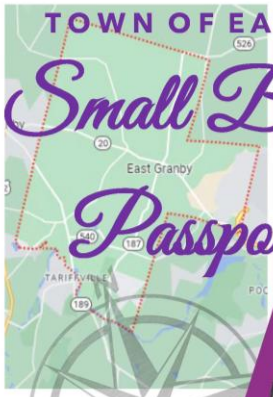


Shop & dine with the East Granby Small Business Passport!

- Pick up your passport booklet in the Town Hall Building Office or at any of the participating food & beverage locations.
- The passport program begins on August 29th and ends on Small Business Saturday, November 29th.
- Purchases made at local participating businesses will receive a passport stamp.
- Qualifying passports returned to Town Hall at the end of the program will be eligible for a gift card drawing!
- Completed passports must be submitted to the Building Department Office at Town Hall, 9 Center Street, by the end of the business day on December 3rd .
- A drawing will be held at the Board of Selectmen meeting on December 10th.



Participate for your chance to win!

Grand Prize:
$250 Visa Gift Card

Second Prize:
$100 Visa Gift Card

Third Prize:
$50 Visa Gift Card

New England Storage Solutions
Brignole Vineyards
Copper Hill Golf Club
Trusz Farms East Granby CT
The Happy Cat
Little Bird Wellness
Timothy Richard Salon
The Grill at Copper Hill
Expressions Pottery Workshop
Valley Fish Company
Wabi-Sabi Yoga Fitness & Wellness Center
East Granby Mulch and Stone (860) 801-4100
Wok on the Wild Side
TJ's Burritos
Fortify Wellness & Physical Therapy
The Craft
Signs Plus
Farmington Valley Plumbing (860) 924-4770 Plumbing & Peace of Mind
The Hairport Inspiring Trends
Three Brothers II Breakfast & Lunch
Liquor Cabinet
Embroidery
Far East Traditional Therapy
Affordable Framing
pc development group LLC
J&G Restaurant & Lounge
Gio's Brick Oven Pizzeria
Anchor Eye Center
Everlasting Nutrition
Fearless
Star-Nail
Almost Famous Brewing Company
Contractors Home Appliances

2026 Plan of Conservation and Development Update

East Granby Residents and Businesses:
What is the Future of Our Town?

The Town of East Granby is in the process of updating its 10-year Plan of Conservation and Development. This Plan is important to the Town in setting new policies and regulations, establishing priorities in open space, roads, housing, and municipal facilities. The Town will work diligently to implement the priorities of this Plan—and they need your input!

Your Opinion Matters!

Public Input Survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/East-Granby

POCD Website:

https://tyche.mysocialpinpoint.com/eg-pocd

Upcoming Public Input Sessions:

November 3, 2025 | January 5, 2026

A public input session is an opportunity for residents to share and discuss information, opinions and data on various topics regarding the town such as housing, economic development, transportation, natural resources, community facilities and more. These conversations will help guide the composition of the 2026 Plan of Conservation and Development update. All are welcome to join us at the Public Input sessions to share your opinions and voice your concerns!



"Light into the Dungeon:" A Jack O' Lantern Experience

October 3rd - November 3rd

Experience Old New-Gate like never before! In the late 18th century, people incarcerated at New-Gate Prison were housed in the abandoned copper mine in total darkness. Celebrate the Fall season with us as we bring “Light into the Dungeon.” Explore the 100-yard loop of the underground copper mine illuminated by a display of 400 professionally carved Jack O' Lanterns.

**Access into the Mine during the duration of this event is by Advanced Ticket Only. Visitors interested in only exploring above ground will receive 50% discount on admission.*

Advanced Tickets Required

OLD NEW-GATE
1773
PRISON & COPPER MINE



SHRED IT DAY

SATURDAY
October 4, 2025
10am-1pm

EAST GRANBY TOWN HALL PARKING LOT

FREE SERVICE FOR EAST GRANBY RESIDENTS ONLY

PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT

ELIMINATE CLUTTER AND FIRE HAZARDS

PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION AND DISCARD YOUR DOCUMENTS SECURELY

LIMIT: 3 BOXES/BAGS PER HOUSEHOLD

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.

Now Hiring:
Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy is now hiring an Executive Director. We are seeking to optimize our working procedures, expand our funding base, and perhaps expand our working area. Membership growth through wider public knowledge and participation is critical. If you know someone who would fit this role, please have them read the detailed job description on the website at trlandconservancy.org. *Applications are due by October 1, 2025.*

Upcoming Fall Events:

Forest Therapy at Penwood State Park
Friday, October 11, 2025 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Being in nature is good for us! Based on Japanese Forest Bathing, forest therapy has holistic health benefits: mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual. A walk in the woods in a group with a guide offers inspiration, energy, and a sense of well-being. This two-hour program begins with an orientation to the area followed by a brief meditation and three brief exercises, or nature-based invitations, with suggestions that involve the senses. After each exercise there will be time for conversation and at the end tea will be shared.

The walk will be led by the Rev. Dr. Nancy Wright, a certified Forest Therapy guide, trained in the Forest Therapy School and assisted by Dr. Lawrence Zemel. *Limit is 15 adult participants.*

Annual Over the Mountain Hike (Bloomfield to Simsbury)
November 1, 2025, 9:00-1:00 pm
Join us for a tour of protected lands and fall scenery showcasing Traprock Ridge and Simsbury Land Trust properties as we cross the ridge. This 5+/- mile hike, now in its 12th year, provides an opportunity to enjoy the fall colors and experience a different mode of journeying between the two neighboring towns.

The hike starts at the parking lot at the corner of Iron Horse Blvd and Drake Hill Road in Simsbury. A bus will shuttle hikers to the starting point at the Oliver Filley House in LaSallette Park. The hike will proceed to TRLC's adjoining Hawk Hill Farm, a working farm with passive recreation trails, then continue to TRLC's Stout Family Farm, which connects to Penwood State Park. In Penwood we will visit Lake Louise and the Pinnacle before taking the yellow trail to access SLT's Tanager Hill Preserve on our descent into Simsbury. We will finish at SLT's Owen Mortimer Preserve before returning to the Iron Horse parking lot.

Co-sponsored by TRLC, Simsbury Land Trust and Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services.

For more information about our properties and to RSVP for these events, visit www.trlandconservancy.org.

SUPPORT THE EGHS CLASS OF 2026

PROJECT GRADUATION

HOSTS

BINGO NIGHT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

DRINKS & SNACKS FOR SALE

$25 TO PLAY ALL 10 GAMES

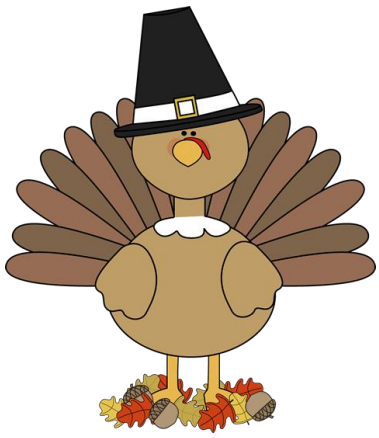


EAST GRANBY COMMUNITY CENTER

DOORS OPEN 6:30PM • STARTS 7:00 PM

Ten games with cash prizes awarded!
Additional cards available to purchase.
All proceeds go to
EGHS PROJECT GRADUATION!

Games, Fun and Cash Prizes



EAST GRANBY LIONS CLUB

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

East Granby Senior/Community Center
November 15, 2025 – 4:30 pm to 7 pm

Enjoy delicious turkey, mashed potato, stuffing, squash, cranberry sauce, and dessert!

Dine-In and enjoy the food and the company of your friends and neighbors or **take-out is available at the door**.

Advance tickets are $18. **Tickets at the door** are $20/adults; $12/age 5-15; under age 5 are free. To purchase advance tickets, see any East Granby Lions Club member or call Lion Dave at 860-324-8356 or Lion Jim at 860-463-9146 or email jhyd99@aol.com.

Join the EG Lions and Support our Community

Your East Granby Lions Club is looking for new members to assist with their projects that benefit our community.

Did you know that the East Granby Lions annually…

- Awards two $1,000 scholarships annually to High School Seniors
- Donates $1,000 to the Substance Free Graduation Pary
- Donates $800 to our various Scouting Organizations
- Donates to the EG Parks & Rec Halloween Party and collects food donations for the Food Pantry
- Donates $1,500 annually to the East Granby Social Services Emergency Fund
- Sponsors and Organizes the Annual Memorial Day Parade and donates to local Emergency Service organizations
- Donates over $3,000 to Lions activities that include support for the American School for the Deaf, the Christmas Party for regional Pupil Services students, CT Lions Eye Research, the CT Low Vision Center and the Lions Clubs International Foundation for emergencies and eye research.

We thank our community for your support of our fundraisers which allow us to do all of the above and more! We are a small club and could do even more with new members. When you join the Lions you: help others less fortunate, improve your community, make new friends, build positive relationships, and have fun! For more information on membership, please contact Lion Leona at bevins422@gmail.com or Lion Jim at jhayden276@aol.com.



Empty Bowls 25th Anniversary Celebration

SOUP'S ON — CHEF'S EDITION!

Join *Expressions Pottery Workshop* and the *Friend to Friend Food Pantry* for the **Empty Bowls 25th Anniversary Celebration** fundraiser on **Saturday, October 4th, 11:30am-1:30pm** at the East Granby Community/Senior Center, 7 Memorial Drive. All proceeds benefit the Friend to Friend Food Pantry which provides food to pre-qualified East Granby residents and families in need. **Tickets are $25.00 pre-purchase or $30.00 at the door.** *(We'll offer a $10.00* ***Soup Only*** *ticket for children 12 and under and seniors, 65+, available for purchase only at the event.)*

This year we're serving delicious soup prepared onsite by our Special Guest Chef Julien Tessier, owner of Julien's Farm Store in Granby, CT. This fall fundraiser will include new surprises in addition to the favorite traditions of our yearly event:

- Festivities begin indoors at 11:30 at the EG Community/Senior Center. Choose your hand-potted bowl, enjoy delicious soups, purchase Thanksgiving-themed raffle tickets for a chance to win a fresh holiday turkey and other Fall-themed prizes! Enjoy live folk music performed by *Allendale Rose*. (You may want to stagger your arrival as we fill up fast at 11:30. No worries though — we may run out of seating for a bit, but we never run out of soup or beautiful hand made bowls.)
- Then, take a stroll (or drive) to *Expressions Pottery Workshop* to peruse the handmade pottery for early holiday shopping, enter the FREE raffle to win a $50 Expressions Gift Card, indulge in a sweet treat and pick up a complimentary pumpkin (courtesy of *Peter L. Brown Company*) before you leave!
- The *Friend to Friend Thrift Shop* will also be open for your treasure-hunting pleasure from 9:00am to 3:00 pm at 32 Spoonville Road in East Granby.

EXPRESSIONS POTTERY WORKSHOP

friend to friend
Food Pantry & Thrift Shop

Questions about the event?
Please contact
Sandy Landolina at
860.392.8362 or email
friendtofriendeg@gmail.com

Scan here to purchase your tickets!

Pre-purchase Ticket Form (please detach and return to the address below)

NUMBER OF BOWLS _____ X $25.00 = TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

NAME: _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS: _____ E-MAIL _____

*Checks should be made out to "**Friend-to-Friend (Empty Bowls)"** and sent to:
Friend to Friend, P.O. Box 631, East Granby, CT 06026 *(Tickets are $30.00 at the door, if available.)*
You can also purchase tickets on line beginning August 1 at www.friendtofriendeg.com

Join the Fun with Girl Scouts!



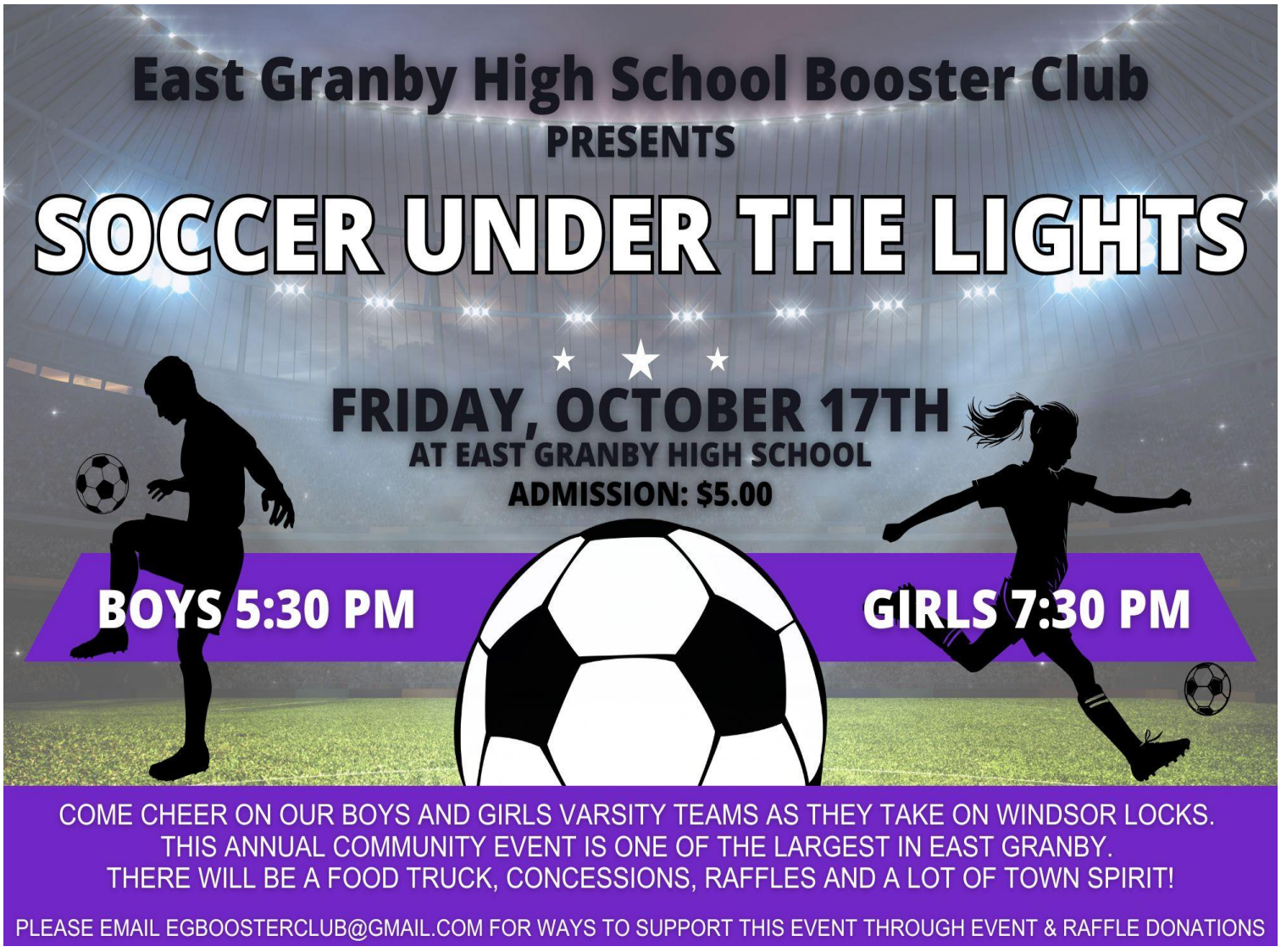
Girl Scouts in East Granby are excited to welcome new members as we kick off a new year of fun, friendship, and adventure. We are currently recruiting girls in all grades, with a special focus on kindergarten and 1st grade, where new Daisy troops are forming.

Girl Scouts gives girls the opportunity to explore the outdoors, express creativity, build confidence, and make lasting friendships, all while having tons of fun! Whether it's camping, community service, or STEM activities, there's something for every girl.

We are also looking for enthusiastic adults who are interested in volunteering as troop leaders or helpers. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to encourage girls as they discover their strengths and talents. Training and support are provided.

girl scouts of connecticut
salmon brook service unit #717
granby, east granby, hartland

If you'd like to learn more about joining or volunteering, please reach out to us at **salmonbrook717@gmail.com** or visit **www.gsofct.org**.



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

phone : 860-653-7660 | fax : 860-413-3702
e-mail : eastgranbyrecreation@gmail.com
www.eastgranbyrec.com

Fall 2025 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, starting October 1st 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 Fall Session starts 9/17**

Pickleball 101 Clinic

New to pickleball? This beginner-friendly clinic is the perfect way to learn the game! Our instructor will introduce you to the basics and get you rallying in no time. **Mondays, Oct. 20 – Nov. 17 | 5:30 – 7:00 pm**

Birding with Brian:
Discover the Magic of Fall Migration

Grab your binoculars and join local naturalist Brian Kleinman for a fun fall birding adventure! Learn to spot and identify birds by sight and sound as they migrate through the area.
Sundays, Sept. 14 – Oct. 19 | 7:00 – 9:00 am

Meditation for Menopause

Learn how Meditation and Mindfulness can help relieve and even help you enjoy your menopause journey. Embrace the spiritual changes that take place during your menopausal years and share the wisdom that comes with it.

Wednesdays, Oct 1 – Oct 22 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Bus Trips



New York City Day Trip: 9/11 Museum, Statue of Liberty, and Ellis Island

Join us for a powerful and unforgettable day exploring New York City's most iconic landmarks!

Trip Includes: Round-trip coach bus transportation, admission to the 9/11 Memorial Museum, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and round-trip ferry from Battery Park **Sunday, October 19, 2025**

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

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

Recreational Dance Program

Classes for ages 2+, including Tap & Ballet, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Tumbling, Musical Theater, and Acro. Registration for the **Fall Session** is now OPEN. Classes are weekly, **September 12 – December 11**

Baton Twirling 101 (Ages 6-12)

In this class, kids will learn the fundamentals of baton twirling while building hand-eye coordination, motor skills, confidence, grace, and rhythm.
Sundays, Sept 21 – Oct 26 | 10 – 10:45 am



Tennis Lessons (Grades K-5)

Group lessons for beginner and intermediate tennis players. Through fun games and drills, kids will learn basic strokes, footwork, court awareness, and scoring. Instruction will be tailored to each participant's skill level and experience. **Wed & Fri, 9/17 – 10/3**
Gr K - 3: 4:00 - 4:45 pm | Gr 3 - 5: 4:45 - 5:30 pm

Middle School Runners 5K Challenge

The first 4 weeks of this TotalRunnerAthletics program focus on intensive training, where runners will learn advanced techniques, pacing strategies, and goal-setting skills to prepare for 5K race season. During weeks 5–10, students will test their progress in 5K events while competing in a friendly, supportive environment. **See EastGranbyRec.com for info**

Kids Pickleball Clinic (Ages 10-17)

Perfect for beginners and young players, this clinic combines skill-building drills, games, and guided play in a supportive and positive environment.
Mondays, 10/20 – 11/17 | 4 – 5:30 pm

Wildlife Explorers (Grades 3-5)

Join wildlife expert Brian Kleinman for a hands-on nature adventure in East Granby! Young explorers will investigate local habitats, visit sites like Great Marsh and Granbrook Park, and learn how field biologists find and observe wildlife. Perfect for kids who love the outdoors and want to sharpen their nature skills! **Mondays, 9/15 – 10/27, 4 – 5:15 pm**

Rec Basketball (K – 8)

Build their b-ball skills early! Registration NOW OPEN
Info on clinics in November COMING SOON

Broadway Musical Workshops (Grades 3-7)

Boost your child's confidence through singing, acting, and dancing in this fun 3-week musical theater workshop led by professional director Erin Bakken!
Tuesdays, Sept 23 – Oct 7 | 4:30 – 6:00 pm
East Granby Senior/Community Center

Cartooning Masterclass Series (Grades 3-7)

In this fun 3-part master class, kids will learn to draw and illustrate their favorite characters with artist Zach Bakken. They'll create two fully illustrated characters, play themed games, and explore the stories behind them. All materials provided!
Saturdays, Nov 1 - 15 | 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
The Sears House at East Granby Farms

Wicked Workshop

Join Jenna Rooney and Erin Dugan to learn the iconic *Wicked* duet "What Is This Feeling?", complete with vocals and fun choreography. All levels welcome for this high-energy, one-day workshop full of Broadway fun! **Tues, 11/18 | 5:30 – 7:00 pm**
East Granby Senior/ Community Center

After School Programs

Crayola Imagine ART-ventures (Grades K-2)

Session 1 - Wild World: The Art of Conservation
Kids will explore the animal kingdom through art, learning about wildlife and conservation while creating fun projects like frog paintings, jellyfish ink art, and polar bear sculptures.
Mondays, Sept. 22 – Nov.3 | 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Session 2 - ART-ventures in the Rainforest
Explore parrots, jungle cats, snakes, and more while creating unique rainforest inspired art like stained glass tigers, ceramic turtles, and froggy light switch covers. Learn fun techniques like painting, collage, and printmaking while discovering why protecting the rainforest matters. **Mon., 11/10 – 12/15 | 3 - 4:30 pm**

Seymour Sprinters 5K Club (Grades 3-5)

This TotalRunnerAthletics program aims to introduce the sport of running to students running through age-appropriate activities and games that build confidence and are gender-inclusive. This an exciting journey towards completing a Kid's Run, or 5K in various races! **Tues & Thurs, 9/9 – 11/6 | 3:00 – 4:15 pm**
(weekend races: optional but encouraged)

ANNUAL TOWN Halloween Party

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

5:00 – 7:00 PM

AT OLD NEW-GATE PRISON

A FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT, WITH LOTS OF TREATS & GAMES!

VISIT THE MINE FOR THE "LIGHT INTO THE DUNGEON" JACK-O-LANTERN EXPERIENCE

THIS EVENT IS FREE FOR EAST GRANBY RESIDENTS.

PLEASE BRING AN ITEM TO DONATE TO FRIEND-TO-FRIEND FOOD PANTRY!

15TH ANNUAL JACKY WELSH

Holiday Tree Lighting

CAROLING & MEMORIAL LUMINARIES

Friday, December 5th - East Granby Town Campus

Once again this year, we will be lighting up the town campus with luminaries to honor and remember those we've lost. This beautiful new tradition serves as a thoughtful way to pay tribute to loved ones who have passed, creating a warm, glowing remembrance that can be shared with family and friends before, during, and after our Holiday Tree Lighting event.

Beginning November 1st, memorial luminaries will be available for purchase online at EastGranbyRec.com and in person by visiting the First Selectwoman's Office or the Parks & Recreation Office during regular business hours. Luminaries are $5/ each or five for $20. A mail in order form will be included in the November edition of Let's Talk Turkey.

Follow us on social media: /EastGranbyRec @eastgranbyrec

East Granby Youth Services

Office Location: 79 North Main Street
Mailing Address: 9 Center Street, East Granby, CT 06026
phone : 860-653-7800 | **www.eastgranbyct.org/youth-services**

Alicia Van Neil, Supervisor
aliciav@egtownhall.com

Mason Briddell-Williams, Program Coordinator
mason@egtownhall.com

Becky Hayes, Program Coordinator
beckyh@egtownhall.com

- ★ **East Granby Youth Services Bureau (YSB)**: The Mission of the YSB is to coordinate the delivery of community-based services for prevention, intervention, treatment, and follow up for at risk youth, and to provide opportunities for all youth to function as responsible members of the community.
- ★ **Commission on Youth Services (CYS)**: The CYS was established to serve in an advisory capacity and support the mission and staff of the Youth Services Bureau. Members are appointed by the board of selectmen and represent various segments of the community including law enforcement, education, children and families, and local businesses and organizations. The goal of the CYS is to advocate for our youth population by evaluating priority needs and interests on an ongoing basis and assisting the YSB in the development of appropriate programs and services. Meetings are held every 3rd Monday of the month and are open to the public.
- ★ **Counseling Services:** If your child(ren) or your family need counseling services, please contact the Youth Services Office, and we would be happy to provide you with a referral to outside therapists who specialize in the emotional, behavioral, and mental health issues you may be facing.
- ★ **Juvenile Review Board: (JRB)** The East Granby 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/
- ★ **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.

Upcoming Programs from East Granby Youth Services

After School Hangout (Grades 3 – 5): Join Mr. Mason, from Parks & Rec and Youth Services, for some afternoon "hang-out" time. Each week will be filled with different crafts, science experiments, board games, outdoor time, and more. This is an excellent opportunity to relax and unwind with friends you know and ones you haven't met yet. **Wednesdays, September 24 – October 29, 3:00 – 4:30 pm | Cost: $60/ student**

Girls' Circle (Grades 3 – 5): Led by Alisa Ruggerio, this supportive group empowers young girls through fun activities, creative projects, and meaningful discussions. Girls build confidence, friendships, and life skills while exploring topics like self-esteem, kindness, and communication in a safe, uplifting space.
Mondays, September 15 - October 27, 3:00 – 4:15 pm | Seymour School Art Room | Cost: $60/ student

Boys' Council (Grades 3–5): Led by Mason Williams, this fun, supportive group blends games, crafts, and guided discussions to help boys build friendships, confidence, and social skills. Through hands-on activities, they'll explore topics like self-esteem, competition, and stereotypes in a positive, inclusive space.
Mondays, September 15 – October 27, 3:00 – 4:15 pm | Seymour School Cafeteria | Cost: $60/ student

*We are adding new programs, activities, and events all the time! For the most up to date information see **https://eastgranbyct.org/youth-services-bureau** or follow us on social media:*

/eastgranbyyouthservices @eastgranby_youthservices

Women's Club of East Granby Presents

Winter Wonderland

Saturday Dec13th (snow date 12/20)
From 10am to 12:30pm
At E.G. Senior/Community Center

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)
Registration required by November 23rd.

For more information and to register, go to our website: **www.womensclubeg.org** and click on *Winter Wonderland.*

Follow *Women's Club of East Granby* on Facebook!

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).



What Does East Granby Historical Society Do?

The Society is responsible for sharing our town's heritage in several ways:

- **Providing opportunities to view historical items in the Barn Museum at East Granby Farms**
- **Preserving and displaying documents and artifacts at the town library**
- **A secured room in the library stores original documents**
- **We offer quarterly interactive programs of historical interest, free and open to the public**
- **The Historical Society is an all-volunteer organization**
- **Annual scholarship is awarded to an EGHS senior**



Why Become a Member?

You can meet new friends and learn new things about East Granby's history from colonial times to the present. Kids are always welcome – it's an opportunity for them to get involved in the community, too!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone and email: _____

Dues: Individual $15 _____ Family $25 _____ Lifetime $225 _____ (single or family)

Please return form with check payable to East Granby Historical Society, PO Box 188, East Granby, CT 06026

Watch for future events in Let's Talk Turkey! And visit us online at

www.eastgranbyhistoricalsociety.org
and facebook.com/eghistorical
Or call 860-653-2866

East Granby Lions Club
Flea Market – October 4
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM*

The East Granby Lions Club is holding its annual Flea Market located at the East Granby Congregational Church Parking Lot (9 Rainbow Rd at the intersection of Route 187 and Route 20.

Public: All are welcome to shop and browse for treasures!

Participants: please return your completed Registration Form and payment to the address indicated below. Checks and Venmo accepted.

Spaces are limited and go quickly!

Payment received prior to Sept. 27th - $15 per space
Payment received after – Sept. 27th - $20 per space
Space sizes are 15' x 20' and set-up time is 6:30 AM – 7:45 AM
Cars are not allowed in space areas from 7:45 AM to 2:00 PM
Breakdown may not begin before 2:00 PM.

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Please note: the Event will be held Rain or Shine

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REGISTRATION FORM *** PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

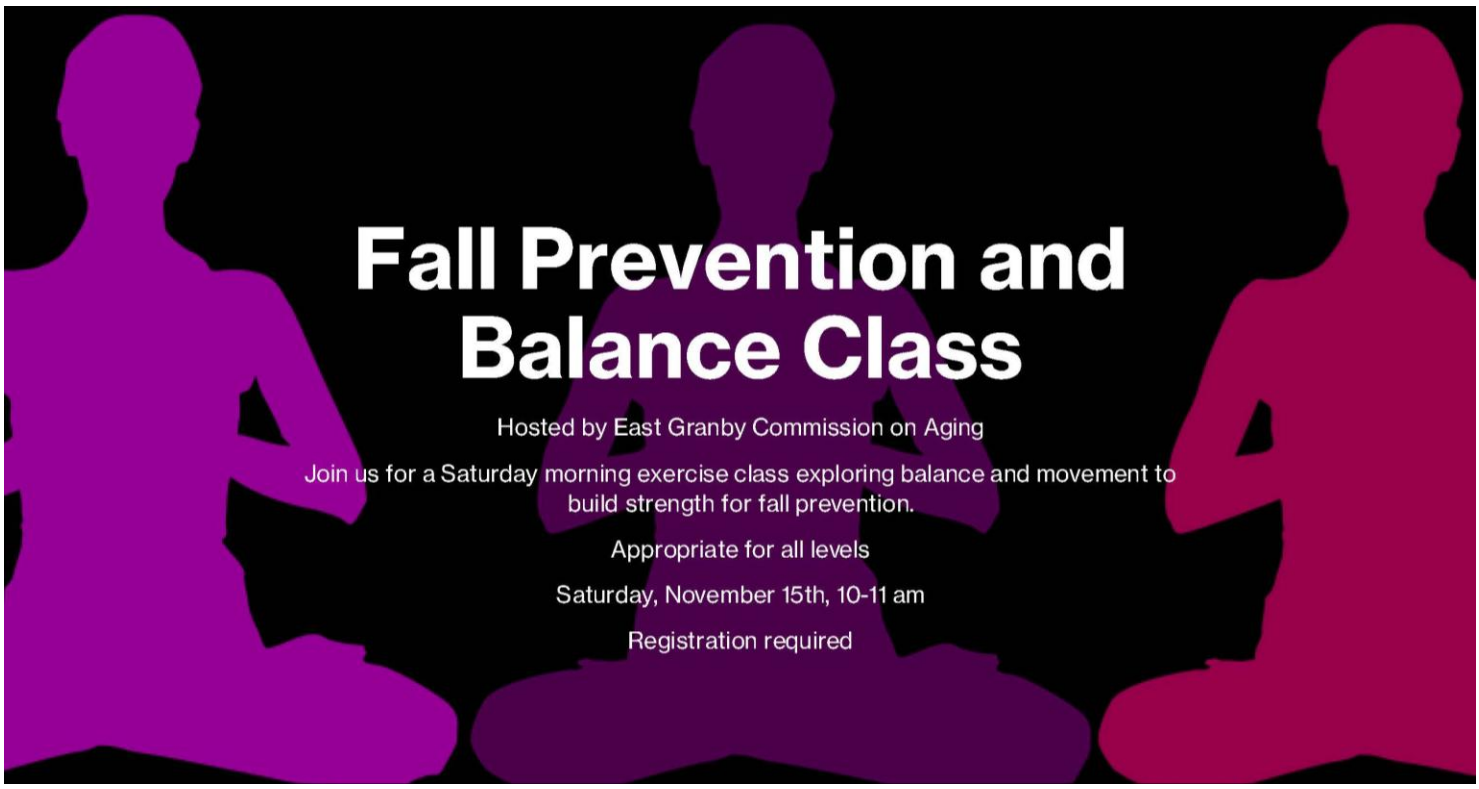
NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

ADDRESS: _____ E-MAIL: _____

CITY/TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

NUMBER OF SPACES: _____ PAYMENT TYPE Check _____ Venmo _____

Return completed form and payment to: East Granby Lions, 81 Kimberly Rd, East Granby, CT 06026
Or jhayden276@aol.com Contact: Lion David at (860) 324-8356



East Granby Wellness Fair

Being Prepared & Informed = 'Ready' When Needed



Calling all

Seniors, Caregivers & Family Members!

Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 3:30-6:00PM

East Granby Community/Senior Center

7 Memorial Dr. East Granby, CT

Raffle Prizes! Giveaways! Resources!

Flu Shots are also available by walk-in

Provided by **Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County**

Surrounding towns are also welcome!!!!

Information on services, products and resources in the health, housing and financial industries will be exhibited.

Sponsored by: The East Granby Commission on Aging &

PeoplesBank
Real. Simple. Banking.

Visiting Nurse & Hospice
of Litchfield County

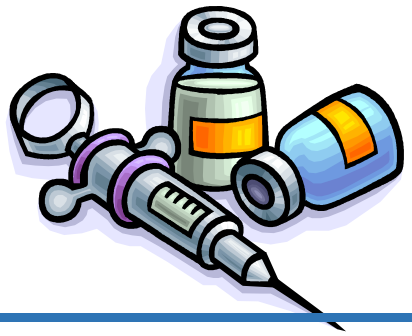
2025 Flu Clinic

East Granby Senior Center

Wednesday, October 8th - 3:30 to 5:30 pm

Please bring your medical insurance card.

Insurances Accepted:
Aetna
Anthem Blue Cross
ConnectiCare
Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare
Medicare Part B
United Healthcare – Advantage (over 65)



Walk-ins Only – no appointments

EAST GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Hello East Granby Community Members!

Our buildings have been quite busy with summer programs, interview committees, recreational activities, trainings, and lots of cleaning in preparation for the 2025-2026 school year. Many thanks to our teachers, school counselors, specialists, paraeducators, nurses, secretaries, and custodians for their continued and unwavering day-to-day commitment to our students' academic, social and emotional growth and support. As an administrative team, we feel fortunate to have them at the core of our dynamic and special district.

We are grateful for supportive families and a wonderful community. We are ready!

WELCOME NEW STAFF!

Molly Cunningham, Paraprofessional
Jasmin Goicochea, Kindergarten Teacher
Chanthavone Huber, Paraprofessional
Natalee Marini, Middle School English Teacher
Joshua (Josh) Martin, Director of Student Support Services
Samantha Olson, Paraprofessional
Suzanne Palmieri, Superintendent
Lauren Pelletier, Middle School English Teacher
Alexandra (Daley) Whitaker, Grade 4 Teacher
Rebecca Williams, Paraprofessional

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A MESSAGE FOR ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF EAST GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS REGARDING <u>INCOME GUIDELINES FOR FREE MILK</u>

An email message will be sent out from the East Granby Public Schools explaining the income guidelines and application process for free milk. Packets may also be picked up in any of the school offices. The information is also located on the East Granby Public School Website, www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us, under For Parents/Parent Information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Hiney, School Business Manager, at mhiney@eastgranby.k12.ct.us or 860.653.6486 X204



Congratulations to the East Granby Public Schools'
2026 Teacher of the Year
Shannon Provencher
Grade 8 Mathematics Teacher
East Granby Middle School

Each year, the East Granby Public School District chooses a teacher that exemplifies the best qualities in education to be honored as Teacher of the Year. This year, we are pleased to announce that Shannon Provencher has been chosen as the East Granby Public Schools' 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year.

Shannon serves as the 8th grade Mathematics teacher at East Granby Middle School and has also taught Algebra I for East Granby High School. Since joining our district in August of 2014, Shannon has become a leader and force for good for the East Granby Middle School community. She is a positive strength for her students, and she facilitates authentic buy-in to learning with her love, passion, and respect for them and for her subject. Her compassion is infectious, and students want to do well because of it. Mrs. Provencher is the students' "go to" teacher when they have an issue, need a safe space, or a quiet break for lunch. She reads and responds to the pulse of the school's student climate, and is often "the glue" that keeps it all together!

From a pedagogical perspective, Mrs. Provencher embodies great teaching by facilitating student learning through a mastery-based instructional model, where students have choice and creativity to demonstrate their growth in her 8th Grade Mathematics class. Her teaching style reaches all students, as she has "the gift" of making learning experiences joyful, authentic, and properly differentiated so that all students can be successful and WANT to be successful! She works to have each of her students feel seen and heard within her classroom and she makes sure that students' needs are being addressed within the greater school community as well. Her lessons are fun and engaging, and it is very clear that students are working and learning every day in her classroom. That said, Mrs. Provencher makes all of this challenging work look easy because she starts by making connections with her students and caring about them.

Shannon is a consummate professional and has rightfully earned the respect and admiration from her colleagues. She is a prototypical role model on how to get the job done to impact the academic and social-emotional growth and learning of students. She significantly contributes to East Granby Public Schools and the greater East Granby community. Shannon Provencher is truly deserving of the honor of East Granby Public Schools' 2026 Teacher of the Year!

Congratulations Shannon!



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 9/15 & 9/17). Free class on 9/24!

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 center your body, mind and spirit, while helping you to develop flexibility, balance, and strength. Free class on 9/2!

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~ SEPTEMBER 8TH, OCTOBER 6TH, NOVEMBER 10TH 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.

FLU CLINIC– PROVIDED BY VISITING NURSE OF LITCHFIELD COUNTY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH 3:30-5:30PM. Located at the East Granby Senior Center. Walk-ins only.

EAST GRANBY WELLNESS FAIR

Wednesday, October 8th 3:30-6:00pm The East Granby Wellness Fair will be held on at the East Granby Community/Senior Center. This event is free and open to all. Vendors will be present to provide information about health care, financial planning, wellness programs, estate planning and more. Get a jump start on learning about the many services available to you and your loved ones whether they are needed now or you are planning for the future. There will be raffle prizes and giveaways!

SHOPPING TRIPS

- **SEPTEMBER 15TH, OCTOBER 20TH, NOVEMBER 10TH – WALMART**
- **SEPTEMBER 22ND – STEW LEONARD'S/FOOTPRINTS**
- **SEPTEMBER 29TH, OCTOBER 27TH, NOVEMBER 24TH - BIG Y/OCEAN STATE/DOLLAR STORE**
- **OCTOBER 6TH, NOVEMBER 3RD – PRICE CHOPPER**
- **NOVEMBER 17TH –ENFIELD**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**** EAST GRANBY CARES DAY****

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH - East Granby Cares Day is a collaboration between the Commission on Aging and the East Granby High School students. This is a day where our students will have a chance to give back and get hands on with helping the community. They will work on small outdoor jobs, fall clean up, and assisting those in the community who are no longer able to keep up with their daily chores. If you are interested in receiving help on East Granby Cares Day please call Senior Services (860) 413-3334 or Social Services (860) 413-3328 no later than 10/5.

****AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE****

THURSDAY, November 13th –Completion of this course may result in a savings on your car insurance! Cost is $20 for AARP members and $25 for non-members. Call (860) 413-3334 by November 3rd to reserve your seat. **9:00am –1:00pm at the East Granby TOWN HALL.**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH —Dondero Orchards —Glastonbury, CT- Dondero orchards is a family owned local farm celebrating 114 years! The farm has been passed down four generations and they provide only the top quality for you. Join us for a delicious lunch outdoors at the farm. After lunch there will be some time to visit the bakery, the farm stand and even pick your own apples! You don't want to miss this wonderful trip! **Depart the Senior Center at 11:15 AM. Reservation by September 18th. This program will be canceled in the event of inclement weather. There is no charge however, the cost for lunch is on your own.**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD —Historic Deerfield— Deerfield, MA– Spend a day in old New England and experience one of the best preserved villages and rural landscapes in North America! Historic Deerfield is an authentic 18th century New England village that interprets the history and culture of early New England and the Connecticut River Valley. We will start at the Flynt Center of Early New England Life and then head down the road to tour the Williams house and the Sheldon House & Wright Furniture Gallery. The tours will be mostly self- guided. After the tour we will stop at the famous Deerfield Inn for a delicious lunch! **Depart the Senior Center at 9:00am. There will be some walking and stoops/stairs in the houses. Cost is $14 (cost of lunch is on your own). Reservation and payment due by September 25th.**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH —Worthington Vineyards & Winery—Somers, CT -Come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon as we go on a scenic ride to Somers. The Worthington Vineyards & Winery is a private sanctuary where one can not only enjoy a glass of wine, but also relax, meditate, and gather. You will encounter a truly unique experience found nowhere else in New England. From the natural beauty of the beaver created pond to the numerous patios, walking paths, and picnic areas, all surrounding the stunning covered bridge. We will enjoy a tasting of different wines and then sit back and relax as we enjoy a delicious boxed lunch. You won't want to miss this fun trip! **Depart the Senior Center at 11:30am. Cost is $28 (Includes tasting and lunch). Reservation and payment due by October 9th.**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH —Historic Wethersfield Scarecrows on Main—Wethersfield, CT -Join us on a nice crisp New England day in Wethersfield! Enjoy the beautiful foliage along with colonial homes, fresh air and history as you walk around the biggest historic district in CT. A wonderful display of over 70 handmade scarecrows will be displayed along Main Street. As you stroll on your own you can stop into the various shops along Main Street and then we will meet back at the Charles at 12:00 for a delicious lunch. **Depart the Senior Center at 10:00am. There is no charge however, the cost for lunch is on your own. Reservation and payment due by 10/16.**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH —Lunch Bunch @ Mercato Italian Kitchen —Canton, CT-Join us for lunch in a warm and inviting atmosphere. Enjoy delicious pizza, pasta, salad and authentic Italian dishes crafted with high quality locally sourced ingredients. Mercato's motto is: Mangia, Bevi, Ridi – Eat, Drink, Laugh and that is at the heart of everything they do! **Depart the Senior Center at 11:30 AM. Cost of lunch is on your own. Reservation by October 30th.**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH —Cognitive Word Play–Join Cognitive Entertainer Gary Ciesla for a fun presentation created to challenge the mind and memory through song, culture, humor, stories and puzzles. Regular cognitive activities can benefit not only mental health but also improve memory, processing speed and overall brain function. You won't want to miss this unique presentation! **10:00am at the East Granby Senior Center. There is no charge however, reservation is required and due by November 6th.**

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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Visit www.egpl.org for more information.



STORYTIMES



September 24th - November 20th
(No classes week of Oct 20th)

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

PERLER BEADING



Monday, September 29th
5:00pm-5:45pm
Ages 9-12

Choose from a variety of beads and grid shapes and start creating!

GAVEL CLUB

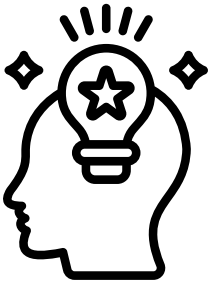


Every 1st and 3rd Thursday
Runs through June 4th
5:30pm - 6:30pm
Grades 4-9

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

INVENTION WORKSHOPS

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



Monday, October 6th
5:00pm-6:00pm
Grades 3-5

Monday, October 20th
5:00pm-6:30pm
Grades 6-12

SECRET AGENTS - VOLUNTEER CLUB



Grades 7-12
Runs through August 2026

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

THE GREAT PUMPKIN CONTEST!



October 4th-24th
All Ages

Use our paper pumpkin template(s) to create your favorite character or illustrate your favorite book! Get creative with markers, crayons, colored pencils, and other materials. Submissions are due back to the library by October 24, 2025! We will display submissions. The winner will receive a special prize! Pumpkin templates can be picked up at the library or found at www.egpl.org.



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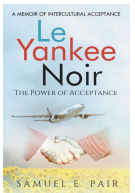
AUTHOR TALK WITH SAMUEL PAIR



Tuesday, September 23rd
6:00pm-7:00pm

Join Samuel in person as he discusses his memoir, Le Yankee Noir: The Power of Acceptance — a powerful story of intercultural acceptance, resilience, and relationship building, told through the unique lens of an African American aerospace engineer. Don't miss this inspiring conversation.

QPR SUICIDE PREVENTION & NARCAN TRAINING

Saturday, November 1st
1:00pm-2:30pm

Empower yourself with the tools to help save lives. Join our QPR Suicide Prevention & NARCAN Training and gain the tools to help someone in crisis.

MEDICARE 2026: UNDERSTANDING CHANGES AND COVERAGE OPTIONS

Tuesday, September 30th
6:00pm-7:00pm

Let us help you navigate the complexities of Medicare, including the various parts and the important new changes to Medicare drug plans.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Wednesdays, November 12th and November 19th
Two part class
5:30pm-9:30pm

Gain the skills to recognize, understand, and respond to signs of mental health concerns.

Afternoon at the Movies! Wednesdays at 1pm.

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

The Comeback Trail

September 17th
R, 1 hr 44 min

A producer who tries to "accidentally" kill his aging movie star for an insurance scam realizes that the movie they're shooting is a masterpiece in the making.



The Unbreakable Boy

September 24th
PG, 1 hr 49 min

A young boy with both a rare brittle-bone disease and autism transforms everyone around him with his joyous and funny world view.



Green and Gold

October 1st
NR, 1 hr 45 min

A farmer wagers everything on a high-stakes bet, while his granddaughter's musical ambitions could be their ticket to a new beginning.



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) 10/7, 11/4, 12/2, 1/6/2025

Conservation 7:00 (TH).....10/1, 11/5, 12/3, 1/7/2026

Board of Education 7:00 (TH).....9/22, 10/14, 10/27, 11/10, 11/24, 12/8
Second Meeting of the Month as Needed

Economic Development 5:30 (TH) 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).....9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16, 1/20/2026

Parks & Recreation 6:30 (TH) 10/2, 11/6, 12/4, 1/8/2026

Planning & Zoning 7:00 (TH).....10/14, 11/17, 12/9, 1/13/2026

Board of Selectmen 6:30 (TH) 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) 9/25, 10/23, 11/20, 12/18, 1/22/2026

Youth Services Commission 6:30 (EGF) 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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