Let's Talk Turkey

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we reach the halfway point of my first year serving as your First Selectperson, I want to take a moment to reflect on what we've accomplished together and thank you for the trust you've placed in me.

When I took office six months ago, I promised to lead with integrity, transparency, and action. Every decision we've made has been guided by a simple question: *How can we make East Granby an even better place to live, work, and raise a family?*

Thanks to the dedication of our Town staff, elected and appointed officials, volunteers, community organizations, and residents, we've made meaningful progress on that promise.

One of our most significant achievements was securing a **$1.5 million state grant** to add sidewalks and cross signals combined with the new plans to realign School Street. Combined with nearly **$250,000 in previously awarded connectivity grant funding** that we were able to preserve, this project will create a safer and more connected community by extending sidewalks from East Street, Harvest Lane, Crystal Drive, Nicholson Road, up School Street, and along South Main Street to Sanford Ridge.

We've also completely revitalized Granbrook Park, creating a space our community can once again be proud of while allowing our children's summer camp to return there next year. At East Granby Farms, we established our town's very first community garden, providing residents with a place to grow food, build friendships, and strengthen community ties.

We are in the midst of installing four new tennis courts at the High School/Middle School, which are a joint project between BOE & the Town. The existing courts are 25 years old and working with Galasso, we have been able to bring the new courts in for over $400K less than the closest estimates. Amazing things are achievable when we all come together as a town.

Supporting residents of every generation remains a priority. We added an additional senior transportation bus while repurposing the previous senior bus for use by our Parks & Recreation Department—providing Town recreation programs with dedicated transportation for the first time in East Granby's history.

Good government begins with accountability. During the past six months, we established the Town's first Ethics Commission, created a new School Building Committee to guide future facility planning, developed the Town's first long-term sewer deficit repayment plan to restore funds to the General Fund, and successfully oversaw critical sewer infrastructure repairs along Meter Pit 5 and up Bradley Park Road (Meter pit 1).

Looking ahead, our community has much to celebrate. We've worked with generous sponsors and community partners to raise the funding needed for East Granby's 250th Anniversary celebrations, including a fireworks display following the **Last Blast of Summer Concert** at East Granby Farms on **August 21st.** I hope you'll join us as we celebrate our town's rich history and bright future. Please join us at the newly revitalized Granbrook Park on September 13th for the Lions Club Duck Derby and East Granby Community Day.

Transparency has remained one of my highest priorities. Over the past six months, we've held six Town Meetings in addition to all twelve regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen meetings, ensuring residents have opportunities to stay informed and engaged in the decisions affecting our community.

Despite inflation remaining near five percent, we adopted a Fiscal Year 2027 budget with a **1.97% increase**, continuing our commitment to balancing fiscal responsibility with maintaining the high-quality services our residents expect.

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Newsletter Publication Schedule

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News From the Registrars

Are you registered to vote? To check your voter status, update your information, or register as a new voter in town, go to VoterRegistration.CT.gov or scan the QR code.



If you need any assistance, the registrar's office is open Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the East Granby Senior/Community Center or you may call (860) 653-0097 or email registrars@egtownhall.com.

Upcoming Events for 2026:

- July 24th is the deadline for registering to vote by mail including online and DMV.
- August 10th at 12:00 PM is the deadline for registering in person to vote in the Primary.
- August 11th is the Primary (including 7 days of early voting from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday and Thursday. No early voting Monday, August 10th.
- November 3rd is the General Election (with 14 days of early voting).

Thank You, Poll Workers! Thank you to all the poll workers for your flexibility and availability to assist with two budget referendums. We have an incredible team that works well together making our election events run smoothly.

What's New? New laws passed that will allow us to feed early voting ballots into the tabulators instead of sealing in envelopes. Also changed are the criteria for absentee ballots. Any registered voter can now request an absentee ballot. The ballot will be easier to return as it will no longer require an inner and outer envelope. Please note that anyone who currently has permanent absentee status will now have to request a ballot at each election event. There is also a new law requiring that no masked person may enter within 250 feet of any polling center unless meeting specific criteria.

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. Students 16 and 17 years old are also eligible to work. Contact Michele or Robin in the Registrar's Office for additional information at (860) 653-0097.

Interested in Working as a Deputy Registrar of Voters? We are looking for a registered Republican to work as a Deputy Registrar. Hours will be very flexible, typically one day a month on a Tuesday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM or to cover for the Registrar's absence. Additional hours are as needed to cover election events throughout the year. This is a paid position and training will be provided. Contact Michele in the Registrar's Office for additional information at (860) 653-0097, x2.

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We're also investing in East Granby's future. We're moving forward with solar installations on our decommissioned landfill and solar canopies at the High School, Middle School, and Senior/Community Center parking lots. These projects are expected to generate approximately **$100,000 annually in electric bill credits** as well as $50,000 lease payment, benefiting both our Board of Education and General Government while advancing our commitment to sustainability.

Through RPIP grant funding, we've hired East Granby's first Human Resources Director, significantly reducing the cost to taxpayers during the first three years while strengthening our ability to recruit, retain, and support the employees who serve our community every day.

Finally, we've completed comprehensive plans to modernize our Transfer Station and expand the parking at the Thrift Shop, improvements that will better serve residents for years to come.

While I am proud of what we've accomplished together in just six months, I believe the best is still ahead. There is more work to do, more opportunities to pursue, and more ways to strengthen our Town. I remain committed to listening, working collaboratively, and continuing to move East Granby forward. Responsible economic growth is vital to East Granby's future. It is key to alleviating the tax burden on homeowners and seniors.

Thank you for your continued support, your ideas, and your willingness to be involved in our community. It is truly an honor to serve as your First Selectperson.

On behalf of my family and all of us at Town Hall, I wish you and your loved ones a safe, relaxing, and memory-filled summer. I hope to see you at our many community events throughout the season.

Sincerely,
Jason Hayes
First Selectperson, Town of East Granby

East Granby Historical Society

Stagecoach Participates in Granby's July 4th Parade

The East Granby Historical Society's restored 1850s stagecoach made a crowd-pleasing appearance in Granby's July 4th parade, pulled by Clydesdale horses with their driver from Allegra Farm. The raffle-winning passengers enjoyed riding inside and on top, along with Allegra Farm's little dog, Pete, supervising from his perch on top! At the parade's conclusion in Salmon Brook Park, the coach remained for a time of photo opportunities for the public to climb inside or up next to the driver. The stagecoach "lives" in the Society's barn/museum at East Granby Farms. Regular hours are the second and fourth Sundays of June through October from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Come and sit in the coach and explore all the other displays, including a large antique

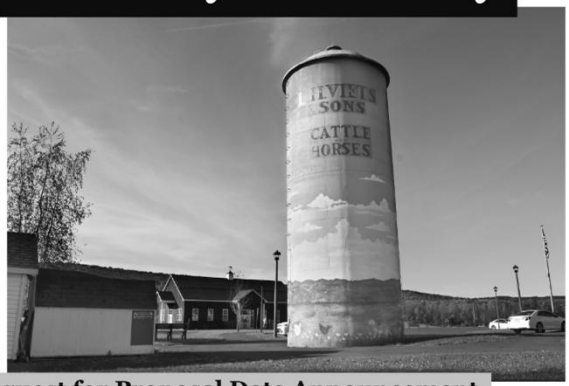
working loom. There's also a kids' (of all ages!) scavenger hunt of particular items to search for in the barn.



In honor of America's 250th birthday, the Historical Society in collaboration with the East Granby Library's history room curator have gathered items for a special display for the month of July. These include a list of East Granby's Revolutionary War veterans (their gravestones are in Center Cemetery on School Street), some commemorative items from the Bicentennial, an 1822 sampler stitched by a local girl, and more. Stop in and check out the two display cases.

GREATER HARTFORD GIVES FOUNDATION | East Granby Community Fund

Soon to be accepting grant requests to support our East Granby Community.



Request for Proposal Date Announcement Coming Soon!

Learn more at
GreaterHartfordGives.org/Community-Funds
or send your questions to
eastgranby@greaterhartfordgivescf.org

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Northern Connecticut Veterans Association

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 25th at Gio's Pizzeria at 6:00 PM. Come out and share stories and plan with us.

Mark your calendars for our Fall Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 3rd. We will be fundraising for the flags that adorn our town all summer.

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that brings community awareness of veterans in East Granby and the surrounding towns:

- A veteran support group;
- Engage students in local schools on Veterans Day, making presentations and participating in a motorcade parade;
- Help veterans with their Veteran Administration benefits and medical appointments;
- Scholarship fund honoring an East Granby graduating senior.

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

We had a wonderful year in fundraising and fellowship. Our final formal event of the year was our annual golf tournament and dinner. We had a great turnout for golf at Grassmere Country Club along with several past members and friends joining for the dinner and raffle part of the event. Many thanks to Shirley for coordinating the event and Kathy for her incredible work obtaining and displaying the raffle and silent auction items. And of course, to all the ones who helped with the event as well as all those who participated.

Our financial group will soon meet to allocate the funds raised among the community groups that have requested support. Please see our sponsor list and help us to thank them for their support by supporting them!

Congratulations to our newly elected and returning officers for the 2026-2027 fiscal year: Shirley and Marge as Co-Presidents, Stacy as Secretary, and Danielle as Treasurer. Thank you very much for your dedicated service, Laura and Sue (outgoing Co-Presidents). We are happy to say are both continuing on as key members of our group.

Upcoming Meeting: Our next meeting to kick off the 2026-2027 fundraising season will be held September 2nd.

Upcoming Events:

- July/August (dates TBD) – Look for our table at the Wednesday Farmers Market.
- August 17th from 9:00 to 11:00 AM – Informal gathering to meet and socialize at the newly opened Lazy Fare. No RSVP required. Stop in, support the new business in town, and join a few members for a casual conversation. New members and friends are welcome to join us!

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

Lions Rubber Duck Derby

Returning September 13th!

Move over Kentucky Derby, East Granby has a race that's far more quacky. The 13th Annual East Granby Lions Rubber Duck Derby is set to splash into action on September 13th at Granbrook Park, where hundreds of brave yellow competitors will gather for what may be the most exciting few minutes in local sports.

The race begins with the ducks being released from the bike path bridge high above Salmon Brook. Spectators will watch as these fearless athletes plunge dramatically from the bridge, survive the breathtaking drop, and then paddle furiously downstream toward the finish line. While no duck has ever requested a helmet, all participants are expected to maintain proper flotation techniques.

The stakes are high. The first 10 ducks to cross the finish line will win prizes for the lucky individuals who adopted them. Unlike most professional athletes, these competitors don't demand million-dollar contracts. For just a $5 donation to the East Granby Lions Club, anyone can adopt a duck and enter it into the race.

Will your duck be a champion? Will it get caught in a friendly current? Will it get caught up in one of the obstacles on the racecourse? Will it stop to admire the scenery? Nobody knows. That's part of the fun!

The event is a favorite East Granby tradition and a great way to spend time with family, friends, and neighbors. There will be plenty of cheering, laughter, and good-natured competition as everyone follows the action along Salmon Brook.

So choose your champion, adopt a duck, and prepare for one of the most entertaining sporting events of the year. After all, not every community can say its biggest race features athletes who fit comfortably in a bathtub.

You can adopt your duck at Town Hall, the Library, at the Farmers Market, or the RCC (aka The Dump), You don't have to be present to win, but we hope to see you at Granbrook Park on September 13th. May the fastest duck win!

Join The Lions

Members Wanted!

Be kind through community service; be kinder and help Lions serve in East Granby.

You may have seen "Be Kind" and "Be Kinder Help Lions Serve" signs on lawns in and around town. Most people agree that the world needs more kindness, and joining the East Granby Lions is a pathway to kindness through local community service. Our small club needs more members so we can continue to be of service in East Granby.

The East Granby Lions annually awards an annual scholarship to a High School senior, donates to the Substance Free Graduation Party, donates to our various Scouting organizations, and donates time and funds to the East Granby Parks & Recreation Halloween Party.

The East Granby Lions also collects donations for the Friend to Friend Food Pantry, donates annually to the East Granby Social Services Emergency Fund, sponsors and organizes the Annual Memorial Day Parade, awards the Citizen of the Year, and donates to local emergency service organizations.

As part of the overall Lions mission, we support the American School for the Deaf, the annual 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 their support of our fundraisers, which allow us to do all of the above and more! 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 or (860) 463-9146

Cub Scout Pack 70

Adventure, Service, and Fun

Cub Scout Pack 70 is proud to be an active part of the East Granby community. This past year, our Scouts explored the outdoors through hiking, camping, canoeing, and fishing while learning valuable skills, building confidence, and making lifelong friendships. Scouts made

lasting memories with their families through Pack events like the Pinewood Derby, Raingutter Regatta, and Rocket Launch!

Giving back to the local community is an important part of Scouting. Pack 70 participated in multiple service projects in 2026. Scouts and their families cleaned up the north entrance and hiking trails at East Granby Farms, adopted School Street and began road clean-up efforts, collected food for the Friend to Friend Food Pantry, placed flags at the graves of veterans in all East Granby cemeteries, and made tie blankets for patients at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Through these projects, our Scouts learn the importance of serving others and making a positive impact in their community.

Registration for our fall program opens in August, and we welcome all boys and girls entering kindergarten through 5th grade to join one of our grade specific Dens. Reach out to Caleb and Allison Eastman for more information at allisoneastman2015@gmail.com or stop by our booth at the East Granby Farmers Market on August 19th or the Last Blast of Summer concert on August 21st to get registration information in-person. Adventure on!

Help Provide a Safe Graduation Celebration

Project Grad of East Granby

Project Grad of East Granby is a parent-run nonprofit organization dedicated to providing East Granby High School seniors with a safe, fun, and substance-free graduation celebration.

Did You Know? Project Grad receives no school funding and relies entirely on fundraising, sponsorships, donations, and volunteers to support its programs. Funds raised support important senior activities, including:

- Safe post-graduation celebration
- Transportation to and from events
- Food and refreshments
- Senior class gifts
- Raffles and prizes
- Senior Sunrise, Breakfast, and Luncheon

Why We Need Your Help: To provide these experiences for the Class of 2027, we must raise approximately $35,000–$40,000 this year. We welcome all Class of 2027 parents, guardians, businesses, and community members to help through:

- Volunteering
- Fundraising
- Sponsorships
- Donations

Get Involved! If you have questions or are interested in helping, call or text (860) 752-8605 or email projectgradeg@gmail.com. Donations may be mailed to "Project Grad of East Granby," P.O. Box 234, East Granby, CT 06026. Thank you for supporting our students and helping make graduation a celebration they'll never forget!

New Business Spotlight

Welcoming Lazy Fare to East Granby

East Granby residents will soon have a new place to grab a great meal, and for owner Omar Saad, it's a true homecoming. Omar grew up in East Granby and is a graduate of East Granby High School, with his parents still residing in town. After years split between the restaurant industry and corporate operations, Omar is returning to his roots—this time alongside his wife, Anndrea—to open Lazy Fare, a premium fast-casual café and eatery.



Lazy Fare's philosophy is simple: fresh food, good mood. The menu features crafted sandwiches blending New York style influence with Mediterranean flavors—think shawarma, falafel, and hummus—alongside fresh breakfast and lunch items, daily rotating specials, specialty coffee and espresso drinks, and smoothies. "Having had the pleasure to grow up in East Granby, it's an honor to bring Lazy Fare to the town that raised me," Omar said. "We can't wait to serve this community the way it's served us for so many years."

Lazy Fare is set to open this summer at 10 East Street (former home of The Craft). Updates on the launch date (late July) will be shared on social media at @LazyFareCT.

News From the Democrats

The East Granby Democrats have been active lately, attending various nominating conventions to select our candidates for the election on November 3rd. Several candidates have qualified to run in the primary for the offices of Congress and Governor. In the 1st Congressional District incumbent Congressman John Larson is being challenged by Luke Bronin, Jillian Gilchrist, and Ruth Fortune. For Governor, incumbent Governor Ned Lamont is being challenged by Josh Elliot.

Primary Election Information*:* A primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 11th, for the offices of Congress and Governor. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk starting Tuesday, July 21st. Early voting will be held at the Senior/Community Center from August 3rd to August 9th. Hours are 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily, with extended hours from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, August 4th and Thursday, August 6th. Primary Day will be Tuesday, August 11th from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Senior/Community Center.

November General Election: There will be 14 days of early voting, including weekends, ending the Sunday before Election Day.

Local Endorsements: We are proud to endorse the following candidates for the State Legislature:

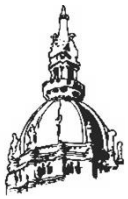
- David Kiner: 7th State Senate District (including East Granby, Windsor Locks, Enfield, Somers, and part of Granby and Windsor) – www.kinerforsenate.com
- James Mol: 61st State House District (including East Granby, Suffield, and part of Windsor Locks) – www.jamesmol.com

Both candidates are committed to ensuring our town's needs are prioritized in the State Legislature for all of our residents and delivering the results our community should expect.

Upcoming Democratic Town Committee Meetings: Please join us for our next meetings on July 16th and August 20th, both at 7:30 PM. If you would like to become a member of the DTC or are seeking more information on getting involved in our local party, contact Chairman Mike Malloy at mikemalloy07@gmail.com.

Capitol Update

Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61st District



Happy 250th! Summer is in full swing and communities across the country are celebrating America's 250th Birthday! It's an exciting time in our nation's history and one which deserves recognition and celebration.

America was built by brave men and women who chose to dare. These individuals chose to forsake safety and comfort to venture out across the seas in search of a new world, to rebel against those who would deny them freedom, and cross the vast, unmapped areas of the West in search of a new way of life. It was never easy. From the hardships of the Revolution and the Civil War to economic depressions, foreign wars, and moments of deep division, Americans have repeatedly faced challenges and found ways to move forward. Remembering the contributions of these individuals reminds us that freedom was built by ordinary people doing difficult things in uncertain times. At America 250, we can be grateful not only for what we have inherited, but for the chance to keep building a stronger, everlasting, and free nation.

East Granby Company Visits: Many of us regularly visit or support East Granby's restaurants, retail and service businesses and farm stands. As a legislator, I also make a point of visiting some of the manufacturing, industrial service, and specialty businesses in East Granby and throughout the 61st district. These companies provide good jobs and career opportunities, pay town taxes, support other local businesses, and frequently contribute to the community through sponsorships and scholarships. Learning more about what they do helps me understand how they interact with the state as well as other businesses, and how I can potentially assist with trade and manufacturing networking opportunities and state related issues.

This past month, I toured Atlantic Fabricating Co., a women-owned business that specializes in manufacture and assembly of complete electromechanical systems. They serve the aerospace, defense, and nuclear energy sectors, and some of their customers are companies located right here in East Granby. I also visited Advanced Wheels, a family-owned shop for sales, service, and rentals for a wide range of wheelchair vans, custom vehicle modifications, wheelchair equipment, and mobility solutions that help people stay active and independent.

In East Granby, I have toured Joining Industries, RSCC/Marmon, Simtech, Galasso Materials, Pioneer Optics, USA Hauling/Paine's, MB Aerospace (now part of Barnes), USA Mechanical, Nufern (now Coherent), and others. I have always been impressed with the wide variety of manufacturing, industrial production and related services located in our small town of East Granby. They offer excellent employment opportunities for both highly skilled workers and talented individuals just starting out in various trades and are a vital part of our town's economy.

Stay in Touch: If you would like assistance with state matters or have ideas you would like to share, 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.





NEWS FROM THE TAX OFFICE

Heidi Tucker-Dillon, Tax Collector



TAX BILLS WERE MAILED JUNE 30TH



MONDAY AUGUST 3RD IS THE LAST DAY TO PAY

****Town Hall closes at 4:00 on Mondays****

As you can imagine, once the tax bills are mailed, the tax office is quite a busy place! Here are some frequently asked questions:

Why have I not received a motor vehicle tax bill?
Your motor vehicle tax bill is based on where DMV had you living October 1, 2025. If you recently moved to East Granby from another town, check with that town (most towns have online access to bill information). To update your address with DMV, you need to do it on your ***VEHICLE REGISTRATION.*** Changing it on your license does not change it on your registration. You can now change your address online with DMV at https://portal.ct.gov/dmv

Why am I receiving a tax bill for a vehicle I no longer own?
The tax bill covers the period of October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026. If you disposed of a vehicle during that period and ***did not*** transfer the registration to a new car, please contact the Assessor's Office at 860-653-2852. You will need to provide them with your plate cancellation receipt and documentation showing what happened to the vehicle.

I purchased a car recently, why did I not receive a tax bill for it?
Anything that was registered after October 1, 2025 and before October 1, 2026 will receive a supplemental bill in December 2026.

Are tax bills online?
Yes! They can be found at https://eastgranbyct.org/tax-collector/
You can also pay online with a debit card/credit card or e-check (fees do apply).
The most affordable option is by e-check, it is only $.95!

I recently paid off my mortgage, why have I not received a tax bill?
If you recently paid off your mortgage, contact the Tax Office as soon as possible. The 1st installment is due by August 3rd, and you do not get an extension because you never received a bill. Do not rely on your mortgage company to notify us to send you a bill.

If you still have a question for the tax office, the best way to reach out is by email: heidit@egtownhall.com. If email is not an option, please feel free to call the office at (860) 413-3335. If we are unavailable, please leave a message and we will return your call.

Thank you to Geissler's Supermarkets and all who make donations at our June *Fill Paul's Truck* Food Drive!



Thrift Shop: We're accepting donations, including gently used spring and summer clothing, jewelry, pocketbooks, shoes, small housewares, dish and glassware sets, children's toys (complete) and artwork.



26th Annual Empty Bowls

Friend to Friend Food Pantry and Expressions Pottery Workshop are excited to announce our **Special Guest Chef, Omar Saad** and his wife Anndrea, owners of *Lazy Fare*, located at 10 East St. and opening later in July.

Chef Omar has had a passion for cooking since childhood. He's featuring a 40 year-old family falafel recipe, serving homemade tahini and hummus, along with chicken shawarma and other delicious Mediterranean dishes. Follow Lazy Fare CT on Facebook and Instagram for the latest info.

And, remember to follow us on social media for updates on Empty Bowls. Our favorite "Bread Peeps" from PeoplesBank are also excited to join us again this year. We can't wait to see 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, individual-sized snacks, jelly, peanut butter, 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

Shopping Hours:
Tues./Sat. 10-2
Thurs. noon-4

friend to friend
Food Pantry & Thrift Shop



JOIN US FOR A YEAR OF PROGRAMS, EVENTS & COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

- ★ Bus tours exploring East Granby's landmarks and stories
- ★ Parades and community celebrations
  And much more throughout the year!
- ★ Inspiring guest speakers on local and national history
- ★ Historical reenactments that bring the past to life

Find the full schedule at EastGranbyRec.com – new programs are added regularly.

HELP US BUILD EAST GRANBY'S 2026 TIME CAPSULE!

As part of our 250th celebration, we're creating a special time capsule that will be sealed this year and opened in 2076, when America celebrates its 300th birthday.
Kids & families in the future will get to see what life was like in East Granby today!

What should we include?

- Drawings or artwork
- Photos of life in town
- Letters to the future
- Favorite items or trends from 2026
- Creative pieces that show what makes East Granby special

Your ideas will help us send a meaningful message to the next generation

https://bit.ly/USA250TimeCapsule | SCAN TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS

BE PART OF EAST GRANBY'S STORY

From our historic landmarks to your own backyard, every resident plays a part in this celebration. Join us in honoring East Granby's place in the American story.

Let's celebrate our past, present, and future–together.

Questions? Email: america250eastgranby@gmail.com

East Granby's 2026 Home and Back-to-School Issue

The **East Granby Economic Development Commission** invites you to visit their page on the Town website at ***https://eastgranbyct.org/economic-development/*** or scan the QR code to download their second issue.

If your business was missed, please email your info to ***michelel@egtownhall.com*** and the online pdf will be updated.



Summer/Fall 2026

The East Granby Economic Development Commission wishes you a wonderful summer. Please use this Auto, Home, Lawncare and Back-to-School issue to locate East Granby businesses that can help you this fall and all year round.

East Granby 250th Celebration Events

AUTO

Auto Body

Auto Detail/Maintenance/Repair

Auto Sales

HOME/LAWN

Air/Heating/Plumbing

Builders/Carpenters/Home Repair/Supplies

Cleaning Services



Electrical

Excavation/Site Work

Furniture/Home Design

Insurance

Lawncare

Pest Control

Power Equipment

Refuse

Septic/Well

Storage Solutions

BACK TO SCHOOL

Awards/Signage/Branded Apparel

Dance

Daycare/Home Health Care

Photography

Educational Consultant

School Organizations

Wellness

Presented by the East Granby Economic Development Commission 7/1/2026

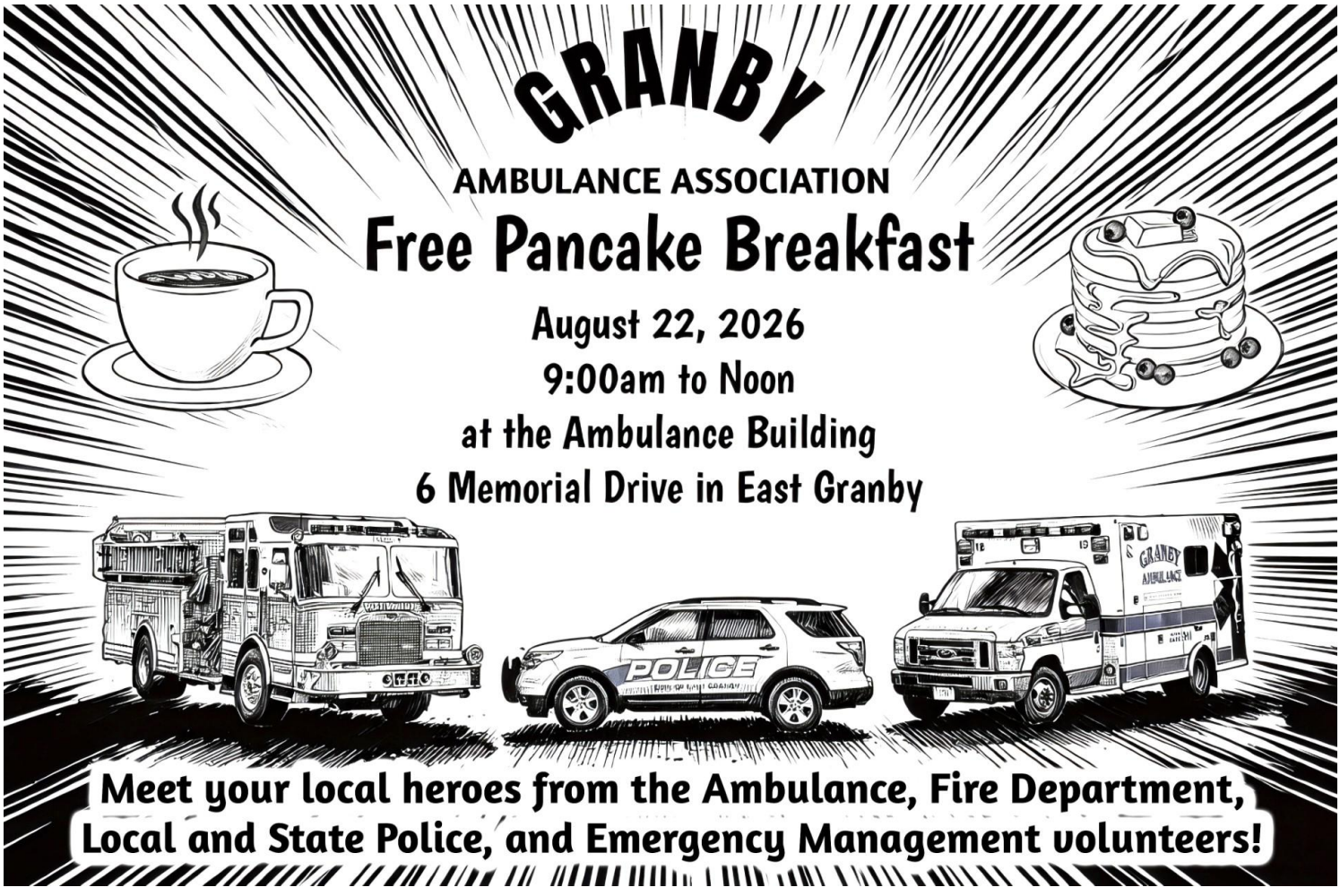
Access the EG EDC page — *East Granby is our business.*

Promote your business online *for free*, with the EG EDC.

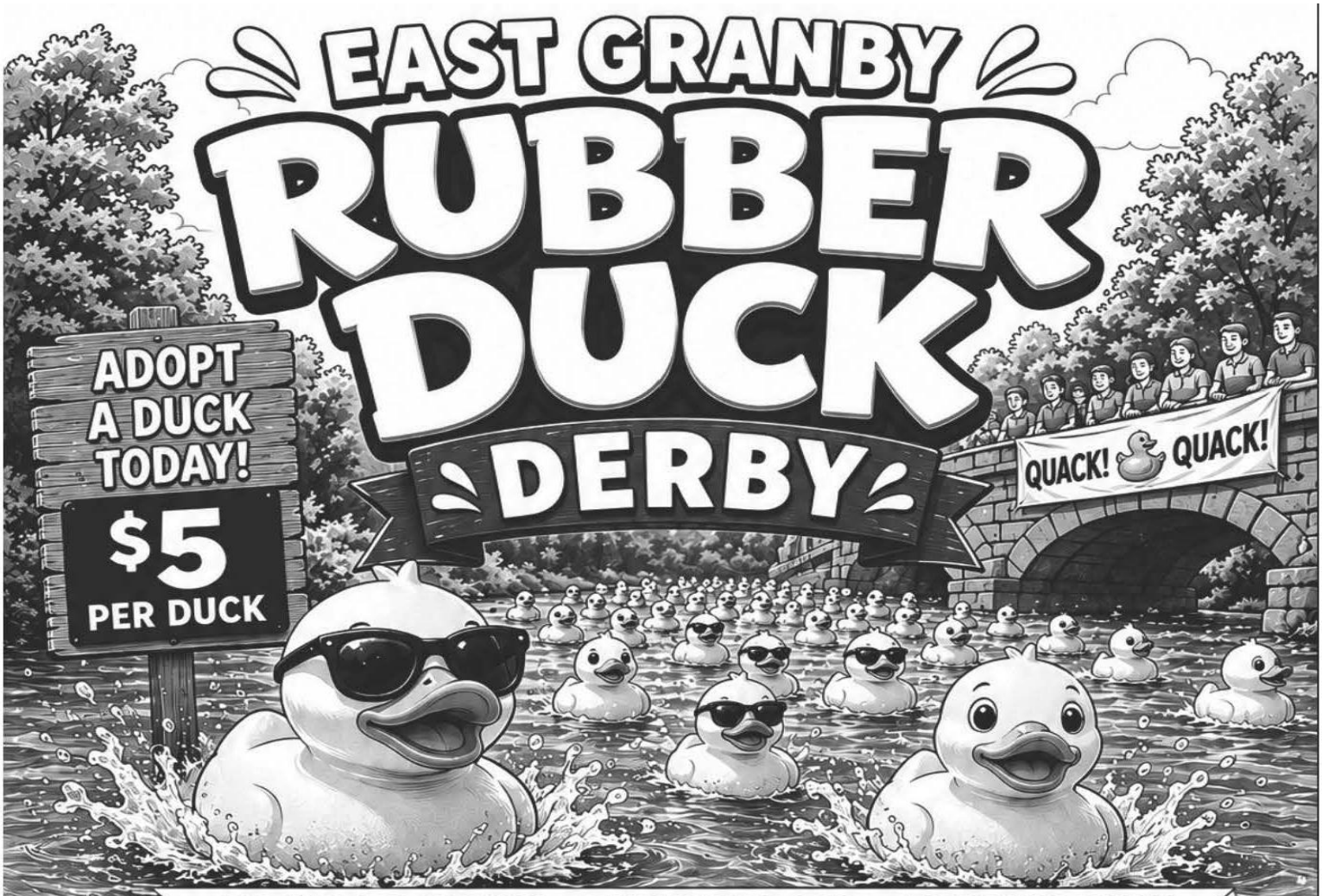
East Granby EDC Reel-Reveal

Show us what your business is about in a 30-60 second reel created by you. We'll be sharing — so have fun and be informative — see you online.

- Download the *East Granby EDC Reel-Reveal Info Sheet* from the Town's EDC website page at eastgranbyct.org/economic-development/ or scan the QR code and start filming.
- Share what your neighbors *need-to-know* about your East Granby business, organization or non-profit.
- "Most Likes" will be eligible to win a $100 or $50 Gift Card to SignsPlus or AdEmbroidery.
- Reels accepted through August 31st.
- Follow us on Facebook and *eg_develop* on Instagram.



EAST GRANBY RUBBER DUCK DERBY



ADOPT A DUCK • WIN PRIZES • FAMILY FUN!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 | **GRANBROOK PARK, EAST GRANBY** | **EVENT HOURS: 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

THE DUCKS TAKE THE PLUNGE AT 2:30 P.M.!

Watch hundreds of rubber ducks race down Salmon Brook for a chance to win prizes!

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PLUS RESTAURANT GIFT CARDS!

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DUCK RACE STARTS AT 2:30 P.M.

DON'T MISS THE EXCITEMENT AS THE DUCKS RACE TO THE FINISH LINE!

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Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy

Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy's (TRLC) mission is to protect open space and promote public appreciation of the natural environment in the towns of Bloomfield, East Granby, West Hartford, and Windsor. TRLC protects 45 properties totaling 642 acres including 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.

A Grateful Thank You to Two Dedicated Conservationists
Two of Traprock Ridge's most dedicated, hard-working and effective board members, Dale Bertoldi and Catherine Delasco, have recently completed their terms. Thankfully, they will continue with TRLC in critical roles. Their expertise and commitment to conservation have strengthened TRLC in lasting and meaningful ways.

Catherine Delasco worked tirelessly on the East Granby Land Trust for many years, including three years as president, and has also served on the TRLC board since the March 2023 merger. Valued for her organizational and people skills, Cathy's greatest passion has always been hands-on stewardship of the land. In addition to her role as co-chair of the Land Conservation Committee (LCC), Cathy has led work parties on nearly all of our 45 properties, tackling invasive plants and securing grants for habitat restoration. We are delighted she will continue as Work Party Coordinator and steward for several East Granby properties.

Dale Bertoldi played a vital role in revitalizing the Wintonbury Land Trust and served as its president for many years alongside his wife, Vikki, helping to build a strong organization with significant protected land. He has been on the TRLC board since the merger and served as co-chair of the LCC with Cathy. Dale's leadership skills, knowledge of local properties, and experience helping families preserve land have greatly benefited our community and organization. Dale will continue as co-chair of the LCC.

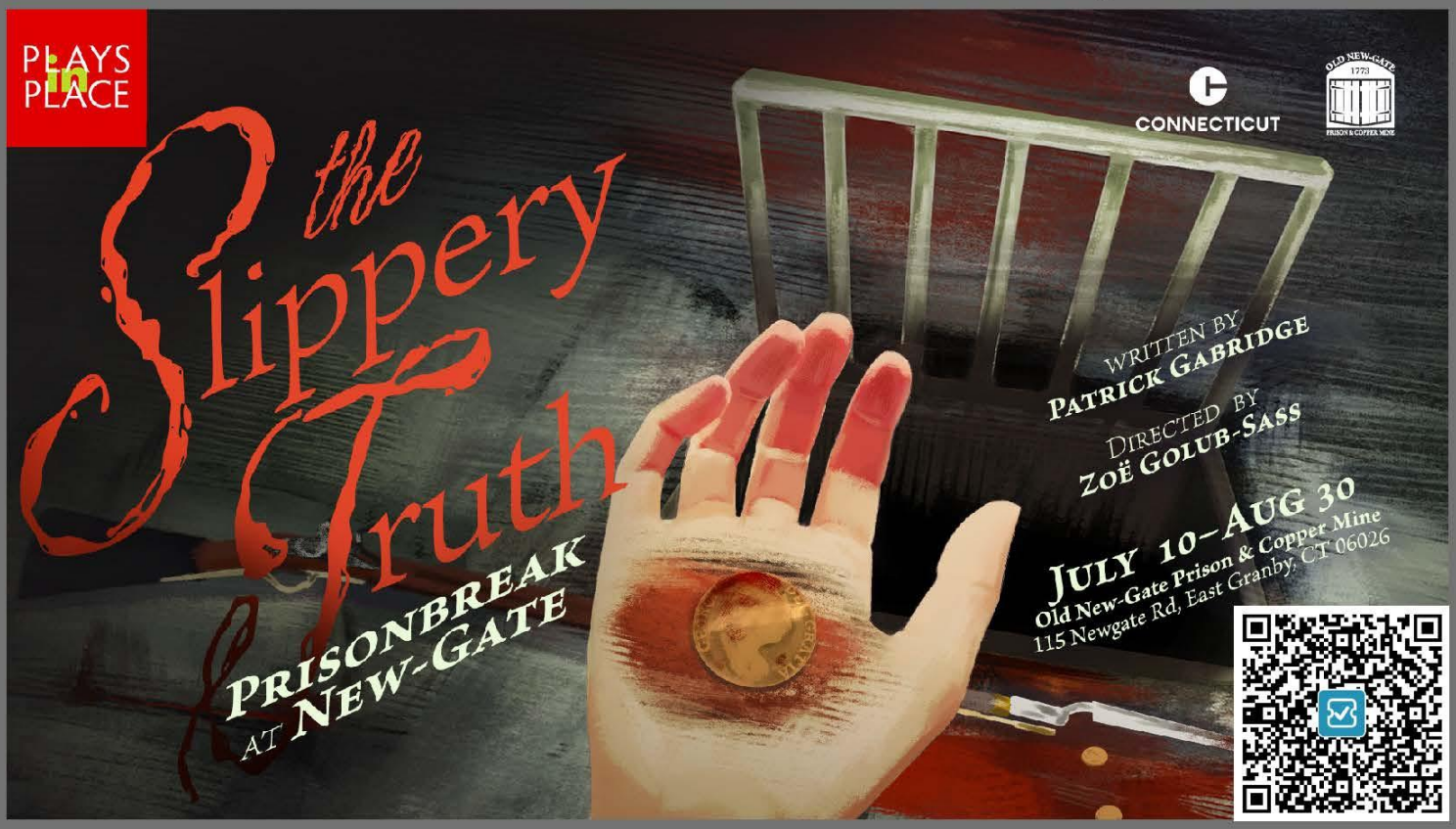
We are deeply grateful to Cathy and Dale for their years of service and stewardship, and we are pleased that they will continue contributing to TRLC and our communities. Our mission depends on the knowledge, dedication, and hard work of people like them.

With three new members, our board remains forward-looking and committed to conservation and community engagement. If you are interested in contributing your time or expertise to land conservation, we invite you to consider joining a TRLC committee or the Board.

To learn more, contact Executive Director Kathy Blachowski at director@trlandconservancy.org or 860-251-9650.

Please visit trlandconservancy.org to learn more about our hikes, invasive plant workshops and other activities. And if you have not yet made your annual donation, we invite you to do so today on our website. We are a nonprofit organization that relies on the generosity of our communities. Your support makes a real difference and ensures that these special places remain protected and accessible for years to come. *Thank you!*

Old New-Gate 250th Play



Old New-Gate Historic Reenactment



Project Grad 2027 Needs Your Help!

Supporting East Granby High School seniors with a safe, fun, and substance-free graduation celebration.

About Project Grad

Project Grad is a parent-run nonprofit dedicated to giving East Granby High School seniors a safe, fun, and substance-free way to celebrate their graduation. We are funded entirely through fundraising, donations, sponsorships, and volunteers.

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS FUND:

- Safe post-graduation celebration
- Transportation to and from the event
- Food & refreshments
- Senior class gifts
- Raffles & prizes
- Senior Sunrise, Breakfast & Luncheon

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Questions or want to help?

Email:
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Project Grad of East Granby
P.O. Box 234
East Granby, CT 06026

Thank you for supporting the Class of 2027!

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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

Pickleball 101 Clinic

New to pickleball? This beginner-friendly clinic is the perfect way to learn the basics and get your instructor will introduce you to the basics and get you rallying in no time.
Thursdays, 5:30pm-7:00pm
July 16- August 13, 2026

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 & evenings - see our website for the complete schedule dates & class locations**

*Yoga students may add a **Reiki** session immediately following class to enhance their yoga practice*

Youth Sports & Activities

Recreational Dance Program

East Granby Parks & Recreation Dance

Now enrolling for fall dance! Classes available for boys, girls, and adults—starting at age 2. Offerings include Boys' Ninja Hip-Hop & Tumbling, Acro, Tap & Ballet, Teen Jazz/Acro, Lyrical/Ballet, Musical Theater, Terrific 2s Creative Movement, Jazz/Hip-Hop/Tumbling, and Adult Tap Dance
**New this year: daytime classes on Tuesdays!*
Fall Session starts September 12
Register before Sept. 1st for a $20 Early Bird Discount

NFL Flag Football

NFL Flag Football is a premier youth program for boys and girls, ages 6-14, offering a fun, non-contact sport that teaches teamwork through continuous action.
Fall 2026 Season begins September 8th

Zootopia Pop-Up Dance Party

Zootopia Dance Party Aug 17th 1-3 PM



Join us for a wild afternoon of dancing, games, crafts and fun inspired by the world of Zootopia! In addition to the dance party there will be Zootopia themed crafts, fun games & activities and more ! Snack and drink included.

$35 / dancer, ages 4 - 10

East Granby Community Garden

Grow your own vegetables, flowers, and herbs at our new community garden at East Granby Farms, 79 N Main street.
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EAST GRANBY PARKS & RECREATION

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Friday, Aug. 21st • 6:00-8:45pm

Featuring **live music**, **food**, **community fun** *and* **FIREWORKS!**



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Children's Summer Camps & Programs

Summer's Not Over Yet! There's still time to make the most of the season with East Granby Parks & Recreation! Our camps are packed with exciting opportunities—from sports and outdoor adventures to creative arts and more. Whether your child is looking for one last summer splash or a new skill to take into fall, we've got something for everyone. Visit EastGranbyRec.com for the latest updates. Need a payment plan? Call us at (860) 653-7660 to discuss your options.

Mini Adventurers Camp | Ages 3 – 5

The program is for children aged 3 (by the start of camp) through those not yet in kindergarten. *All participants must be potty trained.* This half-day program offers fun mornings filled with crafts, music, games, and more! With indoor and outdoor activities, plus special guests, kids will have a blast.

***Week 4: (July 20 - July 24, 2026) Where the Wild Things Are*:** This imaginative, nature-focused week is inspired by *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak. Campers will let their imaginations run wild during a playful Wild Rumpus, filled with stomping, roaring, dancing, and creative movement. Through music, art, storytelling, and adventurous play, children will explore big feelings, self-expression, and cooperation, while building confidence and friendships in a week full of wild creativity.

***Week 5: (July 27 – July 31, 2026) Color Me Happy*:** Dive into a rainbow of fun! Campers will explore the magic of colors through hands-on art, vibrant crafts, and playful activities that bring every shade to life. From mixing paints and creating colorful masterpieces to discovering how colors appear in nature and everyday life, children will learn to express themselves and celebrate creativity. Along the way, they'll practice cooperation, mindfulness, and joy in discovery, making this week a bright, happy adventure full of imagination and friendship.

Week 6: (August 3 - August 7, 2026) Under the Big Top: Step right up for a week of circus fun and wonder! Campers will explore the magic of the big top with colorful crafts, silly clown games, juggling and movement activities, and imaginative play that brings the circus to life. Little performers will laugh, create, and discover new skills while learning about teamwork, courage, and friendship just like real circus stars. It's a week full of excitement, surprises, and BIG fun!

Week 7: (August 10 - 14, 2026) Seashells & Sunbeams: Campers will soak up the sunshine as they explore the magic of the beach and ocean! Through hands-on crafts, sensory play, music, and movement, children will discover seashells, sea creatures, sand, and sunshine. Along the way, they'll practice cooperation, curiosity, and kindness while engaging in imaginative play. This week is filled with splashing fun, creative projects, and happy summer memories by the sea!

* We're excited to offer the **Mini Adventurers Kindergarten Extension** this summer for Weeks 5-7!
This optional extension runs from 12:00 - 2:00 pm for campers starting kindergarten in Fall 2025. We'll eat lunch together and focus on key skills to help ease the transition to kindergarten, including letters, numbers, name spelling, and early school routines.

Camp Granbrook | Ages 5 – 12

This is our day camp for children who are at least 5 years old and have completed kindergarten, through age 12 and entering 5th grade. Daily activities include arts and crafts, sports, games, music, special guests, and field trips!

Week 4 (July 20 – July 24, 2026): Into the Wild: Step outside and explore the wild! Campers will take on nature challenges, creative projects, and outdoor games that get them moving and thinking. This week is packed with adventure, exploration, and hands-on fun in the great outdoors.

Week 5 (July 27 – July 31, 2026): Camp Color Wars: Pick a team and bring the color! Campers will dive into fast-paced games, creative challenges, and colorful competitions all week long. This high-energy week is packed with action, laughs, and non stop colorful fun.

Week 6 (August 3 – August 7, 2026): Circus Shenanigans: Step right up! Campers will jump into silly circus games, wacky carnival challenges, and team competitions full of laughs and action. This week is loaded with playful antics, high-energy fun, and non stop camp excitement.

Week 7 (August 10 – August 14, 2026): Splash Zone: Dive in and get soaked! Campers will tackle water games, beach challenges, and hands-on ocean adventures all week long. From splashy competitions to creative projects, this week is packed with sun, sand, and non stop water fun.

The camp day begins at 8:30 am each day and ends at 3:30 pm. **Aftercare from 3:30-4:30pm is available**. For our campers, who may not want a full-day experience, we offer a half-day option that runs 8:30 am - 12:00 pm.

Circuit Labs Summer | Grades 4 – 6

Interactive Coding for Kids: In this hands-on class, students explore Scratch programming, using the MIT-developed programming interface to craft stories and games. Then we will use Makey boards to invent new ways to interact with the Scratch projects using everyday objects. Our circuitry projects will become musical instruments, video game controllers, pressure sensors, and more. **July 20 – 24, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

App Inventors: Want to know how the apps work on your phone or iPad? Or do you already have the next great app idea, and just need to know how to make it? In this no-experience-required course, we use MIT App Inventor software to make fun, creative apps for Android phones and tablets. We will also explore wireless communication by building custom Bluetooth hardware controllers and readouts
for our apps. Participants will learn both the programming and design aspects of creating great apps.
July 20 – 24, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Circuit Labs Summer | Grades 1 – 3

Circuit Makers 101: Let's get creative with electricity! In this junior version of our Hands-On Electronics class, students will gain experience with creating their own electronics; designing custom light-up greeting cards, electric games, mazes, and even musical instruments. Each class day consists of a circuitry lesson and a hands-on electronics project, using components like lights, buzzers, switches, motors, and sensors. Circuit Lab staff will make sure participants create a project that they can be proud of each day. Most class days include a take-home project. **August 10 – 14, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Robot Commanders 101: Understanding how software can interact with robots is a key skill for the STEM jobs of tomorrow. In this class we provide several active, playful activities, where students learn about what it means to write, debug, and execute computer programs that communicate with different robotic devices. Using the power of code, students will turn Sphero SPRK+ robots into Magic 8 Balls, automated Red Light / Green Light games, and the arcade classic Pong — and Unruly Splats will become our voting machines, relay races, guessing games, and more**. August 10 – 14, 1:00 – 4:00 pm**

Fun 4 All Summer Programs | Ages 6 – 12

LEGO Masterminds: Step up your LEGO game! Builders will explore design and engineering through vehicles, mini cityscapes, and obstacle course challenges. Each day encourages innovation and critical thinking while kids bring their big ideas to life, piece by piece.
July 27 –July 31 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Holcomb Farm Workshop (Granby)

Mini Makers: Clay, Collage & Color: This tactile art camp is perfect for creative kids who love to build, mold, and layer. They'll work with clay, collage materials, and mixed media to sculpt, paint, and design unique pieces each day. Expect creative messes, colorful masterpieces, and big imagination in every project. **August 3-August 7 9am-3:00pm, Holcomb Farm Workshop (Granby)**



See our website for the most up-to-date program & event information: EastGranbyRec.com

East Granby Youth Services

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

Portrait Of A Graduate



Throughout the latter half of last school year, four High School Students, Evan Hanks, Logan Nicole, Abby Abraham, and Everett Lowman, worked to produce a 20-minute informational video that taught the schools portrait of a graduate, or 5cs, initiative. The 5Cs (creator, critical thinker, collaborator, communicator, and empowered citizen), are the 5 characteristics that a High School graduate exhibits. The video, combining animated informational sections, and staff and student interviews, will be shown in the school's advisory classes and before certain school events as a background opener.

Celebrating Youth Engagement and Community Connections

Youth Action Council

The end of the school year is always a busy and exciting time for Youth Services, as our Youth Action Councils wrap up for the year. We want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to all of our dedicated YAC members. **Our Middle School YAC members this year were:** Cayden Blakeslee, Melody Byers, Jack Coleman, Aliana Delvalle, Izzy Kardos, Brianna Maillet, Sydney Mele, Mia Moumoulidis, Madelyn Reynolds, Finn Ruggerio, Kai Sclare, Chuck Taczanowsky, Kaitlyn Tribletts, Lyle Uttberg and Simone Verma. **Our High School YAC members included:** Abby Abrham, Amani Akedde-Bernstein, Devon Antaya, Gabriella Aviles, Evan Hanks, Khallee Kistner, Sree Kolla, Emma Leadbeater, Sophia Leadbeater, Everett Lowman and Logan Nicolle. We're so proud of the energy, leadership, and commitment to their community that they all brought to the program this year.

Pictured below: Miss Angela with Middle school Youth Action Council at Winding Trails in Farmington, CT.



Middle School Community Day- Year Two!

This June, we had the pleasure of teaming up with the East Granby Middle School Student Council and their advisors once again to host our second annual Middle School Community Day! It was another fantastic day filled with sunshine, school spirit, tie-dye EGMS t-shirts, exciting games and community celebration. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped bring the day to life- we couldn't do it without you!

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Event Details

Registration: 8:00am
Shotgun Start: 9:00am
Golf End: 3:00pm
Cocktail Hour
Banquet Dinner
Awards/ Tea Cup Raffle

Tournament Info

Scramble Format
18 Holes W/ Cart
Golf Gift Bag
Longest Drive
Closest to Pin
Hole In One
50/50 Raffle Lunch/ Dinner

Registration Deadline is Sept 12th, 2026

Your participation helps ensure the community's needs are being served through the purchase of firefighting, rescue, and fire education equipment

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EGHS - Project Graduation of East Granby

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EAST GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dear East Granby Community,

I want to congratulate all East Granby Public Schools students on their hard work, growth, and accomplishments throughout the past school year. From our youngest learners to our graduating seniors, each student has contributed to a year filled with learning, achievement, and community pride.

A special congratulations goes to the **East Granby High School Class of 2026**. Graduation is a significant milestone that reflects years of dedication, perseverance, and support from family, teachers, staff, and friends. As you begin the next chapter of your journey—whether in college, the workforce, military service, or other pursuits—we are proud of all you have accomplished and confident in the positive impact you will make in the future.

As we celebrate our students, we also recognize the extraordinary dedication of our faculty and staff. At our annual staff celebration on June 10th, we had the opportunity to honor several retirees whose years of service have made a lasting impact on generations of East Granby students and families. We also recognized staff members celebrating 20 years of service, a remarkable milestone that reflects their commitment, professionalism, and care for our school community. We extend our sincere gratitude to all those recognized for their contributions and thank them for helping make East Granby Public Schools a place where students can learn, grow, and succeed.

While students and staff enjoy a well-deserved summer break, many members of our school community will continue working behind the scenes. Our custodial team will be hard at work throughout the summer cleaning, maintaining, and preparing our school buildings and classrooms to ensure they are safe, welcoming, and ready for students and staff when the new school year begins. Their dedication and attention to detail play an essential role in creating positive learning environments, and we are grateful for their efforts.

The summer months also mark the beginning of our **Summer Administrative Leadership Institute**, during which district and school administrators will meet regularly to prepare for the 2026–2027 school year. This important work will focus on strengthening building leadership, ensuring curriculum alignment, developing and refining staff and student handbooks, implementing data and analytics dashboards, advancing school improvement goals, and aligning districtwide systems and practices. These collaborative efforts are designed to support continuous improvement and ensure that East Granby Public Schools remains focused on providing exceptional educational opportunities for every student.

Thank you to our educators, staff, families, and community members for your continued partnership and commitment to our schools. Your support helps create opportunities for students to thrive and succeed.

We wish everyone a safe, enjoyable, and well-deserved summer!

Suzanne M. Palmieri
Superintendent of Schools

EGPS ANNUAL STAFF CELEBRATION



Left to right: Brian McConnell, Bill George, Lori Kilty, Dr. Sarah Faulkner, Deb Muzzy, Stefanie Mullane

Retirees 2026

Dr. Sarah Faulkner, Science Teacher, Middle School
Bill George –Technology Network Specialist, District
Brian McConnell – Special Education, Middle School

20+ Years of Service

Lori Kily – School Nurse, Middle/High School
Stefanie Mullane – Spanish Teacher, High School
Deb Muzzy – Administrative Professional, Middle School

East Granby High School
Class of 2026

Adarsh Atluri
Karina Alexis Baran
Mason Beauregard
Alexa Lynn Bednarz
Pavlo Behin
Adrian Lorenzo Bento
Maya Genevieve Betts
Noah Lee Bouchard
Charlize Olivia Brown
Jean Lucas Cabrera
Maria Savina Caracciolo
Olivia Deavana Caravello
Andrew Case
Cassidy Clark
Genevieve Cecile Corricelli
Jacob Roland Cyr
Mikaila Grace Czuprynski
Izabella Grace Dallesander
Mackenzie AnnMarie Delpha
Mackenzie Margaret Dubois
Eliza S. Ersan
Jakai Tyshaun Ali Evans
Kaileigh Anne Ferrari
Leila Rose Feliciano
Morgan Anjulie Gabbidon
Malia Gabbidon
Kayden W. Gaedje
Anthony Wagner Gomez
Mia Julia Grabowski
Benjamin Israel Guthrie
Gabriella Madison Hayes
Tamia Skye Hewitt
Jordyn Julia Holness
Aloura Elise Hunter
Bartosz Marek Jablonski
Thomas Edward Jacius
Janelle Lynne Jackson
Lucas Wolff Kleinman
Sreekirthana Kolla
Abhinav Reddy Lenkala
Hansika Lenkala
Killian Richard Lizon
Christopher James Lloyd
Jason Lloyd II
Beckett Thomas Lowman
Devyn Ashaun Majors
Chase Tyler Malinowski
Cole Brandon Malinowski
Ra'Miya Reminisce Ziyair Matthews
Kaya Rose McKay
Riley J. Moore
Maya Mosteanu
Jackson Norige
Favour Ekunda Ovunwo
Sebastian Albert Prescott
Elijah Kai Rich
Wesley Ryan Ridgeway
Ella Robison
Elianna Shea Russo
Leilany Quetcy Sanchez
Yan Samuel De Oliveira Silva
Devin Elliot Sirotnak
Jack Slocum
Varshny Sriganesh
Kamryn Thomas
Katelin Amelia Wolf
Andrew Yi
Patrick Zhang



East Granby Middle School Honor Roll

Fourth Quarter 2025-2026

HIGH HONORS

GRADE 6

Kathryn Aniskoff
Barbara Baker
Macy Barrett
Margaret Carew
Lily Conklin
Callie Cormier
Anthony Darmetko
Nyla Gaston
Zainab Ghumman
Arti Gjonbalaj
James Houghton
Myles Jones
Isabelle Kardos
Liam Kelly
Elena LaTorra
Quinn Marshall
Maeve Miller
Jackson Mullane
Elizabeth Peters
Dustin Plaisted
Benjamin Preli
Madelyn Reynolds
Brooklyn Rinaldi
Elyse Roy
Joseph Spiriti
Logan Stone
Charles Taczanowsky
Henry Taczanowsky
Lyle Uttberg
Daniel Victor
Adam Zygmunt

GRADE 7

Brayden Adams
Lena Aguilar
Christopher Alford
Cashton Augsberger
Cole Augsberger
Naomi Aviles
Alice Ball
Victoria Bissell
Andrew Boehm
Joshua Bowman
Jaxson Burns
Maela Byrne
John Coleman
Emma Dion
Mia Doncet
Harrison Dziedzic
Nisa Ersan
Ashley French
Dylan Hamilton
Jayden Hines
Sarah Holjes
Lee Holland
Lukah Hong
Alyssa Lengyel
Aniya Maharjan
Brianna Maillet
Sydney Mele
Efremia Moumoulidis
Advaith Nagamalla
Mary Nagle
Alexa Nelson
Natalie Passeri
Vincent Pescitelli
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
Emily Catter
Luciana Catter
Connor Cavanaugh
Scarlett Cestero
Logan Conklin
Ella Criscitelli
Cole Dallesander
Alexander Dean
Aliana Delvalle
Kylie Devane
Vivaswath Donkada
Zain Ejaz
Landon Estabrook
Cassandra Fairlie
Oakley Ferguson
Aidan Gao
Jackson Gentile
Veronica Goncalves
Swastika Gupta
Aubrey Handley
Andrew Houghton
Morgan Krason
Chelsea Logie
Jonathan Mazzaferro
Brody McKenna
Morgan McKenney
Rachel Mullane
Darsitha Nair
Georgia Palmbach
Pranitya Penujuri
Akshara Rajesh
Gavin Richter
Quinn Skinner
Christina Spiriti
Nischala Vegesana
Kelsea Walsh
Alexander Zygmunt

HONORS

GRADE 6

Sri Sresta Ala
Trestyn Almodovar
Finley Drago
Mia Dunlevy
Lillian Georgetti
Jayden Lamoureux
Aurelius Madden
Alexander Richter
Koen Sacristan
Vivian Thaisz

GRADE 7

Gagana Bandikallu
Mallory Barnett
Muhammad Bukhari
Melody Byers
Iker Mateo Diaz-Calvillo
Lucy Maisch
Isabella Rey Estrada

GRADE 8

Gabriel Crespo
John Daly
Mark Dion
Oliver Gaudette
Tucker Johnson
Hunter Marinelli
Payton McPherson
Ethan Nelson
Charlie Olszewski
Jack Pellegrino
Emmet Phelan
Victoria Podbielski
Milton Stevens
Jahvan Theuri
Alexandria Wegrzyniak

East Granby High School Honor Roll

Fourth Quarter 2025-2026

HIGH HONORS

GRADE 9

Avery Bednarz
Julian Bento
Sydney Bloom
Hannah Bouchard
Abbygail Cole
Lillian Cole
Joseph Copeland
McKenzie Cormier
Jason Dlugolenski
Cameron Grabowski
Ryan Hamilton
Brooke Hines
Alan Joby
Lylah Jones
Kayla Lengyel
Kiele Lizon
Everett Lowman
Rockwell Madden
Charlotte Rutkowski
Lily Thompson
Ethan Zhang

GRADE 10

Abigail Abrham
Avery Burke
Maddox Cestero
Deqwayne Edram
Maham Ejaz
Samuel Forero
Ivan Gao
Maria Gonzalez Cortes
Ian Griffin
McAzyh Hercule
Whitney Johnson
Riley Kevorkian
Madeline Lundell
Stella McKay
Brianna Mullings
Wesley Namnoun
Vanessa Passeri
Victoria Pellegrino
Hailey Popella
Tyler Rioual
Mark Roth
Talon Sacristan
Benet Stafford
Caitlin Van Neil
Nehemiah Victor

GRADE 11

Elizabeth Adams
Amani Akedde-Bernstein
Jeanette Cabrera
Evan Hanks
Gabriela Jablonska
Daniel Jacius
Aislinn Moore
Keira Paixao
Lorenzo Policella
Cheyenne Smith
Robyn Triblets
Brenn Vaughn

GRADE 12

Adarsh Atluri
Karina Baran
Alexa Bednarz
Maya Betts
Charlize Brown
Jean Lucas Cabrera
Olivia Caravello
Cassidy Clark
Jacob Cyr
Mackenzie Delpha
Mackenzie Dubois
Kaileigh Ferrari
Malia Gabbidon
Morgan Gabbidon
Mia Grabowski
Gabriella Hayes
Tamia Hewitt
Bartosz Jablonski
Thomas Jacius
Sreekirthana Kolla
Abhinav Lenkala
Hansika Lenkala
Beckett Lowman
Ra'Miya Matthews
Maya Mosteanu
Favour Ovunwo
Elianna Russo
Leilany Sanchez
Varshny Sriganesh

HONORS

GRADE 9

Mehmet Caglar
Sophia Leadbeater
Adya Maharjan
Ashley Robison
Mason Schlagenhauf

GRADE 10

Giuliana Aiello Crispin
Kaden Anderson
Ryan DeVane
Robby Dlugolenski
Lucas Goncalves
Timothy McKay
Brianna Peck
Sophia Pellegrino
Christian Resto
Hope Robblets
Hendrix Sclare
Tein Yang

GRADE 11

Kaitlyn Clemens
Chennacy Copeland
Isaac Gaudette
Dionnee Ortiz
Jake Schlagenhauf
Liam Smith
Alyana VanBeek

GRADE 12

Mason Beauregard
Pavlo Behin
Maria Caracciolo
Mikaila Czuprynski
Leila Feliciano
Benjamin Guthrie
Jordyn Holness
Aloura Hunter
Lucas Kleinman
Devin Sirotnak
Samantha Thomas
Patrick Zhang

East Granby Public Library



KINDERGARTEN CONNECTION



Monday, August 3rd
5:00pm-5:45pm
For children entering Kindergarten at Allgrove in August 2026 & their caregiver.

Let's help ease the transition to Kindergarten. Join us for stories, ice breakers, songs, and open play.

TOUCH A TRUCK



Thursday, August 6th
10:30am-12:00pm
Families are welcome!

Tour a fire truck, DPW trucks, police car, and ambulance! Explore our Construction Zone and build with Legos and other materials! Construction hats and temporary tattoos will be given out while supplies last!

PLAY DOH FUN



Tuesday, August 4th
10:00am-11:30am
Ages 2-12 years old with caregiver

Come and hang out with friends and make play-doh creations in our children's room. Drop-in program.

TEA PARTY



Monday, August 11th
11:00am-11:45am
Ages 3-7 years old with caregiver

Join us for stories, sing-along songs, and playful games. Bring your favorite doll or stuffie and enjoy tea together (iced tea) on the patio.

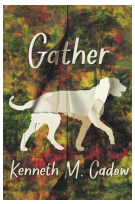
BLUEY'S CLUBHOUSE



Tuesday, August 25th
10:30am-11:00am
Ages 3-7 years old with caregiver

Join friends as we watch Bluey episodes and enjoy snacks.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB



Wednesday, August 12th at 5:30pm
and Monday, August 24th at 4:00pm
Grades 8-12

Venture into the story Gather by Kenneth M. Cadow. Read the book independently and **attend either session.** Bring your own book or borrow one of ours. Incoming EGHS 9th graders will earn **extra school credit** in English for participating!

MAKER SPACE

Thursday, July 23rd and August 13th
10:30am-12:00pm
Ages 4-12 years old with caregiver

Use supplies from our maker space cart and see what you can create! Drop-in program.

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



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www.egpl.org

PAGES & POURS





Mondays, July 27th and August 31st
5:00pm-7:00pm
Brignole Vineyards

Join us for a great book discussion, delicious wine, and fun conversation. Feel free to bring a friend or two—the more, the merrier. If you haven't finished the book yet, don't worry—you're welcome to join the conversation regardless!

EAST GRANBY FARMERS' MARKET



Wednesdays, July 22nd-August 26th
3:30pm-6:00pm
New location! East Granby Public Library

See a variety of local vendors and artisans. Enjoy live entertainment, special guest vendors, a kids zone, and more! Proceeds to benefit the East Granby Public Library.

A NIGHT WITH THE BEATLES

Third Monday 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.

THE AMERICA 250 CT PASSPORT

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CONNECTICUT
PASSPORT

A statewide cultural program guiding residents through 40 historical sites, museums, and parks. Pick up your passport at the library this summer while supplies last.



Afternoon at the Movies! Wednesdays at 1pm.

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

Greyhound

July 22nd
PG-13, 1 hr 31 min

During World War II, an inexperienced U.S. Navy commander must lead an Allied convoy being stalked by a German submarine wolf pack.



5 Flights Up

July 29th
PG-13, 1 hr 28 min

A married couple who've spent their lives together in the same apartment become overwhelmed when they plan to move away.



Remarkably Bright Creatures

August 5th
PG-13, 1 hr 51 min

An elderly widow at a local aquarium learns of a life-changing discovery that may bring her joy and wonder once again.



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) 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1, 1/5/2027

Conservation 7:00 (TH)..... 8/5, 9/2, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2, 1/6/2027

Board of Education 7:00 (TH)..... 7/27, 8/10, 8/24, 9/14, 9/28, 10/13, 10/26, 11/9, 11/23, 12/14
Second Meeting of the Month as Needed

Economic Development 5:30 (TH) 7/27, 8/24, 9/28, 10/26, 11/23, 12/28, 1/25/2027

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

Board of Finance 7:00 (TH)..... 7/21, 8/18, 9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 12/15, 1/19/2027

Parks & Recreation 6:30 (TH) 8/6, 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3, 1/7/2027

Planning & Zoning 7:00 (TH)..... 8/11, 9/8, 10/13, 11/10, 12/8, 1/12/2027

Board of Selectmen 6:30 (TH) 7/22, 8/12, 8/26, 9/9, 9/23, 10/14, 10/28, 11/10, 11/24, 12/9, 1/13/2027, 1/27/2027

Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 (TH) 7/23, 8/27, 9/24, 10/22, 11/19, 12/17, 1/28/2027

Youth Services Commission 6:30 (EGF) 8/17, 9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 12/21, 1/25/2027

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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