Let's Talk Turkey

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Dear Friends and Neighbors of East Granby,

As I reach my first 60 days serving as your First Selectperson, I want to take a moment to share an update on the work underway, the progress we have made together, and the priorities guiding our path forward. It has been an intense, productive, and energizing start, grounded in one core goal: ensuring East Granby is fiscally sound, forward-looking, and responsive to the needs of all residents.

From day one, my administration has focused on repairing long-standing budget challenges and restoring confidence in how your tax dollars are managed. We are actively streamlining the FY 26/27 budget to ensure funds are allocated efficiently, responsibly, and transparently, always with an eye toward long-term sustainability rather than short-term fixes.

A major focus has been connectivity and community alignment. We are working diligently to efficiently allocate a $3.2 million state grant to realign School Street in a way that strengthens our town's connectivity while benefiting the entire community. In addition, we have applied for an additional $1.5 million grant to further support critical town initiatives and infrastructure needs, such as sidewalks along East and Nicholson Street with a traffic and crosswalk signal for residents across Route 20 to be able to walk and bike to the Town Center. We are working with grant funding approvals to bring the sidewalks all the way up South Main to the High School. Imagine being able to walk from Harvest Lane or Crystal Drive to the High School at no expense to the taxpayers of East Granby.

Public safety and quality of life remain top priorities. We have taken the necessary steps to qualify for traffic warrant studies, ensuring that safety improvements are data-driven and eligible for outside funding whenever possible. We also held two Town Meetings to openly discuss how best to fund the needs of our residents and emergency services through the strategic use of capital funds.

One of the most significant financial reforms underway is a complete overhaul of the WPCA fee structure. When combined with two major sewer system repairs already in progress, this plan places the WPCA on a responsible financial path that will allow it to fully repay the General Fund the $1.5 million owed due to the prior deficit by the end of FY 31/32, relieving pressure on taxpayers while strengthening essential infrastructure.

Internally, I convened the first Town Employee Department Head meeting in four years. This was an important step toward breaking down silos and ensuring that town government functions as a cohesive, collaborative team working toward shared goals.

Supporting our local economy and caring for our seniors is equally important. I have established both a Small Business Roundtable and a Senior Citizen Roundtable, and I am pleased to share that we will be meeting with the State Comptroller on March 25th to advance these discussions and identify opportunities for support and partnership.

Structurally, we are building a stronger and more accountable town government. In just 60 days, we have established an Agricultural Impact Commission, created a New School Design & Construction Committee, and reached the final approval stage for East Granby's first-ever Ethics Commission. We have also taken a proactive approach to governance by addressing all current Town litigation and applying for an RPIP Grant to secure shared HR services with Windsor Locks, bringing professional human resources management to our town in a cost-effective way.

Through strategic partnerships, we secured the replacement of the East Granby High School tennis courts for just $50,000, working with Galasso after estimates initially came in at $600,000, an example of how collaboration and diligence can deliver real savings for taxpayers.

Finally, I am proud to share that we are bringing solar carport canopies to the parking lots at the High School, Middle School, and Senior/Community Center. These projects will generate approximately $50,000 annually in electric bill credits for the Town and $50,000 annually for the Board of Education, for the next 20 years, representing a major investment in sustainability and long-term cost control.

This progress is only possible through collaboration, open dialogue, and the shared commitment of residents, employees, volunteers, and boards. I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me, and I remain committed to listening, leading responsibly, and working every day to protect East Granby's character while preparing for its future. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully,

Jason Hayes, First Selectperson
Town of East Granby

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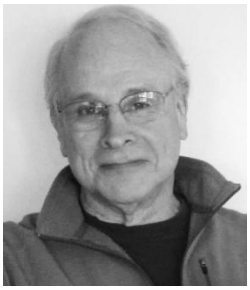
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In Memoriam

David K. Kilbon, 1946-2026

David K. Kilbon passed away on February 26, 2026, at the Residence at Shelburne Bay after a long battle with Atypical Parkinsonism. Dave is survived by his sister, Sue Stiles (Bill), of Glendale Springs, N.C.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Shelley of Loveland, Colo., and Steve and Kim of Williston, Vt.; and four grandchildren, Myleigh, Kaiya and Owen in Vermont and Harrison in Colorado. His wife, Judy, predeceased him. Dave was previously married to Margo (Stout) and Linda (Gullo) Frye, both of whom survive him.



Dave spent his working life in suburban Hartford, Conn. For 40 years he lived in East Granby, between Hartford and Springfield, Mass. He was a graduate of Cornell University; Dave was a senior fellow of the Hartford chapter of the American Leadership Forum. He moved to Connecticut to take a job with Connecticut General Insurance, which became CIGNA during his tenure. He left CIGNA in 1991, moving to a position with the State of Connecticut's Department of Economic Development, managing programs to help defense-reliant small manufacturers diversify into civilian markets.

In 1996 Dave left the State to take the role of the Town of East Granby First Selectman (mayor), acting as both chief elected official and chief administrator for the Town. During his first term as First Selectman, he introduced the town newsletter, "Let's Talk Turkey." He served 12 years as First Selectman and a further six as chair of the Town's Board of Finance. He was awarded East Granby Citizen of the Year in 2008. He also served on the Town's Economic Development Commission and the Insurance Commission. During his tenure he negotiated with the help of Senator Joe Lieberman's office to purchase what became East Granby Farms Park. He also oversaw the construction of the East Granby Highway Garage and East Granby Public Library.

He was an advocate of regional efforts and believed they saved towns money. During and after his service as First Selectman, he was the Town's representative to the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), serving as CRCOG's Transportation chair for eight years and chair of the Policy Board for two. He worked closely with the late Lyle Wray, attending numerous National Association of Regional Councils conventions. Dave also chaired the board of directors of the Farmington Valley Health District, the regional health agency to which the Town belonged, for multiple years. He also worked with Jon Colman of Bloomfield and Chip Beckett of Glastonbury writing op eds encouraging regional efforts. Dave was named to the Bradley International Airport Commission in 2001; he served seven years until his term expired as First Selectman.

Dave was an enthusiastic traveler. The travel bug infected him early; when he was three years old, in 1949, his family moved to Paris, France, and then in 1950 to the Hague in the Netherlands. Between 1949 and 1952 his family visited many European countries, and his father quizzed Dave and Sue on geography to pass the time while they were waiting for service in restaurants. In 1982 he and Linda joined his mother and both sons to go to Tahiti, Australia and New Zealand. In later years Dave and Judy were able to travel extensively as far east as China, Hong Kong and Singapore and to numerous Western European countries, including France, the Netherlands, Denmark, Finland, the Czech Republic, Italy, Malta, Ireland and especially the United Kingdom, which they visited numerous times. In 2010 Judy and Dave walked across England on the Coast to Coast Path with friends Liz Swearingen and Steve Turitzin, and after Judy's death Dave traveled to Spain with Liz and Steve in 2016 and hiked the West Highland Way in Scotland with them in 2018.

In 2010 Judy and Dave bought a townhome in Fort Collins, Colo., intending to escape Connecticut humidity and spend more time with their Loveland family. Sadly, the only summer they were able to enjoy there together was in 2011, before Judy's illness overtook them. After Judy's death, Dave continued to go to Fort Collins until 2023, usually driving between Connecticut or, later, Vermont and Colorado with frequent stops and detours to sightsee en route. On several occasions Dave took advantage of being in the west to extend his trip, driving to California. In 2019 Dave moved to Essex, Vt., to be close to Kim and Steve and their family. In 2023 he had heart surgery and moved to Shelburne.

Dave and his family would like to thank the staff of the Residence at Shelburne Bay for their love, care and support during his illness. He would also like to thank his physical therapist Nicole Gilbert, who over the years became a good friend; and his private aide Emily Germain and her dog, Wally, who worked with Dave throughout the end of his wonderful life.

In lieu of sending flowers, Dave's family asks that you send your contributions to the East Granby Public Library.

Adopt-A-Road in East Granby



Do you want to make a visible difference in your community? The Town of East Granby is looking for volunteers to join the Adopt-A-Road Program. When you adopt a road, you and your group commit to keeping a section of roadway clean throughout the year. It is a simple way to protect our environment, keep our neighborhoods looking great, and build community pride.

Who can participate?

- Individuals and families
- Businesses
- Scout troops and youth groups
- Community and faith-based organizations

What is involved?

- Adopt a road segment (about one to two miles)
- Complete three clean-ups per year
- DPW provides safety gear, bags, and training
- Your group gets recognized with a road sign

This is a great opportunity for service hours, team building, or giving back as a family. Each volunteer group will be entered into a lottery in June to receive one of seven free dump passes for the following year. To sign up, fill out the Google form on the Town website or to learn more, contact Kim at the East Granby Department of Public Works at (860) 653-6822 or kimc@egtownhall.com by April 30, 2026. Let's work together to keep East Granby clean, safe and beautiful.

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 Mary Ellen Brown Senior/Community Center. Call (860) 653-0097 or email 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 – High School registration event date TBD
- August 11th – Primary (with 7 days of early voting)
- November 3rd – General Election (with 14 days of early voting)

Recent Voter Inquiries: We are receiving calls regarding acceptance letters received from our office. Any time a voter submits a voter registration application (online, DMV, or paper mail-in) we process it, even if there are only slight changes to the information. We then send you an acceptance letter. Very often folks that visit the DMV check off a box stating they would like to register to vote. When this happens, we receive all the voter information and process a new registration and new acceptance letter. Please look for this when doing things at the DMV. If you do not need to change anything do not select that option. Your voter registration in our office remains intact until we receive a written request or an online submission from you to change or remove.

Annual Canvass: Our annual canvass is still ongoing. Since January we have sent out a total of 132 letters and received 38 responses. Thank you to all who have responded promptly to our letters. It is very helpful in maintaining accurate voter rolls.

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.

East Granby Cares Day will take place on Saturday, April 25th (rain date TBD). This is a collaboration between the Commission on Aging and East Granby High School students. It is a day where our students will have a chance to give back and get hands-on with helping in the community. Students will work on small outdoor jobs, yard work, etc., assisting those in the community who are no longer able to keep up with these tasks. If you are a senior who is interested in participating in East Granby Cares Day please contact Social or Senior Services by April 9th at (860) 413-3328/elisec@egtownhall.com or (860) 413-3334/kellyj@egtownhall.com.

Emergency Assistance Fund: The East Granby Emergency Assistance Fund was created to provide financial support to income-eligible residents facing urgent needs, including fuel, housing, medical, electricity, and other critical expenses. The fund is 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 residents in need go 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 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 (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: https://gpct.org/.

Renters' Rebate: The Elderly/Totally Disabled Renters' Rebate Program is open from April 1st until September 30th for seniors age 65 and over (or under 65 and on permanent long term disability receiving Social Security benefits) that rented in 2025 and have a total income less than $46,300 for a single person and less than $56,500 per married couple. Renters' rebates can be up to $900 for married couples and $700 for individuals. The renters' rebate amount is based on a graduated income scale and the amount of rent and utility payments made in the previous calendar year. There is no asset restriction. Please call Social Services for more information or to apply.

Commission on Aging Activities

April 25th: East Granby Cares Day is scheduled and awaiting those in need of some assistance by high school students. Assistance can be for general needs like raking, mulching, storing outdoor furniture, putting in air conditioners, and the like. Sign up yourself or a family senior in town! Call Kelly to register at (860) 413-3334**.**

March 21st: A Fall Prevention and Balance Class for all townspeople will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, presented by COA member Jessica Crickmore. She will demonstrate exercises to practice on your own to improve balance and avoid falls. A handout will also be available for you to take with you. Please call Kelly at 860-413-3334 to reserve your seat.

May 2026: May is "Older Americans Month" and the COA will be celebrating our seniors with a special "Senior Art and Achievement Showcase" 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. Registration is required by April 15th via registration form online at https://forms.gle/rBZ7LBAEHRQLjKsX7 or by filling out a form at the Library, Town Hall, or Senior/Community Center. You may also call Kelly to register your participation at (860) 413-3334.

CT Commissions on Aging**:** The Chair of the Commission on Aging (COA) is now a member of the CT Commissions on Aging. Chairs and members of COAs across Connecticut get together to share ideas on the needs and programs used at various locations. Several data sources are also shared to help keep up to date with the seniors in our own community. Below are a few for your perusal:

Some potentially useful data sources

- **Healthy Aging Data Reports:** https://healthyagingdatareports.org/ct/ct-community-profiles/
- **Connecticut Data Collaborative:** ctdata.org/
- Partnership for Strong Communities https://pschousing.org/
- **CT DataHaven:** ctdatahaven.org
- **U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey:** data.census.gov

- **CT Official State Website:** portal.ct.gov
- **Area Agencies on Aging (AAA):**links are at agingct.org
- **Connecticut Association Of Senior Center Personnel** (CASCP): caspc.net

Fall 2026: "Scones & Scams" financial awareness preparedness will be offered in the fall. More information to come later in 2026.

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 for about an hour. Consider joining us at a meeting to see what the Commission is all about!

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Northern Connecticut Veterans Association

Upcoming Activities

Next Social Gathering: Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00 PM at Gio's Pizzeria will be a planning meeting for all involved with the Pancake Breakfast. All veterans are welcome to volunteer. We need you!

Free Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, April 4th from 8:00 to 11:00 AM at the Mary Ellen Brown Senior/Community Center. Come see the Easter Bunny! Donations are accepted and everyone is welcome!

Veterans High School Scholarship: Our scholarship application for a high school senior will be available at East Granby High School and is open to all East Granby residents who are high school seniors.

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

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Notes from the Women's Club of East Granby

Thank you to all who donated items, volunteered your time, and attended our Second Annual Used Book (and Puzzle) Sale. It was several months in planning, a true team endeavor, but seeing all the happy folks with bags full of books was very rewarding. Thank you to the team who spent countless hours sorting and organizing two storage units of used books in preparation for the sale.

We also hosted a very successful Family Game Night with a make your own sundae bar. Thanks to all who joined in the fun. A huge thank you to Dom's Creamery in Avon for donating all the delicious ice cream!

Our annual sponsorship is ongoing. Thank you to our early sponsors: Gothers Landscaping LLC, Fuchs Financial LLC, Granby Dental II LLC, Bloomfield Foot Specialists LLC, Farmington Valley Plumbing, R & R Power Equipment, USA Waste & Recycling, and Nutmeg Orthodontics LLC. All funds our group raises will go back to the community. With the generous support of our many sponsors we have provided funding for museum passes at East Granby Public Library, training and life saving devices for the East Granby Fire Department, high school scholarships, Granby Ambulance Association classes and equipment, and many other local group requests. Any local community groups interested in being considered for a donation should 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:

- April 1st – Gio's Restaurant
- May 6th – at a member's home (contact us for details)
- June 3rd – End of Year Dinner meeting, location TBA

Upcoming Events:

- April 25th – Annual 5K Ridge Run. See the registration flyer or webpage for more information.
- June 6th – Annual Golf Tournament & Annual Dinner and Raffle Fundraiser

For more information, please visit our Facebook page or visit our website using the QR code shown or visit womensclubeg.org. We are always welcoming new members. You can also email at womensclubeg@gmail.com.

East Granby Youth Soccer Summer Clinics

East Granby youth have an exciting opportunity this summer to develop their soccer skills while having fun. Local player and coach Brendan Egan is hosting youth soccer clinics alongside professional goalkeeper Justin DiCarlo, sister and local player Morgan Egan, and many more familiar faces! The clinics are open to all skill levels and will focus on fundamentals such as passing, shooting, dribbling, and teamwork. The clinics are designed to be both educational and engaging. Participants will learn not only soccer techniques but also how to build confidence on the ball.



Registration and venue details will be announced soon. These clinics are a great way for children to stay active, connect with peers over the summer, and keep their soccer skills sharp. Open to all East Granby residents, the clinics will run weekly throughout the summer. For more information, contact Brendan Egan at (860) 999-4279.

No Cost Fundraising for Allgrove/Seymour PTO

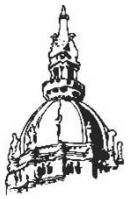
The Allgrove/Seymour PTO collects Geissler's receipts to help raise funds to further support the curriculum in our elementary schools. The PTO receives 5% back on all receipts submitted through the Geissler's program. Receipts must be over $35 and less than six months old. Submit receipts throughout 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.

Capitol Update

Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61st District



The 2026 legislative session is moving along quickly, and committees are holding public hearings, debating, and voting on bills as we move toward the statutory closing deadline of midnight on Wednesday, May 6th.

Legislative Proposals: While "short session" years restrict the types of bills that can be proposed by individual legislators, legislative committees can introduce bills. I have made several requests to committee leaders this session, and I have been fortunate to get several of my bills raised. Here are a few of those bills.

The Veterans Affairs and Military Committee raised HB 5292, which will allow non-profit veterans organizations such as VFW and American Legion Posts to purchase goods and services without paying CT sales tax. These organizations are non-profits under 501(c)19 registration rather than 501(c)3, and this legislation is intended to provide parity. A public hearing was held on February 24th and the bill is on track for committee approval.

Based on discussions with East Granby School Superintendent Palmieri, Senator Kissel and I both asked the Education Committee to raise a bill to study potential expansion of vocational training to earlier grades. The committee agreed to do so, and a public hearing has been scheduled.

I also requested the Planning & Development Committee to raise a bill expanding potential uses of Town Aid Road funding from the state, as suggested by East Granby First Selectperson Hayes and supported by other towns in the 61st district. A public hearing will be held in early March.

Together with a few colleagues, I asked the Energy & Technology Committee to approve legislation requiring a moratorium on approval of new large-scale battery storage facilities until the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection sets minimum standards to protect public health, safety, and security. This will be part of a larger bill concerning energy related public safety measures.

Other requests I have made to committees include several related to public utility ratepayer relief, a ban on smoking cannabis where tobacco smoking is also banned, providing grandparents who adopt their grandchildren with the same state resources as other adoptive parents, and an initiative that could help lower liability insurance costs to childcare providers.

You can follow legislative activity online, including detailed information about each bill, at www.cga.ct.gov, or you can watch meetings, public hearings, and live debates on www.CT-N.com.

Terminal Expansion at Bradley International Airport: At the end of January, Bradley International Airport celebrated the grand opening of an 80,000 square foot terminal expansion that includes a massive new mile-long baggage handling system, upgraded public waiting areas, and three new gates. Passenger baggage can now be checked directly at the ticket counter. Additional scheduled improvements include the addition of two new TSA screening lanes and major new concessions. This expansion project was funded by FAA and TSA grants, airport revenues, and passenger facility charge user fees. Employment generated by Bradley Airport is approximately 23,000 jobs onsite and offsite, including the airport itself and the myriad businesses that serve airport operations and the traveling public.

As always, if you need assistance with state matters or would like more information about a specific bill or an upcoming public hearing, you can reach me at Tami.Zawistowski@housegop.ct.gov, 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.

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.

Monday May, 4, 2026

1:30pm to 6:30pm

East Granby Congregational Church

9 Rainbow Road, Route 20

East Granby, CT 06026

For an appointment, scan QR Code, visit redcrossblood.org

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

East Granby Community & Economic Forums — March 25, 2026

Small Business Owners Roundtable
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM
East GranbyTown Hall Meeting Room
Email your RSVP to save a spot: Info@EGTownHall.com



East Granby Small Business Owners are invited to join State Comptroller Sean Scanlon and First Selectperson Jason Hayes.

Topics Include:

- Connecticut's economic outlook
- MYCTSavings – a free state-sponsored retirement program for employers and employees

Senior Affordability Discussion
11:45 AM – 12:30 PM
Mary Ellen Brown Community Center
Email your RSVP to save a spot: Info@EGTownHall.com



East Granby Seniors are invited to join State Comptroller Sean Scanlon and First Selectperson Jason Hayes for a focused discussion on how Connecticut's economy impacts:

- Housing affordability
- Healthcare costs
- Prescription drug pricing
- Programs such as ArrayRx

Your voice matters — join a Committee or Commission and help shape East Granby's future!



Agricultural Impact Commission

Open to East Granby Farmers and their families.

- Advise town boards and commissions
- Provide real-time insight on local and state ordinances
- Help protect East Granby's farming families and agricultural heritage



New School Build Committee

Work alongside fellow residents and town officials as we explore:

- Potential new school construction
- Long-term fiscal impacts for East Granby



East Granby Ethics Commission

Now being formed to help ensure:

- Transparency
- Accountability
- Equal ethical standards for all town employees, elected officials, appointed officials, and volunteers

For more info or to apply to the committee/commissions, email **Info@EGTownHall.com**.

EAST GRANBY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM

"East Granby in the Revolutionary Era"

Presented by Dan MacNeil and Bob Ravens-Seger
Saturday April 4, 2026, 2:00pm

East Granby Public Library

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL



With the United States Semiquincentennial signifying 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, historians Dan MacNeil and Bob Ravens-Seger invite the public to join them for a presentation regarding East Granby in the Revolutionary Era.

At the time of the American Revolution, the mid to late eighteenth century held great significance for the residents of what was then Turkey Hills and helped shape the historical trajectory of the area and its community.

Dan and Bob seek to explore this historically vital period, and to share their understanding of East Granby's past with the community.

EAST GRANBY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM

"FOUNDING MOTHERS: WOMEN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION"

Presented by Dr. Amanda Goodheart Parks

Sunday May 3, 2026, 2:30pm

East Granby Senior/Comm. Ctr.

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL

2:00 Annual Meeting of the Historical Society will precede the talk.



Despite Abigail Adams famously asking her husband and his fellow Founding Fathers to "...remember the ladies", history has largely forgotten women's contributions to the American Revolution. From Martha Washington and Mercy Otis Warren to lesser known historical figures like Elizabeth Freeman and Polly Cooper, this lecture will chronicle the extraordinary stories of the women who helped America win its independence.

Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy

Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy's mission is to protect open space and promote public appreciation of the natural environment across our communities. We are a recently merged land trust serving the towns of Bloomfield, East Granby, West Hartford, and Windsor. By coming together as one organization, we are strengthening our impact through shared resources, regional collaboration, and a unified vision for conservation.

With this regional approach, we are working to protect the environment, preserve local farms, and connect residents with the outdoors, from the ridgelines to the rivers that define our landscape.

Today, Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy protects 45 properties totaling 642 acres. These lands include untouched forests and wetlands, critical meadow habitats, scenic hiking trails, and wonderful places to observe birds and other wildlife. They also include active farms, a community garden, and partnerships that support local farmers and sustainable agriculture.

All of this is possible because of people like you. We are a nonprofit organization that relies on the generosity of our communities to maintain trails, support farms, offer educational programs, and most importantly, to acquire and protect new conservation land for future generations.

If you have not yet made your annual donation, we invite you to do so today on our website www.trlandconservancy.org. Your support makes a real difference and ensures that these special places remain protected and accessible for years to come.

Upcoming Events:

TRLC Annual Meeting and "Automated Mapping of Beaver-Influenced Floodplain Inundations" Presentation
Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 6:30 pm, East Granby Community Center, 9 Center Street
Members and guests are invited to our Annual Meeting which will feature a presentation on beavers by Evan Zocco, a Ph.D. student in the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment at the University of Connecticut. His research focuses on the development of computer vision and machine learning methods for environmental monitoring using remotely sensed imagery. He specializes in semantic segmentation of multispectral aerial and drone imagery as well as developing scalable geospatial AI workflows. His work emphasizes automated detection of wildlife-driven landscape change, including beaver-influenced floodplain inundation and vegetation dynamics. Applications extend to wetland mapping, ecosystem monitoring, and decision support for land and water resource management.

After the presentation, we invite you to stay to learn more about the work of protecting the environment, preserving local farms and connecting people with nature. You will also be able to meet the board of directors who will report on activities and finances and answer your questions. Current TRLC members will elect directors to the board for the next term.

Traprock Ridge Hiking Club Hike at McLean Game Refuge, Granby
Thursday, April 9, 2026 10 am
Please join us for this hike with Tammy Olszewski, along with TRLC volunteer Dave Mogul, for her annual frog pilgrimage. The planned hike is a loop of 4 to 5 miles using multiple trails, and it's expected to take 4-5 hours, depending on our group's pace. This is a moderately difficult hike, which includes a relatively steep but short climb to the summit of East Barndoor Hill. The key feature of this hike is an amazing visit to a vernal pool with thousands of chirping wood frogs. We'll depart from the eastern parking lot of McLean at 109 Salmon Brook Street. No registration is required. Alternate date of April 16 if we need to reschedule. Contact Dave Mogul at hikes@trlandconservancy.org with any questions.

Please visit www.trlandconservancy.org to learn about our properties, find new trails to hike, and check out past and current projects. *We will be posting our Earth Day hikes and other activities soon.*

Join us for our Thrift Shop's **Online Auction**

Fri., March 27–Tues., March 31st and our Thrift Shop **Reopening**, *Thurs., April 2nd*!






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Friend to Friend Thrift Shop

We're excited for our online auction, follow us on our Facebook page, Friend to Friend Thrift Shop for updates. If you've been spring-cleaning, you can still donate a new, or more valuable item. (Last year our auction included designer bags, gift baskets, collectibles and donations of ordered-but-never-used items.)

We're also restocking 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. (Our small shop is small, so we don't accept, books or large furniture.)

Email us at *friendtofriendthriftshop@gmail.com* or call Sandy at 860-392-8362 about donations. Thank you!

Save the Date for the 26th Annual Empty Bowls.

Please join us and our event co-host *Expressions Pottery Workshop* on Saturday, October 10th for our biggest fundraiser of the year. Follow the Friend to Friend Food Pantry facebook page for updates on the event, including the big reveal of our Special Guest Chef!

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

We reopen on April 2, 2026!
Hours: Tues./Sat. 10-2
Thurs. noon-4

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Food Pantry & Thrift Shop

The East Granby Congregational Church Preschool's



11th COFFEE CUP RAFFLE AND CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

featuring 100s of items

Saturday April 25th 9:00am – 2:00pm

9 Rainbow Rd (Rt. 20) East Granby

Over 50+ items to be raffled including many gift certificates to area

Winners will be drawn at 2:00pm

You do not need to be in person to win! We will call all winners.

MANY THANKS for supporting our preschool.

All proceeds will be used towards programs and updating our playground.

Questions? Email: egccns9@gmail.com



East Granby Lions Club
Flea Market – May 9th
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM*

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

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

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

Spaces are limited and go quickly!

Payment received prior to May 2nd - $20 per space
Payment received after – May 2nd - $25 per space
Space sizes are 15' x 20' and set-up time is 6:30 AM – 8:00 AM
Cars are not allowed in space areas from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Breakdown may not begin before 1:00 PM.

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Please note: the Event will be held Rain or Shine

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REGISTRATION FORM *** PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

ADDRESS: _____ E-MAIL: _____

CITY/TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

NUMBER OF SPACES: _____ PAYMENT TYPE Check _____ Venmo _____

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

5K RIDGE RUN
East Granby, CT

USATF CERTIFIED COURSE

17th Annual

Starts at 10:00 am
East Granby Farms
79 North Main St.
(RTE 187N)

$35 Registration
$30 for family members
$25 for 17 years and under
5 years and under FREE
FREE T-Shirt with Pre-Registration *by 4/11*

Scan QR Code to Register
Cash Prize!!
Refreshments

Saturday, April 25, 2026

WOMEN'S CLUB of EAST GRANBY



Follow us on Facebook – Womens Club of East Granby

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

Spring & Summer 2026

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 dates & locations**

Adult Drop-In Basketball



This drop-in program is for anyone over the age of eighteen. We encourage you to register in advance. **Wednesdays, 7- 9 PM In the Old Gym at EG High School**

Adult Tap Dance (Ages 16+)

Get moving with this fun, rhythmic workout that builds coordination, sharpens reflexes, and boosts memory—all while expressing yourself through sound and movement. **Wednesdays | Session begins 4/1**

Pickleball 101 Clinic

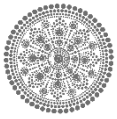
This beginner-friendly clinic is the perfect way to learn the basics. **Weds, 4/8 – 4/29 | 5:30 – 7 PM**

COMING SOON **Learn to Golf:** Tuesdays in May

Qigong and Sound Bowl Healing

Join us for a deeply healing experience that will calm the mind, relax the body, and renew your energy. Restore balance. Release stress. Reconnect with yourself. **Sunday, April 12 | 6:30 – 8:00 PM**

Discover Mandalas: Intro to Dot Painting



Explore the art of mandalas through the calming technique of dot painting in this beginner-friendly class. Learn simple dot-painting methods, discover the meaning behind these symbols of balance and wholeness, and create your own vibrant design. **Sunday**, **April 19** | **1:00 – 3:00 PM**

NEW Introduction to Qigong

Discover the gentle power of Qigong in this three-part series designed to reduce stress, improve balance, and renew your well-being. Through slow, flowing movements and mindful breathing, you'll build strength, flexibility, and calm—no experience needed. **Sundays, 4/26, 5/3 & 5/17 | 6:00 – 7:00 PM**

Birding with Brian: Spring Migration



Grab your binoculars and join local naturalist Brian Kleinman for a six-week spring birding adventure exploring some of our area's best hotspots. Learn to identify birds by sight and sound, build confidence

Join the Parks & Rec Commission at **Cowles Park** for Spring **Trail Clean Up** on **Saturday, April 18, at 9:00 AM!**
Help with trail clearing, bridge repair & litter pickup Please sign up, in advance, on EastGranbyRec.com

using binoculars, and discover colorful migrants as they return north. **Sundays, 4/26 – 5/31 | 7-9 AM**

Preschool Activities

Toddler – Preschool Playgroup



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

Soccer Shots (Ages 2-5)



This high-energy program introduces children to the fundamentals of soccer, through fun games, songs, and positive reinforcement. **Wednesdays, April 22 – June 3**
2-3 yr olds 4:30-5:00 PM | 3-5 yr olds 5:15-6:00 PM

Youth Activities & Sports

Recreational Dance Program

Weekly classes for children, ages 2-17, including Tap & Ballet, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Tumbling, Musical Theater, Acro, and daytime classes for Homeschoolers.
Spring Session begins 3/31 | Recital on 6/14

NFL Flag Football (Ages 6-14)

A premier youth program for boys and girls offering a fun, non-contact sport that teaches teamwork through continuous action. **Spring 2026 Season: April 20 - June 12**
The registration deadline is 4/3, no exceptions

Tennis Lessons (Grades K-5)

Beginner and intermediate players will learn forehand, backhand, volleys, serves, footwork, scoring, and game play. Drills are adapted for all skill levels. **Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5/26 – 6/11**
Gr K–2: 4:00-4:45 PM | Gr 3–5: 4:45-5:30 PM

Introduction to Horseback Riding

Join the instructors at End of Hunt Equestrian Center in Suffield for introductory lessons for ages 3–17.
Spring Session: Tuesdays, May 5-19

Wicked Workshop (Grades 4-8)

Join Erin Bakken and Jenna Rooney for a fun workshop and learn the iconic song "One Short Day" from *Wicked*. Sing along while mastering vocal techniques and simple, fun choreography.
Thursday, May 21 | 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Wildlife Explorers Club (Grades 3-5)

Join local wildlife expert Brian Kleinman for hands-on nature adventures in East Granby! Explore local parks, trails, streams, and marshes while learning field biology techniques, tracking wildlife, and observing animals responsibly.
Mondays, April 20 – June 1 | 4:30–5:45 PM

Wildlife Conservation Club (Grades 6-12)

Explore local habitats and practice real conservation skills with wildlife expert Brian Kleinman. Learn tracking, species ID, habitat mapping, and ethical observation while contributing to hands-on field projects. **Fridays, April 24–May 29 | 3:00–4:30 PM**

COMING SOON **Youth Golf Programs** for Ages 5-8 & a **Jr. Golf League** for Ages 9-14

After School Programs

Chemical Creations (Grades K–2)

Dive into hands-on science with fun experiments, cool chemical creations, and your own take-home Chemistry Lab Kit! Make slime, bouncy globes, UV bracelets, and watch amazing demos like snow-making and magic sand. **Mondays, April 20–June 1**

Chocolate Factory (Grades 3-5)

Hands-on chocolate fun! Kids will make treats like Chocolate Banana Cream Pie, Stuffed Pupusas, Zucchini Pancakes, and Raspberry Cupcakes.
Mondays, April 27 – May 18

Out of the Box: 3D & Mixed Media Art (K-5)

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.
Gr. K-2: Tuesdays, 3/10 – 4/21 *AND* 4/28 – 5/26
Gr. 3-5: Thursdays, 4/23 – 5/28

Minecraft Munchies: Craft, Cook, Create (K-5)

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!
Gr. K-2: Wednesdays, 3/4-4/8 *AND* 4/29 – 5/27
Gr. 3-5: Thursdays, 3/19 – 4/23

EASTER EGG HUNTS

Pre-K - Grade 2

Saturday, April 4
10:00 am *SHARP*

Enjoy the Veterans' Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, 8:00 - 11:00 am. at the Senior/Community Center!

Grades 3 - 5

***Flashlight* Egg Hunt**
Thursday, April 2
7:30 pm *SHARP*

BYO Flashlight



Please bring a basket or bag to collect your eggs, and a non-perishable food item to donate to the Friend to Friend Food Pantry

NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR – Join us at Allgrove School!

Rain or Shine!





EAST GRANBY Parks & Recreation

Summer Concert Series

Save the Dates!



SUMMER KICK OFF CONCERT!
Featuring: SHOUT (80s dance party)
Wednesday, June 24, 6:30 - 8:30 pm



SOUTHERN VOICES BAND
Wednesday, July 22, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

LAST BLAST OF SUMMER!
Featuring: MASSCONN FUSION
Friday, August 21, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

MORE INFO COMING SOON ON THESE FREE AND FAMILY FRIENDLY CONCERTS, INCLUDING FOOD TRUCKS AND ACTIVITIES FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY. WATCH OUR WEBSITE: WWW.EASTGRANBYREC.COM

Follow us on social media: /EastGranbyRec @eastgranbyrec



Children's Summer Camps & Programs

*For the most up-to-date information and to register, see **EastGranbyRec.com***

Camp/ Program	Open to		Week
	Ages	Grades	
Tennis Summer Lessons: Week 1 (Age Based Time Blocks) *4 days	6 -15		Jun 22 - 25
Crayola Imagine Arts Academy: Bouncy Bendy Art in Motion	6 -12		Jun 22 - 26
Enchanted Royal Ball Dance Camp	3 - 5		Jun 22 - 26
K Pop Adventures Dance Camp (Ages 6-12)	6 - 12		Jun 22 - 26
Food Explorers Summer: Pastry Shop		3 - 6	Jun 22 - 26
Defying Gravity Acro Camp	6 - 12		Jun 22 - 26
Camp Granbrook Wk 1: Islands of Adventure		1 - 6	Jun 29 - Jul 3
Mini Adventurer Camp Wk 1: Aloha Summer!	3 - 5		Jun 29 - Jul 3
Mad Science: Nature Lab Explorers *4 days	6 - 12		Jun 29 - Jul 2
Mad Science: Rockin' Rockets *4 days	6 - 12		Jun 29 - Jul 2
Broadway Musical Workshop *4 days		3 - 8	Jun 29 - Jul 2
Camp Granbrook Wk 2: Superhero Boot Camp		1 - 6	Jul 6 - 10
Mini Adventurer Camp Wk 2: Superhero Training Academy	3 - 5		Jul 6 - 10
Horsemanship Summer Program at End of Hunt (Session 1)	5 -17		Jul 6 - 10
SKYHAWKS Flag Football Camp (Session 1) *4 days	7 - 12		Jul 6 - 9
Tennis Summer Lessons: Week 2 (Age Based Time Blocks) *4 days	6 -15		Jul 6 - 9
Crusaders Basketball Camp for Boys *4 days	8 - 14		Jul 6 - 9
Kara Wolters Dream Big Basketball Camp for Girls		4 - 11	Jul 13 - 16
Camp Granbrook Wk 3: Shipwrecked		1 - 6	Jul 13 - 17
Horsemanship Summer Program at End of Hunt (Session 2)	5 -17		Jul 13 - 17
Mrs. Lepak's Summer Music Academy		1 - 3	Jul 13 - 17
Mini Adventurer Camp Wk 3: Pirates & Mermaids	3 - 5		Jul 13 - 17
Circuit Labs: App Inventors		4 - 6	Jul 20 - 24
Level-Up Tumbling Workshop	6 - 12		Jul 20 - 24
Camp Granbrook Wk 4: Into the Wild		1 - 6	Jul 20 - 24
Circuit Labs: Interactive Coding for Kids		4 - 6	Jul 20 - 24
Crusaders Basketball Camp for Girls	8 - 14		Jul 20 - 24
Mini Adventurer Camp Wk 4: Where the Wild Things Are	3 - 5		Jul 20 - 24
Teddy Bear Picnic Dance Camp (Ages 3-5)	3 - 5		Jul 20 - 24
Pop Star Academy Dance Camp	6 - 12		Jul 20 - 24
Camp Granbrook Wk 5: Camp Color Wars		1 - 6	Jul 27 - 31
Mini Adventurer Camp Wk 5: Color Me Happy (+ Kindergarten Ext Option)	3 - 5		Jul 27 - 31
NEW Drone Piloting Camp (with an FAA Certified Instructor)	11 - 13		Jul 27 - 31
Camp Granbrook Wk 6: Circus Shenanigans		1 - 6	Aug 3 - 7
Mini Adventurer Camp Wk 6: Under the Big Top (+ Kindergarten Ext Option)	3 - 5		Aug 3 - 7
SKYHAWKS Flag Football Camp (Session 2) *4 days	7 - 12		Aug 3 - 6
Camp Granbrook Wk 7: Splash Zone		1 - 6	Aug 10 - 14
Mini Adventurer Camp Wk 7: Seashells & Sunbeams (+ Kindergarten Ext)	3 - 5		Aug 10 - 14
Tennis Summer Lessons: Week 3 (Age Based Time Blocks) *4 days	6 - 15		Aug 10 - 13
Circuit Labs: Circuit Makers 101		1 - 3	Aug 10 - 14
Circuit Labs: Robot Commanders 101		1 - 3	Aug 10 - 14
Crayola Imagine Arts Academy: Fairies & Dragons Art-Ventures	6 - 12		Aug 17 - 21
NEW Special Effects Zombie Camp		4 - 7	Aug 17 - 21

⚽ **COMING SOON** ⚽ **SUMMER SOCCER CLINICS** ⚽ **See EastGranbyRec.com for details!** ⚽

East Granby Youth Services

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Mailing Address: 9 Center Street, East Granby, CT 06026
Phone: 860-653-7800 | Website: www.eastgranbyct.org/youth-services-bureau

- ★ **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.

Upcoming Programs from East Granby Youth Services

After School Hangout (Grades K-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.
Grades 3-5: Wednesdays, 4/22 – 5/27, 3:00 – 4:30 pm | Seymour School Cafeteria
****NEW** for Allgrove Students (Grades K-2): Thursdays, 3/12 – 4/23, 3:00 – 4:30 pm | Community Center**

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, March 30 – May 18, 3:00 – 4:15 pm | Seymour School Art Room | Cost: $60

Better Babysitting Certification (Ages 11+): This engaging certification class prepares young people with the skills and confidence to babysit safely and responsibly. Participants will learn basic first aid, infant and child CPR, fire safety, diapering and care basics, how to handle challenging behaviors, and the business of babysitting.
Saturday, May 16 | 12:00 - 2:00 pm | East Granby Farms Recreation Building | Cost: $125

Middle School Mandala Dot-Painting Workshop: Join us for a fun and relaxing art class where you'll create your own colorful mandala using dot painting! Mandalas are circle designs made with patterns and shapes. In this class, you'll learn how to use special tools to make dots and turn them into awesome designs. All supplies are provided. **Thurs, March 19 (early release day) | 11:30 - 1:30 pm | Middle School Commons | Cost: $25**

Upcoming Programs from Youth Services' Youth Action Councils

Craft Day in Celebration of Earth Day (Grades K-2): Join our Middle School Youth Action Council for a fun Earth Day celebration! Kids will enjoy hands-on crafts and activities inspired by nature.
Wednesday, April 22 | 3:00 – 4:30 pm | Senior/ Community Center

WHAT'S NEW!

We're always adding new programs, activities, and special events! Visit the **Youth Services** tab at **EastGranbyRec.com** or scan the QR code to see what's new!

/eastgranbyyouthservices **@eastgranby_youthservices**



East Granby Youth Services

High School YAC!

Youth Action Council • East Granby, Connecticut



PRESENTS

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

WHAT TIME:

6:15 - 9:00

DATE:

March 28th

WHERE:

Inside the Rec Building at EG Farms

CRAFTS/MOVIE START:

Bring your kids at 6:15 for crafts,
The movie will start at 7:00 shortly after crafts

WHAT TO BRING:

BRING BLANKETS AND PILLOWS
PJS ARE WELCOME!

FEE:

$5 per person (includes a drink & a snack)

THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT.
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

SIGN UP AT:

EastGranbyRec.com





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✨ Together to the Stars: Shaping the Future of East Granby Schools

On January 26, the Board of Education approved East Granby Public Schools' Five-Year Strategic Plan (2026–2031) — a community-informed roadmap for strengthening our schools and sustaining the vitality of our town.

This is not a finished product or a one-time decision. It is a living framework designed to grow with us.

⭐ Built by the Community — and Still Growing

More than 500 ideas, questions, and hopes shaped this plan through workshops, surveys, and conversations with families, students, staff, seniors, and alumni. It reflects what East Granby values most: strong academics, real-world readiness, fiscal responsibility, transparency, and a deep sense of belonging.

We are still in **Year 0 — Listen & Align**, focused on understanding our challenges, sharing information openly, and building a common foundation for future decisions.

🌱 Three Priorities. One System.





The plan centers on three interconnected areas:

Ignite — Innovative Learning & Leadership
Ensuring students graduate with strong academics, practical skills, and meaningful experiences that prepare them for an evolving world.

Cultivate — Strategic Partnerships & Community Engagement
Expanding opportunities through collaboration with families, local organizations, higher education, and regional partners while preserving East Granby's identity.

Sustain — Streamlined Systems & Operations
Modernizing processes, improving communication, and strengthening long-term stability so schools run smoothly and predictably.

💬 Community Connections:

To continue the conversation, we are launching a new series of **Community Connections** gatherings — lightly themed sessions designed to share updates, answer questions, and gather feedback as the plan unfolds.

Beginning this spring, two sessions will be offered each month — one in person in the afternoon and one virtual via Google Meet in the evening, held about two weeks apart. Attending one does not require attending the other.

Full details for the series will be announced soon. We hope you will join us — your voice continues to shape our path forward.

💗 A Note of Gratitude

I am deeply grateful to serve this community at such a meaningful moment. The ideas, honesty, and care shown throughout this process reflect the very best of East Granby.

This plan is not a document to sit on a shelf — it is a shared commitment to our children, our neighbors, and the future we are building together. **- Superintendent Suzanne Palmieri**

Together, we will determine the path forward. Together to the Stars. ✶

East Granby Middle School Honor Roll

Second Quarter 2025-2026

HIGH HONORS

GRADE 6

Kendall Akerlind
Kathryn Aniskoff
Barbara Baker
Macy Barrett
Olivia Beaulieu
Mykhailo Boiarchuk
Margaret Carew
Lily Conklin
Callie Cormier
Anthony Darmetko
Finley Drago
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
Madelyn Reynolds
Brooklyn Rinaldi
Elyse Roy
Koen Sacristan
Joseph Spiriti
Logan Stone
Charles Taczanowsky
Henry Taczanowsky
Lyle Uttberg
Daniel Victor
Adam Zygmunt

GRADE 7

Brayden Adams
Lena Aguilar
Cashton Augsberger
Cole Augsberger
Naomi Aviles
Alice Ball
Gagana Bandikallu
Victoria Bissell
Andrew Boehm
Joshua Bowman
Iker Diaz-Calvillo
Emma Dion
Harrison Dziedzic
Nisa Ersan
Ashley French
Dylan Hamilton
Sarah Holjes
Lee Holland
Lukah Hong
Alyssa Lengyel
Aniya Maharjan
Lucy Maisch
Efremia Moumoulidis
Advaith Nagamalla
Mary Nagle
Alexa Nelson
Natalie Passeri
Vincent Pescitelli
Jackson Puza
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
Emily Catter
Luciana Catter
Connor Cavanaugh
Scarlett Cestero
Logan Conklin
Cole Dallesander
Alexander Dean
Aliana Delvalle
Kylie Devane
Vivaswath Donkada
Zain Ejaz
Landon Estabrook
Cassandra Fairlie
Oakley Ferguson
Aidan Gao
Oliver Gaudette
Jackson Gentile
Veronica Goncalves
Swastika Gupta
Aubrey Handley
Andrew Houghton
Tucker Johnson
Morgan Krason
Chelsea Logie
Morgan McKenney
Payton McPherson
Rachel Mullane
Darsitha Nair
Georgia Palmbach
Pranitya Penujuri
Akshara Rajesh
Gavin Richter
Quinn Skinner
Christina Spiriti
Jahvan Theuri
Nischala Vegesana
Kelsea Walsh
Alexandria Wegrzyniak
Alexander Zygmunt

HONORS

GRADE 6

Harrison Byrne
Lillian Georgetti
Jack Payette
Alexander Richter
Jeyren Rivera
Finn Ruggiero
Kai Sclare
Vivian Thaisz

GRADE 7

Muhammad Bukhari
Jaxson Burns
John Coleman
Mia Doncet
Evan Kiesewetter
Brianna Maillet
Sydney Mele
Rowan Roberts
Cortland Whitehouse

GRADE 8

Vincent Caron
Gabriel Crespo
Ella Criscitelli
John Daly
Mark Dion
Hunter Marinelli
Jonathan Mazzaferro
Brody McKenna
Ethan Nelson
Charlie Olszewski
Jack Pellegrino
Trevor Plaisted
River Shevel
Chris Stevens
John Whitehouse

East Granby High School Honor Roll

First Quarter 2025-2026

HIGH HONORS

GRADE 9

Avery Bednarz
Julian Bento
Sydney Bloom
Coco Chen
Abbygail Cole
Lillian Cole
McKenzie Cormier
Ryan Hamilton
Brooke Hines
Alan Joby
Lylah Jones
Kayla Lengyel
Kiele Lizon
Everett Lowman
Rockwell Madden
Ashley Robison
Lily Thompson

GRADE 10

Abigail Abrham
Avery Burke
Deqwayne Edram
Maham Ejaz
Samuel Forero
Ivan Gao
Maria Cortes Gonzales
Ian Griffin
McAzyh Hercule
Stella McKay
Wesley Namnoun
Logan Nicolle
Hailey Popella
Christian Resto
Hope Robblets
Mark Roth
Nehemiah Victor

GRADE 11

Elizabeth Adams
Amani Akedde-Bernstein
Gabriella Aviles
Patrick Baran
Elizabeth Bissell
Jeanette Cabrera
Chennacy Copeland
Evan Hanks
Gabriela Jablonska
Daniel Jacius
Aislinn Moore
Dionnee Ortiz
Keira Paixao
Lorenzo Policella
Jake Schlagenhauf
Cheyenne Smith
Liam Smith
Robyn Triblets
Alyana VanBeek
Brenn Vaughn

GRADE 12

Karina Baran
Alexa Bednarz
Maya Betts
Jean Cabrera
Maria Caracciolo
Jacob Cyr
Izabella Dallesander
Mackenzie Delpha
Morgan Gabbidon
Mia Grabowski
Gabriella Hayes
Tamia Hewitt
Bartosz Jablonski
Thomas Jacius
Lucas Kleinman
Sreekirthana Kolla
Abhinav Lenkala
Hansika Lenkala
Jason Lloyd
Beckett Lowman
Maya Mosteanu
Sebi Prescott
Elianna Russo
Leilany Sanchez
Varshny Sriganesh

HONORS

GRADE 9

William Adams
Alexa Brefort
Mehmet Caglar
Joseph Copeland
Cameron Grabowski
Adya Maharjan
Gemma Masson
Spencer Namnoun
Mason Schlagenhauf
Zayvion Shanks
Jacob Wyman
Ethan Zhang

GRADE 10

Maddox Cestero
Whitney Johnson
Madeline Lundell
Brianna Mullings
Vanessa Passeri
Brianna Peck
Sophia Pellegrino
Victoria Pellegrino
Tyler Rioual
Talon Sacristan
Hendrix Sclare
Benet Stafford
Caitlin Van Neil
Lillianna Wagner

GRADE 11

Gianna Caron
Kaitlyn Clemens
Kasey Clemens
Stephanie Clement
Carson Elsner
Isaac Gaudette
Emma Leadbeater
Giovanni Nechitilo
Benjamin Resto

GRADE 12

Adarsh Atluri
Mason Beauregard
Charlize Brown
Olivia Caravello
Cassidy Clark
Genevieve Corricelli
Mackenzie Dubois
Jakai Evans
Leila Feliciano
Malia Gabbidon
Cole Malinowski
Riley Moore
Favour Ovunwo
Devin Sirotnak
Katelin Wolf



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 $45

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~ APRIL 6TH, MAY 4TH, JUNE 1ST 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

- **MARCH 16TH – ENFIELD**
- **MARCH 23RD , APRIL 20TH, MAY 11TH - WALMART**
- **MARCH 30TH, APRIL 27TH, MAY 18TH - BIG Y/OCEAN STATE/DOLLAR STORE**
- **APRIL 6TH , MAY 4TH – PRICE CHOPPER**
- **APRIL 13TH – TRADER JOE'S/ OLIVE GARDEN**

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH – Senior Tech Day- Sponsored by AT&T. This program will help members learn how to use today's technology in a relaxed, supportive environment. Whether you're new to smartphones and tablets or just want a refresher, this event is designed to make technology easier and more enjoyable. Bring your device (phone, iPad, laptop, etc), ask questions and learn how to avoid scams. Light refreshments will be served. **Program begins at 10:00 AM at the East Granby Senior Center. There is no charge for this program however, registration is required by March 16th.**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH—Lunch & Learn— Making Connecticut's Economy Stronger and Healthcare More Affordable - Join Comptroller Sean Scanlon for an engaging conversation on Connecticut's economy from the perspective of the state's chief fiscal watchdog. Comptroller Scanlon will discuss the state's efforts to address the affordability crisis—from energy and housing costs to healthcare and prescription drugs. He will also speak to his efforts alongside Governor Lamont to strengthen the state's finances and make government more transparent. He'll highlight practical solutions already making a difference, including ArrayRx, the state's free prescription drug discount program. **Program begins at 11:45 AM at the East Granby Senior Center. Light lunch fare will be provided. There is no charge for this program however, registration is required by March 19th.**

FRIDAY APRIL 17TH—Living Better Through Therapy—Have you ever wondered if there were more options for Physical, Occupational, or Speech Therapy nearby? Did you know PT can work on vertigo? Did you know that OT can work on incontinence? Did you know that ST can work on swallowing and thinking skills? Come hear Hartford Healthcare Speech Therapist Karen Velleman explain how PT, OT and ST can help improve quality of life, reduce pain, improve balance and assist with memory deficits. Karen will talk about all three therapies as well as aquatic therapy including how to obtain a referral for these insurance funded services. **Program begins at 10:00 AM at the East Granby Senior Center. There is no charge for this program however, registration is required by April 9th.**

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH —Painting Fun– Artist Sandy Poirier will instruct this lesson on how to paint a beautiful 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. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. All supplies will be included. This is a senior center favorite with limited spots so don't delay—register today! **Program begins at 10:00am at the East Granby Senior Center. Cost is $18. Reservation and payment due by April 16th.**

FRIDAY, MAY 1ST —Lunch Bunch—Puerto Vallarta—Avon, CT—Celebrate Cinco de Mayo in style with authentic, fresh and delicious Mexican foods. From popular traditional dishes to diverse cuisine with varied ingredients and spices, you'll taste the delicious real flavors from the different regions of Mexico. Whether you prefer guacamole prepared tableside, fajitas, tacos, enchiladas or a nice cold margarita you won't be disappointed! Cost of lunch is on your own. **Depart the Senior Center at 11:30 AM. Reservation by April 23rd.**

THURSDAY, MAY 14TH—The Travelers Chorale Spring Concert– Hartford, CT ~The Travelers Chorale was founded in 1924 and is the oldest company-affiliated, eight-part choral group in America. Please join us for a night of exciting and moving music. This Annual Spring Concert will be held in the Mortensen Hall at the Bushnell. **Depart the Senior Center at 6:15pm. There is no charge for this event but please bring a non-perishable food donation to benefit Hartford families. Reservation due by May 5th.**



SAVE THE DATE: Annual Summer Concert: FRIDAY, JUNE 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



BEDTIME STORIES



Mondays: March 16th, March 30th, April 27th, & 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.

SPRING STORYTIMES



April 22nd - June 11th

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

PEEK AT OUR PEEPS!



April 28th - May 30th

Visit the library during business hours and see the life cycle of a chicken!

April 28th - May 18th: Eggs incubating
May 19th - May 22nd*: Eggs hatching
May 23rd - May 30th: Meet the little chicks!

*Dates of hatching are approximate.

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

LLAMA WITH YOUR MAMA



Saturday, May 9th
10:30am-11:30am
Ages 3-10 years with Moms/Grandmas/Caregivers

Celebrate Mother's Day with Country Quilt Llama Farm. Meet and learn all about llamas, then enjoy a short, scenic walk around our library's pond—led by a llama!

SUMMER READING KICK OFF PARTY AND PUPPET SHOW!



Thursday, June 18th
3:00pm-4:30pm
Ages 3+ with caregiver

Join us for bubbles, button making, crafts, and more! Evening to conclude with The Three Billy Goats Gruff & The Lion and the Mouse Puppet Show presented by Pumpernickel Puppets.

SECRET AGENTS CLUB - VOLUNTEER CLUB



7th-12th Graders
Runs through August 2026

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



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www.egpl.org

MINI GOLF



Saturday, March 28th &
Sunday, March 29th
10:00am-4:00pm
$5 per person, max $20 per family

We will transform the library into an 18-hole mini-golf course! Each hole will be uniquely themed and sponsored by local community groups. Free ice cream treats will be served!

ADULT SPELLING BEE



Monday, April 6th
The Cracker Barrel Pub in Tariffville
6:00pm-8:00pm
$10 per person

Groups will work together to spell the word & write it down.

No public speaking is required!

MINI GOLF AFTER DARK



Saturday, March 28th
7:00pm-10:00pm

Adults 21+ can join us for a night of putts, pints, and playful mini golf competition.

- Cash bar
- Mini golf throughout the library
- After-dark vibes & grown-up fun

A NIGHT WITH THE BEATLES

Beatles

The third Thursday of every month
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.



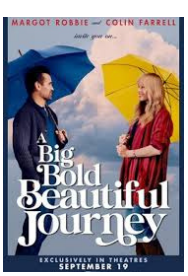
Afternoon at the Movies! Wednesdays at 1pm.

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

A Big Bold Beautiful Journey

March 25th
R, 1 hr 49 min

Strangers who meet at a friend's wedding have the chance to relive important moments from their pasts.



Across the River and Into the Trees

April 8th
NR, 1 hr 46 min

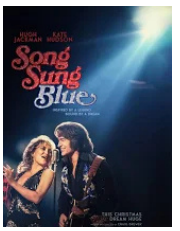
War-torn U.S. Army Colonel Richard Cantwell is a true hero who faces the news of his illness with indifference.



Song Sung Blue

April 15th
PG 13, 2 hr 12 min

A husband and wife Neil Diamond tribute act, experience soaring success and heartbreak in their musical journey together.



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) 4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7

Conservation 7:00 (TH).....4/1, 5/6, 6/3, 7/1

Board of Education 7:00 (TH).....3/23, 4/27, 5/11, 5/26, 6/8, 6/22, 7/13, 7/27
Second Meeting of the Month as Needed

Economic Development 5:30 (TH).....3/23, 4/27, 5/18, 6/22, 7/27

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

Board of Finance 7:00.....3/17, 4/7, 4/21, 5/5, 5/19, 6/16, 7/21

Parks & Recreation 6:30 (TH).....4/2, 5/7, 6/4

Planning & Zoning 7:00 (TH).....4/14, 5/12, 6/9, 7/14

Board of Selectmen 6:30 (TH) 3/25, 4/8, 4/22, 5/13, 5/27, 6/10, 6/24

Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 (TH) 3/26, 4/23, 5/28, 6/25, 7/23

Youth Services Commission 6:30 (EGF) 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, 6/15

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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