Let's Talk Turkey

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With Thanks and Appreciation…

I want to take a moment to thank the residents of East Granby for the honor and privilege it has been to serve you over the last four years. While my time in office is coming to an end, my commitment to East Granby remains strong.

I am proud of my legacy of leading this town I care for so deeply—with truthfulness, transparency, accountability, and a steadfast commitment to doing what is right, even when it was not easy.

While I was not successful in my re-election bid, I remain proud of all we have accomplished together, from shedding light on and bringing long-overdue attention to our neglected sewer infrastructure and tackling its repair head on, to securing millions in state and federal grants in order to protect East Granby's future.

I would be remiss not to remind residents the work we began must continue. There are major capital projects, community improvements, and grant-funded initiatives in progress, which must be shepherded carefully to completion…or our town risks losing valuable opportunities and funding. These include the long-awaited School Street realignment to improve walkability, community, safety, and economic development in the Village Center, as well as important recreation improvements residents have supported for years.

Please stay informed, stay engaged and hold your new leadership accountable. Decisions made in the months ahead will have lasting impacts on our town's future. While elections bring change, I remain optimistic that East Granby will continue to thrive if residents remain vigilant and involved. You deserve leadership rooted in honesty, respect, and genuine service to all—values I have upheld every day in office.

I look forward to returning to my passion—real estate, entrepreneurship, farming, serving my church, and most importantly, spending more time with my family and children, who are my greatest accomplishments.

As we approach Veterans Day and Thanksgiving, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to our East Granby veterans for their service and sacrifice—you are the backbone of our freedom. And to all residents, I wish you and your families a warm, safe, and happy Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your trust, your friendship, and your belief in East Granby.

With appreciation,
Eden Wimpfheimer, First Selectwoman

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News 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 Registrar's Office is open Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Senior/Community Center or you may contact us at (860) 653-0097 or email registrars@egtownhall.com.

Municipal Election: We want to thank our incredible team of poll workers who attended multiple training sessions and worked the long days for early voting and the municipal election. Their efforts resulted in a very well-run event. Also, many thanks to those who were willing to serve as a backup worker in case someone dropped out. Thanks to all the spectators and candidates at the end of the night for helping pick up signs for us. There were many challenges as we together learned about the new tabulator machines and conformed to new procedures. We have learned that the new machines will slow our processes as we need to run four machines for a general election. Closing a machine takes about 20 minutes. Thank you all for your patience awaiting results. And special thanks to our long-time moderator Stacy, the most organized and efficient moderator you could ask for! We thank all of you that voted and worked!

FOIA Requests: We have received phone requests for information. Our office asks that you please send us a specific request via email or USPS. This ensures we receive and acknowledge your request in a timely fashion. We do charge for photocopies of items but can email you any documents we have available in our office for free. Candidates for office can receive printed copies of voter lists as needed at no charge.

Interested in working at the polls? Poll workers and moderators are always needed for election events including early voting. Our next election event will be the May referendum. Contact the Registrar's Office for more information. These are paid positions and training is provided.

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.

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.

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 began taking applications for oil heating customers for the CT Energy Assistance Program on 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.

Eversource: The Low-Income Discount Rate (LIDR) is now available to you if you have a financial hardship status on your electric account. Based on your household income or receipt of a public assistance benefit, you may be eligible for a monthly discount on your electric bill. Visit www.eversource.com/billhelp for more information on the LIDR program.

Food Resources: The Friend to Friend Food Pantry was established to supplement the weekly grocery needs of residents who have been identified by East Granby Social Services as needing assistance. The pantry is currently operating on Friday mornings for registered participants to shop. The East Granby Mini Bus is available for transportation to the pantry. If you are in need of food, please call Social Services at (860) 413-3328 or email elisec@egtownhall.com. To donate please call (860) 413-9015 or email friendtofriendeg@gmail.com. Food donations may be dropped off at bins outside the East Granby Community/Senior 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 contribute a monetary donation or local grocery store gift card you can either mail to Friend to Friend Food Pantry, P.O. Box 631, East Granby, CT 06026 or email friendtofriendeg@gmail.com. A Mobile Food Pantry Locator can be found here: https://www.ctfoodshare.org/find-food.

Generation Power CT: Generation Power CT (formerly Operation Fuel) offers emergency energy assistance to households who fall outside the CT Energy Assistance guidelines or have exhausted their CT Energy Assistance grant. Generation Power CT has four emergency assistance cycles throughout the year when they are open for applications. Eligible households can receive one grant of up to $500 in a 12-month period, to be applied toward a future oil delivery or a past due electric balance. Applications can be completed through the Generation Power CT website: https://gpct.org/.

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 and fill out a donor registration form, or reach out by phone or email to sign up as a sponsor.

East Granby Congregational Church's

Cookies-By-The-Pound Annual Sale

Date: December 13, 2025
Time: 9:00-11:30 AM
Location: East Granby Congregational Church
9 Rainbow Road East Granby, CT 06026
(corner of Routes 20 & 187)

$12 per pound

Lots of Christmas cookies, fudge,
and special candy decorations!

(Snow Date December 14 from 12:00-2:30 PM)

Commission on Aging Activities

Rich Galluccio Family Contribution: On October 7th we had a very nice attendance of about 25 people to celebrate Rich Galluccio's family contribution of hydrangeas to beautify our common area behind the Senior/Community Center.



The Annual Wellness Fair and Flu Clinic on October 8th was well attended once again this year with approximately 100 people in attendance. Nearly 50 flu shots were performed by the Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Litchfield County. There were 25 raffle winners and three grocery gift card winners. We also had over 27 vendors providing resources, information and services for our families. We hope to see you at the next Wellness Fair! A huge thank you to the members (and former members) of the Commission on Aging for all their support and work to make this event happen for our community! Check out the Town website's Commission on Aging page for a full display of photos of the event.







East Granby Cares Day was held on October 26th for 11 households in town. Nearly 25 high school students assisted town seniors with general needs like raking, mulching, storing outdoor furniture, removing air conditioners, and the like. Watch for the Spring East Granby Cares Day typically held in April to sign up yourself or a family senior in town! Thank you to our high school students for aiding our community seniors. Your participation and assistance were greatly appreciated by many!

A free Elder Law program presented by Bickford/Genest Law Offices was held on November 8th. Topics included Medicare, estate planning, and probate preparation. A Q & A period was also available to ask questions of the attorney. Light refreshments were available.

Coming March 21, 2026: A Fall Prevention and Balance Class for all town residents 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 to take with you. Please call Kelly at (860) 413-3334 to reserve your seat.

Coming Spring 2026: "Scones & Scams" financial awareness preparedness program. More information to come in early 2026.

May 2026: May is "Older Americans Month" and 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's 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 time gets closer. Call Kelly to register your participation at (860) 413-3334.

New Members Wanted: The Commission has an open membership! Please consider joining the Commission on Aging and helping the seniors of our community. Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM, typically at the Senior/Community Center. Consider joining us at a meeting to see what the Commission is all about!

Build a Legacy!

Sponsor a Brick Today!

The bricks are back! The bricks are back! The East Granby Congregational Church invites you to become part of history. Decades ago, as part of a church addition, we began a brick walkway paved with names of loved ones. In light of our country's 250th anniversary in July 2026, we are revisiting the brick campaign. You now have an opportunity to have a brick or two in our historic walkway.

Many church members and friends of the church have bricks in the walkway—they mean the world to us. We are now offering townspeople and friends the chance to buy a brick and be part of our town history. Each brick will be personalized per your instructions. The cost is $150/brick. During November our church website, egchurch.org, will be updated to include an order form and instructions. EGCC will have a booth at the Nursery School Craft Sale on Saturday November 22nd where orders can be placed. We will accept orders until spring when the ground softens and the new bricks can be placed.

Christmas is right around the corner. Perhaps a loved one has passed and you wish to honor their life/memory with a brick. Perhaps you wish to honor your family with a brick. What an unusual and lasting Christmas gift! Leave your mark! Buy a brick!

Notes from the Women's Club of East Granby

The Women's Club has had two meetings this season and has gotten several new members with new energy and new ideas. We are forming committees for each of our events as well as planning new events. Please feel free to join any of our meetings and enjoy our community events and fundraisers. We are currently working hard at making this year's Winter Wonderland a big success. Santa's helpers have been hard at work for months collecting toys and designing crafts. Soon the holiday baking will begin. It is an event the parents will enjoy as much as the kids. Signups are available on our website as well as flyers on Facebook and "Let's Talk Turkey." We are also continuing our partnership with Pauline's Stockpot Kitchen delivering hot meals to Higley Village and Metacomet Village weekly.

Upcoming Meetings: Monthly meetings are typically held at members' homes at 6:30 PM. Contact us for locations or more information.

- November 5th
- December 3rd Holiday Dinner at Cracker Barrel
- January 7th
- February 4th
- March 4th
- April 1st at 6:30pm at Gio's restaurant
- May 6th
- June 3rd End of Year Dinner at place TBA

Upcoming Events:

- **December 13th** – Winter Wonderland from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM – An event that typically sells out. Kids have snacks, receive a gift from Santa, and make crafts. Raffles will be available. Registration required.
- **March 7th** – Used Book Sale at the 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, visit our website using the QR code shown, or visit womensclubeg.org. We are always welcoming new members. You can also email at womensclubeg@gmail.com.

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Northern Connecticut Veterans Association

The Northern Connecticut Veterans Group would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season!

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Our last meeting for 2025 will be on Tuesday, November 25th, Gio's Pizzeria, at 1900. Discussion topic will be historic battles during Thanksgiving week.

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Join the East Granby Lions Club!

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. We have fun, help the townspeople, and need to replenish our membership so we can continue to be of service to East Granby.

Did you know that the East Granby Lions annually:

- Awards two $1,000 scholarships to High School seniors
- Donates $1,000 to the Substance Free Graduation Party
- Donates $800 to our various Scouting Organizations
- Donates to the East Granby Parks & Rec Halloween Party and collects food donations for the Food Pantry
- Donates $1,500 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.



East Granby Boy Scout Troop 70

will offer

Christmas Tree Pick Up

on January 10th, 17th, and 24th

to raise funds for summer camp and other activities. Curbside pick-up. Donations welcome! Email us at egtroop70@gmail.com to sign up!

National Merit Scholarship Program

2025 Commended Student

Antonio DeMelo, Principal of East Granby High School has announced that Sreekirthana Kolla has been named a Commended Student in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, was presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.



About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2025 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2025 competition by taking the 2024 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation."

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.

Spotlight on Small Businesses

News from the Economic Development Commission

Chic & Antique, located at 133 Hartford Ave #3, is owned by Geoff and Ellen Abare. The business was originally located in Suffield, but over this past summer they moved to East Granby to a location where they can both build and sell the many custom products they make. Chic & Antique are known for their beautiful farm tables but make a variety of other custom furniture and home products. They are excited to be in their new location and look forward to being a part of the East Granby community.



Capitol Update

Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61st District



With another election day behind us I'd like to congratulate those who prevailed and thank those who ran for offering East Granby residents a choice. It's not easy to run for office, but the time invested, the connections made, and the ideas and discussions from all candidates will help shape our town's future. In addition, a special thanks to all of you who exercised your right to vote. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank East Granby residents for their community involvement. Local engagement goes way beyond elected office. We have town commissions which are filled by volunteers, active and engaged community organizations such as Women's Club of East Granby and the East Granby Lions Club who raise funds for local initiatives, and groups such as Friends of the East Granby Public Library that organize activities like the Farmers Market. Friend to Friend Food Pantry and Thrift Shop provide significant help to those in our town who need a little extra help, North Central Connecticut Veterans brings our veterans together for support, and both parent and student led groups are a major asset for our school district. We depend on our dedicated members of the East Granby Volunteer Fire Department to keep us safe, and they in turn depend on their Auxiliary to support them. We have Scouting, groups dedicated to history, land conservancy, politics, business success, and others. All of them could use more volunteers—and volunteering is a great opportunity to get to know more of your fellow East Granby residents.

Bradley Airport Runway Construction: By the time you read this, Bradley airport's main runway 6-24 will be back open, and air traffic will begin to resume its previous flight patterns. The major repaving project that took place over the summer also included new lighting and sensors for aircraft safety. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires repaving of runways every 20 years, and since runway 15-33 was repaved not that long ago, significant temporary changes in flight patterns are several years away. If you haven't been to Bradley lately, there are major improvements completed or underway, including new exit corridors on the east and west sides of the terminal, with meet and greet locations near new elevators and escalators. The existing central corridor has been closed off to expand the area for TSA checkpoints, adding screening lanes and reducing wait times. Improvements are also coming to beyond-the-gate concessions including Chick-Fil-A and some Connecticut-based dining and bar options. The biggest project, nearing completion, is a new 80,000 square foot baggage screening facility which will allow passengers to leave their bags at check-in rather than lugging them to the existing explosive detection machines currently near the ticket counters. These machines will be retired and the additional open space will be a welcome improvement for the passenger check-in process. Part of that project will also include two new airline gates including at least one geared for international flights There is also a new light system in the main parking garage to identify where there are open parking spaces, saving time and energy for drivers. These major undertakings are funded through the FAA, other federal transportation programs, passenger facility charges, and airport revenue.

Special Legislative Session: After the regular legislative session ended in June, Governor Lamont vetoed several bills, including House Bill 5002, an omnibus housing bill that I opposed but which passed mainly along party lines. The bill would have undercut local zoning and taken away local control, with more authority going to the state. It would also have created unrealistic "fair share" affordable housing requirements for each town, required town zoning regulations to allow "as of right" conversion of commercial properties to certain types of residential development, prohibited towns from including minimum parking requirements for housing developments, and other provisions that simply don't make sense for many small towns.

Following the veto, there have been negotiations taking place behind closed doors to bring this bill back during a special legislative session in mid-November. Unfortunately, the only people who have been privy to those discussions to date have been Democrat leadership and the Governor's staff. I'm hopeful they will truly consider modifications to their initial proposal, and that they will share the bill language with all legislators prior to calling the measure for debate.

Contact Information: If you would like to stay updated, you can sign up for email updates on my website at www.RepZawistowski.com and/or follow my official State Representative page on Facebook (repzawistowski) or Instagram (repzawistowski). You can also email me at tami.zawistowski@housegop.ct.gov or call my office at 860-240-8700 (toll free number 800-842-1423). The 2026 legislative session starts in early February, and I am already working on some proposals, a couple of which have been brought forward by constituents. I am always interested in hearing your ideas and concerns. Do not hesitate to reach out. The next "Let's Talk Turkey" issue is scheduled for January. I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a safe and joyous holiday season.

HAPPY FALL FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Heidi Tucker-Dillon (860) 413-3335 heidit@egtownhall.com

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Sewer Use due no later than Monday, December 1st

For those properties in East Granby that pay a sewer usage fee, bills were mailed at the end of October. You have until Monday, December 1st to pay without interest. If you did not receive a bill, please reach out to the Tax Office ASAP at 860-413-3335.

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2nd Installment Real Estate & Supplemental Motor Vehicle Tax Bills

2nd Installment of Real Estate: Your January bill was part of your July billing. We do not do a mailing for the January Installment.

Supplemental Motor Vehicle: Will be mailed in December
(Only people that registered a vehicle after 10/1/24 would receive a supplemental tax bill)

******MARK YOUR CALENDAR******

LAST DAY TO PAY TO AVOID INTEREST IS <u>MONDAY</u>



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DID YOU RECENTLY PAY YOUR MORTGAGE OFF?

Did you recently pay off your mortgage? If the answer is yes and you are responsible for the January installment, AND have not received a bill, please call the Tax Office ASAP (860) 413-3335. Do not rely on your mortgage company to notify the Tax Office that we need to mail you a bill.

THIS PAYMENT WILL BE DUE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 2nd, 2026.

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PAYMENT OPTIONS

Pay Online *(fees apply)*: at https://eastgranbyct.org/tax-collector/
Pay by phone (*fees apply***)**: 1 (833) 317-4232 (automated system) Need bill # (EX: 2024 01 1234567)
Pay in office: 9 Center Street, East Granby ***Hours:*** Monday-Thursday 8-12, 1-4 (closed 12-1) Friday 8-1
****CHECK THE TAX COLLECTOR WEBPAGE FOR OFFICE CLOSINGS****
Dropbox (24/7): Located outside of building (side facing Senior Center) Checks only – ***NO CASH***
Mail: Tax Collector, Town of East Granby, PO Box 150411, Hartford, CT 06115-0411
****OFFICE POSTAGE MACHINES DO NOT PROVIDE VALID POSTMARK****

TOWN OF EAST GRANBY

Small Business Passport

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
East Granby Mulch and Stone (860) 801-4100
Valley Fish Company
Wabi-Sabi Yoga Fitness & Wellness Center
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 Estd 1984 50 Rainbow Road East Granby, CT
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 Est 2009
Star-Nail
Almost Famous Brewing Company
Contractors Home Appliances Buy where the contractors buy!

A busy season ahead for the Friend to Friend Food Pantry and Thrift Shop.

October has already brought an increase of Food Pantry clients to Friday morning distribution. The good news is that November kicks off the busiest season of Food Drives. And while it may sometimes appear that the pantry couldn't possibly use all that food, it's a good reminder to know each week we service 40+ client families and over 60+ client families for both holidays. The not-so-good news is that with peoples' benefits in limbo at the time of this article, in addition to changes in funding and resources, Friend to Friend volunteers are always hustling to make sure our East Granby neighbors have access to food.

Our Annual Campaign will be mailed to homes in November — this year in a cost-savings postcard. If you are in a position to make a cash donation, thank you. If you are an organization or company that would like to, or usually hold a holiday season food drive, please reach out to us. You can email friendtofriendeg@gmail.com or call 860-413-9015 and leave a message.

It's a sad time of year for our Friend to Friend Thrift Shop volunteers, as we fast approach our seasonal Winter closing. Our last day of business will be Saturday, December 21st with extended hours that day from 9:00am-3:00pm. Make sure to stop in and say goodbye while we hibernate until our Spring Online Auction and Donation Drop-Off in early March and Spring Reopening of the Thrift Shop on Thursday, April 2, 2026.

As we approach the holiday season, we offer our gratitude to those who donate food, time and money to the Friend to Friend Food Pantry. We're so fortunate to have a hard working Board, dedicated volunteers and a community of support. Thank you East Granby neighbors, we wish you a holiday season filled with peace and goodwill and we'll see you next year!

Empty Bowls 25th Anniversary

What a magical day! Over **$10,200** was raised for the Friend to Friend Food Pantry. It was a fun collaboration including our partner, Expressions Pottery Workshop, our Special Guest Chef Julien Tessier, and help from Oxen Hill Farm, Allendale Rose, PeoplesBank, EGHS YAC Volunteers, OneSong Biscotti and Peter L Brown. Extra thanks to our generous attendees who made the day one of joy and community. We wish Chef Julien and his husband, Chris, great things with their new space in Granby center — we can't wait!



Chef Julien Tessier, owner of Julien's Farm Store

Empty Bowls 25th Anniversary 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 chicken and tuna, canned fruit, cereal, Chef Boyardee Ravioli, clothes detergent, coffee, hearty soups, jelly, peanut butter, red kidney beans, sugar, tomato paste, tomato sauce in jar and stewed tomatoes**
- 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

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

friend to friend
Food Pantry & Thrift Shop

EAST GRANBY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.
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The East Granby Historical Society
Presents

"Old New-Gate Prison and Copper Mine, A Local and National Treasure"

Guest Speaker: Wally Banzhaf

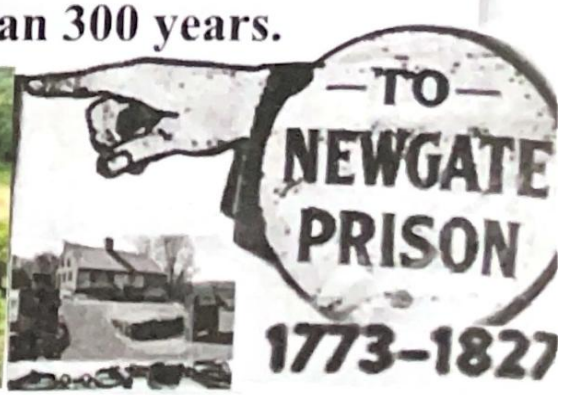
Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine Volunteer Docent

Sunday November 23, 2025 2:00 p.m.
East Granby Senior/Community Center
9 Center St

Learn about the history of land that was first converted into a copper mine, then became the first prison in the colonies, briefly returned to use as a copper mine, was later designated a tourist attraction, and is now an important site in East Granby.

Wally will share fascinating stories about changes from 1700 to 2025, spanning more than 300 years.





How did one prisoner escape in a coffin?

What were prisoners fed?

What woman prisoner had a name related to her crime?

How many prisoners, total, were incarcerated at ONG from 1773 to 1827?

How awful was the "*solitary confinement*" area in the mine?



Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine

Closed for the Season

Re-Opening May 2026

Thank You

With another great season behind us, we would like to thank our East Granby community! From our First Responders, Town Hall, Parks & Rec, Historical Society, and fabulous residents, we are so grateful for your support.

Stay Tuned

Next year is America 250- celebrating 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence! New-Gate served as a prison for Loyalists during the American Revolution, and we are excited to offer a new exhibit and programming to highlight this important moment in our history.

See you in 2026!

OLD NEW-GATE 1773

PRISON & COPPER MINE

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.

Recognizing Dedicated Service and Continued Growth
Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy extends heartfelt appreciation to two long-serving board members, Christopher Shepard and Bob Ravens-Seger, who recently completed their terms of service. Their leadership, dedication, and expertise have left a lasting mark on our organization.

Christopher Shepard devoted 15 years to the Wintonbury Land Trust and later to TRLC, guiding our efforts in technology and communications. His strategic approach to messaging strengthened membership engagement and fundraising initiatives. Christopher also played a pivotal role in the successful merger that formed TRLC, helping unify three land trusts into one stronger regional organization. In the years that followed, he continued to lend his skills to technology strategy, served as Secretary of the Board, and contributed meaningfully to the Development and Membership Committee.

Bob Ravens-Seger brought his thoughtful leadership to the East Granby Land Trust, joining the board in 2017 before the TRLC Board merger, where he also served on the Governance Committee. His insight into history, nature, and conservation enriched our understanding of the landscapes we protect and strengthened the guiding documents that help TRLC operate effectively and transparently.

We are deeply grateful to both Christopher and Bob for their many years of service and stewardship. Their commitment has helped build the strong foundation upon which TRLC continues to grow.

Our board remains vibrant and forward-looking, with a diverse mix of experienced and new members who share a deep commitment to conservation and community engagement. As we look ahead, TRLC continues to expand its impact across the region, guided by the same passion and collaborative spirit that Christopher and Bob exemplified.

If you're interested in contributing your time or expertise to the work of land conservation, we invite you to consider joining a TRLC committee or the Board. To learn more, please contact President Amanda Thompson at president@trlandconservancy.org.

2026 TRLC Winter Nature Lecture Series
We plan to hold our annual educational nature lecture series that members can attend virtually in January, February and March. Details and registration links will be on our Events page at trlandconservancy.org by the end of the year.

Winter Wonderland

Saturday, December 13, 2025 (snow date 12/20)
10:00 AM to 12:30 PM
East Granby Senior/Community Center

Children from 0 - 12 years old are invited to come meet Santa! Make crafts, enjoy some snacks, receive a gift, and celebrate the spirit of the season with friends and the EG community!

The cost is $15 per child ($7.50 for 3rd+ children).

We believe every child should be able to participate, regardless of cost. If you would like to support a child's registration, please reach out to Elise Cosker at Social Services: eliseceegtownhall.com.

Registration required by November 23rd.
To register, use the QR code below or visit our website: www.womensclubeg.org and click "Winter Wonderland."



EGCCNS SECOND ANNUAL

Holiday VENDOR FAIR

SATURDAY NOV 22

11 AM - 3 PM

FREE ENTRY

SUPPORT LOCAL
SMALL BUSINESSES!

EAST GRANBY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
9 RAINBOW ROAD, EAST GRANBY

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

SMALL BUSINESS MARKET!



DECEMBER 5TH | 4–8 PM
DECEMBER 6TH | 9 AM–2 PM

MEET & GREET + PHOTO OPS WITH SANTA & THE GRINCH → 10 AM–1 PM (DEC 6)
CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT A FESTIVE, HOLIDAY EVENT! GET PICTURES WITH SANTA/ GRINCH AND SHOP FOR UNIQUE GIFTS FROM 15 LOCAL ARTISANS AND VENDORS.

5&6 DECEMBER



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Farmington Valley Health District

HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES SUMMIT 2026

FOOD INSECURITY

Explore the root causes of food insecurity and discuss community-led solutions.



WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Hear from expert panelists and community voices.
- Network with cross-sector partners.
- Help shape policies that improve food access in our communities.
- Be part of a collective movement toward a healthier, more equitable Farmington Valley.

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Check-in starts at 8:30 AM

Avon Senior Center Community Room
635 West Avon Road Avon, CT 06001

SCAN TO LEARN MORE & REGISTER:

EAST GRANBY Parks & Recreation

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
/EastGranbyRec @eastgranbyrec

Fall 2025 – Winter 2026 Programs

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. **Tues, 7-9 pm or Wed, 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, through Dec. 3rd 7:00 - 9:00 pm | Old 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. **Winter Session starts January 22**

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. **Weds, Jan 28 - Feb 25 | 5:30 – 7:00 pm**

Bus Trips

New York on Your Own

Skip the stress of driving and let our coach bus take you into the Big Apple! Enjoy 8 hours in the city to shop, sightsee, catch a Broadway show, stroll through Central Park, or explore a museum. The day is yours to spend however you like. **Saturday, December 6, 2025 | $73/person**

Mental Wellness

Sound Bowl Healing

Join Julia Nadolny for a restorative sound bath using crystal bowls, gongs, and tuning forks to promote relaxation, reduce stress, and support mental clarity. **Sunday, Nov 16, 7:00 – 8:00 pm | $10/person**

Mandala Making for Stress Management

Unwind and tap into your creativity in this beginner-friendly dot-painting class. Learn basic techniques, explore the calming power of mandalas, and create your own vibrant piece of art. All supplies are included. **Sunday, November 23, 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

Matisse Madden and Friends Present **THE NUTCRACKER SHORT & SUITE** Saturday, Dec 20, 3:00 pm at EG High School

Enjoy a family-friendly professional performance of select dances from The Nutcracker featuring Ballet, Lyrical Dance, Hip Hop, and Martial Arts. This amazing performance will be followed by a festive Tea Party with pastries from The Craft. See EastGranbyRec.com for info and tickets.

East Granby Festive Holiday Light Trail! If your house is decorated for the holidays, register your address by 12/10 at https://bit.ly/EGLights and we'll add you to our map of light displays for our community to enjoy!

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**

Youth Activities & Sports

Recreational Dance Program

Classes for ages 2+, including Tap & Ballet, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Tumbling, Musical Theater, and Acro. Registration for the **Winter Session** is now OPEN. Classes are weekly, **January 21 – March 21**

Register by Jan 4th for $20 Early Bird Discount

K-Pop Demon Hunters Pop Up Dance Class (Ages 5-12)

Get ready to slay with this K-Pop experience! Join us for a high-energy hip-hop dance class inspired by your favorite Demon Hunters, followed by a fun craft to bring the K-Pop magic home. Come move, create, and have a blast! **Sun, Nov 16, 1:30 – 3:00 pm**

Wicked Workshop (Grades 3-7)

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, Nov 18 | 5:30 – 7:00 pm**

NEW Little Thespians: Princesses, Knights, & Fire-Breathing Fun (Ages 5–7)

Step into a world of imagination and fun as we bring princesses, knights, and dragons to life! Each week, young actors build confidence and acting skills through games, role-playing, and creative play with costumes and props. **Mondays, Jan 12 – March 16**

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.
Wednesdays, Jan 28 – Feb 25 | 4 – 5:30 pm

Youth Basketball for Grades K – 8



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

Kindergarten Mini Hoops: 1 hr on Saturdays
Registration Deadline is Friday, December 12, 2025

Grades 1 – 2: 1 practice & 1 practice/mini-game per week. *Registration Deadline is Friday, Dec 12, 2025*

Grades 3 – 8: 2 practices & 1 game per week. *Registration Deadline is Sunday, Nov 16, 2025*

After School Programs

ART-ventures in the Rainforest (Grades K-2)

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. **Mondays., Nov 10 – Dec 15**

Electricity and Magnetmania (Grades K–2)

Discover the magic of electricity and magnetism in this hands-on workshop! Build up to 100 fun projects such as a flying saucer, alarm, and doorbell using snap-together circuit parts. Create electricity with a handheld generator, explore powerful magnets, and see a levitating magnetic top. Participants get to take their circuit kit home at the end of the program.
Wednesdays, Jan 21 – Feb 25

Desserts Around the World (Grades 3-5)

In this hands-on dessert class for kids, young chefs will explore flavors and treats from across the globe, learn basic baking techniques and explore new ingredients. Students will be making Black Forest Cupcakes, Banoffee Pies, Scotch Pancakes, and Mini Matcha Donuts. **Tuesdays, Jan 20 - Feb 10**

Out of the Box: 3D & Mixed Media Art

Think big, build bold, and create like never before! Kids become inventors of art as they cut, sculpt, and design with cardboard, fabric, wire, and recycled treasures. Each week brings a new hands-on challenge and plenty of creative fun. Activities are modified for each age group.
Allgrove (K-2): Tuesdays, Jan 20 – March 3
Seymour (Gr. 3-5): Thursdays, Jan 22 – March 5

***COMING SOON* for Grades K-5**

Minecraft Munchies: Craft, Cook & Create!

Step into the world of Minecraft, only this time it's on your plate! In this imaginative cooking class, kids will turn their favorite in-game foods into real-life snacks and treats. Students will learn cooking skills, teamwork, and creativity as they whip up recipes inspired by their favorite game, no pickaxe required!



15TH ANNUAL

Holiday Tree Lighting

In memory of Jacky Welsh

Friday, December 5, 2025, 6:00 pm

Rain Date - Saturday, December 6th

East Granby Town Campus - Center Street



East Granby students in Grades K-5 are invited to enter the **Shine a Light on Community Essay Contest**. Students should write their own individual (100-words or less) essay on "What my community means to me" and send it to eastgranbyrecreation@gmail.com by 11:59 pm on Sunday, Nov 30, 2025. The winners will have the honor of turning on the tree lights! See EastGranbyRec.com for more info.

- On Friday, Dec. 5th, join us behind Town Hall for this annual holiday community event. The **East Granby High School Chorus** will lead us in a sing along of traditional holiday music, the winners of our **Shine a Light on Community Essay Contest** will switch on the tree lights, then we will enjoy **free cookies, hot cocoa, and festive holiday activities and photo ops!**.
- We invite you to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to the **CT State Police and EG Resident Troopers' "Stuff-the-Cruiser" annual toy drive,** benefiting local domestic violence shelters. If you cannot attend, a collection bin will be available at the Resident Troopers' Office starting Nov. 17.
- For the fourth consecutive year, we will light up the town campus with luminaries in memory of loved ones who have passed. **Luminaries can be purchased** online at EastGranbyRec.com or in person at the First Selectwoman's Office at Town Hall, or in the Parks & Rec Office at East Granby Farms, during regular business hours. For questions, please contact Nicole: (860) 413-3301.
- **Memorial luminaries are $5 each, or five for $20.**

Memorial Luminary Order Form

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



Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Number of Luminaries: _____ Payment Amount Enclosed: $_____

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

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

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**

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- ★ **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.
- ★ **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.
- ★ **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. **Fall Session 2: Wednesdays, 11/ 5 – 12/17, 3:00 – 4:30 pm | Winter Session: 1/7 – 2/11**

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, January 26 – March 9, 3:00 – 4:15 pm | Seymour School Art Room | Cost: $60/ student

Boys' Council (Grades 3–5): Led by Mason Briddell-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, January 26 – March 9, 3:00 – 4:15 pm | Seymour School Cafeteria | Cost: $60/ student

Lunchtime Reset at EGMS: Once a month, East Granby Youth Services brings **Lunchtime Reset** to the Middle School, offering students a fun, engaging break during the school day. Activities focus on mental health and prevention, covering topics like self-esteem, social media safety, friendship skills, mindfulness, stress relief, and more. Students leave with practical tools, positive connections, and a moment to reset and recharge.
Upcoming Visits: Thursdays, Nov. 13 and Dec 11, Wednesdays, Jan. 14 and Feb. 11

Dog Therapy: East Granby Youth Services partners with **Love on a Leash of Western Massachusetts** to bring certified therapy dogs into our schools on a regular basis. These visits give students the opportunity to interact with friendly, trained dogs, which has been shown to reduce stress, improve mood, and support social-emotional learning. Students benefit from the calming presence of these gentle animals while developing responsibility, empathy, and connection. Younger students can also practice their reading skills by reading aloud to the dogs, helping to build confidence and fluency in a relaxed, nonjudgmental environment.

Upcoming Visits:

- **Allgrove School:** December 8, January 12, February 9, March 9, May 11
- **R.D. Seymour School:** November 24, December 22, January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27
- **East Granby Middle School:** November 24, December 22, January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27

Resilience Grows in East Granby

The holidays can be a challenging time for many people, as seasonal stress, busy schedules, and changes in routine can affect mental and emotional well-being. This November, **East Granby Youth Services** and **East Granby Parks & Recreation** are partnering with **East Granby Public Library**, **East Granby Senior Services**, and the **Farmington Valley Health District** to offer a variety of programs and events focused on mental wellness, stress relief, and mindfulness. Activities include:

- **QPR: Question, Persuade, Refer and Narcan Training & Distribution:** November 1
- **Mental Health First Aid:** November 12 and 19
- **Book discussion:** *Let Them* by Mel Robbins: November 13
- **Sound Bowl Healing:** November 16, 7:00 – 8:00 pm
- **Mandala Making for Stress Management:** November 23, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
- **Yoga:** See EastGranbyRec.com for scheduled dates and locations
- **Senior Fitness and Tai Chi and Quigong:** Contact Senior Services (860) 413-3334

We are also excited to introduce the **Resilience Grows Here (RGH) book section** at the East Granby Public Library, featuring helpful resources for parents and caregivers. See the entire calendar of events on the next page and join us to learn new strategies, connect with the community, and grow resilience together!

Upcoming Events from the EG Youth Services' Youth Action Councils



This December, the High School YAC will be hosting their annual **Recycle-a-Gift** event! If you have gifts you received for your birthday or last holiday season that you never used and have been feeling guilty about, here's your chance to pass them along and make someone else's holidays a little brighter!

Donate: From November 20 – December 11, collection boxes will be at East Granby High School, East Granby Public Library, and on the back porch of the Sears House at East Granby Farms. **Please remember that all donations must be in gift-able condition.**

Shop: On December 13, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, children can come to the East Granby Town Hall and "shop" for their family members. High School YAC members will assist each child with picking out the perfect gift for everyone on their list and wrapping the packages for them. (Everything is free of charge.) Parents and guardians wait outside the room so they will be surprised when they open their gift!



Send your Holiday Wish List to Santa! The High School Youth Action Council (YAC) and Town Hall staff will help deliver your letter to the North Pole. Santa and his elves will send a reply before Christmas. *Please be sure the child's name and address are included and legible.* From **November 24 through December 13,** special Letters to Santa Mailboxes will be available at the East Granby Public Library and inside Town Hall. Letters will also be accepted at the Tree Lighting on December 5, and at Winter Wonderland and the Recycle-a-Gift Shop on December 13.



East Granby Middle Schoolers are invited to join our **Gingerbread House Competition** after school on **December 19**! Information and sign-ups will be shared through the school in the coming weeks. Keep an eye out and get ready to show off your creativity and holiday spirit in some friendly competition!



***SAVE the DATE* for THE GREAT SKATE:** February 21, 12:00 – 1:30 pm, Simsbury Farms Enjoy fun on the ice with family and friends! This event is open to ALL East Granby residents.

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Resilience Grows in East Granby

November 2025

East Granby Community/Senior Center: 20 Center Street
East Granby Public Library: 24 Center Street
East Granby Farms Recreation Building: 79 North Main Street
East Granby Congregational Church: 9 Rainbow Road

Library Story Times
Little Ones (Birth to 3) Wednesdays 10:30 - 11:10 am
Terrific Tales (3 to 6 yrs) Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:15 am OR 12:30 - 1:15 pm

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 1:00 pm QPR Suicide Prevention Workshop at the Library
2 TIME TO UNPLUG	3 10:00 am Get Fit Senior Exercise at EG Congregational Church 6:30 pm Yoga EG Farms Rec Bldng	4 2:00 pm Tai Chi & Quigong at the Library	5 10:00 am Get Fit Senior Exercise at EG Congregational Church 6:30 pm Yoga Senior/Community Ctr	6 Move your Body	7 Visit the "Resilience Grows Here" (RGH) Section at the Library for mental health and parenting resources	8 Small steps every day
9 Take Care of Your Mind	10 10:00 am Get Fit Senior Exercise Senior/Community Ctr 6:30 pm Yoga Senior/Community Ctr	11 2:00 pm Tai Chi & Quigong Senior/Community Ctr	12 10 am Senior Exercise Senior/Community Ctr 5:30 pm Youth Mental Health First Aid for Adults at the Library 6:30 pm Yoga Senior/Community Ctr	13 6:30 pm Book Discussion *Let Them* by Mel Robbins at the Library	14 10 am Cognitive Word Play Senior/Community Ctr Register by 11/6	15
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Please help support the

G-4s 4-H VEX ROBOTICS PROGRAM



BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE

Saturday, November 22
9am - 2pm
Drive-thru * Drop-off

Granby Congregational Church
South Campus
242 Salmon Brook St.
Granby CT

A portion of the sales price of this product or service will be used to promote 4-H educational programs.
No endorsement of the product or service by 4-H is implied or intended

The G-4s 4H Robotics Program raises money to support itself through can and bottle drives.

Please help support our East Granby team members by collecting/dropping off cans and bottles:

NOVEMBER 22
9am-2pm

Granby Congregational Church
242 Salmon Brook St, Granby

EGCCNS Preschool

...gentle learning through play



East Granby's Oldest Preschool ~ Now in our 55th year



We have ALWAYS taught learning through play - because it's what young children need!

Know a four or five-year-old who needs a preschool? We still have a few spaces. Email us today!

EAST GRANBY HIGH SCHOOL

BOOSTER CLUB

Thank you...

The East Granby High School Booster Club would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of the individuals and businesses who helped support our 20th Annual Soccer Under The Lights Event and Raffle.

The purpose of the EGHS Booster Club is to provide financial support to the organized athletics and sports teams of EGHS. We support the entire EGHS Athletic Department, our Coaches and ALL of our Student Athletes. Whether you supported this event through sponsorship, provided a raffle donation, purchased an item for the event, volunteered your time during the event or you supported by attending our event, EVERYONE helps make this event one of the largest that our small town of East Granby has.

We absolutely cannot do this event without all of you!!

~The EGHS Booster Club

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS EVENT SPONSORS

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New England Fleet Services

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Amped Fitness
Barnum Financial Group - Brian Bednarz
Beman Hardware
Berkshire Hathaway - Eden Wimpfheimer
Carmon Community Funeral Homes
Dr. Gange & Dr. Anu – Nutmeg Orthodontics
G's Automotive LLC
Hartford Gun Club
Heritage Funeral Home
Holloways Appliance Center
Kinsley Power Systems
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PeoplesBank
Scott's Sports Supplies, Inc.
State Representative Tami Zawistowski
TJ's Burritos

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Everlasting Nutrition
Gio's
Global Driving School
Granby Auto Wash
The Hairport
Hartford Yard Goats
Harvest Cafe
ISCC
Ivy Nails
J & G's
Liquor Cabinet
Little Bird Wellness
Lowman Family
Neckers
Pisati Family
Planet Fitness
Redline Guiding
Roosters
Ski Sundown
Spare Time
Star Nail
Starbucks Granby
Stone Age Rock Gym
Stop & Shop Granby
Three Brothers
TJ Burritos
Wayback Burger
YMCA Granby

EAST GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Together to the Stars: Dream Big, East Granby!

East Granby Students Shine

Our students continue to show what's possible when curiosity meets community. East Granby's **5th graders ranked #1 in Connecticut on the NGSS Science assessment**, while both **East Granby High and Middle Schools** were named to *USA Today's Top Schools*.

This fall, our town came together under the glow of **Soccer Under the Lights**, cheering for our athletes and celebrating the teamwork, pride, and joy that make East Granby shine.

Meanwhile, our youngest learners left their mark in an entirely different way — students from R.D. Seymour and Carl Allgrove Elementary named two snowplows at Bradley International Airport: **"Mighty Plower Ranger"** and **"Plowzilla."** Their creativity reminds us that imagination can travel far, even on the snowiest of days.

Dream Big East Granby: Shaping Our Future Together

We've already launched two *Dream Big* community workshops where residents, staff, and students shared bold ideas for the future of East Granby Public Schools. Now, it's your turn to join the conversation and help us chart our course.



Upcoming Workshops:

- **It Takes a Village**— *Nov. 17, 2025 · EGHS Library · 6:30–8:00 PM*
- **Truth in Numbers** — *Dec. 3, 2025 · EG Community Center · 6:30–8:00 PM*
- **What Matters Most** — *Jan. 7, 2026 · EG Community Center · 6:30–8:00 PM*
- **Wrap-Up & Celebration** — *Jan. 22, 2026 · EG Community Center · 6:30–8:00 PM*

Each session builds on the last, adding new insights and reflections. Come see the story we're writing together — one idea at a time.

Join In: Scan the QR code

💡 The Curiosity Club: East Granby Edition *(Because learning together is the best kind of adventure.)*

Welcome to *The Curiosity Club* — a space where families, neighbors, and students turn everyday moments into opportunities for discovery.

Try one at home this month:

- 🪛 **Fix-It Partners:** Pick something that needs a small repair. Plan, problem-solve, and learn what patience feels like together.
- 🔎 **Mystery Moment:** Hide an object, give three clues, and take turns guessing.
- 💬 **Dinner Debates:** "Is cereal soup?" "Would you rather have wings or gills?" Reasoning + laughter = learning.
- 🌧️ **Neighborhood Explorer:** Spot three things you've never noticed before — a smell, a sound, a pattern.
- 💌 **Kindness Chain:** Add one act of kindness you saw this week to a paper chain on the fridge. Watch it grow.

💫 *Curiosity builds understanding — and understanding builds belonging.*

📱 **Share Your Spark!**
Scan the QR code to visit our "bulletin board of ideas"

Tell us how *your* family makes learning part of everyday life — we'll feature community favorites in future newsletters!

🍁 *Grandma Fay's Slow-Cooker Cider & Thanksgiving Reflections*

As the air turns cold and the days settle into that cozy hush before winter, I find myself thinking of my grandmother Fay. She only finished eighth grade, but she raised me with a kind of wisdom that doesn't come from books — patience, humility, humor, and the quiet power of paying attention.

When we read together, it wasn't perfect, but it was ours. We helped each other find the words, and somehow, we always found each other too. Those moments taught me that learning isn't about getting everything right; it's about staying present with the people you love.

I am endlessly grateful — for her, for the way she taught me to look for light in ordinary days, and for the privilege of being here in East Granby, surrounded by families and educators who do the same for our children.

This Thanksgiving, I hope you'll take a cold, cozy day to make her cider, curl up with a book, and share a story with someone you love.

Grandma Fay's Cider Recipe:
1½ gallons apple cider · 2 oranges · 1 cup brown sugar · cinnamon · nutmeg · a hint of clove
Slice the oranges, combine everything in a slow cooker, and let it simmer on low all day. The scent alone will remind you of how much there is to be grateful for.

— Suzanne Palmieri, Superintendent of Schools



EAST GRANBY SENIOR CENTER

DIAL-A-RIDE ON THE MINI BUS

❶ Grocery, Pharmacy & Banking in Granby 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. We cover: Bloomfield, E. Granby, Enfield, Granby, Simsbury, Suffield, Windsor & Windsor Locks. Call (860)413-3327 at least 48 hours in advance. Your reservation will be recorded on the voicemail system and a driver will call you to confirm. There is no charge to use the Mini Bus but an annual donation of $20 is greatly appreciated.

CHOICES: CALL 1-800-994-9422 for assistance with Medicare, Medigap and Medicare Part-D applications.

ELDER JUSTICE HOTLINE – Call (860) 808-5555 if you have been the victim of a scam, neglected, exploited or abused.

GET FIT EXERCISE CLASS

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

TAI CHI & QIGONG

Tuesdays 2:00 pm- 3:00pm at the Senior Center—$8.00 drop in cost. Tai Chi is a low-impact, slow motion exercise with many health benefits. It's for people of all fitness levels and improves muscle strength, flexibility, and balance, and it is also relieves stress. Qigong is a 7,000-year-old Chinese healing system that uses specific breathing techniques, postures, and movement. Together, Tai Chi and Qigong will help center your body, mind and spirit, while helping you to develop flexibility, balance, and strength.

DANCING FEET—FOOT CARE—Professional foot care is provided by a licensed nurse the 1st and 2nd Thursday of each month 8:30 AM—2:00 PM in the East Granby Senior Center. Your visit includes: General assessment of your feet; trimming, filing, & cleaning nails; reduction of thickened toe nails; smoothing of corns and calluses; massaging, moisturizing lotion and powdering. Call (860)413-3334 for an appt. Cost $40

KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

The first and third Wednesdays of each month from 1:00-3:00 PM at the East Granby Senior Center. Come and socialize, work on your own project, meet other knitters and crocheters, or make items to donate to area hospitals, shelters, or schools.

BLOOD PRESSURE & BLOOD SUGAR SCREENING CLINIC

MONDAYS~ DECEMBER 1ST, JANUARY 5TH, FEBRUARY 2ND 11:00AM-12:00PM. The Farmington Valley Visiting Nurses Association will be at the East Granby Senior Center providing free blood pressure screenings as well as blood sugar screenings. No appointment necessary.

SHOPPING TRIPS

- **NOVEMBER 17TH –ENFIELD**
- **NOVEMBER 24TH , DECEMBER 29TH, JANUARY 26TH, FEBRUARY 23RD - BIG Y/OCEAN STATE/DOLLAR STORE**
- **DECEMBER 1ST, JANUARY 5TH, FEBRUARY 2ND – PRICE CHOPPER**
- **DECEMBER 15TH, JANUARY 12TH, FEBRUARY 9TH – WALMART**
- **DECEMBER 22ND - GEISSLERS**

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH—Holiday Tour of the Governor's Residence– Hartford, CT ~Continuing a holiday tradition, Gov. Ned Lamont will open the doors for a holiday open house at the Governor's Residence. The historic west end mansion will be decorated for the holidays with Christmas trees and gingerbread house replicas of historic sites from around the state. View decorations sent in from around Connecticut and learn about some of the Lamont family holiday traditions. Singers from across the state will provide entertainment. Visitors are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy, which will be collected by members of the United States Marine for the Toys for Tots program. On the way home we will stop for a wonderful holiday pre fixe lunch at the beautiful Pond House at Elizabeth Park. **Cost is $32. Depart the Senior Center at 10:00am. Reservation and payment due by Nov. 21st.**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH—Holiday Party— Let's get in the holiday spirit! We will start off with some light appetizers and our traditional holiday punch followed by a delicious lunch with all the fixings catered by Tucker's Restaurant and we'll end with some sweet treats for dessert. We will enjoy the wonderful music of the Mass-Conn-Fusion duo who will delight you with some jazz style holiday classics. It's sure to be a fun and festive afternoon! **11:45am at the East Granby Senior Center. Cost is $20. Reservation and payment due by Dec 4th.**

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17TH —The Travelers Chorale Holiday Concert, –Hartford, CT ~One of our favorite trips of the year! The Travelers Chorale was founded in 1924 and is the oldest company-affiliated, eight-part choral group in America. Please join us for a night of exciting and moving music by the 100-voice chorale with special guests from the Bristol Brass Wind Ensemble. This 100th Annual Winter Concert will be held in the Mortensen Hall at the Bushnell. **Depart the Senior Center at 6:15pm (for 7:30pm show). There is no charge for this event but please bring a non-perishable food donation to benefit Hartford families in need. Reservation due by December 9th.**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH—Lunch Bunch—Bear's BBQ— Windsor, CT– Since 2013, Bear's Smokehouse BBQ has grown from a takeout counter to a restaurant group that serves over 1 million people annually. A CT owned business committed to high-quality food, a respectful workplace, and creating a better community where they live and work. They smoke their BBQ meats in the Kansas City-style that Jamie "The Bear" McDonald enjoyed growing up in Kansas City, Missouri. Their sauces play a key role in creating the award winning taste they have become known for! There is nothing like good comfort food to enjoy in the winter months! **Depart the Senior Center at 11:30 AM. Reserve your spot by Jan 9th.**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD —Painting Fun– Artist Sandy Poirier will instruct this lesson on how to paint a beautiful winter picture. Come enjoy the fun of painting with acrylics on an 11x14 stretched canvas. You will create a one of a kind masterpiece to take home with you. Perfect to decorate your home or as the perfect gift! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. All supplies will be included. **10:00am at the East Granby Senior Center. Cost is $18. Reservation and payment due by January 15th .**

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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PARENT WEBINAR: MOTIVATING YOUR UNMOTIVATED STUDENT



Wednesday, January 21st
7:00pm - 7:30pm
For middle school and high school parents

This webinar will equip parents with actionable tips, tools, and strategies to motivate, inspire, and support their students.

WINTER STORYTIMES

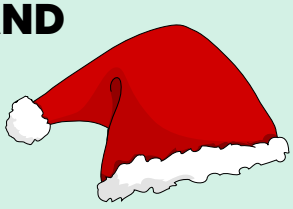


January 7th - March 26th
No classes February 4th and 5th

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

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

FUN WITH SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS!



Monday, December 15th
5:45pm - 6:45pm

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

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

CHAPTERS AFTER DARK



Mondays: November 17th, January 12th, and March 9th
6:00pm-6:30pm
Grades 3-6

Join Seymour teachers and friends for Chapters After Dark! Get cozy and listen to a sneak peek of a few great chapter books read aloud! Afterward, check out one of the featured books (while supplies last) to keep the story going at home.

SECRET AGENTS CLUB - VOLUNTEER CLUB



Grades 7th-12th
Runs thru August 2026

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

KID NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY



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

Join us for stories, crafts, countdown to the New Year, and fun!



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LUMINARIES ON DOREEN'S NATURE TRAIL



Sunday, November 16th

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

HOLIDAY BOXWOOD CENTERPIECE



Wednesday, December 17th
6:00pm
Adult Class

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

NEEDLE FELTING: GINGERBREAD MAN



Tuesday, December 16th
6:00pm
Adult Class

Join us for this 3D needle felting class with Angelina Fleury. Cost is $30 per person.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!



Our Juried Art show is around the corner.
Get your artwork submissions ready.
We will be collecting entries the week of January 20th.

Support our art show! We're looking for local businesses to donate gift cards for our art show raffles. If you're interested, please contact us — we'd love your support!



Afternoon at the Movies! Wednesdays at 1pm.

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

The Ballad of Wallis Island

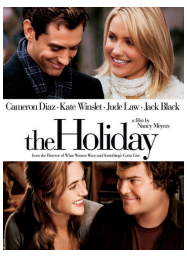
November 19th
PG-13, 1 hr 40 min



A lottery winner who lives alone on a remote island tries to get his favorite musicians to perform at his home.

The Holiday

December 3rd
PG-13, 2 hr 16 min



Amanda lives in LA. Iris lives in Surrey. The two decide to swap houses for two weeks at Christmas - both trying to forget their troubled love lives.

Miracle on 34th Street

December 10th
NR, 1 hr 41 min



A department store Santa tries to convince a little girl who doesn't believe in Santa that he is Santa Claus, and winds up going on trial to prove who he is.

Meeting Schedules

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

Commission on Aging 6:30 (SC) 12/2, 1/6/2025

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

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

Economic Development 5:30 (TH).....11/24, 12/22, 1/26/2026

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

Board of Finance 7:00 (TH).....12/16, 1/20/2026

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

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

Board of Selectmen 6:30 (TH) 11/25, 12/10, 1/14/2026, 1/28/2026

Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 (TH) 11/20, 12/18, 1/22/2026

Youth Services Commission 6:30 (EGF) 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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