Let's Talk Turkey

The Official Newsletter of the Town of East Granby

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A Summer of Memories and an Incredible First Eight Months

Dear East Granby Residents,

As summer comes to an end, I find myself reflecting on what has been an incredible first eight months serving as your First Selectperson, and on a summer that I believe we will remember for a very long time.

First and foremost, **thank you.**

Thank you for showing up. Thank you for volunteering. Thank you for supporting our community events, our departments, our boards and commissions, and our local businesses. Most importantly, thank you for continuing to make East Granby the kind of community where people know their neighbors, look out for one another, and come together to celebrate what makes our town special.

This summer was a perfect example of that spirit.

Working alongside our remarkable **Park & Recreation Team and Park & Recreation Commission**, as well as the **East Granby 250th Anniversary Committee**, we were able to create a summer filled with opportunities for families to come together.

We had **three amazing concerts at East Granby Farms**, culminating in our **Last Blast of Summer**, which brought more than **1,100 people** together for a wonderful evening of music, community, and celebration.

More than **300 children** came out for our Touch-A-Truck event, where kids had the opportunity to climb into and explore the trucks and equipment that help keep our community running.

And then there were the fireworks!

We celebrated America's 250th anniversary with a magnificent **20-minute fireworks display—paid for completely through donations.** I want to thank every sponsor and every individual who contributed to make that celebration possible. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide an unforgettable night for our residents without putting the cost on taxpayers.

We put the Town's new Senior Bus on the road, and for the first time we were able to run two shuttle buses to bring folks to their cars after the Last Blast Concert and Fireworks. This second bus allows our Park & Rec Department to have their own vehicle for the first time ever and this will save us thousands of dollars each year on bus rental fees.

These are the moments that remind us that local government isn't just about budgets, ordinances, and infrastructure.

It's about community.

And while we have had a lot of fun this summer, we have also been working hard on the business of running our town and being responsible stewards of your tax dollars.

One accomplishment I am particularly proud of is our budget.

Working together with our department heads, boards, and commissions, we were able to bring forward one **of the lowest budget increase requests in the Farmington Valley.** I believe that demonstrates that we can continue investing in East Granby while also recognizing the responsibility we have to the taxpayers who fund our town.

We have also continued to look for ways to deliver projects more efficiently and save taxpayer dollars.

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For 25 years, the quad tennis courts at the high school served our community. They had reached the point where they needed to be completely replaced. The original estimates for the project came in between approximately **$509,000 and $612,000**.

I took this project on personally and worked closely with vendors and **Galasso Materials** to find a better solution.

The result?

We were able to have the courts **completely rebuilt for an all-in cost of just $168,000.**

That represents savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars compared with the original estimates, while still delivering a completely rebuilt facility for our residents and students.

That is the kind of fiscal responsibility I believe our residents deserve.

And our work doesn't stop as summer comes to an end.

During the **first two weeks of September**, we put the finishing touches on a completely revitalized **Granbrook Park**.

The transformation is astounding:

- A brand-new playscape;
- Two new water fountains;
- A water mister where children can play and cool off;
- A newly paved basketball half court;
- A revitalized play area;
- Newly painted tables;
- A completely replaced parking lot;
- And a full camera surveillance system to help protect both the safety of our residents and the Town's investment.

Granbrook Park is going to be a place where families can once again gather, children can play, and our community can create memories for years to come.

When I look back on these first eight months, there are certainly projects, grants, budgets and accomplishments that I am proud of.

But what I am most proud of is the **people** behind all of them.

The Town employees who come to work every day and care about doing their jobs well.

The volunteers who give countless hours to our boards and commissions.

The Park & Recreation staff who work behind the scenes to make our events happen.

The 250th Committee members who helped us celebrate an extraordinary milestone in our nation's history.

The businesses and sponsors who invest in our community.

And the residents who continue to show up and participate.

That is East Granby.

Eight months ago, I took an oath to serve this community. Since that day, I have tried to approach every decision with the same simple question:

How can we make East Granby better while being responsible with the taxpayers' money?

There is still a tremendous amount of work ahead of us. But I am truly optimistic about where we are going.

Thank you for trusting me with the opportunity to serve as your First Selectperson.

Thank you for making this summer one filled with memories.

And thank you for reminding me every day why I am so proud to call East Granby home.

Here's to the end of a wonderful summer, and to an exciting fall and an even brighter future for our town.

With gratitude,
Jason Hayes
First Selectperson, Town of East Granby

News From the Registrars

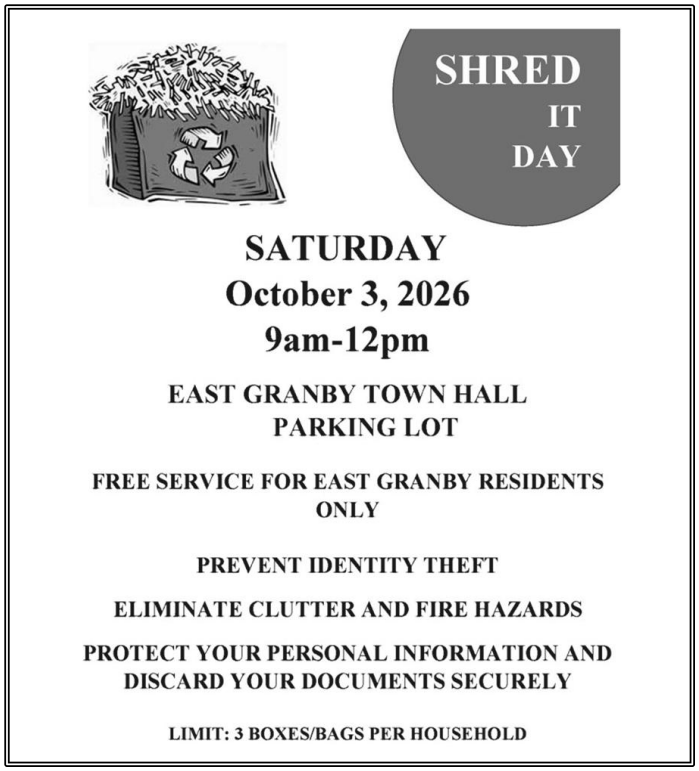
Are You Registered to Vote? To check your voter status, update your information, or register as a new voter in town, go to VoterRegistration.CT.gov or scan the QR code. If you need any assistance, the Registrar's Office is open Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the East Granby Senior/Community Center or contact us at (860) 653-0097 or email registrars@egtownhall.com.

Upcoming Events For 2026: November 3rd is the General Election (with 14 days of early voting from October 19th to November 1st).

Successful Democratic Primary Using Tabulators for Early Voting
At our first event held using tabulators for early voting the overall consensus was positive. Not needing to fill out extra envelopes was so much easier for the poll workers and voters. Thank you to all the poll workers who continue to support our constantly evolving procedures.

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.

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.



East Granby Social Services

East Granby Social Services is located in the Senior/Community Center and office hours are Monday through Thursday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. For more information on programs or assistance, please contact Elise Cosker, Director of Social Services, at (860) 413-3328 or elisec@egtownhall.com. Drop boxes for Social Services can be found inside the Senior/Community Center and outside the front door of the Town Hall.

East Granby Cares Day will take place on Saturday, October 24th. This is a collaboration between the Commission on Aging and East Granby High School students. On this day, our students have the chance to give back and get hands on with helping the community. They will work on landscaping, fall clean up, small repair jobs, and assisting those in the community who need some extra help. If you are a senior citizen interested in receiving help on East Granby Cares Day, please contact Elise Cosker at (860) 413-3328 elisec@egtownhall.com or Kelly Jacobs at (860) 413-3334 kellyj@egtownhall.com no later than October 11th.

Emergency Assistance Fund: The East Granby Emergency Assistance Fund was created to provide financial support to income-eligible residents facing urgent needs, including fuel, housing, medical, electricity, and other critical expenses. The fund is entirely supported through grants and generous donations and 100% of the funds raised are distributed directly to East Granby households experiencing financial hardship. As we approach the winter heating season, your support is more crucial than ever. We rely on the community's generosity to ensure no one in need is left without. Donations can be made to the "East Granby Emergency Assistance Fund" and mailed to East Granby Social Services, 20 Center Street, East Granby, CT 06026.

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



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 three emergency energy assistance cycles and only accepts applications during the established application cycle window: Cycle 1 – September 1-15, 2026, Cycle 2 – December 1-15, 2026, Cycle 3 – March 1-15, 2027. Eligible households can receive one grant of up to $500 in a 12-month period, fuel **or** electric, 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/.

Food Pantry: The Friend to Friend Food Pantry was established to supplement the weekly grocery needs of residents who have been identified by East Granby Social Services as needing assistance. The pantry is currently operating on Friday mornings for registered participants to shop. The East Granby Mini Bus is available for transportation to the pantry. If you are in need of food, please call Social Services at (860) 413-3328 or email elisec@egtownhall.com. To donate please call (860) 413-9015 or email friendtofriendeg@gmail.com. Food donations may be dropped off at bins outside the East Granby Community/Senior Center and the East Granby Congregational Church, and inside the East Granby Post Office, East Granby Public Library, and Geissler's Supermarket in Granby. If you wish to 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"

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

Renters' Rebate: The application filing period for the CT Renters' Rebate Program ends on Wednesday, September 30th. This program is for seniors age 65 and over (or under 65 and receiving Social Security disability 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. The rebates can range from $50-$700 for a single person and $50-$900 for married couples. The Renters' Rebate amount is based on a graduated income scale and the amount of rent and utility payments made in the previous calendar year. There is no asset restriction. The program will open back up for the 2026 rebate on April 1, 2027. Please call Social Services for more information or to apply.

Town of East Granby

Town-Wide Leaf Collection Day

Saturday, November 14, 2026



Leaves must be in brown bags which can be purchased at local hardware stores. **Bags need to be placed at the curbside prior to 7:00 AM on November 14th.** Bags will not be picked up on private roads.

Commission on Aging Activities

The Annual Flu Clinic and Wellness Fair is set for Monday, October 5th from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. This event provides all of our townspeople with an opportunity to meet and obtain resource information for all health and medical needs. Mark your calendars and please attend; we have great vendors, free gifts, and wonderful raffles as well.

East Granby Cares Day for Fall 2026 is set for October 24th. Sign up with Kelly at (860) 413-3334 by October 11th. April was a great success with 25 high school students helping 17 seniors in our town with various tasks like raking, outdoor furniture setup, and air conditioner installs. Thank you to our High School students for volunteering!

Achievements & Talents Showcase May 2027: We are starting registrations for next spring for an Achievements & Talents Showcase to accommodate any "snowbirds" planning ahead. We are hoping to expand our submissions from our seniors to all accomplishments including talents, achievements, and individualized creations. Contact Kelly at (860) 413-3334 to register or have your submissions picked up.

Safety Checks are available for free to check fire alarms, CO/smoke detectors, and battery replacements. Call Kelly at Senior Services or the Fire Department for an appointment.

The East Granby "Senior Moments" newsletter/calendar is available for all seniors in town which advertises exercise classes, trips, rides to appointments, and more. The same information for seniors posted in "Let's Talk Turkey" is in "Senior Moments" and is mailed directly to you. If you do not get "Senior Moments" yet, please call Kelly in Senior Services at (860) 413-3334 to get on the mailing list and stay active, informed, and enjoy special events.

Arts & Achievements Senior Showcase May 2026: Member Jessica Kuqi and the COA hosted its first Arts & Achievements Showcase in May this year at the East Granby Public Library, and it was a great success! We had over 25 submissions of artwork, quilts, needlework, and more. In case you did not have an opportunity to stop in the Library during the month of May to see our talented creations of our seniors, a slide show is available on the Town website under "Commission on Aging." These two snapshots show some of our artists. We are appreciative to Stonebrook Village of Windsor Locks who sponsored a luncheon on our first day of display and welcomed inclusion of artwork from their residents. Thank you, Stonebrook Village, for being a great partner for this event.





A Balance and Fall Prevention Class (photo below) held in March was instructed by our Commission member, Jessica Kuqi to a group of 12. Everyone practiced some exercises and walked away with some handouts with useful information. Thank you, Jess, for providing this valuable training for our seniors.



The Sunshine Fund in honor of Rich Galluccio (former chairman of COA) is still active and looking to help anyone in town that is in need. Special requests are welcome as well as suggestions of anyone who could use some help or a pick-me-up. Donations are also still accepted c/o Windsor Federal Bank, 21 Hartford Avenue, Granby, CT 06035. Reach out to Kelly, Senior Services, if you know of someone in need and let us help make their life easier.

Coming Soon! A Financial Scams Awareness session is planned for this fall. Watch for further information to be announced and register to ensure you are aware of the latest scams and preventions to protect yourself.

Members Needed: The COA has openings for its Commission. We meet the first Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 PM at the Senior/Community Center. Please drop in and see how we help our citizens.

Notes from the Women's Club of East Granby

The Women's Club is kicked off the 2026-2027 season at Gio's on September 9th. We welcome anyone interested in joining or learning about us to attend our meetings. We will be starting our year discussing our yearly fundraising events and brainstorming for new events. Please drop in to see us. We welcome new and returning faces and are looking forward to another fun year of fundraising and friendships.

Upcoming Meetings:

- October 7th at 6:30 PM (Location TBD) – New Members Dinner
- November 4th (Location TBD)

Upcoming Events:

- December 12th – Winter Wonderland; watch for information and signups on our website and in future issues of "Let's Talk Turkey"
- April (Date TBD) – Start saving your gently used books to donate to our Annual Used Book Sale
- April 24th – Annual 5K Ridge Run
- June (Date TBD) – Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner

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

School Breakfast & Lunch 2026-27

Children need healthy meals to learn and eating a nutritious school breakfast and lunch has been shown to support students' academic success, wellness, and physical well-being. Bloomfield & East Granby Public Schools offer healthy meals every school day. For school year (SY) 2026-27, breakfast is free of charge for all students enrolled in schools participating in the School Breakfast Program and lunch will cost $4.62. Additionally, your children may qualify for either free or reduced-price meals and for SY 2026-27, students eligible for reduced-price school meals will receive one breakfast and one lunch per school day free of charge. If you have questions about qualifying for free meals or have questions regarding school lunch in East Granby, call or email Food Service Director Nicholas Carambelas at (631) 219-9807 or ncarambelas@blmfld.org.

Capitol Update

Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61st District



There was plenty to do in East Granby this summer, especially with America250 themed events, three summer concerts, and an exceptional fireworks display for the Last Blast of Summer. Kudos to everyone involved in organizing, volunteering and/or sponsoring these great all-ages community events!

Farmers Market & School Supply Drive: Congratulations to the organizers, vendors, volunteers, and supporters of the East Granby Farmers Market on a very successful year! It was my pleasure to join the East Granby Volunteer Fire Department again this year for the second annual school supply drive on the first day of the market. Thanks to all who contributed. East Granby Social Services was able to provide these supplies to approximately 25 students whose families needed a little help getting ready for the first day of school.

Old New-Gate Prison Ten Years Ago: Volunteers are the lifeblood of small communities. It's hard to believe now, but in 2016, the State-owned Old New-Gate Prison had been closed to the public for nearly a decade, and due to State budget shortfalls, there were no definite plans to open it again to the public. This fall marks the 10th anniversary of the volunteer-led and amazingly well-attended open house held there in October 2016 that convinced the State of Connecticut to re-open this important landmark.

In mid-2016, after two years of persistent pushing, I received permission for a small group of us to hold an event at New-Gate if we coordinated with a designated person at the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). Over the summer, we pulled together an informal organizing committee which included Paul Thulen, Paul Oliva, the late Mike Platner, Nancy Moody, Rick Woods, and Cathy Labadia, the archaeologist assigned by DECD who was excited as we were about this project.

The outpouring of community support was impressive. Participating organizations included East Granby Historical Society, East Granby Lions Club, the 5th Connecticut Regiment Re-Enactors, and the Old New-Gate Prison and Copper Mine living history group. Jim Hayden, First Selectman at the time, arranged for police coverage and other Town assistance. A small group of high school students joined us to clean inside the buildings and helped direct parking. Local residents agreed to portray historical figures or lead tours, coordinate guest speakers, and act as guides throughout the day. We scheduled escape re-enactments, music, entertainment, and cannon fire and had a small army of volunteers willing to do whatever needed to be done. It was truly a community effort. The day of the event included heavy rain all day. There was no paid advertising, only social media and word of mouth. Despite the weather, the open house attracted nearly 2,000 enthusiastic attendees who ignored the rain and mud to show support for getting New-Gate re-opened to the public.

As a result of the overwhelming support, DECD opened New-Gate in 2017 on a limited basis, and in 2018 for a full season. Under the inspired leadership of Museum Curator Morgan Bengel, in charge of the site since 2018, New-Gate has been revived with both structural improvements, updated displays, and a focus on telling the stories of those who were incarcerated there.

Strong community support continues, with an active Friends of Old New-Gate organization supporting important projects that enhance visitor experience and the long-term success of our "local" museum. Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine is an important part of American history and Connecticut history—and part of East Granby's past, present, and future. You can help make sure that it is preserved, improved, and never again neglected by supporting the Friends of Old New-Gate. You can get more information and subscribe to their newsletter at friendsofnewgate@gmail.com.

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 for the latest news and updates from the Capitol and our district.

Join us for the 10th annual...

Learn About Bat Research

Bat-themed Crafts

Bat Appreciation Day

This fun-filled day highlights the importance and conservation of Connecticut's native bat species, along with the story of one of the state's most intriguing historical sites.



Scavenger Hunt & Prize Table

Story Time

Five Senses Hike

September 19, 2026

10:00AM-3:00PM

Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine
115 Newgate Rd., East Granby, CT, 06026

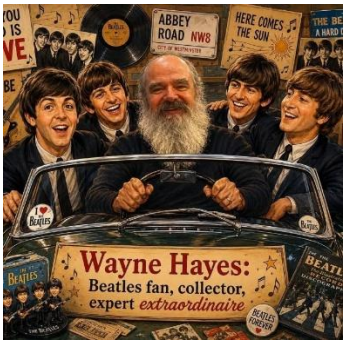
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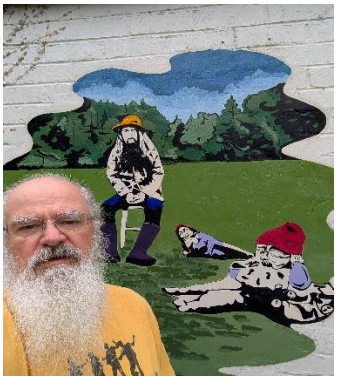
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East Granby Public Library
presents

A Night With THE BEATLES







Hosted by Wayne Hayes
September 21, 2026
7 to 9pm

You are invited to join Wayne Hayes, a dedicated Beatles collector and enthusiast, for an event featuring discussions about The Beatles, opportunities to discover lesser-known facts about the band, screenings of selected Beatles films, music sharing sessions (including rare recordings), and appearances by special guests. I will be showing some items from my vast Beatles collection accumulated over the past 45 years.

Please come and enjoy an evening with other Beatles fans. Bring your stories.

My Visit to Liverpool 2026 -part 2

My family finally convinced me to fly to Liverpool. My wife, daughter, son-in-law, and two grandsons spent three days, and nights, in total Beatles Immersion.

I slept in the McCartney Suite at the Casbah Suites at 8 Haymans Green and a night in George Harrison's childhood bedroom at 25 Upton Green.
We had a VIP Tour with Stevie T from Mop Top Tours. He brought us to places I didn't have on my list!
I will be showing some pictures and video of the night in George Harrison's childhood bedroom at 25 Upton Green, bits of Penny Lane, and the famous Woolton Parish Church Garden Fete/St Peter's Church Garden Fete. Where John Lennon met Paul McCartney
We will be playing some more music, works of Dave Lentz, The Mad Remixer.

Please bring your vinyl and collectibles to talk about.
Please register at egpl.org. Space is limited to 30.
Wayne Hayes 978-758-8499

“Light into the Dungeon”



A Jack O’ Lantern Experience

Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine
East Granby, CT

Sept 25 - Oct 31

This Fall, let hundreds of Jack O’ Lanterns guide you through the subterranean caverns of Old New-Gate.



Advanced Tickets Required

East Granby Lions
Craft & Flea Market
Saturday, Oct. 10th – 8 am – 1 pm

The East Granby Lions Club is holding its semi-annual Flea and Craft Market located at the East Granby Congregational Church Parking Lot at 9 Rainbow Rd (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.

Crafters are welcome! Just tell us on the registration that you will sell crafts. Checks and Venmo accepted

Spaces are limited and go quickly!

Payment received prior to October 3rd - $20 per space
Payment received after – October 3rd - $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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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, 35 Melody Lane, East Granby, CT 06026
Or jhayden276@aol.com Contact: Lion David at (860) 324-8356 or Lion Leona at (860) 966-0649



26TH ANNUAL

Empty Bowls

SOUP'S ON — OUR SPECIAL GUEST CHEF EDITION CONTINUES!

Join *Expressions Pottery Workshop* and the *Friend to Friend Food Pantry* for the **26th Annual Empty Bowls Celebration** fundraiser on **Saturday, October 10th, 11:30am-1:30pm** at the East Granby Community/Senior Center, 7 Memorial Drive. All proceeds benefit the *Friend to Friend Food Pantry* which provides food to pre-qualified East Granby residents and families in need. **Tickets are $25.00 pre-purchase or $30.00 at the door.** *(We'll offer a **$10.00 Soup Only** ticket for **children 12 and under** and **seniors, 65+**, available for purchase only at the event.)*

This year we're serving delicious Lentil and Chicken Tortilla soups prepared by our Special Guest Chef Omar Saad, owner of Lazy Fare, East Granby, CT.

- Arrive earlier for a tour of **Doreen's Nature Trail**, trail entrance to the left of the EG Community/Senior Center.
- Festivities begin at 11:30, choose your hand-potted bowl, enjoy delicious soups with bread from our friends at *PeoplesBank*, purchase your raffle tickets, pick up some Fall goodies from *Oxen Hill Farm* and enjoy live music performed by *Allendale Rose* .
- Take a stroll (or drive) to *Expressions Pottery Workshop* to peruse the handmade pottery for early holiday shopping, enter the FREE raffle to win a $50 Expressions Gift Card, indulge in a sweet treat featuring *Onesong Biscotti* and others, then pick up a complimentary pumpkin (courtesy of *Peter L. Brown Company*) before you leave!
- Stop by the *Friend to Friend Thrift Shop*, open 9:00am to 3:00 pm at 32 Spoonville Road in East Granby.

If you can't make the event, purchase raffle tix online, scan the QR code for your chance to win!

LAZY FARE
FRESH FOOD • GOOD MOOD
$100 Gift Card



THE LUCKY PENNY
$100 Gift Card



Scan here to purchase RAFFLE tickets!

Scan here to purchase EVENT tickets!

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

EXPRESSIONS
POTTERY WORKSHOP

friend to friend
Food Pantry & Thrift Shop



Mail-in Ticket Form (return to the address below)

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

NAME: _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS: _____ E-MAIL _____

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

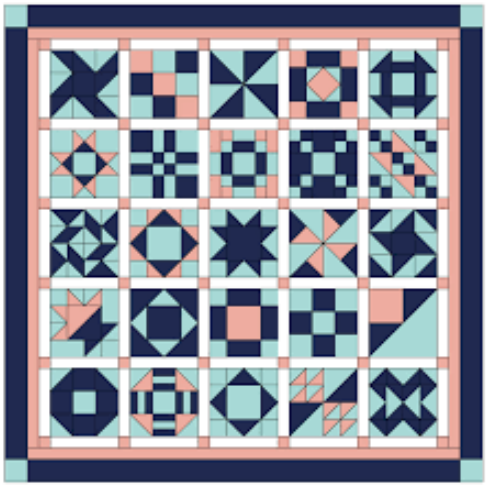
East Granby Congregational Church

Tours and Quilt Display
to Celebrate America's 250th

Sunday, October 11
1–4 pm

You are invited to enjoy self-guided tours of the church building which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Early 19th Century stone churches are rare in the Connecticut River Valley; most were made of wood or brick. This building was constructed in 1830 replacing an earlier wooden meetinghouse at a nearby location. There will be many exhibits throughout the building highlighting the long history of this church and its place in the East Granby community.





A large quilt display has been gathered and will be laid out for viewing.

There is no charge for the event.

9 Rainbow Road (RT 20), East Granby, CT

History Event!

EAST GRANBY

HISTORIC BUS TOUR

EAST GRANBY
estab 1976
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Be it known to all Good Citizens of East Granby,

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Three Guided Tours of our Historic Town at the Hours of 1pm, 2:15pm, & 3:30pm

$15 Non-Members | $10 Members | $5 Youths 12–17 Years



Tickets for Passage Hereunto May Be Purchased by Zeffy.

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Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy

Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy's 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. We currently protect 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.

Upcoming Events:

Traprock Ridge Hiking Club Hike at Evans Family Meadows
Sat, September 19, 2026, 9:30 am, 238 Tunxis Rd, Bloomfield
Join us for this guided hike through a suburban forest on one of our preserves. This hike can take anywhere from 1 to 3 hours. Each trail loop is about a mile long and circles back to the starting location, allowing you to customize your distance. Our trail steward will provide us with an overview of the property before we begin, focusing on the animals found here. This is a relatively easy hike, good for beginners as well as those with younger family members, with relatively flat terrain, limited rocks or roots on the trails, and one stream crossing over a floating bridge. Rain date is Sept 26. *Co-sponsored by Simsbury Land Trust.*

Traprock Ridge Book Club
Thurs, September 24 & October 1, 6:30-8:00 pm, Hunter Room at Westmoor Park, 119 Flagg Rd, West Hartford and Sat, October 10, 11 am-12:30 pm
This fall, our book club will be reading ***Astonished by Beauty: A Field Guide to the Practice of Paying Attention*** by Thomas Lowe Fleischner. We will meet for two evening sessions of sharing and reflection, followed by an outdoor nature "experience" at the park. TRLC member Kathy Simpson will facilitate. Registration required – space is limited to 12 participants. *Co-hosted by Westmoor Park.*

Celebrate Land, Legacy & Community at our Annual Fall Gathering!
Sun, October 4, 2026, 5-7 pm, Wintonbury Hills Golf Course, 206 Terry Plains Rd, Bloomfield
Learn about our new conserved properties as well as other recent successes and exciting future plans while in the company of friends and neighbors who love the outdoors and share our mission of conserving open space and farmland. Live music, hors d'oeuvres, non-alcoholic beverages (additional cash bar). Event registration is $50 per person. We hope to see you there!

Over the Mountain Hike
Sat, November 7, 2026, 9 am-1 pm, Oliver Filley House, LaSalette Park, 120 Mountain Ave, Bloomfield
Join us for an invigorating 5-mile hike from Simsbury to Bloomfield. This free hike–now in its 13th year–will showcase conserved properties that provide trail connectivity linking the two towns through Penwood State Park, and the fall scenery should be gorgeous. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the hike's end point, the Oliver Filley House in LaSalette Park in Bloomfield. From there we will be bused to the start location on the Simsbury Land Trust's Tanager Hill Preserve. From Tanager Hill we will walk through Penwood State Park to Lake Louise and visit the Pinnacle for a view of the valley before descending into TRLC's Stout Family Field. After a brief walk along the road, we'll enter TRLC's Hawk Hill Farm property which connects to LaSalette Park to complete the journey. Registration required. *Co-sponsored by Simsbury Land Trust and Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services.*

Visit trlandconservancy.org to get more details, to register for these events or to find out about our weekly Saturday morning invasive plant workshops.

Also, this fall visit Country Garden Oasis farm at TRLC's Howard Preserve for fresh vegetables, a corn maze, u-pick flowers, and pumpkins. The farm is located at 10 Granbrook Park Road. Park in the Granbrook Park parking lot then walk to the left through the gate to reach the farm. Go to countrygardenoasis.com for farmstand hours and event information.

Good news, you can make an even bigger impact!
Right now, there is a special opportunity to conserve more land. If 14 people become monthly donors, or increase their current monthly gift, a generous couple will donate $2,000 in honor of your participation. A monthly gift is simple to set up, easy to manage, and can be changed at any time. You can have your monthly contribution automatically debited from your bank account or applied to your credit card. As a monthly donor, you'll become part of the **Deep Roots Giving Circle** and receive special updates on projects, programs and events.

Donate online at trlandconservancy.org or send a check made payable to Traprock Ridge Land Conservancy, PO Box 734, Bloomfield, CT 06002.

EG EDC's REEL-REVEAL is extended through September!

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.

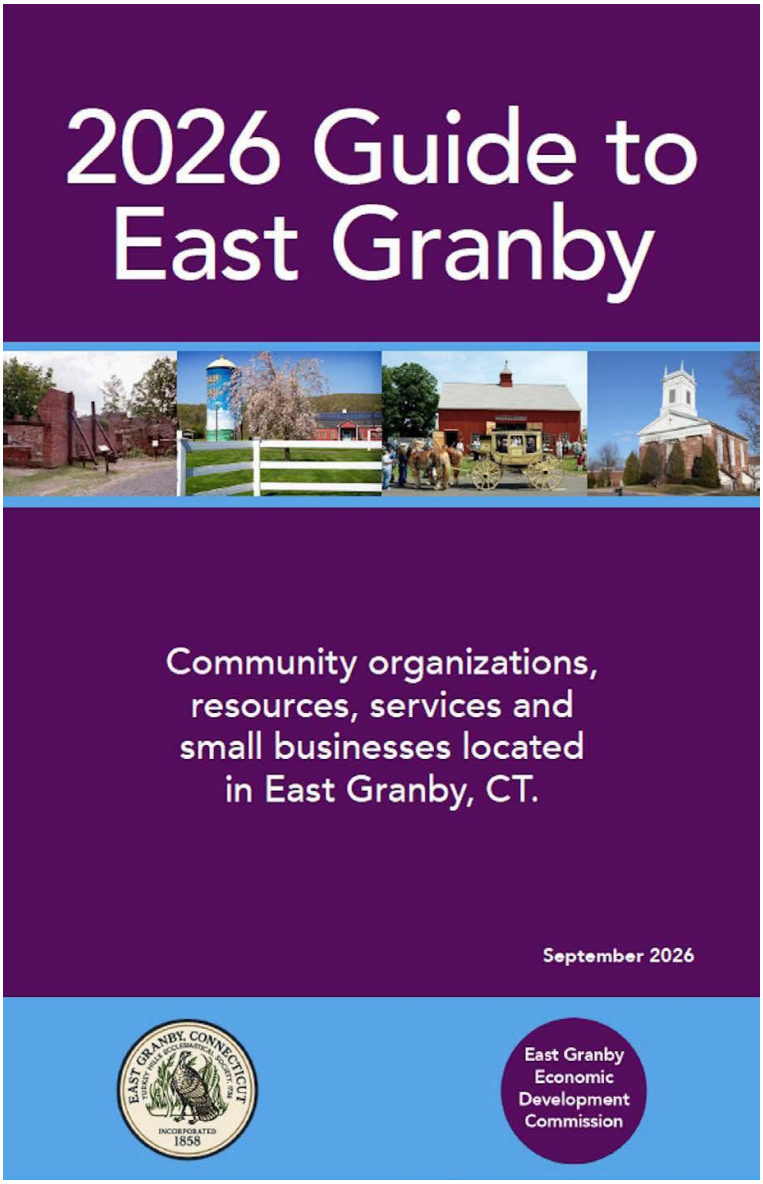
We're also working on an East Granby Guide to promote our small town to our residents and beyond. Stay tuned to our social media for a proof to the public, so you can help us make sure we don't miss a thing!

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

East Granby EDC Reel-Reveal

Show us what your business is all 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 website and start filming.**
- **East Granby businesses, organizations and non-profits are encouraged to participate.**
- **"Most Likes" will be eligible to win a $100 or $50 Gift Card to SignsPlus or AdEmbroidery.**
- **Reels accepted through September 30th.**







East Granby Fire Cadet Information Night

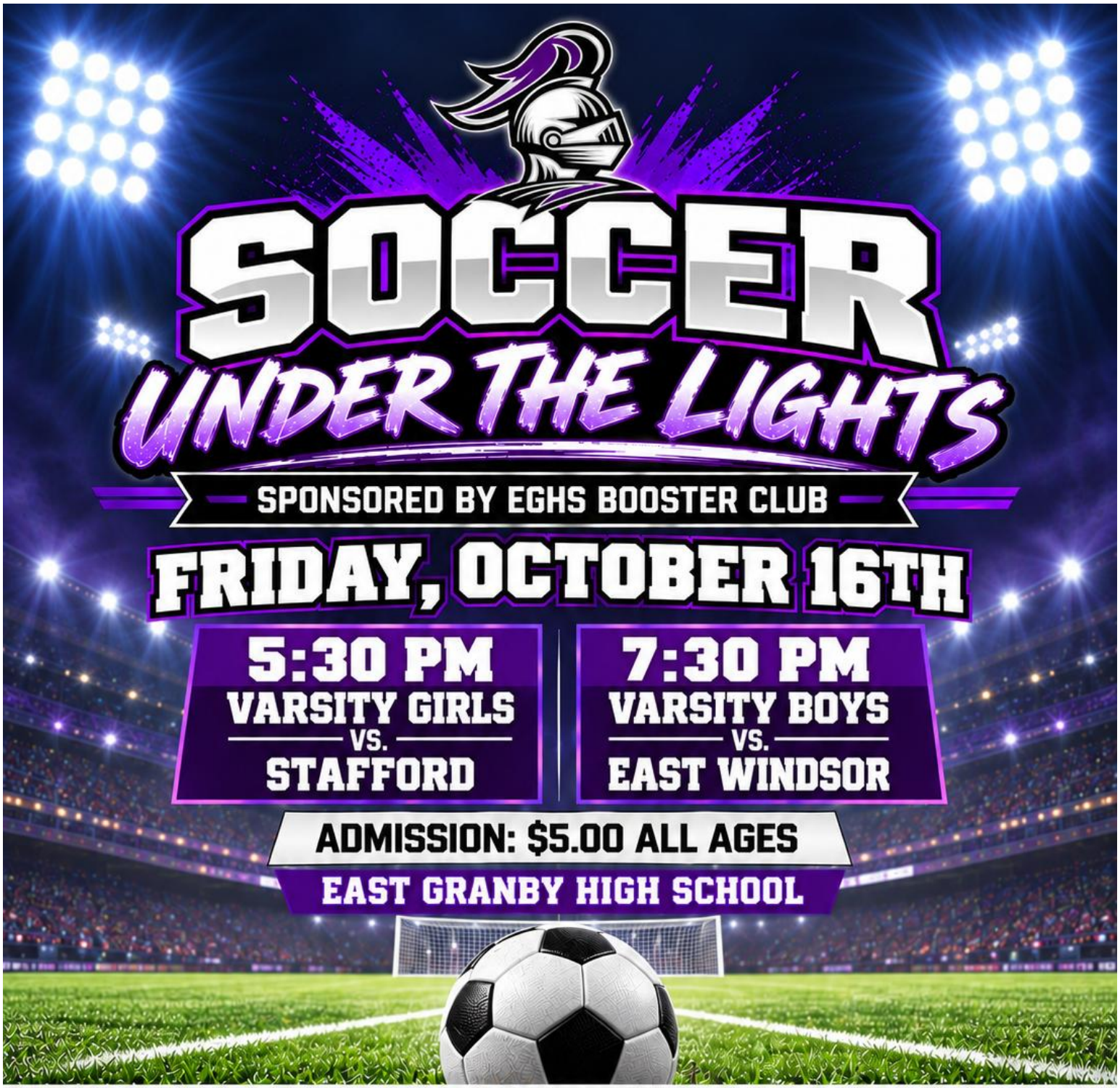
The Town of East Granby Fire Department will be hosting a Family Information Night for our seven newest Fire Cadets and their families on October 9, 2026 at 6:30-8pm. The purpose of the event is to give parents and guardians a closer look at what our Fire Cadet Program is all about and the opportunities it provides.

Much like youth sports and other extracurricular activities, parents often drop their children off without fully seeing or understanding what they experience. This event will give families the opportunity to become involved by touring the Center Station, trying on firefighter turnout gear, practical skill evolutions, and exploring the department's apparatus fleet while learning more about the fire service.

The revitalization of our Fire Cadet Program has been a priority to the Chief Officers of the department. While cadets are not directly responsible for recruitment and retention, they represent the future of our department and play an important role in achieving our long-term goal of developing and retaining dedicated firefighters.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about or joining the East Granby Fire Cadet Program, please contact Cadet Advisor, Michael Pesino at mikep@egtownhall.com or stop by our monthly cadet meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at the South End Station.

We look forward to welcoming the next generation of firefighters to our department!



Interested in supporting the EGHS Booster Club and this Soccer Under The Lights event?

please reach out to **egboosterclub@gmail.com.**

Sponsorship available:

Platinum Sponsor	Gold Sponsor	Silver Sponsor	Bronze Sponsor
$1,000	$500	$250	$100

We are also looking for raffle donations!

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Fall 2026

Adult Activities

Meditation
Join this popular group meditation taught by Josette Lumbruno, an experienced meditation instructor with over 50 years of practicing meditation. You will learn how to reduce stress, sleep better, and practice mindfulness through meditation.

Wednesdays, October 28-November 18, 2026, from 6:30pm-7:30pm at the EG Public Library (large conference room). Cost: $50

Adult Painting in Watercolor
Have you always wanted to learn how to paint? Join award winning artist Lori Rapuano and learn how to paint in watercolor! Bring reference photos to work from and your own materials and supplies. Small class size will ensure personal attention. Please register in advance to guarantee your spot.

Tuesday evening classes 7:00pm-9:00pm
Wednesday morning classes 9:30am-11:30am

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

Monday & Thursday evenings (6:30-7:30pm). See our website for the complete schedule & class locations.

Birding with Brian
Grab your binoculars and join Connecticut naturalist and East Granby local, Brian Kleinman, for an unforgettable fall birding adventure! A passionate birder since the age of 10, Brian brings decades of experience and a deep love for our feathered friends to every outing. Whether you're brand new to birding or already hooked, this six-week series is your chance to explore some of the area's best local birding spots. You'll learn how to use binoculars with confidence, identify birds by sight and sound, and discover where to find the most exciting spring migrants as they return from their southern wintering grounds. We'll stay close to home, but don't let that fool you. The variety of birds in our own backyard might just surprise you! How many species can we spot together? Come join the fun and find out!

Ages: 12+ (children must be accompanied by an adult participant)
Dates: Sundays, September 6-October 18 (No class September 20)
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 AM
Cost: $150 per participant

Pickleball 101
New to pickleball? This beginner-friendly clinic is the perfect way to learn the game! Our instructor will introduce you to the basics and get you rallying in no time. What You'll Learn:

- How to hold the paddle & proper grip
- Serving and returning techniques
- Court rules & scoring made simple
- Basic strategies for doubles play
- Fun drills to build confidence

This clinic is designed for players with little to no experience. By the end, you'll know the rules, understand the flow of the game, and be ready to join open play with confidence!

Bring: A paddle (loaners available if needed), sneakers, and water.

Fall Session: Wednesdays September 23-October 21, 2026, 5:30-7:00 pm

East Granby Farms (North Entrance: Pickleball Courts)
Cost: $109

Pickleball 102
Take your pickleball game to the next level with this 5-week Intermediate Pickleball Clinic! Designed for players who already understand the basic rules, scoring, and fundamentals of the game, this clinic focuses on developing more advanced skills, strategy, and consistency. Each week will feature instruction, drills, and game play focusing on shot placement, dinking, serving and returning, third-shot drops, volleys, court positioning, communication, and doubles strategy. Players will learn how to construct points, reduce unforced errors, and make smarter decisions during competitive play.

Bring: A paddle (loaners available if needed), sneakers, and water.

Fall Session: Wednesdays September 23-October 21, 2026, 4:15-5:15pm

East Granby Farms (North Entrance: Pickleball Courts)
Cost: $109

Adult Dance Classes
Our Adult Tap classes are perfect for rhythm lovers who want to stay active, challenge themselves, and have fun. Classes focus on musicality, timing, and producing clear, crisp sounds while building confidence through both choreography and improvisation. Tap dancing offers a great cardiovascular workout, improves balance and coordination, and provides a creative outlet in a fun, supportive environment. Lace up your shoes and join the rhythm—it's never too late to dance!

Beginner Tap Dance
Perfect for adults with no tap experience! This class will focus on the foundation steps and help the dancer build confidence and skill. This class is perfect for someone who is looking to try Tap for the first time!

Tuesdays, 8:00pm-8:45pm

Intermediate Tap Dance
Perfect for adults with some tap experience, this class builds on foundational steps and introduces more complex rhythms, footwork, and combinations. Dancers will explore various styles of tap while continuing to develop coordination, timing, and musicality.

Wednesdays, 7:15-8:00 pm

Advanced Tap Dance
This fast-paced class is for experienced tappers looking to refine their technique and be challenged with intricate rhythms and choreography. Dancers will focus on clean sounds, stylistic expression, and dynamic combinations that showcase individual flair and musical expression.

Wednesdays, 8:15-9:00 pm

Tuesdays: September 15-December 1, 2026 (no class November 24, 2026)

Wednesdays: September 16-December 9, 2026 (no class November 25, 2026)

Rise & Stride Community Walk/Run Group
Start your Tuesday with movement, fresh air, and community! Rise & Stride is a welcoming 6-week walk/run program for adults of all fitness levels, from those just beginning their fitness journey to experienced walkers and runners. Each Tuesday morning, participants will choose their own pace, walking, walk/jogging, or running, while gradually building endurance throughout the six weeks. Along the way, we'll incorporate pacing, mobility, strength, and plenty of encouragement as we work toward an optional 5K during our final week. This isn't about being the fastest. It's about getting active, building consistency, meeting others in your community, and starting your day with something positive. No running experience required. Come as you are. Find your pace. Rise & Stride.

Tuesdays | 6:00-7:00 AM | 6 Weeks
East Granby Community Center $75

Rise & Strength
Start your Thursday feeling stronger! Rise & Strength is a 45-minute full-body strength and conditioning class that blends bodyweight exercises, light resistance, Pilates-inspired movement, power yoga, and barre. Each class focuses on building functional strength, stability, balance, mobility, and muscular endurance through low-impact, purposeful movement. Exercises can be modified or progressed to accommodate a variety of fitness levels, making this a welcoming option whether you're returning to exercise or looking to add something different to your weekly routine. No complicated equipment and no need to keep up with anyone else, just smart, effective movement designed to help you build strength for everyday life. All fitness levels welcome.

Thursdays | 6:00-6:45 AM | 6 Weeks
East Granby Farms – Recreation Building

Sculpt45
Start your Thursday feeling stronger! Rise & Strength is a 45-minute full-body strength and conditioning class that blends bodyweight

exercises, light resistance, Pilates-inspired movement, power yoga, and barre. Each class focuses on building functional strength, stability, balance, mobility, and muscular endurance through low-impact, purposeful movement. Exercises can be modified or progressed to accommodate a variety of fitness levels, making this a welcoming option whether you're returning to exercise or looking to add something different to your weekly routine. No complicated equipment and no need to keep up with anyone else, just smart, effective movement designed to help you build strength for everyday life.

Thursdays: 6:00-7:00am, 6 weeks, East Granby Farms $75

Deal for EG residents participating in more than one program being offered by Samantha Linner (Rise & Run, Rise & Strength, Sculpt45)
One program: $75 | Both programs: $135

Adult Basketball
Come and join us for a drop-in game of basketball! This program is a drop-in program for anyone over the age of 18. Different teams are made weekly based on the players present. Priority is given to those who purchase a punch card and arrive at 7:00 pm. The cost for a full session punch card is $50 or you can purchase a drop-in pass each week for $7. We encourage you to register in advance. An East Granby Parks and Recreation Waiver is required to play and can be signed when you come to play the 1st time, or you can download it from the parks and recreation website.

Wednesdays: 7:00pm-9:00pm October 7-December 9, 2026
Location: East Granby High School New Gym
Cost: $50 for full session, $7 cash drop-in fee

Youth Sports & Activities

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. See our website for more details.

Youth Basketball for Grades K-8
Recreation basketball focuses on having fun while learning the fundamentals of basketball, developing individual skills, good sportsmanship, and team spirit.

Kindergarten Mini Hoops: 1 hour on Saturdays. Registration Deadline December 13, 2026.

Grades 1-2: 1 practice weekly & 1 practice/mini-game per week. Registration Deadline December 13, 2026.

Grades 3-8: 2 practices a week & 1 game per week. Registration Deadline November 15, 2026.

Wildlife Conservation Club (Grades 6-12)
Join local wildlife expert and Riverside Reptiles Education Center owner, Brian Kleinman, for an exciting, hands-on outdoor program designed for middle and high school students who want to go beyond wildlife discovery and step into the world of real conservation work.

Dates: Fridays – 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23
Time: 3:00 – 4:30PM
Cost: $195 for residents

Wildlife Explorers Club (Grades 3-5)
Join local wildlife expert and Riverside Reptiles Education Center owner, Brian Kleinman, for an exciting journey into the wilds of East Granby! This hands-on adventure will take young nature enthusiasts deep into local habitats, where they'll uncover the secrets of the creatures that call them home.

Dates: Mondays: September 14-October 26 (no class 10/12)
Time: 4:00 - 5:15 pm
Locations: East Granby Farms, Great Marsh & Beaver Dam Marsh, Cowles Park, and Granbrook Park
Cost: $185

Toddler/Preschool Playgroup
This playgroup, for early walkers through preschoolers, is a great way for caregivers and kids to bond, learn, and play together in a fun, safe environment. The East Granby Farms Recreation Building becomes a giant playroom where parents and caregivers join in with their little ones in activities, games, and creative projects. We set up age-appropriate play stations and materials to spark your child's curiosity and imagination.

Mondays: 9:30-10:30am Session 1: Begins on Monday September 14th, 2026, and ends on Monday November 2nd, 2026. Cost: $50 for the session or $12 per child drop-in fee per week.

After-School Hang Out (K-2) & (Grades 3-5)
Looking to hang out with your peers in a relaxed and fun environment? Come join Mason Briddell-Williams, EG Program Coordinator for Parks & Recreation for some afternoon "hang-out" time. Each week will be filled with different crafts, science experiments, board games, outdoor time, and more. This 6-week program will be an opportunity to relax and unwind with friends you know and ones you haven't met yet.

Thursdays (grades K-2): October 22-December 10, 2026, 3:05pm-4:30pm at the East Granby Farms-Recreation Building. Transportation will be provided from Allgrove Elementary School. Cost: $75

Wednesdays (Grades 3-5): September 16, 2026-October 28, 2026 (NO CLASS October 14, 2026)

Out of the Box: 3D & Mixed Media Art
Think big, build boldly, and create like never before! Young artists will cut, sculpt, and build with cardboard, fabric, wire, and recycled materials. Each week brings a new hands-on challenge and fresh opportunities for creative fun.

Grades K-2: Tuesdays, September 29-November 10, 2026, from 3:05 to 4:30 pm. Class will be held at EG Farms in the Sears House. Students will be met at Allgrove by staff and will be transported to EG Farms.

Grades 3-5: Thursdays, October 1st-November 5th, 2026, 3:00pm-4:30pm. Students will be met at Allgrove by staff and will be transported to EG Farms.

Soccer Shots Mini (Age 2-3)
Soccer Shots Mini is designed for 2 - 3 1/2-year-olds. It is a high energy program introducing young children to fundamental soccer principles such as using your feet, dribbling, and basic rules of the game. Through fun games and positive reinforcement, children will begin to experience the joy of playing soccer and being active.

Cost: $109
Time: Wednesdays: September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 2026
Location: East Granby Farms

Soccer Shots Classic (Age 3-5)
Soccer Shots Classic is designed for 3 1/2-5-year-old children as an introduction to soccer. Soccer Shots Classic utilizes creative and imaginative games to focus on basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing and shooting. We also highlight a positive character trait each session, such as respect, teamwork and appreciation. This program is geared toward 3-year-olds who have soccer experience up to those not yet enrolled in kindergarten.

Cost: $109
Time: Wednesdays: September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21
Location: East Granby Farms Recreation Area (79 North Main Street, East Granby)

Youth Dance Programs

Mini Tumblers/Hip-Hop: Saturdays, 10 :15 AM-11:00 AM—Perfect for our youngest dancers, this fun filled beginner class will introduce children (ages 3-) to the exciting worlds of Jazz, hip-hop and basic tumbling in a positive, encouraging environment.

Terrific 2s - Baby Creative Movement: Saturdays, 8:30-9:00 am—Designed for age 2, the class focuses on foundational skills like balance, body awareness, stretching, and basic movement in a safe, supportive environment.

Tiny Dancers Tap & Ballet (Ages 3-4): Saturdays, 9:15-10:00am-Our beloved Tap & Ballet Combo class is perfect for budding dancers ages 3 and 4! This fun and energetic class introduces the fundamentals of both tap and ballet in an imaginative and supportive setting. Dancers will participate in warm-ups, stretching, basic tap and ballet technique, across-the-floor exercises, and interactive movement songs.

Tap & Ballet for Homeschoolers (Gr. K-4): Wednesdays, 12:30-1:15pm-Our Tap & Ballet Combo class for homeschoolers offers a fun and engaging introduction to dance. Designed as a multi-level class, instruction is individualized to meet each child's age, experience, and ability, creating a supportive environment where all students can shine.

Tap & Ballet (Gr. K-8)
Beginner Tap & Ballet (Grades K-4) Thursdays 5:00-5:45pm,
Intermediate Tap & Ballet (Grades K-8)
This class is for 3rd-8th graders that have completed a previous class. Wednesdays, 4:15-5:00pm (grades 1-4) Thursdays, 6:00-6:45pm (grades 4-8) Saturdays, 11:15am-12pm (grades K-3): Our Tap and Ballet Combo classes are a favorite amongst returners and are offered at multiple levels to suit a range of ages and abilities. Each class blends the fundamentals of both tap and ballet, providing dancers with a well-rounded introduction to rhythm, coordination, technique, and grace.

Jazz, Hip-Hop & Tumbling for Homeschoolers (Gr. K-4): Wednesdays, 1:30pm - 2:15pm: Get ready to move, groove, and flip in this high-energy dance and tumbling combo class created especially for homeschoolers! Perfect for kids who love to

express themselves and stay active, this class blends the latest jazz and hip-hop styles with beginner-friendly tumbling skills in a fun and supportive environment.

Jazz, Hip-Hop, Tumbling
(Grades K-8)
(Grades K-3) Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00pm
Intermediate Jazz, Hip-Hop, Tumbling (Grades 3-5) Thursdays, 4:00-4:45pm
Intermediate Jazz, Hip-Hop, Tumbling (Grades 5-8) Thursdays, 7:00-7:45pm: Get ready to move, groove, and flip in these high energy combo classes! Designed for dancers who love to perform and express themselves, this class combines the latest jazz and hip-hop styles with beginner-friendly tumbling skills. Dancers will work on flexibility, strength, and coordination through warm-ups, stretching, across-the-floor movement, and dynamic jazz and hip-hop combinations. Basic tumbling skills are introduced and integrated into choreography, adding excitement and flair!

Acro (Gr 1-High School)
Beginner/Intermediate Acro (Grades K-5) Tuesdays, 5:00-5:45pm
Intermediate/Advanced Beginner Acro (Grades 1-6) Wednesdays, 6:15pm-7:00pm (prior approval required)

Teen Intermediate Acro/Hip-Hop & Jazz (prior approval required - teens) Thursdays, 8:00 - 8:45 pm: Our Acro classes are high-energy and skill-focused, blending the strength and agility of acrobatics with the grace and flow of dance. Each class begins with warm-up, stretching, and conditioning to build flexibility, balance, and core strength - key components for safe and successful tumbling.

Basic Dance for Theater Kids (Gr. 4-12): Tuesdays, 7:00-7:45pm: This fun and energetic class is designed especially for young performers who want to build confidence and skill on stage! Tailored for theater kids, this class focuses on the essential dance techniques used in musical productions, with an emphasis on both basic tap and jazz.

Musical Theater (Gr K-12): Tuesdays, 6:00-6:45pm: Perfect for young performers who love to sing, dance, and act, this class brings the magic of Broadway. Students will learn how to tell a story through performance by combining character work, vocal training, and jazz-based choreography, all set to fun, age-appropriate songs from favorite musicals.

Location: East Granby Farms Recreation Building. Cost: $170 for a 10-week session.



Pop-Up Hocus-Pocus Halloween Dance Party

Come on out for an afternoon of Halloween inspired dance, games, prizes, crafts. This dance party will be held on Friday, October 16, 2026, from 4pm-6:30pm at East Granby Farms Recreation Center. This fun evening will include pizza, a sweet treat and drink. All are welcome! $45 per person. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the East Granby Recreation Dance Scholarship.

Town Halloween Spooktacular!

Join East Granby Parks and Recreation, East Granby Youth Service's Middle & High School Youth Action Councils, the East Granby Lions Club and the Friends of New Gate for the Annual East Granby Halloween Spooktacular! This event is open to all East Granby residents and is geared toward children in Grade 5 and younger. We will have tons of games, treats, and fun for all ages! Be sure to wear your costumes! This event is free to attend, but we encourage everyone to bring non-perishable food items to support Friend to Friend Food Pantry.

Saturday, October 24, 2026
5:00 - 7:00 pm
Old New Gate Prison (115 Newgate Rd)



Old New Gate Prison's "Light into the Dungeon" Jack O'Lantern Experience draws visitors from far and wide during the month of October, and you have the opportunity to see it for FREE while you're there for the Halloween Spooktacular!

We are giving away event spots through a lottery system. No physical tickets will be issued; attendee names will be on a check-in list at the event. If you are not selected in the lottery, you're welcome to stop by the mine during the event to see if any walk-up spots are available. These are first come, first served, and availability is not guaranteed.

For a chance to guarantee your spot prior to the event, enter The Jack O'Lantern lottery by visiting the parks and recreation website before October 17, 2026. Winners will be randomly selected at noon on 10/21 and notified via email.

East Granby Parks & Recreation is accepting donations of candy for this event. Drop boxes can be found at East Granby Town Hall, East Granby Public Library, and on the back porch of the Sears House at East Granby Farms (the white house when you pull in on the left) beginning October 1, 2026.

Coming soon, our new Ice-Skating classes in partnership with the Ice Academy of CT!

Shop online? Check out our amazon wish list on the Parks and Recreation Program page. Please scan the QR Code or go to EastGranbyRec.com for more information and to register for any of the programs listed. 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!

East Granby Recreation is happy to announce payment plan options for all our programs for those individuals/families who may wish to set one up. Please call the Parks & Recreation Office to discuss options: (860) 653-7660.

Park and Recreation Updates

A heartfelt thank you to Tommy Pavelchak, our New England Mountain Biking Association (NEMBA) liaison, for his many years of dedicated service to Cowles Park and our local mountain biking community. Tommy has put in countless hours maintaining and caring for the trails, while also coordinating volunteer work groups and bringing people together to keep Cowles Park in great shape. His hard work, leadership, and commitment have made a lasting difference, and we are incredibly grateful for everything he has done over the years.

Tommy, you will certainly be missed, but we wish you all the best and thank you for leaving such a positive mark on our trails and community!

At the same time, we're excited to welcome our new NEMBA liaisons, Emily Johnson and Mark Winbourne. We look forward to working with you both and continuing the great work of keeping Cowles Park a welcoming, well-maintained place for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you, Tommy—and welcome, Emily and Mike!

Want to get involved?

The EG Parks and Recreation Commission invites residents to join the Parks and Recreation Program Sub-Committee and help plan and support our community's all-town events, including Halloween, the Tree Lighting, Easter activities, and the Last Blast of Summer concert series. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved, share your ideas, and help create fun, welcoming events for residents of all ages. We welcome anyone interested in making our community events even better! If interested, please reach out to Alicia at aliciav@egtownhall.com

Follow us on social media: /EastGranbyRec @eastgranbyrec

East Granby Youth Services

Babysitting Certification (Ages 11-14)

Build confidence. Gain lifesaving skills. Become the babysitter family's trust. The Better Babysitting Certification Course is a dynamic 2-hour class designed to equip you with the knowledge and hands-on training you need to care for children safely and responsibly. Whether you're just starting out or looking to strengthen your skills, this course prepares you to step into any babysitting job with confidence.

What you'll learn:

- Understanding the basics of child development
- How to prevent & respond to common emergencies
- Infant and Child CPR & First Aid Certification
- Safety best practices every babysitter should know

By the end of the course, you'll not only feel prepared, but you'll be also certified and ready to provide safe, dependable care that gives parents peace of mind. Take the first step toward becoming a confident, capable, and certified babysitter!

Saturday, October 17, 2026, | 10:00-12:00 pm
Sears House at East Granby Farms
Cost: $125
Register online at: eastgranbyct.myrec.com

Coming Soon in Youth Services:

- ❖ Girls Circle for Grades 3-5 and 6-8
- ❖ Dog Therapy at our Elementary & Middle Schools
- ❖ Book Clubs
- ❖ Mental Health First Aid for Youth
- ❖ QPR (Question, Persuade, Respond) suicide prevention program
- ❖ Middle School prevention programming in collaboration with the EG Middle School health teachers
- ❖ Seymour Mentorship Program

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

This month is a time to raise public awareness about suicide prevention, reduce the stigma surrounding mental health, and connect individuals in crisis with vital resources. Explore the resources below to find information and support.

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline:
National hotline offering one-on-one support for mental health, suicide, and substance-related problems for anyone 24/7.

Credible Minds (fvhd.crediblemind.com):
Mental health resources you can trust and at your fingertips.

Prevent Suicide CT (preventsuicidect.org):
A statewide resource dedicated to preventing suicide and promoting mental health across Connecticut.

The CT Collaborative to End Loneliness (endlonelinessct.org):
A statewide collective impact alliance of public and private organizations driving action to strengthen social connection, belonging, and community across Connecticut.

Resource Guide for Suicide Prevention:
A comprehensive guide to suicide prevention resources at the Connecticut Clearinghouse.

News and Updates from Youth Services

Welcome to our Middle School Youth Action Council Members. The East Granby Youth Action Council is a group of middle school students who commit to a year of service to the East Granby Community. Through leadership development, presenting programs, performing community service and more these middle school students will work to develop their leadership skills all while giving back to our community.

2026-2027 Members:

Brianna M.	Isabelle K.	Melody B.
Brooklyn B.	Jack A.	Mia M
Caiden G.	Jack C.	Simone V.
Chloe K.	Joseph M.	Sydney M.
Chuck T.	Lena A.	Vivian T.
Delaney B.	Lyle U.	
Finn F.	Max L.	

High School Youth Action Council

The High School Youth Action Council will be accepting applications for the 2026/2027 year beginning September 21, 2026. We have revamped and updated our program in hopes of giving our high school members opportunities to dive more deeply into a topic of choice. Applications and information will be posted on the eastgranby.myrec.com page.

Juvenile Review Board

Some youth behaviors that used to be handled by Juvenile Court are no longer within its jurisdiction. Understanding that punishment alone doesn't always address the root causes of these behaviors, the State of Connecticut now directs families to community-based organizations. These organizations aim to prevent further involvement with the court system. The East Granby Juvenile Review Board offers a community-based program to help divert eligible cases from the Juvenile Justice System. We support families by addressing their service needs and providing intervention locally. The Juvenile Review Board is currently looking for a resident who is actively working in law enforcement to join our board. If interested in learning more, please contact the Youth Services Office on 860/653-7800.

Counseling and Resources

If you need emotional, behavioral, or mental health counseling for your child or family, please contact the Youth Services Office. We can provide you with a referral to local therapists who accept your insurance and are accepting new patients. Need help with parenting challenges or unsure where to turn? Contact the Youth Services Office, and we'll connect you with local resources. Call 860-653-7800 or email eastgranbyyouthservices@gmail.com.

EAST GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Hello East Granby Community Members,

There is so much to be excited about this year! Our Community Workshops continue to bring people together around important conversations about our schools and our future. The Town has established a School Building Committee that will help shape what comes next for East Granby's students and spaces. Across the district, we continue to find new opportunities to strengthen the experiences we provide our students, and I look forward to sharing more of that work with you throughout the year.

Last year taught me a great deal. Thank you for your honest feedback around communication and visibility. Leadership is a continual opportunity to learn and grow, and I am grateful when people care enough to tell me where we can do better. This year, I am intentionally putting systems and practices in place that will create more opportunities for connection, communication, and celebration across our district. I am grateful for supportive families and a wonderful community.

- Superintendent Suzanne Palmieri

WELCOME NEW STAFF!

Shannon Anthony, School Psychologist
Leah Cagney-Vella, Board Certified Behavior Analyst
San Juanita (Janine) Castellanos, School Custodian
Samantha Gentile, Paraeducator
Courtney Harris, Long-Term Substitute Grade 3
Alexis Krantz, Science Teacher
Kristen Lefferts, Paraeducator
Emily Lozada, Paraeducator
Sirisha Papineni, Paraeducator
Kimberly Quinn, English Teacher
Lola Richardson, Paraeducator
Andrew Schlechtweg, Paraeducator
Colette Trazinski, Paraeducator
Brian White, IT Systems & Operations Manager

A MESSAGE FOR ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF EAST GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS REGARDING INCOME GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED MEALS

An email message was sent out from the East Granby Public Schools, on behalf of Bloomfield Public Schools, explaining the income guidelines and application process for free and reduced meals. The application and information are also located on the East Granby Public Schools Website, www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us, under For Parents/Parent Information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Bloomfield Public Schools Food Service Director, Nicholas Carambelas, at ncarambelas@blmfld.org, or 631-219-9807.



Congratulations to the East Granby Public Schools
2027 Teacher of the Year

Phebe Large

Special Education Teacher - R.D. Seymour School

Each year in Connecticut, school districts throughout the state establish criteria and select a Teacher of the Year who demonstrates a high caliber of professional performance. It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we announce **Phebe Large** as East Granby Public Schools' **2027 Teacher of the Year**.

Since joining our district in 2016 as a Special Education Teacher, Phebe has exemplified excellence, dedication, and compassion in every aspect of her work. She is widely recognized by her peers as a reliable and knowledgeable resource for classroom teachers and paraprofessionals, providing thoughtful guidance, practical strategies, and effective solutions whenever support is needed. Her willingness to collaborate and share her expertise has made a lasting impact on students, staff, and the broader school community.

Phebe consistently goes above and beyond in her commitment to both students and colleagues. She readily offers support to teachers, even when the students being discussed are not part of her assigned caseload. This deep sense of responsibility and teamwork strengthens our entire school community and reflects her unwavering dedication to student success.

A strong advocate for inclusive education, Phebe actively supports district and school-wide initiatives through bi-weekly consultation cycles with classroom teachers. Her work ensures that student accommodations are implemented with fidelity, resulting in greater consistency in individualized supports and increased student access to grade-level curriculum. Through her collaborative efforts, teachers are better equipped to design and implement differentiated instructional strategies that align with district priorities around equity and inclusion, leading to improved engagement and outcomes for diverse learners.

Phebe's leadership extends beyond direct student support. Through her advocacy and coaching, she helps build teacher capacity in co-teaching practices, instructional scaffolding, and Universal Design for Learning. As a result, teachers report greater confidence in supporting a wide range of learners, fostering a more inclusive school culture and reducing the need for restrictive interventions.

In addition, Phebe plays a vital role in ensuring compliance and best practices in special education. Her proactive communication, attention to detail, and problem-solving approach help prevent gaps in service delivery and ensure that both legal requirements and district expectations are consistently met.

Her dedication extends well beyond the school day. Phebe regularly invests additional time to ensure her students receive the support they need to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Her kindness, positivity, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to excellence make her an invaluable asset to our school and district.
Beyond her work in the classroom, Phebe is an active and cherished member of our Sunshine Committee. She consistently demonstrates genuine care and attentiveness toward her colleagues, often recognizing when someone may need encouragement and taking thoughtful steps to brighten their day. Whether through personalized notes, small acts of kindness, or simply being available to listen and support others, Phebe helps cultivate a positive, connected, and supportive school culture.

Through her actions, Phebe not only improves outcomes for individual students but also contributes meaningfully to a culture of excellence, collaboration, and continuous growth. Her leadership, compassion, and commitment to serving others truly embody the qualities of an outstanding educator.

Please join us in congratulating **Phebe Large, our 2027 Teacher of the Year!**

Welcoming Our New District IT Systems and Operations Manager

Dear East Granby Public Schools Community,

I am pleased to announce that **Brian White** has joined East Granby Public Schools as our new **District IT Systems and Operations Manager**.

Brian brings extensive experience in information technology, systems administration, infrastructure, cybersecurity, and technical operations. His career has included supporting complex technology environments and more than 200 enterprise applications used by thousands of people. His experience spans a broad range of platforms and systems, including Windows, Linux, Unix, mainframe, virtualized and cloud environments, servers, networking, voice, and web-based technologies.

Prior to joining East Granby Public Schools, Brian held technology roles with **Aetna/CVS Health** and worked as an **Independent Technology Consultant**, providing technology services to commercial and multi-million-dollar businesses. At Aetna, he provided second-level technical support to thousands of end users, managed system access and security, supported hardware and software deployments, and developed troubleshooting guides and end-user documentation to improve service and efficiency.

As an independent consultant, Brian provided hands-on technology leadership to businesses, evaluating their needs and recommending practical, cost-effective solutions. His experience also includes working closely with infrastructure, security, quality assurance, application, and vendor teams to strengthen system reliability, security, and collaboration.

What makes Brian particularly well suited for East Granby Public Schools, however, is that his approach to technology goes well beyond the systems themselves. He understands that **technology exists to serve people**.

Throughout his career, he has emphasized the importance of listening to those who depend on technology, understanding their needs, communicating clearly, and finding practical solutions. He recognizes that effective technology support is not simply about keeping systems running—it is about building trust and helping people successfully do their work.

This philosophy aligns closely with our district's commitment to having a **"service heart."** Patience, respect, empathy, and a genuine willingness to help have guided Brian throughout his professional career and community involvement. His experience as a baseball umpire and flag football referee has also given him opportunities to work with young people while developing strong communication skills, sound judgment, fairness, and the ability to remain calm in challenging situations.

In his new role, Brian will work closely with our staff and district leadership to ensure that our technology systems remain **secure, reliable, effective, and responsive to the needs of our schools**. He will support our day-to-day technology operations while also helping the district thoughtfully plan for future technology needs and opportunities.

We are excited to welcome Brian to East Granby Public Schools. His extensive experience, technical expertise, collaborative spirit, and commitment to service will be tremendous assets to our district.

Please join me in welcoming **Brian White** to our school community. We look forward to the contributions he will make in supporting our students, staff, and schools.

Warmly,

Suzanne Palmieri
Superintendent of Schools
East Granby Public Schools

SUPPORT THE EGHS CLASS OF 2027

PROJECT GRADUATION

HOSTS

BINGO NIGHT

Friday November 13th, 2026

DRINKS & SNACKS FOR SALE

$25 TO PLAY ALL 10 GAMES

CLASS OF 2027 PROJECT GRAD OF EAST GRANBY



EAST GRANBY COMMUNITY CENTER

DOORS OPEN 6:30PM • STARTS 7:00 PM

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

Games, Fun and Cash Prizes

EGCCNS Preschool ...gentle learning through play

9 Rainbow Road, East Granby, CT 06026 ♥ egccns9@gmail.com ♥ (860 653-3913)

Open Enrollment: 2026-2027 School Year!

Interested in a tour? Contact Us We'd love to show you around!



Is your child stepping away from home or family care for the first time? For families seeking a morning-only routine, our preschool program offers a nurturing, developmentally appropriate paced rhythm that honors a young child's emotional stamina. We provide an inspiring environment to learn and grow, with a built-in promise: You'll be back home in time for lunch! It's a wonderful way to build lifelong school confidence at a pace designed specifically for early childhood with focus on play-based learning.



New Playground in 1 Month?! We Did It!

From prepping the space, designing, researching, fundraising for, and building, this entire playground is made with lots of love, with a huge thank-you to our families and local businesses for their incredible help! While some playgrounds come right out of a box, ours was intentionally built with feedback from our program families and a deep focus on the importance of play. We are excited to spend even more time outside, not just for recess!

A big **thank you** to those below for helping this become a reality through their donations of time, materials or funding towards equipment! Thank you to Jason Hayes for connecting us with resources!

Route 10 Tire, Tim's Automotive, East Granby Mulch and Stone, McCarthy Concrete, Beman Hardware, Galasso Materials LLC, Farmington Valley, Plumbing, R &R Power Equipment, Evan's Automotive, New England Storage Solutions, Neckers Toyland, Egan Property Maintenance, EGCC Missions, Granby Dental Center, Prosource Home Improvement LLC, Valerie Allgrove and our families.

Be on the lookout for our Ribbon Cutting (date to be determined)**.** We are still short some funding for smaller items and plants for landscaping so if interested in donating, please email us at EGCCN9@gmail.com. We are so excited to start our school year with our students! - Jackie & Linda

East Granby Wellness Fair

Being Prepared & Informed = 'Ready' When Needed



Calling all

Seniors, Caregivers & Family Members!

Monday, October 5, 2026, 3:30-6:00PM

East Granby Community/Senior Center

7 Memorial Dr. East Granby, CT

Raffle Prizes! Giveaways! Resources!

Flu Shots are also available by walk-in

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

Surrounding towns are also welcome!!!!

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

Sponsored by: The East Granby Commission on Aging &

PeoplesBank
Real. Simple. Banking.



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 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 1:30 pm- 2:30pm 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~ OCTOBER 5TH, NOVEMBER 9TH 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

- **SEPTEMBER 21ST, OCTOBER 5TH, NOVEMBER 16TH – ENFIELD**
- **SEPTEMBER 28TH, OCTOBER 26TH, NOVEMBER 30TH - BIG Y/OCEAN STATE/DOLLAR STORE**
- **OCTOBER 19TH, NOVEMBER 9TH - WALMART**
- **NOVEMBER 2ND – ALDI**
- **NOVEMBER 23RD – PRICE CHOPPER**



** FLU CLINIC AND WELLNESS FAIR**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH —The East Granby Commission on Aging will host a wellness fair at the East Granby Senior Center. This event is perfect for Seniors, Caregivers and Family Members! Information on services, products and resources in the health, housing and financial industries will be exhibited. There will be Raffle Prizes and Giveaways! **3:30-6:00pm at the East Granby Senior Center.**
Flu shots will also be available from the Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County from 3:30-5:30pm by walk in only.

** EAST GRANBY CARES DAY**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH - East Granby Cares Day is a collaboration between the Commission on Aging and the East Granby High School students. This is a day where our students will have a chance to give back and get hands on with helping the community. They will work on small outdoor jobs, fall clean up, and assisting those in the community who are no longer able to keep up with their daily chores. If you are interested in receiving help on East Granby Cares Day please call Senior Services (860) 413-3334 or Social Services (860) 413-3328 by October 11th.

** FREE KNIFE & GARDEN TOOL SHARPENING**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH —Come on down to the Senior Center for a FREE knife and garden tool sharpening service. Need your knives ready to go for the holidays? Want to get those garden tools ready for next year before you pack them away? Well take advantage of this wonderful service provided by We Can Fix It LLC. **There is no charge however, you must make an appointment by October 29th. Please note number of items may be limited based on demand.**

AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

TUESDAY, November 13th –Completion of this course may result in a savings on your car insurance! Cost is $20 for AARP members and $25 for non-members. Call (860) 413-3334 by October 30th to reserve your seat. **9:00am –1:00pm at the East Granby TOWN HALL.**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND —Tranquility Vineyards & Winery—Middlebury CT -Come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon as we go on a scenic ride to Middlebury. Tranquility Vineyard & Winery is located on Lake Quassapaug on the remaining 45 acres of the original 300 acre historic J H Wittemore. The farm has a long and cherished history and beautiful tranquil surroundings. We will enjoy a tasting of 4 different wines and then sit back and relax outside as we enjoy a delicious lunch. You won't want to miss this fun trip! **Depart the Senior Center at 11:00am. Cost is $35 (Includes tasting and lunch). Reservation and payment due by September 24th.**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD —Lunch Bunch @ The Student Prince— Springfield, MA– Celebrate Oktoberfest in style at this iconic Springfield landmark. Try a classic Wiener schnitzel, Bratwurst or one of the many German beers. There is something on the menu for everyone! **Depart the Senior Center at 11:00 AM. Reserve your spot by October 15th.**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH —Managing Holiday Stress–Just in time for the holidays, join Dr. Wendy Hurwitz for this important presentation. Did you know up to 90% of all visits to the doctor's office are stress-related, according to Harvard. Stress can be considered as much a risk factor for disease as smoking. Why can two people be in the same situation and respond to stress differently? Can going through stressful times without stress be a learned skill? Whatever your age or situation, this presentation will provide multiple tips to manage stress. **10:00am at the East Granby Senior Center. There is no charge however, reservation is required by November 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

Visit www.egpl.org for more information.



STORYTIMES

September 23rd - November 19th
(No classes week of Oct 21st & Nov 11th)

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



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

YO-YO GUY



Saturday, November 14th
10:30am - 11:30am
Families Welcome
East Granby Community Center

John Higby is the Yo-Yo Guy! The Yo-Yo Guy is an interactive performance with yo-yos, a unicycle, and a giant yo-yo that John walks on! Specializing in family shows, this show is great for all ages!

PERLER BEADING



Monday, September 28th
4:30pm - 5:30pm
Ages 9-13 years old

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

HULA HOOP CLASS



Monday, November 9th
4:00pm - 5:00pm
Ages 7-12 years old
East Granby Community Center

Join Andrea McKay of Yoga, Dance & Fitness Center and learn hula hooping tricks and games! All levels are welcome. Hula hoops will be provided.

SECRET AGENTS - VOLUNTEER CLUB FALL/WINTER



Grades 7-12

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

THE GREAT PUMPKIN CONTEST!



October 1st-24th
All Ages

Use our paper pumpkin template(s) to create your favorite character or illustrate your favorite book! Get creative with markers, crayons, colored pencils, and other materials. Submissions are due back to the library by October 24, 2026! We will display submissions. The winner will receive a special prize! Pumpkin templates can be picked up at the library or found at www.egpl.org.



East Granby Public Library

(860) 653-3002
www.egpl.org

NEEDLE FELTING: TWO STARS



Thursday, October 8th
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Adult Class - 18+

Join Angelina as she teaches you the art of shaping wool fibers using specialized needles to create festive ornaments and home décor. Cost is $30 per person.

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.

PAGES & POURS BOOK CLUB



Monday, October 26th
5:00pm-7:00pm
Brignole Vineyards

Join us for a book discussion, delicious wine, and fun conversation. A librarian from EGPL will provide questions for your table to discuss. Feel free to bring a friend or two—the more, the merrier.

HOLIDAY BUDGETING



Tuesday, November 17th
6:30pm-7:30pm

Get ready for the holidays with confidence! Join Windsor Federal for a free educational seminar focused on creating a realistic holiday budget, tracking spending, and preparing for unexpected seasonal expenses.



Afternoon at the Movies! Wednesdays at 1pm.

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

The Intern

September 23rd
PG-13, 2 hr 1 min



A seventy-year-old widower has discovered that retirement isn't all it's cracked up to be. Seizing an opportunity, he becomes a senior intern at an online fashion site.

Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris

September 30th
PG, 1 hr 55 min



In 1950s London, a widowed cleaning lady falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, deciding she must have one.

The Devil Wears Prada 2

October 7th
PG-13, 1 hr 59 min



Andy Sachs reunites with Miranda Priestly as they navigate their careers amid the decline of traditional magazine publishing.

Meeting Schedules

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

Commission on Aging 6:30 (SC) 10/6, 11/3, 12/1, 1/5/2027

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

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

Economic Development 5:30 (TH) 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)..... 10/20, 11/17, 12/15, 1/19/2027

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

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

Board of Selectmen 6:30 (TH) 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) 9/24, 10/22, 11/19, 12/17, 1/28/2027

Youth Services Commission 6:30 (EGF) 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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