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# Let's Talk Turkey

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## Best Wishes for a Happy & Healthy 2016!

*As has become a tradition for the January edition of "Let's Talk Turkey," please find below a partial list of East Granby news and happenings in 2015:*

- **Financial** – The Grand List, which is the sum of values of all taxable property in East Granby, increased in 2015 by 1.5% to \$581,485,097. The mill (tax) rate increased by 2% to 30.4 mills. Seventy nine percent of our tax base is composed of residences with 21% representing commercial/industrial property. The Town continues to maintain an Aa2 bond rating which is excellent for a small town and on July 1, 2015 had a healthy cash balance (rainy day fund) of 13% of projected FY16 expenditures.
- **Capital Expenditures & Grants** – \$196,000 was appropriated at Town Meeting in June of 2015 for road maintenance. Approximately one mile of town roads were paved with the crown (or finish coat) being put on Holcomb, Kripes Road, and Copper Hill Terrace. In the past five years over 50% roads rated as "poor" have been repaved but we have approximately five miles of roads rated as "poor" left to pave. It costs approximately \$225,000 per mile to redo roads rated as "poor." Capital purchases also included a One-Ton Truck (\$44,000) and a police cruiser (\$37,000). A total of \$405,000 was spent on school security upgrades at Allgrove and the Middle/High School; \$142,000 of that total was town funds with the rest coming from a State Grant that the Board of Education was able to receive. All capital expenditures are part of the annual budget with the individual projects approved as needed at Town Meeting during the course of the year. The sidewalks and electric doors at the Senior/Community Center and Town Hall were brought up to ADA standards through the reuse of a \$180,000 Small Cities Grant from the State.
- **Quality of Life** – My thanks to the Library for sponsoring the 2015 Farmers Market; to the Whitewater Classic Committee for the races at Tariffville Gorge; the Women's Club for their annual 5K race; and the Lions for their Duck Race, all of which helped to create exciting and fun events for the community. Parks and Rec sponsored two summer concerts along with the 5th annual Christmas Tree Lighting. By the way, East Granby is also getting "greener" with the expansion of free recycling at the Transfer Station/RCC to include fluorescent light bulbs, small batteries, and mattresses along with the usual paper, electronics, textiles, and paper recycling.
- **Additional Highlights** – Phase I of the Town Ordinance project was completed with approval of housecleaning items (grammar, organization, compliance to State Statutes etc.) by the December 3rd Town Meeting. Phase II, which will look at new ordinances or substantive changes to existing ones, will be worked on by the Board of Selectmen during the spring/summer and then brought to Town Meeting for approval. Discount prescription cards for those without health insurance are available from the Selectmen's Office. The card can provide up to a 40% discount. A new program in 2015 came out from the Fire Marshal's office regarding smoke detector and battery replacements. For more information, call Deputy Fire Marshal John Leahey at (860) 653-3444.

### News and Information for 2016:

- **Budget Process** – The Boards of Finance (BOF), Selectmen (BOS) and Education (BOE) have started working on Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 budgets. The Board of Finance will discuss FY17 budget drivers with the BOS and BOE at their January 19th meeting. The BOF will

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## Homeowners Tax Credit Available

The State of Connecticut and the Town of East Granby have programs for tax credit to provide relief to the elderly or totally disabled homeowner on their real estate taxes. Requirements are as follows:



- 1) Applicants must be 65 years of age or older before December 31, 2015.
- 2) Totally disabled are eligible regardless of age provided all other criteria are met.
- 3) Applicants must own and be a permanent resident of a dwelling in East Granby.
- 4) Applicants must have a total income from all sources of less than \$41,200 if single and \$48,900 if married.

The filing period is February 1st through May 15th. If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment, please call Mary Ellen Brown at the Assessor's Office at (860) 653-2852.

## Volunteers Needed For EDC

The Town of East Granby is looking for residents interested in participating on the Economic Development Commission. The commission is appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Meetings last between one to two hours monthly. No experience is necessary.

The Economic Development Commission meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. The Commission's focus is to help support business development that is supportive of the Town's long term master plan. If you are interested or need more information regarding this Commission please contact Director of Community and Development Gary Haynes at (860) 653-3444.

## EGFD Thanks You!

The East Granby Fire Department would like to thank those East Granby residents and all others that supported us through the holiday season through their donations and purchases of poinsettias, Christmas trees, and wreaths. Your generosity allows the EGFD to maintain, replace, and upgrade certain pieces of our apparatus and equipment. A fire department is an expensive endeavor; your purchases and donations benefit our efforts in providing superior support to our community. Thank you!



The East Granby Fire Department is a 100% volunteer organization that responds to approximately 250 alarms a year. If you are interested in donating to, learning more about, or joining the department, please visit our website at [www.eastgranbyfire.com](http://www.eastgranbyfire.com) or visit our Center Station, 7 Memorial Drive, any Monday evening.

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provide budget guidelines to the BOS and BOE at their February 11th meeting. The BOS and BOE draft budgets will be reviewed by the BOF at their March 15th meeting. At their March 24th meeting, the BOF will provide directives to the BOS and BOE regarding what budgets to take to the Annual Budget Hearing which will be held on April 5th. The Annual Town Budget Meeting is scheduled for April 19th. All of these meetings provide opportunities for residents to learn about planned expenditures and to provide feedback to the Boards. Along the way we will put budget information on the Town website and publish a special budget edition of "Let's Talk Turkey" in early April.

- **Volunteers are needed** for the Youth Services and Economic Development Commissions. For more information on any volunteer opportunities, please contact the Selectmen's Office at (860) 413-3301.
- **The Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD)** is being finalized by Planning and Zoning this spring. The POCD projects out for the next ten years the type of town and commercial development that East Granby may want to strive for. It's a road map for the future.
- **The Farmington Valley Health Department** has received a grant to help reach out to veterans in East Granby and surrounding towns. More to come regarding this in future editions of "Let's Talk Turkey."
- **Aer Lingus** will be offering flights to Europe from Bradley starting in September of 2016. This restores international flights to Bradley and should provide significant economic development in and around the airport.

Have a great 2016!  
Jim Hayden, First Selectman

## Commission on Aging

Using a grant obtained by the Selectmen, the front walk of the Senior/Community Center has been redone and handicap access doors have been installed along with new handicap parking spaces located closer to the front entrance. Come see the improvement!

The Commission on Aging established the following as initiatives for 2015:

- Develop a "Comprehensive IT" program with the High School to benefit seniors. Technology workshops will be held at the Senior/Community Center on January 27th and

February 19th to help with your phone or tablet. Contact Kelly Jacobs at (860) 413-3334 for information.

- Create a registry of senior discounts available. This list of available discounts is posted on the town website under the COA web page.
- Provide expanded transportation to outer areas. Starting in October 2015, transportation is provided to Hartford and Farmington for morning medical appointments on the first Thursday of each month.
- Encourage and educate seniors to make use of town services if they need help. This is ongoing. More at a later date.
- Identify concept and cost estimate for providing partitions at the Senior/Community Center. This activity is on hold until such time as a definite need arises.

The Commission meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Senior/Community Center. Come attend a meeting and feel free to make your wishes known. The Commission currently has openings for two Alternates as well an opening for a Clerk for our meetings. The Clerk position is paid \$75 for each meeting. If you have an interest or for more information, contact Rich Galluccio, Chairman at (860) 658-0603 or Kelly Jacobs, Senior Services Director at (860) 413-3334.

The East Granby "Good Samaritan" Program is alive and well. If you have a need and are looking for help, contact Senior Services or Social Services to be matched up with our volunteers. Details of this program and the volunteer form can be found at the town website ([www.eastgranbyct.org](http://www.eastgranbyct.org)), under "Boards and Commissions," "Commission on Aging (COA)." Join in and make our program a success.

## Memorial Scholarship Offered

The Mary H. Hausmann Memorial Scholarship, in partnership with the Granby Ambulance Association, annually awards scholarships to high school seniors from East Granby and Granby pursuing the medical profession with primary focus on the nursing and/or emergency medical fields.



Initiated in 2000 with the great assistance of the East Granby Ambulance Association, the scholarship is named in honor of Mary Hausmann who was a long-time resident of East Granby, a dedicated nurse, and a volunteer EMT. While her primary work was at the Alcohol and Drug Recovery Center (ADRC) in Hartford, she also served as a nurse with the Granby school system and the Visiting Nurses Association in Hartford. Additionally, she was a founding member of the East Granby Ambulance Association in 1976 where she volunteered as an EMT until the early 1990s.

Since 2000, the scholarship has been honored to provide awards to 17 deserving students from Granby and East Granby

High Schools. From 2000-2014, the annual scholarship was awarded to one student attending East Granby High School. Starting in 2015 and going forward, as a result of 2013 merger of the Granby and East Granby ambulance associations, a decision was made to create a second scholarship opportunity for students attending Granby Memorial High School.

In 2016, the Granby Ambulance Association and the Mary H. Hausmann Scholarship will be awarding scholarships to one graduating East Granby senior and one graduating Granby senior who are interested in pursuing a career in the nursing and/or emergency medical fields. Interested students should speak with their guidance counselors for more information about this scholarship and how to apply.



## ECS & FRC Programs for Children

East Granby Early Childhood Services & Family Resource Center located at Carl Allgrove Elementary School is hosting Open Enrollment Night on Wednesday, February 10th from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. (Snow date is Thursday, February 11th.)



East Granby residents may register for 2016-2017 programs: Integrated 3 & 4 Year Old Preschool Classes, "One, Two & You" & "Terrific Two's" Early Learning Groups. Applications will be accepted on a first come basis beginning at 7:00 PM on February 10th. Please bring completed application and proof of residency at the time of enrollment.

Do you have a child two years old or younger? Bring them to play, learn, and meet friends in our early childhood classroom.

Spaces are still available for the Spring 2016 session of our Early Learning Groups:

- "One, Two & You" program (for ages birth to 2 years) begins Wednesday, January 27th from 10:00 to 11:15 AM in the Family Resource Center.
- "Terrific Two's" program (for ages 24 to 36 months) begins Friday, January 29th from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in the Family Resource Center.

Applications and brochures are available outside the Preschool/Family Resource Center classroom or online at [www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us](http://www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us). Find "Schools," then "Early Childhood Services." Look under "Contents" to view and print the application. You may contact Kerry Anthony at [kanthony@eastgranby.k12.ct.us](mailto:kanthony@eastgranby.k12.ct.us) for more information. Sign up today!

## East Granby Social Services

*From the Desk of Alicia Van Neil, Director*

*"The effects of kindness are not always seen immediately. Sometimes it takes years until your kindness will pay off, and is returned to you. And sometimes you never see the fruits of your labors, but they are there, deep inside of the soul of the one you touched." —Dan Kelly*

Every year I sit and try to express how much I appreciate the outpouring of support I receive from individuals who want to make the holidays a little bit happier and a little less lonely for those struggling in our community. Every year I have a moment when I



worry about whether it will all come together. Every year I am reminded what an amazing community we live in and am reminded my worry is for nothing. From the bottom of my heart I thank you for all of your support for our Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday programs. I call you my "elves;" some I've known since I began this job, some I've never met. Together we provide Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets (all the fixings and extra surprises) for approximately 60 individuals and families and Christmas stockings to children in our town.

There are many little pieces that come together to make this program successful. From our businesses and individuals that donate items for the food baskets to people who host holiday parties, office parties, and birthday parties and sponsor a child instead of a gift exchange or instead of receiving gifts themselves; to our knitters who knit hats, mittens, and scarves; to our Brownie Troop that sings carols and makes cards for our seniors; to the many gift cards, toys and monetary donations, I cannot thank you enough. Although you may never see or hear what a difference you make I want to tell you I see and hear the appreciation. Please know it does not go unnoticed.

A special thank you goes out to the Friend to Friend Board of Directors, the East Granby Congregational Church, Copper Hill Methodist Church, the East Granby Public Library, and my

fellow East Granby town employees for your ongoing support and willingness to make it happen no matter what. I want to wish you all a healthy and prosperous new year!

### **Energy Assistance**

Applications are being accepted from residents of East Granby who wish to apply for the Connecticut Energy Assistance program. This program is designed to help residents pay for heating costs. Please contact Social Services to review the income and eligibility guidelines and to schedule an appointment.

### **Fuel Bank**

The East Granby Emergency Fuel Bank is available to residents of East Granby in an emergency situation. The Fuel Bank is funded solely by donations and gifts from the community. One hundred percent of the funds raised are given back to qualifying residents in the form of fuel assistance. Please contact Social Services for additional information.

### **Food Pantry**

Friend to Friend Food Pantry is available to help East Granby residents who need assistance supplementing their weekly grocery needs. If you feel you need to use the Food Pantry please contact Social Services to discuss if you qualify and how the pantry works. If your New Year's resolution was to get more involved in our community, the Food Pantry is in need of volunteers who are free in the evening and during the day to staff the Pantry. Volunteers are usually needed once a month or once every two months. Please call or e-mail Social Services if you are interested in volunteering.

### **Thrift Shop**

The Friend to Friend Thrift Store located at 32 Spoonville Road is now closed for the winter. We will be reopening in April. We are not accepting donations at this time.

### **Good Samaritan Program**

The Good Samaritan Program is looking for volunteers who are interested in lending a hand to assist seniors in maintaining their independence and maintaining their home. This is a flexible program that can work with your schedule. The time commitment is as big or small as you are interested in giving. For more information call Social or Senior Services at (860) 413-3328 or (860) 413-3334.

## DAR Holds Good Citizens Meeting

The Abigail Phelps Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution held its Good Citizens meeting on November 17th honoring students and veterans. Karen DiMenna, Good Citizens Chair, introduced the three young people: Maia Czaikowski from Simsbury High School; Lily Holm from Granby Memorial High School; and Sarah Martin from East Granby High School. These outstanding students each received the NSDAR Good Citizens award by demonstrating the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. The Chapter also recognized two Simsbury veterans for their military

service and good citizenship. Debbie Payne introduced Loering M. Johnson, US Army, and Benjamin J. Walker, US Navy. Payne stated, "In addition to bravely serving their country during WWII, these two gentlemen have had a very positive impact on our community with their extensive volunteer work. They are excellent role models for the students here today because they demonstrate that being a good citizen is a lifelong commitment."



*Back row, left to right: Lynn Stewart, Regent; Karen DiMenna, Good Citizens Chair; Sarah Martin, East Granby; Maia Czaikowski, Simsbury; Lily Holm, Granby; and Debbie Payne, CTDAR State Historian*  
*Front row: Benjamin Walker and Loering Johnson*

## East Granby Senior Club

The East Granby Senior Club meets the second Friday of each month for lunch and a program and is open to anyone 55 years and older. Dues are \$10.00 per year and \$10.00 for each meal. A reservation must be made by the Tuesday before each meeting by calling Carol Carrara at (860) 653-5273. If you need a ride on the bus, please call (860) 413-3327. Please remember calls are separate and each should be made.

No meeting is scheduled for the month of January. The February 12th meeting at 12:00 PM features a lunch of pizza and dessert and the program will be bingo with small prizes. The cost is \$10.00 for members. On March 11th at 12:00 PM the lunch will be lemon chicken, rice, and cookies. The program will be a St. Patrick's Day program by "Big" John Hartman. The cost is \$10.00 for members.

## Upcoming Historical Society Programs

East Granby Historical Society's free programs are open to the public and begin at about 7:30 PM following a brief 7:00 PM business meeting and take place at the East Granby Senior/Community Center:

- **"Electronic Archaeology: Digging for Historical Information on the Internet"** will be held on Monday January 25th, presented by East Granby residents Rick Woods and Tom Howard. While the World Wide Web has made historical research and genealogy more accessible to anyone with a computer, it's not always easy. Here's help from our local experts.
- **"Native American Archaeology of Connecticut"** will be held Tuesday, March 15th, presented by Dr. Brian Jones. Join our new State Archaeologist for a fascinating exploration of our state's history before the arrival of European settlers.

For more information about the Historical Society please visit [eastgranby.com/historicalsociety](http://eastgranby.com/historicalsociety) or contact Nancy Moody at [moodynancy@att.net](mailto:moodynancy@att.net).

### **"A Very Special Christmas for an East Granby Woman"**

It was a typical New England winter in East Granby and most assuredly a Christmas that Anna Viets would remember forever. The year was 1920. Anna and Charles Palmer Viets had been married for 32 years. Charles was a cattle dealer and owned a large farm. They had one son, Leon, who farmed alongside him in the family business. He, his wife Grace, and their three young children shared the farmhouse with Anna and Charles. Anna surely was thrilled with her grandchildren but needed more space.

This particular Christmas, Charles presented Anna with a deed to a new charming four bedroom bungalow! We East Granby residents know this bungalow as the white house at East Granby Farms, which is now occupied by the offices of the Town Parks & Recreation Department and Youth Services. The Historical Society barn stands on the site of the Viets' farmhouse and the painted silo still shows the initials of Leon Hastings Viets. A postcard dated December 14, 1920 shows the newly constructed bungalow with these words written on the back: "Dear sirs: You asked for a snapshot of our bungalow when it was finished and here it is. We took possession just five months and a day from the time it was unloaded here and it is just fine. My husband presented me with a deed of it for a Christmas gift. Our farmhouse occupied by our son and family shows to the north. The picture was taken Dec. 14. We certainly are having a typical New England winter. Yours very truly, Mrs. C.P. Viets."

However, many in town have always referred to this bungalow as the Sears house, since during this time, ordering homes from a Sears catalog to be delivered and constructed was not uncommon. It was recently discovered that this house is actually a Gordon Van Tine model 517-B, although it resembles the Sears Hazelton model. Gordon Van Tine was a competitor of Sears as far as selling lumber and kit homes, starting in 1907 (Sears began in 1908).

Note from Nancy Moody: All of this information was forwarded to me through others who saw this on the blog of Rachel Shoemaker. Her quirky hobby since 2008 is finding and identifying mail order homes. She purchased the above-

mentioned postcard for her collection and set about researching it. I have been in contact with her and she enthusiastically gave permission to use any of her researched information. I've compared the floor plan she posted to the actual East Granby building. The bungalow was constructed with the floor plan reversed—probably to take advantage of a southern exposure for the large dining room windows. Also, upon being acquired by the town, the staircase to the second floor was removed in order to make the bathroom wheelchair-accessible.

Anna and Charles Viets lived in this charming bungalow with Charles' 80 year old mother Sarah. Charles died in 1947 at the age of 84. Anna died in 1951 at age 88. They were married for 60 years. The next time you pass by this still-charming house, or have the chance to go inside, you'll now know the true Christmas story behind it!

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## Capitol Roundup

*Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61<sup>st</sup> District*

The run up to the holiday season was uncharacteristically busy for the legislature, which held a one-day special session December 8th to tackle a growing state budget deficit that was, at that time, at least \$350 million. That special session came on the heels of weeks of bipartisan talks that saw both Republicans and Democrats—the governor too—agree on many solutions to immediate problems. Still, there was a great divide on one critical point: I joined Republicans in contending we should use the opportunity to take meaningful steps toward addressing root issues driving this perpetual fiscal crisis, while majority party Democrats pledged to tackle that job some time down the road. In the end, there were a few more votes for the short term fix, ensuring that members of the legislature will be focusing on mopping up red ink for the foreseeable future.

Part of the conversation that day included talk on a so-called “lock box” for transportation funds. The legislature, over the years, has habitually raided the Special Transportation Fund for things other than its intended purpose such as road and bridge repair. The governor and majority legislators proposed a “lock box” to reverse that trend. Problem was, the plan didn't define transportation expenses and it failed to designate what revenue streams would feed the lock box. So, was a weak lock box better than none at all? Ultimately, I joined some legislators in voting against the plan because it created a false sense that transportation-related taxes will actually be used for transportation-related expenses. In addition, its proponents issued their plan on the same day their budget fix raided \$35 million from the Special Transportation Fund, undermining their effort. As a theory, the “lock box” concept is attractive. However, it needs to be ironclad, and both the revenues and expenses associated with it need to be clearly defined. Gov. Malloy has signaled he'll push the issue again during the coming legislative session.

I've kept close watch on the Old New-Gate reconstruction project, and I'm happy to report that work on the guard house—by far the largest and most complex part of the project—is essentially complete, and the jobsite has been buttoned up for the winter. Work scheduled for early spring includes landscaping the disturbed areas, rebuilding a retaining wall, and adding more lighting to the mine. State officials believe a 2016 opening is within reach, and when it does a new museum director will be in place—interviews for the job are underway now.

The 2016 legislative session begins February 3rd, and I'll be continuing my work on the Appropriations, Transportation and Planning and Development Committees. I'll provide you with updates along the way, and I encourage you to contact me if you have any issues or ideas you'd like to discuss concerning state government. You can reach me at (860) 240-8700 or [tami.zawistowski@housegop.ct.gov](mailto:tami.zawistowski@housegop.ct.gov), or contact me through social media at [facebook.com/repzawistowski](https://www.facebook.com/repzawistowski) or on twitter [@tamizawistowski](https://twitter.com/tamizawistowski).

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## News From The Democrats

The Democratic Town Committee would like to thank all those who participated in this year's municipal elections. We look forward to hearing the ideas of all residents as our elected members begin their terms. The participation and input of each person in the community is a crucial part of the decision making process. Look for the Democrat's upcoming survey of the town as we kick-off Vision 2020 to gather ideas on where you as a member of the East Granby community see our town in four years. You can join us at our DTC meetings the third Thursday of every month at the Senior/Community Center at 7:30 PM. For more information, contact Mike Malloy at [malloy07@gmail.com](mailto:malloy07@gmail.com).

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## Concerned Taxpayers of East Granby

CTEG is a non-partisan organization for East Granby taxpayers to promote a balance of town spending versus quality of services and affordability of living in town. CTEG promotes involvement of taxpayers in town government decision-making in order to ensure the economic viability of our community. Recently completed town business with significant impact on East Granby taxpayers includes:

- The schools' efficiency study completed in November, which featured analysis of excess school capacity and a recommendation for regionalization of the high school. A copy of the report may be obtained from First Selectman Jim Hayden's office at (860) 653-2576, or from the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Christine Mahoney, at (860) 653-6486.
- The recodification of town ordinances and new town fee structure that was approved at a Town Meeting on December 3rd. Substantive ordinance changes and new ordinances will follow this year. The complete rewrite of town ordinances and new fee structure is available for

review in person in the Town Clerk's Office, or the office will mail a copy to anyone, free of charge, on request. Call the Clerk's Office at (860) 653-6528 to request a copy.

- The teachers' contract that was brought to Town Meeting on December 17th, where only 42 out of 3400 eligible town residents showed up to vote on the multimillion dollar town expense that accounts for almost half of the annual town budget. The contract featured salary raises ranging from 2% to 7%, with the average about 5%. The contract was approved by a margin of 37-5. Copies of the contract are available from the Town Clerk.

Budget season is beginning again this month. Further deterioration in the state's fiscal condition and fundamental changes to the budget process will impact how the Board of Finance is able to finance this year's town budget, which is now well over \$20 million. The first BOF meeting on the budget will be held January 19th, at which Board members will discuss budget drivers with the BOS and BOE. The next budget meeting will be on February 11th, at which the BOF will provide FY2016-17 operating budget guidelines to the BOS and BOE. All BOF meetings start at 7:30 PM and are held in the Town Hall Hearing Room.

Past years in East Granby have been marked by budget referendums passing by as little as two votes. There is ample opportunity for your vote to count and to get involved. If you want your voice to be heard on matters of the town budget or municipal governance, go to Board meetings and show Board members that you're watching and will hold them accountable. Vote in the municipal elections and referendums. Do whatever you can to help keep our town government oriented responsibly. Come to a CTEG meeting to talk with likeminded neighbors and discuss your ideas.

All CTEG meetings are on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the East Granby Public Library, except those during holiday weeks (such as January & February). Our next meeting will be on February 8th. All CTEG meetings are open to the public. Come and find out what's going on in the community. Share your thoughts and concerns with people who are interested in keeping East Granby a great place to live, work, and retire. If you can't come to meetings, we're still interested in your ideas. For more information, call (860) 658-0268, e-mail [info.CTEG@cox.net](mailto:info.CTEG@cox.net), or visit the CTEG website at [www.egtaxpayers.org](http://www.egtaxpayers.org).



## Support East Granby Project Graduation

Purchase the 2016 Greater Hartford Taste Dining & Activity Book for \$25.00.

Many local restaurants, fine and fast food, entertainment and supermarkets for you to benefit from.

Thank you in advance for helping our Class of 2016!

To make a purchase call Tracy at: 860-930-4790

## EAST GRANBY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT... ...YOU HAVE OUR NUMBER, BUT WE CAN'T SEE YOURS

**>>> In any emergency, seconds count. <<<**

When Citizens contact 911 for fire, medical, or police emergency assistance, hidden or unreadable home numbers can result in precious lost time during an emergency. This is a constant problem for public safety personnel.

The East Granby Fire Volunteer Fire Department would like to help our Citizens receive a prompt response during any emergency. Please allow us to provide you with one of our new highly visible home address number signs. These signs allow the responding agencies to quickly identify your home after you call 911. If you are interested in our new sign program please feel free to contact the E.G.V.F.D. at [mailboxes@eastgranbyfire.com](mailto:mailboxes@eastgranbyfire.com)

If there is enough interest, we will proceed with the program. There will be a nominal fee for the materials, and installation will be free of charge. The installation will be done by the members of the Fire Department in a prominent location of your choice for easy visibility. Thank you in advance for helping us find you.

—The Members of the East Granby Volunteer Fire Department.



# Thank you!

## A note of gratitude to our town.

This past year the East Granby Friend to Friend Food Pantry and Thrift Shop asked you to be a friend to us many times and in many ways and we are humbled at the overwhelming response we have received. You have volunteered, collected, sponsored, donated and created with a smile and a happy-to-help attitude that speaks to the warmth and security of living in our small town. As we continue to carry on the legacy that created the Pantry in 1991, we are overjoyed to see four generations of neighbors helping and caring for each other.

Your contributions to the pantry were creative and inspiring: Two "Fill-a-Truck" Food Drives sponsored by Geisslers that benefited both the East Granby and Granby Pantries; talented gardeners donating the fruits of their labor; a young lady who asked that her birthday gifts be used to sponsor a child for Christmas; a donation-sponsored swim across the English Channel; and personal holiday celebrations that collected donations for the pantry. And those folks are in addition to our 'perpetual' friends, who help us every year so we can always offer a hand to a family in need.

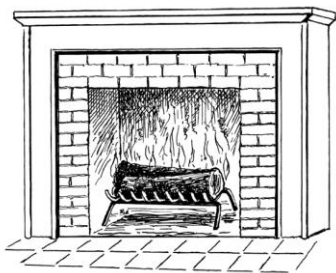
This past year, we also had help from the Boy Scouts, Copper Hill Methodist Church, Cub Scouts, Dolce Mama's Confections, East Granby Congregational Church, East Granby Fire Department, East Granby Public Library, East Granby Public School Students, East Granby Town Employees, East Granby Veteran's Club, Expressions Pottery Workshop, First National Bank of Suffield, Geisslers, Girl Scouts, Highland Park Market, Overhaul Support Services, Oxen Hill Farm, Stop and Shop, Stub Hub and the Women's Club of East Granby.

We developed our logo and branding to put a "face" to Friend to Friend Food Pantry that reflects our mission of helping our neighbors in need. We created a Facebook page (visit and Like Us, please). And we also mailed our First Annual Campaign to town residents and businesses in November and will acknowledge those gifts once the campaign officially wraps up in March.

Thank you for being our friend. We wish you a New Year that brings peace, joy and good health.







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## WINTER FIRES – SAFETY TIPS FOR THE HOME

The following fire safety tips can help you maintain a fire safe home this winter.

### WOOD STOVES AND FIREPLACES

- Be sure the stove or fireplace is installed properly. Woodstoves should have adequate clearance (36") from combustible surfaces, and proper floor support and protection.
- Woodstoves should be of good quality, solid construction and design, and should be UL listed.
- Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary, especially if it has not been used for some time.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening, to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out, unwanted material from going in, and help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants.
- The stove should be burned hot twice a day for 15-30 minutes to reduce the amount of creosote buildup.
- Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires in fireplaces. It is possible to ignite creosote in the chimney by overbuilding the fire.
- Never burn charcoal indoors. Burning charcoal can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide (CO).
- Before you go to sleep, be sure your fireplace fire is out. **NEVER** close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper will help the fire heat up again and will force toxic carbon monoxide (CO) into the house.
- If synthetic logs are used, follow the directions on the package. Never break a synthetic log apart to quicken the fire or use more than one log at a time. They often burn unevenly, releasing higher levels of carbon monoxide.

### FURNACE HEATING

- It's important that you have your furnace inspected to insure that it is in good working condition.
- Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shutoffs are in proper working condition.
- Leave furnace repairs to qualified specialists. Do not attempt repairs yourself unless you are qualified.
- Inspect the walls and ceiling near the furnace and along the chimney line. If the wall is hot or discolored, additional pipe insulation or clearance may be required.
- Check the flue pipes and pipe seams. Are they well supported? Free of holes, and cracks? Soot along or around seams may be an indicator of a leak.
- Is the chimney solid? No cracks or loose bricks? All unused flue openings should be sealed with solid masonry.
- Keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.

- Consult your local building official and fire marshal before making any changes that will affect your furnace room or, if you suspect you have a problem now, contact a state-licensed heating contractor for an evaluation.

### OTHER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and well away from the house.
- Never use a range or an oven as a supplementary heating device. Not only is it a safety hazard, it can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.
- If you use an electric heater, be sure not to overload the circuit. Only use extension cords, which have the necessary rating to carry the amp load.
- Avoid using electric space heaters in bathrooms, or other areas where they may come in contact with water.
- Frozen water pipes? Never try to thaw them with a blowtorch or other open flames, (otherwise the pipe could conduct the heat and ignite the wall structure inside the wall space). Use hot water or a UL labeled device such as a hand held dryer for thawing.
- If windows are used as emergency exits in your home, practice using them in the event fire should strike. Be sure that all windows open easily. Home escape ladders are recommended.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your home you can assist the fire department by keeping the hydrant clear of snow so in the event it is needed, it can be located.
- Keep all doorways/exits free from snow in case you need to use them in an emergency.

### SMOKE DETECTORS

- Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke detector, and be sure to check and clean it on a monthly basis. Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years.
- Have a working CO detector in your home.

**The East Granby Fire Marshal's Office has a smoke detector replacement program where we will come out and show you how to test your detectors as well as inspect them for replacement. We offer new batteries and replacement battery operated detectors to our residents free of charge. Please contact our office to set up a home visit.**

To contact the Fire Marshal's Office call 860-653-3444 or e-mail [KennethB@egtownhall.com](mailto:KennethB@egtownhall.com), [Jleahey@egtownhall.com](mailto:Jleahey@egtownhall.com) or, [Ddeskis@egtownhall.com](mailto:Ddeskis@egtownhall.com)

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# East Granby Soccer Association

of East Granby

## Spring 2016 CCER season is HERE!

Registration is now *open* for *In-Town* and *Travel* Soccer

Registration open until **March 31st**

In-Town Mini Soccer: \$85

Travel Soccer: \$110 (Early bird discount available until 2/22/2016)  
(Late fee applied after 03/20/2016)

Please go to [www.eastgranbysoccer.com](http://www.eastgranbysoccer.com) to sign up

**The Saturday Mini-Soccer at Seymour School Starts 04/23/2016**

*Saturday Morning mini-soccer typically lasts 8 weeks*

**U5 Dinomites - 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM**

**U6 Dinomites - 9:35 AM to 10:35 AM**

**U8 Development (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) - 10:40 AM to 11:50 AM**

**The Travel program is for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

*TRAVEL TEAMS TYPICALLY **PRACTICE TWICE PER WEEK** IN EAST GRANBY. PRACTICES ARE EXPECTED TO START IN MARCH, DAYS ARE TBD BY COACHES. GAMES ARE PLAYED ON SATURDAYS/SUNDAYS IN EAST GRANBY AND SURROUNDING TOWNS (FARMINGTON VALLEY AREA)*

**Questions can be directed to Lance Strzegowski:**

**lances0215@gmail.com or (860-490-0205)**



EGSA is a non-profit organization that is dependent on volunteers. Please contact Lance if you are able to volunteer to help with the Saturday morning's In-town program (ex: coach, assist. coach, lining field. Etc.).

***Please consider volunteering!***



# **Allgrove School**

## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

### **February 23<sup>rd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Registration for children who are entering Kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year will take place at Allgrove School, 33 Turkey Hills Road on the following dates:

**Tuesday**  
**February 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
9:00-11:00 a.m.

**Wednesday**  
**February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00-11:00 a.m.  
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday**  
**February 25<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00-11:00 a.m.

The paperwork takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete and needs to be filled out at the school. At the time of registration, we will also be scheduling a visit for kindergarten orientation that will take place in the spring. It is important that students be registered during the above dates. If you are not able to attend one of the registration dates, please call Donna Mattera at 860-653-2505.

Parents need to bring the following required items to school at the time of registration:

- 1. Child's Birth Certificate – A full size original birth certificate is needed. Wallet size cannot be accepted.**
- 2. Copy of Most Recent Physical & Immunizations**
- 3. Proof of Residency (ie. Copy of a paid phone bill, electric bill cable bill or signed lease in the parent/guardian name)**

All certificates and records will be copied and returned to you at the time of registration.

All pupils entering Kindergarten must be five years of age on or before January 1, 2017. Please be advised that pursuant to Section 10-184 of the Connecticut General Statutes, parents are required to register all children whose ages meet this eligibility for Kindergarten. If parents choose not to send their child to Allgrove Elementary School during this coming school year, please contact Donna Mattera at 860-653-2505.

All registration information must be completed before your child may begin Kindergarten. A health examination is required prior to August 19, 2016. Health examination forms are available from the school nurse at the time of registration.

# **East Granby Public School News**

## **East Granby Board of Education Vision Statement**

*The East Granby Public Schools is a learning community where students are inspired and engaged in rigorous and authentic learning experiences that prepare them to meet the demands of a changing world. Students pursue knowledge in 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environments that foster individual talents, skills, and interests so they may achieve their personal and career goals. Educators, parents, students, and community partners are important stakeholders in the success of the East Granby Public Schools. Together we work to ensure that students achieve high expectations and actualize their full potential to contribute to society.*

**The East Granby Board of Education is in the process of preparing the 2016-2017 budget. Several meetings are scheduled to discuss budget related matters. The regularly scheduled board meetings on January 11 and 25, 2016 and February 8 and 22, 2016 will include a discussion of budget issues. In early March the Board of Education will adopt a budget to present to the Board of Finance. The town-wide public hearing and town meetings are scheduled during the Month of April 2016.**

### **What You Can Do**

- *Become educated about the budget process and the issues our school district is facing that will affect day-to-day operations and planning for the future.*
- *Read the budget materials that are available on the Board of Education and town websites. It is important that you read all the information provided in our newsletters and on our website to know as much FACTUAL information as possible. If you have questions, go to the source.*
- *Watching the process will help you understand how it all comes together. These are public meetings and we encourage you to attend.*
- *Attend the Community Forum to learn more about the Educational Program, your town, and the Budget.*

## **Community Forum 2016**

**The East Granby Board of Education cordially invites you to join them at the *2016 Community Forum on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Granby Senior and Community Center.***

**Guest speaker, discussion groups, refreshments, door prizes, videos and slides of our learning community in action.**

## Timeline of Budget Events

<b>December 2015</b>	<b>January 2016</b>	<b>February 2016</b>
<b>December 7, 2015</b> Board of Education Meeting	<b>January 11, 2016</b> <b>January 25, 2016</b> Board of Education Regular Meetings	<b>February 8, 2016</b> <b>February 22, 2016</b> Board of Education Regular Meetings
	<b>January 26, 2016</b> Community Forum	<b>February 11, 2016</b> Board of Finance Meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Principals and Superintendent begin budget discussions week of December 7th - December 11th.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Superintendent and Business Manager work with the Board members to prepare the 2016-2017 budget.</li> <li>• Board of Education Budget Subcommittee Workshops.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Superintendent and Business Manager discuss 2016-2017 line item budget with the Board of Education.</li> <li>• Board of Education Chairperson presents the non-education budget estimates from the Board of Education to the Board of Finance.</li> <li>• Board of Finance gives budget guidelines to Board of Selectmen and Board of Education</li> </ul>

<b>March 2016</b>	<b>April 2016</b>	<b>May 2016</b>
<b>March 14, 2016</b> <b>March 28, 2016</b> Board of Education Regular Meetings	<b>April 18, 2016</b> Board of Education Regular Meeting	<b>May 9, 2016</b> <b>May 23, 2016</b> Board of Education Regular Meetings
<b>March 15, 2016</b> <b>March 24, 2016</b> Board of Finance meetings	<b>April 5, 2016</b> <b>April 19, 2016</b> Public Hearing/Town Meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board of Finance reviews Operating Budget proposals from Board of Selectmen and Board of Education.</li> <li>• Board of Finance provides directives for the Public Hearing Presentation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Hearing to finalize the Budget Proposal for the Town Meeting.</li> <li>• Town Meeting to establish the tax rate, effective July 1, 2016.</li> </ul>	

# East Granby High School Annual Achievement Report

## School Year 2014-2015 Report on Student Achievement of Academic Expectations

In each class offered at East Granby High School, teachers inform students of the academic expectations that link to the course(s), and discuss the three performance levels (3 – Exceeds Expectations, 2 - Meets Expectations, 1 – Needs Improvement, and 0 – Does Not Meet Expectations) used to measure student achievement. At the end of the school year, teachers prepare and discuss achievement of the academic expectations and course goals with students on an individual basis. Achievement is based on the performance criteria described for the learning expectation linked to that particular course(s). Teachers also prepared summative data to report on the percentages of students achieving at each performance level. The chart below demonstrates the academic expectation achievement levels for the 2014-2015 school years.

### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT OF ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS**

THE FOLLOWING DATA REFLECTS THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO WERE ENROLLED IN THE CLASS AND ACHIEVED AT OR ABOVE THE PROFICIENT LEVEL.

<b>Content Area</b>	<b>Expectation</b>	<b>% of students @ proficient and above</b>		
ART	#5. Demonstrate creative expression through communication or the arts.  #7. Demonstrate personal responsibility.	<b>#5</b>	<b>#7</b>	
		<b>Ceramics</b>	95%	95%
		<b>Ceramics II</b>	100%	100%
		<b>Ceramics III</b>	100%	100%
		<b>Adv Ceramics</b>	100%	100%
		<b>Crafts</b>	100%	100%
		<b>Drawing I</b>	100%	100%
		<b>Adv. Drawing</b>	100%	100%
		<b>Art Assistant</b>	100%	100%
		<b>Painting</b>	100%	100%
BUSINESS	#2. Demonstrate proficiency in the use of technology to communicate, research, and problem-solve.  #7. Demonstrate personal responsibility.	<b>#2</b>	<b>#7</b>	
		<b>Accounting I</b>	100%	100%
		<b>Financial Literacy</b>	100%	100%
		<b>Computer Graphics</b>	75%	88%
ENGLISH	#1. Demonstrate language proficiency through effective communication.  #7. Demonstrate personal responsibility.	<b>#1</b>	<b>#7</b>	
		<b>CP English I</b>	94%	90%
		<b>H English I</b>	100%	100%
		<b>CP English II</b>	96%	89%
		<b>H English II</b>	100%	100%
		<b>CP English III</b>	59%	73%
		<b>H English III</b>	91%	91%
		<b>CP English IV</b>	89%	94%
		<b>H English IV</b>	100%	100%
		<b>AP English</b>	100%	100%
		<b>Creative Comp. I</b>	100%	93%
		<b>Expo &amp; Arg.</b>	100%	100%

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE	<p>#2. Demonstrate proficiency in the use of technology to communicate, research, and problem-solve.</p> <p>#4. Apply scientific concepts and critical thinking skills to reach logical and reasoned conclusions.</p> <p>#5. Demonstrate creative expression through communication or the arts.</p> <p>#7. Demonstrate personal responsibility.</p>	<table> <tr> <td></td><td><b>#2</b></td><td><b>#7</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Child Dev I</b></td><td>100%</td><td>100%</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Child Dev II</b></td><td>100%</td><td>100%</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Fabrics</b></td><td>100%</td><td>100%</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td><b>#4</b></td><td><b>#7</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Foods I</b></td><td>100%</td><td>97%</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td><b>#5</b></td><td><b>#7</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Foods II</b></td><td>100%</td><td>100%</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td><b>#2</b></td><td><b>#7</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Foods Assist.</b></td><td>100%</td><td>100%</td></tr> </table>		<b>#2</b>	<b>#7</b>	<b>Child Dev I</b>	100%	100%	<b>Child Dev II</b>	100%	100%	<b>Fabrics</b>	100%	100%		<b>#4</b>	<b>#7</b>	<b>Foods I</b>	100%	97%		<b>#5</b>	<b>#7</b>	<b>Foods II</b>	100%	100%		<b>#2</b>	<b>#7</b>	<b>Foods Assist.</b>	100%	100%									
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Science – 73.8

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Science – 88.5

AP exams are scored on a 1-5 scale. A score of 3 is accepted by most colleges for college credit.

	Number of students who took the exam	Number of students who scored a "3" or higher
AP US History	4	2
AP English Lit & Comp	15	14
AP Calculus	7	6
AP Statistics	8	7
AP Psychology	31	24
AP English Lang.	35	20
AP Biology	26	23
AP Spanish	5	5
AP Chemistry	10	1
AP French	1	1

### **Significant Class of 2015 Performances**

All 62 members of the Class of 2015 successfully completed the community service requirement and demonstrated proficiency or better on all the academic expectations in their course of study over the four- year period of enrollment. The Class of 2015 had a critical reading SAT average score of 560, a writing SAT average score of 549, and mathematics SAT average score of 569. Members of the Class of 2015 were able to demonstrate the civic and social expectations in a variety of ways, as observed by teachers and counselors, in service to school clubs and organizations, participation in community-oriented activities, and in Class sponsored activities over the four- year period. Each senior successfully outlined and planned for his/her post high school endeavors. Statistics for the Class of 2015 showed that 88 % departed for college, 5 % for the military, and 7% for immediate employment.

## **Activities and Accomplishments in the East Granby Public Schools**

We are almost half way through the 2015-2016, school year and we anticipate that it will be another year ripe with successes. We are already celebrating with East Granby Middle School teacher, Mrs. Susan Rosenstein who was recently named Social Studies Teacher of the Year by the Connecticut Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. We extend hearty congratulations to Mrs. Rosenstein on this remarkable achievement that follows her East Granby Teacher of the Year recognition two years ago, when she was a state semi-finalist.

We are also celebrating a second consecutive year of East Granby High School being named to the College Board's AP Honor Roll. The students and school earned a place on the 6th Annual Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Roll based on the increase in the number of students taking AP courses while increasing and or maintaining the number of students earning AP exam scores of 3 or higher. We are very proud of our learning community where administrators, faculty and students work conscientiously to ensure high academic performance.

To further support our students academically, we are this year piloting Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) classes to provide additional learning opportunities for our students who will take the SAT exam for college admissions and as Connecticut's grade 11 Standardized Assessment in March. School Counselors are encouraging students to take full advantage of this opportunity.

I am pleased to inform you RSCC Wire & Cable of East Granby has once again made an annual contribution, this year in the amount of \$5,000, to the East Granby Public Schools to be used to further enhance or supplement existing educational programs, classroom equipment, supplies or materials.

We have begun taping segments for the 2015-2016 ***Your Schools*** program that airs on GCTV. Recently, Mr. Christopher Roche was featured discussing exciting happenings at R. D. Seymour school including, Genius Hour and Global Read Aloud. You may view a video of these programs by visiting the school website or watching the second segment of Your Schools on GCTV. The first segment featured high school Principal, Mr. David Peling sharing information about East Granby High school.

At the November 23, 2015 Board of Education meeting we recognized a number of individuals from our community who have given their time and shared their expertise in support of our student. There was also an informative curriculum presentation by Susan Cavanagh showing students engaged in the learning process. Please view the GCTV recording of that evenings' program. The high school band and chorus provided entertainment and Mrs. McCabe's classes provided delicious refreshments.

<http://gctv16.org/viewshows/view/eastgranbyconcert/>

<http://gctv16.org/viewshows/view/eastgranbyboardofe2/>

The East Granby Public Schools has established a connection with our **Alumni**. We have populated a web site that will allow us to communicate with our graduates.

You may **access the site via the internet** –

**Type: East Granby High School**

From the **East Granby High School** main page, follow these instructions:

On the East Granby High School main page, scroll down to view the **Links** under the column on the left side of the page

Under 'Links' **click on EGHS Alumni**

You will see a welcome message and will have access to information and forms to connect and submit contact information. You may submit news, information about special events, or request information by using the following web address:

[\*\*egalumni@eastgranby.k12.ct.us\*\*](mailto:egalumni@eastgranby.k12.ct.us)

**We strongly encourage you to utilize the alumni site to learn more about activities in the East Granby Public Schools, read our Edlines Newsletters, Special Bulletins, and view videos and photos.**

Do you know what your child is doing on the internet after school?

Please watch out for an announcement about an evening program with Scott Driscoll, from Internet Safety Concepts, who will discuss internet safety, including sharing snapshots and cautions about a website called 'After School.' Scott Driscoll will meet with faculty, staff and students during the school day and will then address parents in an evening session.

For more information about your award winning schools, follow the link below to the December Edlines newsletter.

<http://www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us/files/LVB1W/58b85721582bdad73745a49013852ec4/December2015.pdf>

Thank you for your continued support of the East Granby Public Schools.

*Dr. Christine Mahoney*, Superintendent of Schools

The Youth Service Bureaus of East Granby and Granby present:

## Winter Round Table Parent Discussion Series:

# HOW TO TALK TO YOUR KIDS

<b>Topic 1: RISKY BEHAVIOR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When do we start the conversation?</li><li>• How do we deal with uncomfortable topics?</li><li>• Is it worth the effort?</li></ul> <b>Monday January 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Topic 4: CUTTING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is self-harm?</li><li>• What causes it?</li><li>• How do we treat it?</li></ul> <b>Monday February 29th 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Topic 2: HEROIN ADDICTION IN SUBURBAN YOUTH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Causes</li><li>• Prevention</li><li>• Treatment</li></ul> <b>Monday January 25th 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Topic 5: SEXUAL ASSAULT ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How do we safeguard our kids (boys <i>and</i> girls)?</li><li>• How do we teach consent, the impact of alcohol and other drugs, and making healthy choices?</li></ul> <b>Monday March 14th, 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Topic 3: SUICIDE RISKS IN SUBURBAN YOUTH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Signs and risks</li><li>• Intervention</li></ul> <b>Monday February 8th 7:00 PM</b>	<i>The more you know...</i>

### Registration Required

Please call AnneMarie Cox at (860) 844-5355 to register *for each individual session*.

Discussions will be held at the

**Granby Youth/Senior Center**

15 C North Granby Road, Granby, CT

Coffee and tea will be provided.



## EAST GRANBY SENIOR CENTER

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### **DIAL-A-RIDE ON THE MINI BUS**

- ❶ Grocery, Pharmacy & Banking every Wednesday
  - ❷ Doctor, Dentist, Hairdresser & Personal Care Appointments every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Appointments should be scheduled no earlier than 9:00 AM and no later than 3:00 PM.
  - ❸ Retail Shopping, Trips & Community Events on Mondays and Fridays.
- Check the Senior Moments Newsletter calendars for the bus schedule and call (860)413-3327 at least 24 hours in advance. Your reservation will be recorded on the voicemail system and a driver will call you to confirm. There is no charge to use the Mini Bus but an annual donation of \$20 is greatly appreciated.

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### **BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC – PROVIDED BY THE FARMINGTON VALLEY VNA**

**MONDAYS~ FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> 11:00AM-12:00PM.**

The Farmington Valley Visiting Nurses Association will be at the East Granby Senior Center providing free blood pressure screenings. No appointment necessary.

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### **HOW CAN YOU RESIST DELICIOUS FOOD?**

Enjoy a hot meal every Tuesday and Thursday at the **Granby Senior Center**—a *Connecticut Community Renewal Team Program*. A donation of \$2.00 is suggested. Call **(860)844-5352** on Friday for a reservation for the following week. Call the minibus if you need a ride **(860)413-3327**

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**CT INFO LINE—DIAL 211**—Vital resource to find available community services.

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

**CONSUMER LAW PROJECT FOR ELDERS**—Free legal assistance for seniors with consumer problems. **Call (800)296-1467.** *The Senior Services office offers resource information on Senior Housing, Home Health Care Services as well as general information for seniors.*

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### **EXERCISE CLASSES, PROGRAMS AND SHOPPING**

**PEDI—CARE FOR YOUR FEET**—Professional foot care is provided by a licensed nurse the 1st 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 appointment. Cost \$29

**GET FIT EXERCISE CLASSES**—Mondays and Wednesdays 10:00 AM-11:00 AM—Senior Center—\$4.00 walk-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.

**LINE DANCING CLASS**- Tuesdays 10:00 AM-11:30AM at the East Granby Farms Recreation Center - \$5.00 walk-in cost. Come on down and enjoy some great music and learn some fun line dances. It's a great way to exercise while having fun!

### **SHOPPING TRIPS:**

- **JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, FEBRUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> – MRS. MURPHY'S & OCEAN STATE JOB LOT**
- **FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> – CHRISTMAS TREE SHOP**
- **FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> - ENFIELD**
- **FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> – WALMART**
- **MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> – TARGET, PETCO, DOLLAR TREE**

## **\*\* NEW\*\* Technology Workshops**

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27TH AND FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19TH**

Do you have a cell phone you don't know how to work? A new ipad or tablet you need help with? Or do you just want to know more about what a smart phone or tablet is and how to use it? Wondering what all those "buzz" words like Skype and Facebook are all about? Have no fear—youth volunteers will be here! They can answer questions and help with any technology questions you have. **January 27th Workshop: 5:30-7:00pm. (Reservation due by January 21st). February 19th Workshop: 10:00-11:30. (Reservation due by February 11th). Both workshops to be held at the East Granby Senior Center. There is no charge however, you must register by the deadline.**

## **SENIOR CENTER TRIPS AND PROGRAMS**

**FRIDAY JANUARY 29TH—Lunch Bunch—Feng Asian Bistro—Canton, CT—Ring in the Chinese New Year in style! It's the Year of the Monkey and we will celebrate with wonderful Asian cuisine. Depart the Senior Center at 11:30 AM. Reservation by January 22nd.**

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5TH—William Benton Museum of Art —Storrs, CT—The William Benton Museum of Art is Connecticut's State art museum, located on the University of Connecticut campus. Drawing largely from its collection of over 6,500 works of art, the Museum presents exhibitions of art dating from the 15th through the 21st centuries. This docent led tour will cover all three of the galleries including the permanent collection and an exhibit in conjunction with UCONN Reads: Race in America based on the campus-wide reading of New York Times best seller The New Jim Crow. We will stop for lunch at Geno's Grille on the way home. Depart the Senior Center at 9:30am. Cost is \$7 (not including lunch). Reservation and payment due by January 25th.**

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26TH—Lunch Bunch—@ The Barn—Granby, CT—@ the Barn caters to every guest's need. Menu offerings include steaks, seafood, and raw bar with a variety of small plates. Depart the Senior Center at 11:30 AM. Reservation by February 19th.**

**TUESDAY MARCH 8TH—Irish Festival—Let's celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a delicious traditional Irish feast & the powerful, expressive & pristine harmonies of the *Kerry Boys*-dynamic Connecticut Balladeers performing their humorous, high energy show with a wide collection of traditional & original songs. It's sure to be a fabulous time! **12:00PM at the East Granby Senior Center. Cost is \$12. Reservation and payment due by February 29th.****

**Join our mailing list to receive the Senior Moments Newsletter.  
Call (860) 413-3334 or email [kellyj@egtownhall.com](mailto:kellyj@egtownhall.com) to sign up.**

# EAST GRANBY PARKS & RECREATION

WINTER 2016

860-653-7660

## CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL THE LATEST PROGRAMS! EASY SIGNUP!!



[www.eastgranbyrec.com](http://www.eastgranbyrec.com)

### Refunds

We offer refunds for medical reasons or canceled programs. A doctor's note is required for a medical refund.

### Cancellation Policy

School activities have priority over the Parks & Recreation activities. When school is canceled, due to inclement weather, all recreation activities held in the schools will be cancelled. Regarding programs other than those held in public schools, a decision to cancel the program will be made by 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday, OR one hour prior to the start of the program on Saturday and Sunday. Cancellations will be announced on the following radio and TV stations: WTIC-1080, WFSB- TV3, WVIT -TV30 or call 860 -653-7660 for a recorded announcement.

**Recreation Office Hours -Monday - Thursday**  
8:00AM - 4:00PM

### Introduction to Horseback Riding Ages 3 and Up

Dates: January 19, 26, February 2

Time: 4:30—5:30 PM

Where: End Of Hunt Training Center

Location: 1360 Hill Street, Suffield, CT

Cost: \$90.00

This program is for new or beginner riders. An approved safety riding helmet will be provided. Participants must wear jeans or riding pants and shoes with low heels.



### Indoor Playground

Date: Mondays until February 15th

Time: 10:00 AM—11:30 PM

Where: East Granby Farms Recreation Center

Ages: 0—5 with parent or caretaker

Cost: **FREE**

The indoor playground is a great place during those cold winter months with lots of room to run and play on our riding, pushing and climbing toys. Parents must supervise their children.

### Game & Craft Day

Date: Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

Time: 10:00AM - 12:30PM

Where: East Granby Farms Recreation Center

Who: East Granby residents

Ages: 5 – 12 Cost: \$12.00

Join the East Granby Parks & Recreation

Department for a great time playing board games and making some fun crafts. A cheese pizza lunch will be served. Limited enrollment!

### Let's Gogh Art presents . . . Robots Eat Ice Cream



Date: Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9:00AM – 12 Noon

Where: East Granby Farms Recreation Center

Ages: 5 thru 12 Cost: \$29.00

Paint ceramic robot banks with shining colors. Then learn about textures and print making by using a surprising array of everyday objects to create colorful ice cream collages. Finally, design metallic robots using miscellaneous hardware. Cool! Don't miss the Art-rageous fun!



### ZUMBA CORE returns with Caitlin Sullivan

*Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy to follow moves to create a dynamic workout system that will blow you away. Learn to Salsa, Cumbia, Merengue, Hip Hop, Belly Dance and much more!*

Date: 6 Mondays beginning January 11th

Time: 6:00PM – 7:00PM

Where: East Granby Farms Recreation Center

Cost: \$40.00 for 6 week program or \$10 walk-in.

Punch Cards \$70.00 for 10 classes

### ZUMBA with Renee Klucznik

Date: 6 Tuesdays beginning January 5th

Time: 6:00PM – 7:00PM

Where: East Granby Farms Recreation Center

Cost: \$40.00 for 6 week program or \$10 walk-in.

Punch Cards \$70.00 for 10 classes



# East Granby Public Library



January 2016 (860) 653-3002 [www.egpl.org](http://www.egpl.org) visit us on Facebook

## Juried Art Show

January 30th – March 5th



Artist: Diane Caswell Christian, "The Perfect Moment"

East Granby Public Library

### Opening Reception

January 30th  
6–8pm

#### Accepting Artwork

Jan. 21st 6pm to 8pm

Jan. 23rd 10am to 2pm

### Afternoon at the Movies

Wednesdays at 1:00pm

January 6th

#### "A Walk In the Woods"

R, 105min

Old friends decide to hike the 2,200 mile Appalachian Trail

January 13th

#### "The Walk"

PG, 123min

Walking the void between the World Trade Center towers

January 20th

#### "Learning to Drive"

R 90min

A story of companionship, loneliness & resilience

January 27th

#### "A Brilliant Young Mind"

PG 113min

Inspired by true events

February 3rd

#### "Groundhog Day"

PG 101min

Romantic comedy w/Bill Murray



### Story Time

Tues. 10:30 a.m. for 2's

Thurs. 1:30 p.m. for 3's

Our theme for the next few weeks is winter, snow, mittens and more.

Everyone is welcome!

### Save the Date!!

Saturday, February 6th

### Take A Child to the Library Day!

Bring the whole family for a discussion of "healthy, clean eating for kids", games, crafts followed by a family Yoga class! Sign up for this event PLEASE!! Dress up as your favorite story book character or your favorite "healthy" food!



### Bedtime Story Time

Thursday, January 14th

with Mrs. Hart

at 6:30pm

For more information:  
860-653-3002

## Meeting Schedule

Commission of Aging 6:30 (SC)..... 2/2 3/1  
Conservation 7:30 (TH).....2/3 3/2  
Board of Education (AS)..... 1/25 2/8 2/22 3/14  
Economic Development 7:30 (TH).....2/1 2/22  
Elementary School Committee.....As needed  
Board of Finance 7:30..... 2/11 3/15  
Park & Rec 7:30 (EGF).....2/4 3/3  
Planning and Zoning 7:00 (TH)..... 2/9 3/8  
Board of Selectman 6:30 (TH)..... 2/10 2/24 3/9  
Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 (TH)..... 2/2 3/1  
Youth Services Board 6:30 (EGF)..... 1/19 2/15

### Locations

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