Let's Talk Turkey

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A Message to the Residents of East Granby

As I begin my term as First Selectperson for the Town of East Granby, I want to sincerely thank you for the trust you have placed in me. It is an honor to serve our community, and I look forward to representing every resident while working together to build a strong and secure future for our town.

East Granby is a close-knit community with deep roots, a proud agricultural tradition, and a shared commitment to looking out for one another. My approach as First Selectperson will be guided by transparency, collaboration, and respect for the values that make East Granby such a special place to live.

A top priority of my administration will be strengthening and growing our emergency services and infrastructure. Our Fire Department, Police Department, and Ambulance Service are essential to the safety and well-being of our residents, and I am committed to supporting them with the resources, planning, and long-term investment they need to continue providing excellent service. Ensuring that our emergency responders are well-equipped, properly staffed, and prepared for the future is critical to maintaining a safe community.

Equally important is growing East Granby's economic future in a smart, responsible way. I believe in thoughtful economic development that expands our tax base, supports local businesses, and invests in infrastructure, while remaining consistent with our identity as a small farm town. We can attract responsible industry and commercial partners who respect our rural character, protect open space, and operate as good neighbors within our community.

By focusing on balanced growth, strong emergency services, and sound infrastructure, we can plan for the future without losing what makes East Granby unique. Progress does not mean change for its own sake; it means making careful decisions that benefit residents today and for generations to come.

I look forward to working with the incredible Town employees, residents, Town boards and commissions, business owners, and regional partners to move East Granby forward. I encourage everyone to stay engaged, share ideas, and participate in the work of our town. My door will always be open.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I am proud to represent East Granby and committed to leading with integrity, dedication, and respect for our community.

All My Best,
Jason Hayes

Newsletter Publication Schedule

Submission Deadline	Delivered to Homes
March2	March 14
May 4	May 16
July 6	July 18
September 8	September 19
November 2	November 14
Jan. 4, 2027	Jan. 16, 2027

submit articles via e-mail to newsletter@egtownhall.com

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Assessor's Notes

The Assessor's Office will be taking applications for Elderly & Totally Disabled Homeowners which provides tax relief on real estate taxes beginning on February 16th through May 15th. Requirements are as follows:

- Elderly applicants must be 65 years of age or older as of December 31, 2025
- Totally disabled applicants do not have an age requirement
- All applicants must own and be a permanent resident of a dwelling in East Granby
- Applicants must meet the following income guidelines:

	State	Local
Single	$46,300	$52,300
Married	$56,500	$62,500

Applications are taken by appointment only. If you have questions regarding the program or would like to make an appointment, please call the Assessor's Office at (860) 653-2852.

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 East Granby Senior/Community Center or you may contact us at (860) 653-0097 or registrars@egtownhall.com.

Upcoming Events for 2026:

- Important! – May 11th is the deadline for an enrolled voter to switch from one major party to the other and be eligible to vote in the August 11th Primary
- May TBD – Budget Referendum (no Early Voting for a referendum)
- May/June TBD – High School registration event
- August 11th – Primary (with 7 days of Early Voting)
- November 3rd – General Election (with 14 days of Early Voting)

Annual Canvass & Permanent Absentee Letters: The Registrars will be busy over the next few months sending out canvass letters and permanent absentee letters. Please respond to any letter addressed to you. If a letter comes to you that is addressed to someone no longer at the address, please do not throw it away. Please allow the post office to return it so we can update the voter information.

Updates Coming to Our State: In 2025 the State of Connecticut rolled out new tabulators. They have been a bit of a challenge to work with as they require extra machines to do the same task we had previously done with a single machine. As many of you noticed, the current procedures and state requirements slowed our results process. We are sure that over time things will become more user friendly and our efficiency will improve.

In 2026 the state will be introducing a new voter registration system. During the transition our systems will be down until the data transfer is complete. It is expected to take approximately 10 days in mid-February. Our office will be open, but we will be unable to process any online registration during that time.

Interested in working at the polls? Poll Workers and moderators are always needed for election events including early voting. These are paid positions and training is provided. Contact Michele or Robin in the Registrar's Office for additional information at (860) 653-0097.

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 supported entirely through grants and private donations, with 100% of all contributions distributed directly to East Granby households experiencing financial hardship. Your support is especially critical during the winter heating season, when the need for assistance is greatest. We rely on the generosity of our community to ensure that no resident in need goes without essential support. Donations may be made payable 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 will take applications until Thursday, May 29th. Applications can also be made online 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 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.

Mobile Food Pantry Locator: https://www.ctfoodshare.org/find-food
DSS CT Food Assistance (SNAP) application:
www.connect.ct.gov "Apply for Benefits"

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 at https://gpct.org/.

A Message from Social Services: East Granby Social Services extends our sincere thanks to the many sponsors, donors, and community members who supported our work throughout the year. Your generosity—through the Emergency Assistance Fund, Holiday Gift Program, and other community efforts—made a meaningful difference for neighbors in need. We are deeply grateful for the continued support, trust, and partnership of the East Granby community, which makes it possible for us to serve residents when they need it most.

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Northern Connecticut Veterans Association



Happy New Year! At our next Social Gathering on Tuesday, January 27th, 7:00 PM at Gio's Pizzeria our guest speaker will be CT State Representative Tami Zawistowski.
All veterans are welcome.

A Free Pancake Breakfast is coming at the end of March at the Senior/Community Center. Come see the Easter Bunny! Donations are accepted and everyone is welcome!

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

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Come To Bingo on February 28th!

Hosted by Valley Student Theater

Valley Student Theatre is a non-profit community theatre organization serving students in the East Granby, Granby, Suffield, Enfield, and Southwick community. We educate youth ages 7-22 of all skill levels in contemporary musical theatre including acting, vocal performance, choreography, costuming, and quality stagecraft. In order to support this non-profit and continue to produce shows at free or low-cost to students, VST is holding a large item bingo on Saturday, February 28th from 6:00 to 10:00 PM at The American Legion, Post 80 in Enfield! The cost is $40 per person; doors open at 6:00 PM and the games begin at 7:00 PM!

Please join us for a fun, exciting night!
Go to valleystudenttheatre.org for more info!

Notes from the Women's Club of East Granby

Happy New Year! We had a terrific turnout at our Winter Wonderland event. Thanks to all of our volunteers who helped make this possible and special thanks to Ginny who has been successfully coordinating this event for years. We are gearing up for several great events and fundraisers this spring including our second annual Used Book Sale, the Annual Ridge Run, our Golf Tournament, and our Dinner & Raffle fundraiser. With input from our new members, we are also looking at creating a digital cookbook as well as a fun exercise-related fundraiser. Watch Facebook and our website for updates to these as well. We hope to see many of you joining us for these great events. All funds raised will go back to the community. In past years we have provided funding for museum passes at EGPL, training and life saving devices for the EGFD, high school scholarships, the Granby Ambulance Association, and many other local group requests. Any local community groups interested in being considered for a donation please visit our website and complete a request form before June 1st. Our team will allocate funds based on need and number of requests received. Upcoming meetings are at 6:30 PM on February 4th, March 4th, April 1st (Gio's Restaurant), May 6th, and June 3rd (End of Year Dinner, time/location TBA).

Upcoming Events:

- Used Book Sale on March 7th at the Senior/Community Center. We are now accepting books and puzzles! Look for the flyers on Facebook and in "Let's Talk Turkey" for donation drop off information. Books can also be dropped off now at the East Granby Public Library during normal business hours.
- Annual 5K Ridge Run on April 25th
- Annual Golf Tournament & Annual Dinner and Raffle Fundraiser in June (date TBD)

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.

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 5% 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.

Badges of Courage

Girl Scouts Honor Veterans

On November 15th, 17 Girl Scouts from East Granby, Granby, and Hartland participated in a veterans event, honoring those who have served our country and getting the opportunity to hear inspiring stories from two women in the military. These two guest speakers were Senior Airman Ashley Seger of the Connecticut Air National Guard and Claire Cashwell, Commander American Legion Post #59. These women spoke about being in the military and their many experiences, including what it was like to be in a foreign country and the rigor of being in the military. Additionally, the girls also learned flag etiquette, such as how to properly display the American flag, how to carry it in a parade, and how to properly fold the flag. The girls took turns applying their new knowledge by partnering into groups and taking turns folding and carrying an American flag.



Lastly, the girls brought in donations, mainly non-perishable foods and hygiene and baby products. These donations were purchased from the Troop's own wallets and were given to service members of the Connecticut Air National Guard affected by the recent government shutdown. This exercise benefitted those in our community and taught the girls compassion for people who need a lifting hand. To a young girl, seeing a woman in the military reminds them that they too can achieve great things if they have the courage to do so.

The Salmon Brook Service Unit (Girl Scout Troops from East Granby, Granby, and Hartland) provides opportunities for girls of all ages to become involved with a variety of activities including community service. To learn more about Girl Scouts, to join a troop, or to become a volunteer, contact Girl Scouts of Connecticut at customercare@gsofct.org or the Salmon Brook Service Unit at salmonbrook717@gmail.com.



Capitol Update

Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61st District



The start of a new year is always exciting, as it brings renewed focus for the year ahead. Legislatively, we're coming into the second year of our biennium cycle, known as the "short session," because it runs for three months—this year from February 4th through May 6th. The short session is designated for adjusting the second year of the two-year state budget to address changes in projected budget deficits or revenue gains. There are only limited opportunities for new legislation unrelated to budgetary matters. While this year's shorter session means fewer bills overall, the pace is decidedly rapid as we run the full cycle of meetings, public hearings, and floor debate on a compressed schedule.

East Granby Students at the Capitol: I was very happy to see eight students from East Granby High School at the Connecticut Association of Student Councils (CASC) Mock Legislative Session Day in Hartford last month! For the past few years, I have volunteered as an advisor to this program and assist student-led groups as they prepare to present and defend their legislative proposals in the House Chamber. This

is a great opportunity for young people to exercise leadership skills and become familiar with the basic framework of the legislative process while having a good time meeting students from other high schools, large and small, throughout the state. I'm grateful that these students are interested in public service and hope that they will continue to be civic minded as they continue their education or careers.

Meeting with East Granby Superintendent: Thank you to the new East Granby Superintendent, Suzanne Palmieri, for taking the time to meet with me, tour portions of the school, and share her ideas to provide new learning opportunities for students—as well as fostering closer ties between the schools and the community. I look forward to learning more about Superintendent Palmieri's plans as we move forward into the new year.

Open Space Preservation in Spoonville Area: I am working with the Town of Windsor to permanently preserve as open space a 79-acre parcel of land abutting East Granby. Located to the east of Spoonville Road and north of Miller Road, and bordering properties at the end of Pond Lane and Sweetbrier Road, this parcel will provide a buffer for local wildlife and opportunities for passive recreation. It will be a few months before we know whether the state grant for the land purchase is approved. I'm encouraged by the very positive local response and look forward to finding more ways to preserve open space here and in neighboring communities.

Update on Sewer Overflows into the CT River from MA: As noted in previous issues of "Let's Talk Turkey," I have been working to find ways to reduce the combined sewer overflows (CSOs) from Massachusetts into the Connecticut River. Last month I had a productive meeting with Holyoke Mayor Garcia, Massachusetts State Representative Duffy, and Holyoke Public Works staff to discuss ways to mitigate and eventually eliminate CSOs. There are no easy answers or quick fixes, but little will be done unless we start working on this now with regional and federal involvement. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for late January.

If you have an idea for new legislation, suggestions to improve existing state laws, need assistance with state matters, or would like more information about a specific bill or upcoming public hearing, you can reach me by email 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.

G-4s 4H Robotics

Our program raises money to support itself through can and bottle drives. Please support our East Granby team members by collecting and dropping off your cans & bottles!

Thanks for your support!
Save the dates for our next two drives

Saturday, Jan. 17
Saturday, March 21

9am - 2pm
Drive-thru * Drop-off



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

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Happy New Year!

NEWS FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

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

What is due now?

2nd Installment of Real Estate (*bill was part of July mailing*)
Supplemental Motor Vehicle Tax Bills (*mailed December 26th*)
(Only people that registered a vehicle after 10/1/24 would receive a supplemental tax bill)
LAST DAY TO PAY TO AVOID INTEREST IS:



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DID YOU RECENTLY PAY YOUR MORTGAGE OFF?

Did you recently pay off your mortgage? If your 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.
THIS PAYMENT WILL BE DUE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 2nd.
CT State Statute Sec. 12-130…Failure to send out or receive any such bill or statement shall not invalidate the tax.

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PAYMENT OPTIONS
The most affordable online option is to pay by E-Check…it is a flat fee of .95 for the entire transaction. Receive your confirmation/receipt immediately via e-mail.

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
Town Hall will be closed Monday, January 19, 2026, in observance of Martin Luther King Day*

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

SUPPLEMENTAL AND REAL ESTATE 2ND INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS MUST BE *POSTMARKED BY USPS* BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 2026

****OFFICE POSTAGE MACHINES DO NOT PROVIDE VALID POSTMARK****

Happy New Year and thank you for your steadfast support!

The Friend to Friend Food Pantry faced many unknowns last year — funding cuts, grant cuts, inflation, client demand, etc., but we never had to worry about the commitment our community has to the Food Pantry. We cannot thank everyone enough for the food, moola, time and energy donated.
Wishing you a Healthy, Happy 2026!



Our Annual Campaign runs though the end of Feb. If you'd like to donate, but haven't yet, you can scan the QR Code below, or mail a donation to:
Friend to Friend, P.O. Box 631, East Granby, CT 06026.

Please Donate Today

Thrift Shop and Auction Donation Drop-Off Day – Sat., Feb. 28th, 10am-2pm at 32 Spoonville Rd.

It's time to get ready for our March On-line Auction and we're looking for your help. Please consider donating a new, or more valuable item to our online auction. (Last year our auction included designer bags, gift baskets, collectibles and donations of ordered-but-not-used items that seemed like a good idea at the time.)

We're also getting ready to restock for our Shop re-opening on Thursday, April 2nd. In addition to gently used spring and summer clothing, we accept jewelry, pocketbooks, shoes, small housewares, dish and glassware sets, children's toys (complete) and artwork. Because we are located in a small old school house, we do not accept books, bedding or large furniture. Thank you!

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

Shop Closed, Reopens April 2, 2026!

friend to friend
Food Pantry & Thrift Shop

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.



Introducing Kathy Blachowski: We are thrilled to welcome Kathy Blachowski as TRLC's first Executive Director! Kathy comes to Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy with many years of conservation experience working at non-profit organizations including the Genesee Land Trust, Connecticut Land Conservation Council, and the Middlesex Land Trust. Her diverse experience encompasses many aspects of conservation work including land management, land protection, and environmental education. In addition, she has served as a GIS expert, communications/outreach specialist, and donor database manager for multiple organizations and land trusts. For her most recent role, Kathy served as Program Manager for the Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance where she coordinated all aspects of programming and operations for the coalition of wild cat sanctuaries and partner organizations.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nature Lecture Series, February 4, 2026 6:30 p.m • *Morticulture: The Abundant Life in Old & Dead Trees*
By: Margery Winters, Assistant Director at Roaring Brook Nature Center
Location: Via zoom
Co-sponsored by Bloomfield Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services

Once considered a wasted resource and a hazard in forest landscapes, dead trees and logs are now known to be valuable and essential parts of a healthy forest ecosystem. Learn how they provide habitat and food for many terrestrial and aquatic species, act as seedbeds for new trees, and serve as a source of water, energy, carbon, and nutrients for the entire forest.

Margery is a long-time nature instructor at Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton where she is delighted to share her passion for earth sciences and nature with students of all ages. Margery currently serves as chair of the Simsbury Conservation Commission, is a member of the Simsbury Open Space Committee, and is president of the Simsbury Land Trust.

Nature Lecture Series, March 4, 2026 6:30 p.m. • *Bobolinks and Warblers*
By: Zellene Sandler, DEEP Master Wildlife Conservationist
Location: In person (Human Services Center, 330 Park Avenue) and via zoom
Co-sponsored by Bloomfield Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services

May is the month when many birds arrive back to their nesting territories, some flying thousands of miles. We will learn about what causes birds to migrate in spring and fall, how latest technology is used to track them, and dangers to migrating birds. We will discuss the Bobolinks of Bloomfield and the issues they face here and will view a video on warblers, the little gems of the bird world.

Zellene, a past president of the Hartford Audubon Society, leads hikes and naturalist walks for the Appalachian Mountain Club. She is a dedicated birder and occasional wild plant and mushroom forager who writes occasional articles for local papers and environmental groups, and book reviews for the Horticultural Society and the Audubon.

Join Traprock Ridge Hiking Club this Valentine's Day for *A Hike in Northwest Park*
When: Saturday, February 14, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. (February 21 if we need to reschedule)
Location: Northwest Park, 145 Lang Road, Windsor
Co-sponsored by Simsbury Land Trust

Please join us for this hike with TRLC volunteer Dave Mogul. Although the route may vary due to trail conditions, the planned hike is a circular one of about 3 miles that will take 2-3 hours depending on our group's pace.

This is expected to be an easy hike with a limited number of inclines and areas with uneven footing. Since there's potential for snow and/or ice on the trail, please wear sturdy shoes or boots that have good traction, and bring poles if you like to use them.

In recognition of Valentine's Day (and to celebrate our mutual love of the outdoors!), we will enjoy donuts and hot cocoa after the hike. We'll meet at 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot that's located right inside the park, across from the soccer fields.

Visit www.trlandconservancy.org to register for the Nature Lecture Series and to learn more about the brand-new Traprock Ridge Hiking Club which, in partnership with the Simsbury Land Trust Hiking Club, will explore trails in our local area each month.



EAST GRANBY LIONS CLUB – FUNDRAISER TURKEY DINNER

East Granby Senior/Community Center
March 14, 2026 – 4:30 pm to 7 pm

The East Granby Lions are holding a "homemade" Turkey Dinner on **Saturday, March 14, 2026** at the East Granby Senior/Community Center from 4:30 pm to 7 pm. Enjoy delicious turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, carrots, cranberry sauce, Irish Soda Bread and dessert.

Child Friendly Menu – for children who don't like turkey, we have mac and cheese and hot dogs

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. We will also have raffle prizes at the door.

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.

We Serve

Join the East Granby 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 local organizations. We need to replenish our membership so we can continue to be of service to East Granby

The East Granby Lions Club annually …

- Award 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
- 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.

EAST GRANBY FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

CASH BINGO NIGHT

Saturday,
January 24th

East Granby
Community/Senior Center
7 Memorial Dr, East Granby

Snacks &Water
will be sold

$25
To play ALL Games

OR

$1-$5
For specific games

Doors open at 5:30 pm
Bingo Starts at 6pm

A portions of the proceeds will go to the Pete Ahlstrin Memorial Scholarship fund

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN

ADULT

Night Out

CLASS OF 2026 · EG · PROJECT GRAD OF EAST GRANBY

SUPPORTING PROJECT GRAD OF EAST GRANBY 2026

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH | 6:00-9:00 PM

CAMBRIDGE HOUSE BREW PUB
357 SALMON BROOK ST., GRANBY CT

TICKETS IN ADVANCE $25 AT THE DOOR $30

Bring your friends & family to this fun, 21+ event that supports East Granby High School Class of 2026!

CASH OR CHECK PAYABLE TO PROJECT GRAD OF EAST GRANBY

SCAN TO BUY TICKETS IN ADVANCE
OPTIONAL ZEFFY PLATFORM FEE/TIP

TICKET INCLUDES:
one drink ticket, light appetizers

PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS TO WIN PRIZES!

FOR ADVANCE TICKETS:
Amber Russo: 860.655.3737

Annmarie Sirotnak: 860.817.9707

EMAIL:
egprojectgrad2026@gmail.com

The Women's Club needs your BOOKS!!

Used Book Sale 3/7/26 at the Community Center

COLLECTING GENTLY USED BOOKS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

FICTION
NON-FICTION
YOUNG ADULT
YOUTH
CHILDREN'S
COOKBOOKS

ALSO COLLECTING PUZZLES THIS YEAR!! (NO MISSING PIECES PLEASE)

PLEASE BE SURE THEY ARE NOT DAMAGED
WE WILL NOT ACCEPT TEXT BOOKS

Donation Collection:

East Granby Public Library Vestibule

(anytime during business hours)

New England Storage Solutions

10 Connecticut South Dr. East Granby

Drop off:

1/31 10am-12pm





WOMEN'S CLUB OF EAST GRANBY

USED BOOK SALE

March 7, 2026

East Granby Community Center

$5 ENTRY FOR EARLY BIRD SHOPPING 8:30-9:30AM

MAIN SHOPPING HOURS 9:30AM-2:00PM

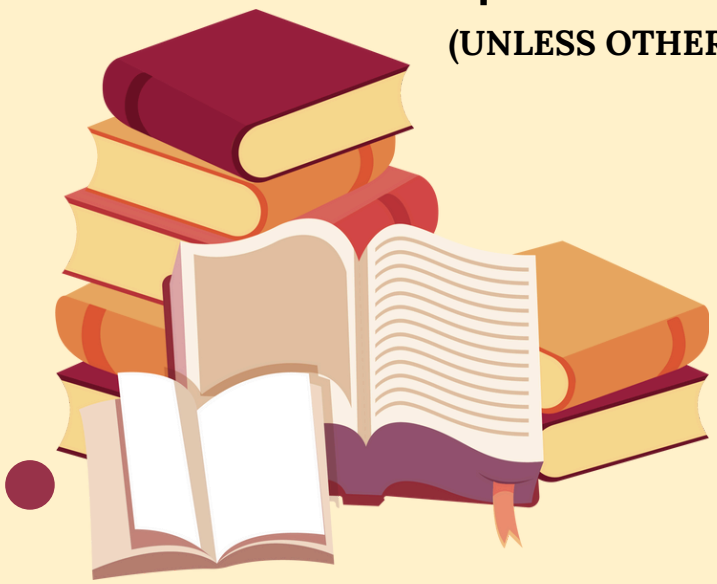
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OR

$2 PER BOOK

$2 PER PUZZLE

(UNLESS OTHERWISE MARKED)





Allgrove School
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
February 2 – February 20, 2026

Welcome to Allgrove School! We are beginning our kindergarten registration for the upcoming school year 2026-2027. The registration paperwork can be downloaded from the district website at www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us.
Click the "Parent Tab" then "Enroll My Child", scroll down to the bottom of the page and follow the steps to Let's Get Enrolled! Please complete the Preliminary Registration and then the Completion of Registration forms by clicking the link "Registration for UPCOMING 2026-2027 School Year.
After completion, please save as a PDF and email to: kindergarten-reg@eastgranby.k12.ct.us . Forms must be signed by the East Granby parent. The documents are fillable and typing ensures accuracy of the information submitted.

Special note regarding 2026-2027 Kindergarten registration:

In 2023, the Connecticut Assembly passed PA 23-208. This legislation changed the age requirement for registering children for kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year and beyond. Previously, under Connecticut law, a child turning 5 on or before January 1 could be registered to attend kindergarten for that school year. The new legislation moves that cutoff date to September 1 of the school year. The legislation does allow for schools to grant exemptions for students born after September 1. If you are a parent seeking such an exemption to enroll your child for the 2026-2027 school year please notify Allgrove School Principal, Bob McGrath, in writing.

We look forward to meeting you and your child(ren) in the very near future.
If you have any questions regarding registration or cannot register during February 2nd - February 20th, please contact Dina Santos at 860-653-2505 extension 500.

All forms below must be filled in its entirety for your child's registration to be complete.

- Allgrove Registration Form
- Public School Information System Form
- Release of Information
- Dominant Language Form
- Emergency Form
- Bus Transportation Form
- State of Connecticut Health Assessment Record

Please scan a copy of your child's full-length *original* birth certificate, most recent physical and immunization records and include when emailing your child(ren)'s completed packet.

Proof of Residency:

- If you own your home, we will additionally verify through the Town Assessor's Office
- Include a Copy of a Utility Bill
- Copy of the Sales Agreement if purchasing home and scheduled closing date

(If requesting to start school prior to closing date, written request must be submitted and approved by our Superintendent, Suzanne Palmieri – spalmieri@eastgranby.k12.ct.us)

- If you are renting, a copy of your current lease agreement with lessee and lessor signatures
- If residing with family and do not have a lease, a Proof of Residency, Policy 5118, APR#1 must be completed and Notarized .

All registration information must be completed and received before your child may begin Kindergarten.

All pupils entering Kindergarten must be five years of age on or before September 1, 2025. Please be advised that pursuant to Section 10-184 of the Connecticut General Statutes, parents are required to register all children whose ages meet this eligibility for Kindergarten. If parents choose not to send their child to Allgrove Elementary School during this coming school year, please contact Dina Santos at 860-653-2505, Ext. 500.

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

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e-mail : eastgranbyrecreation@gmail.com
www.eastgranbyrec.com

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 including 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, 7:00 - 9:00 pm**
In the 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. Classes are held on Wednesday Evenings | **Winter Session starts January 22**

Why Mediation Matters

Join Josette Lumbruno, creator of Calm Mind Meditation, to explore the benefits of meditation and learn how regular practice can reduce stress and anxiety, improve sleep, quiet the mind, and promote mindfulness. **Weds, 2/18 – 3/11 | 6:30-7:30 pm**

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. **Wednesday, January 28 – February 25**
5:30 – 7:00 pm | Suffield Pickleball

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, Basic Dance for Theater Kids, Acro and even daytime classes for Homeschoolers! **The Winter Session runs January 21 through March 21** and registration is now OPEN Registration for the **Winter Session** is now OPEN.

Follow us on social media: /EastGranbyRec @eastgranbyrec

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

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, Feb 7 - 21 | 12:00 – 1:00 pm
The Sears House at East Granby Farms

After School Programs

Electricity and Magnetmania (Gr 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, no pickaxe required!

Holiday Wrap-Up

December was a busy and exciting month for Parks & Recreation and Youth Services! We kicked things off with the **15th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting in Memory of Jacky Welsh**, a beloved town tradition that brought the community together to celebrate the season. Luminaries lined the walkways, the High School Chorus led caroling, and families enjoyed cocoa, cookies, and plenty of holiday cheer.

Our ***"Shine a Light on Community"*** **Essay Contest** winner, third grader Piper H.**,** shared her heartfelt thoughts on what community means to her before proudly lighting the tree for the season.

The following week featured The **Nutcracker Unplugged**, a dance recital that showcased the talent and dedication of participants in the Recreation Dance Program**,** directed and choreographed by Cindy Williams**.** That same weekend, Youth Services' Youth Action Council hosted their annual **Recycle a Gift Shop**, providing children with a meaningful holiday experience as they selected gifts for loved ones from a collection of donated, re-giftable items.

In the spirit of the season, members of the Youth Action Council also helped Santa respond to over 100 letters sent through the special **Letters to Santa** mailboxes placed throughout town.

Throughout the month, residents enjoyed our **Festive Holiday Light Trail**, which added extra sparkle to the season and invited families to take a festive drive through town to enjoy the creative light displays.

Towards the end of the month, Youth Action Council members hosted an after-school **Gingerbread House Competition**, with approximately 95 middle school students participating. The event celebrated creativity, teamwork, and holiday fun.

We wrapped up the month with **The Nutcracker Short & Suite**, presented by Matisse Madden & Friends. The performance featured professional dancers, martial arts, and puppetry, creating a unique and captivating holiday experience.

Thank you to all of our participants, instructors, volunteers, and families who helped make this holiday season so special. Parks & Recreation and Youth Services looks forward to another exciting year of programs and community events in 2026!

East Granby 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, while providing opportunities for all youth to grow as responsible members of the community.
- ★ **Commission on Youth Services (CYS)**: The Commission serves in an advisory capacity and supports the mission and staff of the Youth Services Bureau. Members represent various segments of the community, including law enforcement, education, families, and local businesses and organizations. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month and are open to the public. ***Multiple vacancies are currently available! If you're in law enforcement or passionate about serving youth in our community, contact Alicia to learn more.***
- ★ **Counseling Services:** If your child or family needs counseling support, please contact the Youth Services Office. We are happy to provide referrals to outside therapists who specialize in emotional, behavioral, and mental health issues.

East Granby Youth Services would like to thank Bob Ravens-Seger for his energy and dedication to the youth of East Granby during his 12 years on the Youth Services Commission, including many years serving as Chairman. Bob stepped down from the commission in December, and we are deeply grateful for his service and leadership.

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, old and new.
Wednesdays, January 7 – February 11, 3:00 – 4:30 pm | Seymour School Cafeteria | Cost $50/ 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, 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

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PARENTS *Night Out*

Enjoy a well-deserved night out while the High School Youth Action Council provides childcare! Parents can drop off their children for an evening packed with pizza, crafts, fun activities, movies, and snacks, all in a safe and supervised setting. It's the perfect opportunity for parents to relax or enjoy a night out, while kids have a fun-filled evening of their own! **Friday, February 13, 5:30 – 8:30 pm**

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



THE GREAT SKATE!

Saturday, February 21, 2026

12:00 - 2:00 pm

SIMSBURY FARMS ICE RINK
100 OLD FARMS ROAD, SIMSBURY

Join the East Granby Youth Services Middle School Youth Action Council for our annual family ice skating event. Open to ALL East Granby residents.

Please register online. $8/ person includes skate rental, two hours of ice time, and FREE hot chocolate and cookies

REGISTER AT: WWW.EASTGRANBYREC.COM

/eastgranbyyouthservices @eastgranby_youthservices

East Granby Soccer Association's

Spring Soccer Registration is open for Travel Teams (Grades 2-8) & In-Town Program (Grades K-2)

*2nd graders may opt to play travel or in-town

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

Soccer Referees Needed 

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

Paid positions for assistant and center referees.
Cash payment distributed on game day.
MENTOR opportunities available for NEW referees!

**New policy effective Spring: EGSA will provide 50% reimbursement for initial referee training class for NEW referees who primarily referee EG home games! All certified referees are required to pay for their recertification courses.*

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

If you have any questions about the process of becoming a soccer referee, please contact: Jill DeVane, EGSA President

Career-Connected Learning Takes Root in East Granby Public Schools

In East Granby Public Schools, students aren't just learning about the world, they're preparing to shape it. Across all grade levels, our STEM programs (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) are intentionally incorporating career-connected, hands-on learning that mirrors how people actually work in these fields and beyond.

At the elementary level, teachers are strengthening essential skills, listening, problem solving, and number sense, through activities that invite students to think like real mathematicians and engineers. Instead of only practicing procedures, students model real-world situations, explain their reasoning, and collaborate to test solutions. Our assessments still align to state expectations, but the learning now feels purposeful: students see ***why*** these skills matter.

Technology literacy begins early, too. Using an updated code.org platform, students learn coding language, how to create programs, and build interactive games, just like professionals do.

Inquiry-driven science is another cornerstone. Students design experiments, collect data, and communicate findings, which builds skills found in every STEM career. Middle schoolers engage with OpenSciEd labs, such as designing bath bombs to study chemical reactions and modeling genetics to understand heredity. High school students dive deeper into advanced topics, including UCONN-level biology, medical terminology, and even quantum science. In one chemistry class, students synthesized quantum dots - the same technology used in medical imaging and high-resolution screens.

Career-connected opportunities expand further in our Manufacturing, Engineering, and Technology program. With access to a 3D scanner and PrintLab curriculum, students design, scan, and fabricate projects while earning digital certifications tied directly to industry pathways. Drone courses expose students to the rapidly growing field of unmanned aviation. Engaging in conversations with TSA leaders and upcoming training in drone mapping and surveying give students a window into careers in engineering, public safety, construction, agriculture, and environmental monitoring.

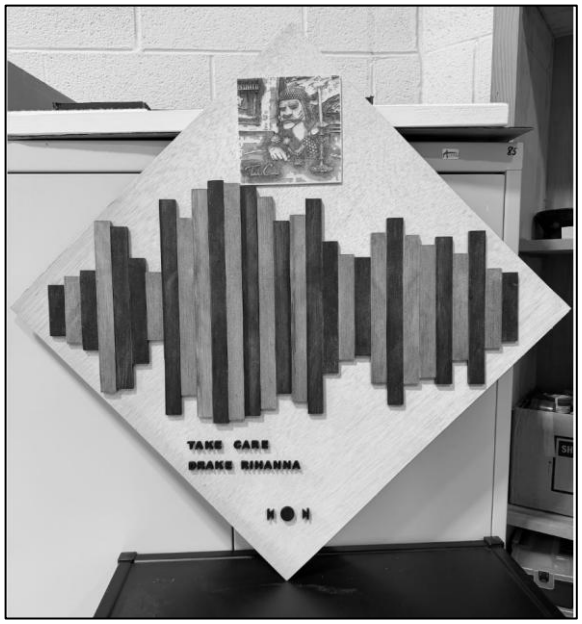
Mathematics instruction is evolving in the same direction. With i-Ready support, SAT-aligned skill building, and "Building Thinking Classrooms" strategies, students practice the teamwork, problem-solving, and analytical thinking employers consistently seek. New early-college math offerings connect learning to real-world applications in business, economics, and data-driven decision-making.

Layered throughout all of this is thoughtful exploration of emerging technologies, including responsible use of artificial intelligence. Teachers are learning how AI can help differentiate instruction, simulate professional tools, and prepare students for a future where AI literacy will be essential in nearly every field.

What ties everything together is a clear vision: **Students should leave East Granby not only ready for college, but ready for life — confident, adaptable, creative, and connected to meaningful pathways.** Whether they are building prototypes on a 3D printer, debating solutions to global challenges, flying drones in controlled simulations, or designing experiments from scratch, East Granby students are developing curiosity, workforce-ready skills, and a strong sense of purpose. Learning here is no longer just about passing the test. It's about **discovering what's possible — and realizing that their ideas have real power.**



Advanced Mfg. Students (L-R): Jackson N, Noah B, Patrick B, Jake S, Zion WB, Sebi P, Tyler R, and Sam F.



Interactive Music Display from Advanced Mfg.



Gr. 2: Journey and Aaron work on the pollinators lesson



Gr. 2: Hunter and Alex work on the pollinators lesson

East Granby Middle School Honor Roll

First Quarter 2025-2026

HIGH HONORS

GRADE 6

Kathryn Aniskoff
Barbara Baker
Macy Barrett
Olivia Beaulieu
Mykhailo Boiarchuk
Samuel Boyer
Khaleesi Bravo
Harrison Byrne
Margaret Carew
Lily Conklin
Callie Cormier
Anthony Darmetko
Mia Dunlevy
Nyla Gaston
Zainab Ghumman
Arti Gjonbalaj
James Houghton
Myles Jones
Isabelle Kardos
Liam Kelly
Jayden Lamoureux
Elena LaTorra
Aurelius Madden
Quinn Marshall
Maeve Miller
Jackson Mullane
Sophia Olszewski
Elizabeth Peters
Dustin Plaisted
Benjamin Preli
Solimar Resto
Madelyn Reynolds
Brooklyn Rinaldi
Elyse Roy
Koen Sacristan
Kai Sclare
Joseph Spiriti
Logan Stone
Charles Taczanowsky
Henry Taczanowsky
Vivian Thaisz
Lyle Uttberg
Daniel Victor
Adam Zygmunt

GRADE 7

Brayden Adams
Lena Aguilar
Ayaan Ahmad
Cashton Augsberger
Naomi Aviles
Alice Ball
Gagana Bandikallu
Victoria Bissell
Andrew Boehm
Joshua Bowman
Muhammad Bukhari
Jaxson Burns
Emma Dion
Harrison Dziedzic
Ashley French
Dylan Hamilton
Izzy Hazard
Jayden Hines
Sarah Holjes
Lukah Hong
Evan Kiesewetter
Alyssa Lengyel
Aniya Maharjan
Brianna Maillet
Lucy Maisch
Efremia Moumoulidis
Advaith Nagamalla
Mary Nagle
Alexa Nelson
Natalie Passeri
Vincent Pescitelli
Donny Pimentel
Jackson Puza
Rowan Roberts
Gavin Rolfe
Colin Roth
Lincoln Thompson
London Thompson
Kaitlyn Triblets
Ryan Turisco
Simone Verma
Bailey Wagner
Landon Wilkey
Parker Williams

GRADE 8

Isla Aguilar
Brantley Alexander
Colton Alexander
Sofiia Boiarchuk
Alexa Bristol
Roma Caravello
Emily Catter
Luciana Catter
Connor Cavanaugh
Scarlett Cestero
Logan Conklin
Ella Criscitelli
Cole Dallesander
John Daly
Alexander Dean
Vivaswath Donkada
Zain Ejaz
Landon Estabrook
Oakley Ferguson
Aidan Gao
Oliver Gaudette
Jackson Gentile
Veronica Goncalves
Swastika Gupta
Aubrey Handley
Andrew Houghton
Tucker Johnson
Morgan Krason
Chelsea Logie
Jonathan Mazzaferro
Brody McKenna
Morgan McKenney
Payton McPherson
Rachel Mullane
Darsitha Nair
Ethan Nelson
Georgia Palmbach
Pranitya Penujuri
Akshara Rajesh
Gavin Richter
Quinn Skinner
Christina Spiriti
Nischala Vegesana
Kelsea Walsh
Alexander Zygmunt

HONORS

GRADE 6

Sri Sresta Ala
Brooklyn Backman
Easton Contenta
Finley Drago
Lillian Georgetti
Jack Payette
Alexander Richter
Jeyren Rivera
Finn Ruggiero

GRADE 7

Christopher Alford
Cole Augsberger
John Coleman
Iker Diaz-Calvillo
Nisa Ersan
Sydney Mele
Londynn Redick-Mitchell
Isabella Rey Estrada

GRADE 8

Vincent Caron
Gabriel Crespo
Aliana Delvalle
Cassandra Fairlie
Hunter Marinelli
Charlie Olszewski
Victoria Podbielski
River Shevel
Milton Stevens
Jahvan Theuri
John Whitehouse

East Granby High School Honor Roll

First Quarter 2025-2026

HIGH HONORS

GRADE 9

Avery Bednarz
Julian Bento
Sydney Bloom
Hannah Bouchard
Alexa Brefort
Coco Chen
Abbygail Cole
Lillian Cole
Joseph Copeland
McKenzie Cormier
Cameron Grabowski
Ryan Hamilton
Brooke Hines
Alan Joby
Lylah Jones
Kayla Lengyel
Kiele Lizon
Everett Lowman
Rockwell Madden
Gemma Masson
Ashley Robison
Lily Thompson

GRADE 10

Deqwayne Edram
Maham Ejaz
Samuel Forero
Ivan Gao
Maria Gonzalez Cortes
Ian Griffin
McAzyh Hercule
Stella McKay
Wesley Namnoun
Logan Nicolle
Vanessa Passeri
Sophia Pellegrino
Hailey Popella
Christian Resto
Tyler Rioual
Hope Robblets
Talon Sacristan
Hendrix Sclare
Benet Stafford
Nehemiah Victor

GRADE 11

Elizabeth Adams
Amani Akedde-Bernstein
Gabriella Aviles
Elizabeth Bissell
Jeanette Cabrera
Chennacy Copeland
Emily Dallesander
Isaac Gaudette
Evan Hanks
Gabriela Jablonska
Daniel Jacius
Aislinn Moore
Dionnee Ortiz
Jake Schlagenhauf
Cheyenne Smith
Robyn Triblets
Brenn Vaughn

GRADE 12

Adarsh Atluri
Karina Baran
Pavlo Behin
Maya Betts
Charlize Brown
Jean Cabrera
Olivia Caravello
Cassidy Clark
Jacob Cyr
Izabella Dallesander
Mackenzie Delpha
Mackenzie Dubois
Jakai Evans
Leila Feliciano
Morgan Gabbidon
Mia Grabowski
Benjamin Guthrie
Gabriella Hayes
Bartosz Jablonski
Thomas Jacius
Lucas Kleinman
Sreekirthana Kolla
Abhinav Lenkala
Hansika Lenkala
Jason Lloyd
Beckett Lowman
Riley Moore
Maya Mosteanu
Favour Ovunwo
Sebi Prescott
Elianna Russo
Leilany Sanchez
Devin Sirotnak
Varshny Sriganesh
Samantha Thomas
Andrew Yi

HONORS

GRADE 9

William Adams
Mohid Ahmed
Mackenzie Brooks
Mehmet Caglar
Bartlett Clark
Jason Dlugolenski
William Fortier
Devin Hanlan
Adya Maharjan
Spencer Namnoun
Joseph Pyskaty
Charlotte Rutkowski
Mason Schlagenhauf
Zayvion Shanks
Evan Spencer
Makar Tkachenko
Ethan Zhang

GRADE 10

Abigail Abrham
Giuliana Aiello Crispin
Avery Burke
Maddox Cestero
Brielle Clark
Nicholas Derleth
Ryan DeVane
Lucas Goncalves
Whitney Johnson
Madeline Lundell
Timothy McKay
Brianna Mullings
Brianna Peck
Victoria Pellegrino
Mark Roth
Yago Silva
Caitlin Van Neil
Tein Yang

GRADE 11

Patrick Baran
Gianna Caron
Kaitlyn Clemens
Cadence Croke
Kavin Jayaganesh
Emma Leadbeater
Giovanni Nechitilo
Sean O'Connor
Keira Paixao
Jamien Pedraza
Lorenzo Policella
Benjamin Resto
Liam Smith

GRADE 12

Mason Beauregard
Alexa Bednarz
Maria Caracciolo
Andrew Case
Jordyn Holness
Christopher Lloyd
Yan Silva
Katelin Wolf
Patrick Zhang



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. Towns we service: 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~ FEBRUARY 2ND , MARCH 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

- **JANUARY 12TH, FEBRUARY 9TH – WALMART**
- **JANUARY 26TH, FEBRUARY 23RD - BIG Y/OCEAN STATE/DOLLAR STORE**
- **FEBRUARY 2ND – PRICE CHOPPER**



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.**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH– Beating the Winter Blues —Brighter Days Ahead—Join us for this wonderful program presented by Justine Ginsberg, BSN, RN of the Farmington Valley Health District. As the days grow shorter and sunlight becomes scarce, many people experience a general drop in mood during the winter months known as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). This educational program is designed to help participants understand SAD, recognize its symptoms, and learn evidence-based strategies to boost mood and maintain emotional well-being throughout the season. Participants will explore the connection between light, mood, and behaviors, and strategies for staying energized, positive, and socially connected-reminding us all that even in winter, there are plenty of bright moments to enjoy! Light refreshments will be served. **Program begins at 10:00 AM at the East Granby Senior Center. There is no charge for this presentation however, registration is required by January 29th.**

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13TH – Bingo — Come enjoy a delicious lunch and have a great time playing some Valentine Bingo! We are celebrating Valentine's Day so be sure to wear some red or pink. Guaranteed to make those winter blues disappear! **Program begins at 12:00 PM at the East Granby Senior Center. Cost is $20.00 (includes lunch and cash prizes for bingo winners). Reservation and payment due by Feb. 5th.**

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.

East Granby Public Library



FROZEN FUN

Saturday, February 7th
10:30am - 11:30am
Ages 3-12 years

The Wonderland Works Company is bringing a bit of Arendelle magic to the library for Take Your Child to the Library Day—come meet Elsa and Anna during this special visit!

WINTER STORYTIMES



January 7th - March 26th

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

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

BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK



February 6th - February 14th
While supplies last

Visit the library and your child can choose a mystery book to check out for three weeks! Help them fall in love with a new type of book.

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

BEDTIME STORIES!



Mondays: Jan 26th, Feb 23rd, March 30th, April 27th, and June 22nd
6:00pm - 6:30pm
All are welcome to join

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

SECRET AGENTS CLUB - VOLUNTEER CLUB



Grades 7th - 12th
Runs thru August 2026

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

MOTIVATING YOUR UNMOTIVATED STUDENT WEBINAR



Wednesday, January 21st
7:00pm

Parents are invited to learn a few tips, tools, and strategies to motivate, inspire, and support their students.



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ART GALA



Saturday, January 31st
5:00pm - 7:00pm
Awards at 6:00pm

Join us for our juried art show featuring works by talented regional artists, with many pieces available for purchase. Enjoy light refreshments and live music by November Sound as you browse the art.

A NIGHT WITH THE BEATLES

Thursday, February 19th
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Please join Wayne Hayes, an avid Beatles collector and fan, to share stories, learn more about The Beatles, watch selected Beatles films, share music, and see appearances by special guests.

Farmington Valley Chorus



Wednesday, February 4th
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Enjoy four-part barbershop harmony and fun! Come enjoy songs of love and romance to kick off your Valentine's Day celebrations.

MINI GOLF



Saturday, March 28th and
Sunday, March 29th
10:00am - 4:00pm

Get ready for a day of fun and adventure as we transform the library into an 18-hole mini-golf course! Each hole will be uniquely themed and sponsored by local community groups.



Afternoon at the Movies! Wednesdays at 1pm.

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

Cabrini

January 28th
PG-13, 2 hr 22 min

The story of Francesca Xavier Cabrini, an Italian missionary nun who arrives in NYC in 1889 to help Italian immigrants living in poverty.



The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio

February 4th
PG-13, 1 hr 39 min

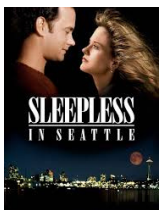
Evelyn Ryan is a 1950s mother of ten who supports her struggling family by writing jingles and slogans.



Sleepless in Seattle

February 11th
PG, 1 hr 45 min

A recently widowed man's son calls a radio talk-show in an attempt to find his father a partner.



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) 2/3, 3/3, 4/7

Conservation 7:00 (TH).....2/2, 3/4, 4/1

Board of Education 7:00 (TH).....1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9, 3/23, 4/27
Second Meeting of the Month as Needed

Economic Development 5:30 (TH).....1/26, 2/23, 3/23, 4/27

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

Board of Finance 7:00.....1/20, 2/24, 3/17, 4/7, 4/21

Parks & Recreation 6:30 (TH).....2/5, 3/5, 4/2

Planning & Zoning 7:00 (TH).....2/10, 3/10, 4/14

Board of Selectmen 6:30 (TH) 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, 3/11, 3/25, 4/8, 4/22

Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 (TH) 1/22, 2/26, 3/26, 4/23

Youth Services Commission 6:30 (EGF) 1/26, 2/23, 3/16, 4/20

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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