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Let's Talk Turkey

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Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving!

As the weather turns colder and the reality sinks in that snow will soon be here, I wish everyone and their families a Happy Thanksgiving. November is a busy time of year and here are some highlights.

Elections: This year's national, state, and municipal elections are going to be held on Tuesday, November 8th at our traditional polling place, the Senior/Community Center. The polls will be open from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. This year's elections include the choice for President, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, State Representative, State Senate, and Town Registrars. Please don't forget to exercise your right to vote. If you have any questions regarding the election or absentee ballot you can contact the Town Clerk's office at (860) 653-6528

Power Outages: This is a good time to remind everyone that the Senior/Community Center is the Town's Emergency Shelter during times of prolonged power outages. The Emergency Shelter has food, water, charging stations, information, and much more. Please call the Selectmen's Office at (860) 413-3301 if you rely on electricity for life-saving equipment such as oxygen. We maintain a confidential list that emergency personnel use in the event of a power outage. Important numbers to remember are 911 for emergencies, (860) 653-5385 for non-emergency police matters, and 211 for information regarding what's available for emergency support statewide. To be automatically notified in case of emergency go to www.eastgranbyct.org and click on the "Citizen Alert" button in the middle of the page.

Statewide Emergency Drill: Just in time for winter storms, the Town is participating in a state wide drill on November 2nd, simulating a major weather event going through our area. This is an opportunity for our unified command of fire, police, public works, buildings, ambulance, emergency operations center, social, and senior services to work together to keep residents safe. While this is a drill, it is beneficial for all these departments to work together and to test systems and procedures so as to be ready in case of an emergency.

Leaf Pick-Up: There will be a town-wide leaf pick-up on November 19th. Please use the brown leaf bags sold at hardware stores and leave them at curb-side (no private roads) no later than 7:00 AM on Saturday the 19th.

Holiday Family Fun Day: Please see the article inside regarding three great family events that are being held on December 3rd. The Women's Club of East Granby is hosting Winter Wonderland at the Senior/Community Center; the East Granby Public Library and the newly formulated Youth Action Council are sponsoring a "gently used gift selection for family members" for kids to shop from. Additionally, the East Granby Fire Department and the Cub Scouts are hosting carnival games at the firehouse and firemen will give fire truck tours and the Cub Scouts will sell hot cocoa. Please make plans to participate in one, if not all, of the activities.

Town Plan of Conservation and Development Update (POCD): As mentioned in the August edition of *Let's Talk Turkey*, the POCD is a ten-year roadmap developed by the Planning and Zoning Commission for potential future growth and development. Two public hearings have been held for the community to provide feedback and the plan should be completed in November or December. For more information, please contact Community Development Director, Gary Haynes, at (860) 653-3444.

Bradley International Airport: Every ten years the airport also updates its Master Plan. The Master Plan guides the Airport's development and operational sustainability and covers five-, ten-, and 20-year horizons which follows FAA guidance and standards. The purpose of the Master Plan is to plan for future modernization, expansion, and to meet foreseeable aviation demand and customer needs. This process will take 18 months and in the upcoming year, the airport will hold public hearings regarding the plan.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!
Jim Hayden, First Selectman

Election Day is Approaching!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Senior/Community Center, 20 Center Street, East Granby. Make your voice heard and VOTE!



Absentee Ballots are now available from the Town Clerk for those who are unable to vote at the polls on Election Day for the following reasons:

- Illness or physical disability
- Absence from town during all voting hours
- Religious beliefs forbidding secular activity on voting day
- Serving as an elected official
- Active service in Armed Forces

You can apply for an absentee ballot in person or by mail. An application for an absentee ballot can be downloaded from the Town of East Granby's website at www.eastgranbyct.org – "Town Clerk"/"Elections." If you have any questions, please call the office at (860) 413-3304 or 3305.

If you have not registered to vote, the Registrar's Office will be open on Tuesday, November 1st from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM for in-person registration. Also, mail-in and on-line voter registration forms must be received in the office by November 1st. Such persons whose rights as to age, citizenship, or residence mature after November 1st may apply on November 7th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Registrar's Office.

Please call the Town Clerk's office at (860) 653-6528 if you need further information.

Free Removal of Junk or Abandoned Cars

The Town of East Granby, in cooperation with Mark's Auto Parts, is offering an opportunity for a property owner to remove and dispose of junk or abandoned vehicles on their property for FREE. Vehicles eligible for FREE removal are cars, pick-ups, or vans $\frac{3}{4}$ ton or smaller. Licensed automobile facilities do not qualify for this offer.



All you need to do is bring the title to the Assessor's Office and fill out a form. If you cannot find the title, the Assessor has an additional form that you can use in lieu of the title.

Remember, this removal is totally FREE. You must fill out a form by November 18th to take advantage of this opportunity.

Forms are available at the Assessor's Office Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 to 4:00 PM, or Friday from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. You can call them at (860) 653-2852 if you have any questions.

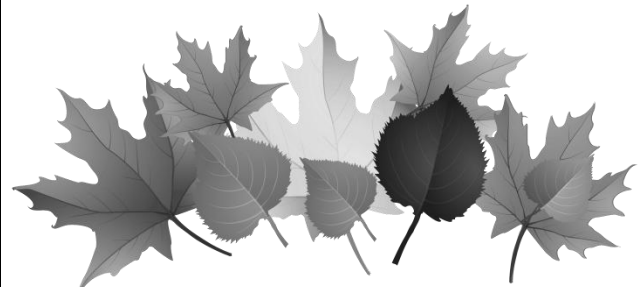
Commission on Aging Update

The Commission currently has two openings for Alternates. 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 ready and able to help people in town. If you have a need and are looking for help or if you know someone who could use 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) under "Boards and Commissions," "Commission on Aging (COA)". Join in and make our program a success.

If you haven't as yet joined the Facebook group "East Granby Seniors Place," go to Facebook.com and join. We are hoping that it can be a site to share information with the seniors of East Granby and improve communication within the town.

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.



Town-Wide Leaf Collection

Saturday, November 19th

The Town of East Granby will provide a town-wide leaf collection day on Saturday November 19, 2016.

Leaves must be in brown Earth bags which can be purchased at local hardware stores and need to be placed at the curbside prior to 7:00 AM November 19th.

Bags will not be picked up on private roads.

GAA Responds to 145 Emergencies in Sept.

Granby Ambulance Association is the primary ambulance provider for the communities of East Granby, East Hartland, and Granby. During the month of September, GAA responded to 145 emergencies. Thirty seven calls were in East Granby, six in East Hartland, 70 in Granby, and 32 in neighboring towns such as Granville, Simsbury, and Suffield. For the town of East Granby, the busiest days of the week in September were Thursdays between 1:00 and 2:00 PM.

We are also proud to announce a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in the East Granby Public Library. This purchase was made possible with a generous donation from the Women's Club of East Granby. Granby Ambulance provides CPR and First Aid training upon request. If you would like us to host a CPR/AED and First Aid class for your group, please e-mail us at info@granby-ambulance.org.

And as the days get shorter, Granby Ambulance wants to remind you that if you are out walking at night to please stay in well-lit areas, wear bright or reflective clothing, walk against traffic, and carry a flashlight so as to be more visible to passing cars. Be safe and have a wonderful fall.



Annual Turkey Supper

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*The East Granby Congregational Church
will hold its Annual Turkey Supper
with all the fixin's on
Saturday, November 5th, at the church.*

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*Cost will be \$15 for adults,
\$14 for seniors and children under 10.
Children under 3 are free.*

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*Seatings are at 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Please call Carol for reservations:
(860) 653-7995. Take outs are available.*

East Granby Social Services

Energy Assistance

Applications are now 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 incurred after September 1st. Please remember that proof of income from the previous four weeks is required for the application. Please contact Social Services to review the income/eligibility guidelines and to schedule an appointment.

Fuel Bank

The East Granby Fuel Bank is a fund available to town residents in need of assistance with heating fuel. This fund is available year round but is especially important in the cold winter months. 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. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please contact the office.

Food Pantry

Friend to Friend Food Pantry is available to assist 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 pantry works.

Holiday Baskets

Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner. This year Social Services will once again be providing holiday baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas to those in need in town. If you are interested in donating items for the baskets or sponsoring a child at Christmas please contact Alicia at Social Services. We are always in need of hats and mittens, hams, turkeys, cider, and gift cards.



Veterans Day Celebration Dinner

Theme: Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans
Date: Friday, Nov. 11, 2016 (Veterans Day)
Time: 5pm to 8pm
Location: East Granby Senior/Community Center
20 Center Street, East Granby

RGH in combination with the Town of East Granby invite **all veterans** plus one additional person to an evening of celebrating everything we have in common and to enjoy an evening together. The event will include a full dinner buffet with desert, followed by several short presentations. If you still fit in your military uniform, please feel free to wear it. For those of us that do not, casual dress is appropriate.

Please RSVP to by October 31 2016:

Phone: 860-3522333 ext 312

Email: jginsberg@fvhd.org



15th ANNUAL COOKIES-BY-THE-POUND SALE



Get in line early for East Granby
Congregational Church's Annual
Cookies-by-the-Pound Sale on Saturday,

December 17, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Dozens of homemade holiday cookies,
fudge, and candy novelties for your eating
pleasure. Cost will be \$8.50 per pound.

Don't miss this one!

Choosing an Effective Career

Do you want to make effective career choices which may or may not include attending college? Explore the types of further education available for adults, as well as information about different area schools plus other educational opportunities. The new Career Counselor at Asnuntuck Community College will give a presentation which will emphasize careers and educational choices for adult learners and answer your questions. It's never too late! If you (or someone you know) are interested in the possibility of continuing your educational journey or making a career change, come join Windsor Locks Adult Education on Monday, November 14th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at 58 S. Elm Street, Windsor Locks, CT. Contact us at adulted@wlps.org for more information.

Free Counseling Services

As part of its mission to serve and support the youth of East Granby, the Youth Service Bureau offers counseling services addressing emotional, behavioral, and mental health issues.

Counseling is available for resident youth under the age of age 18 and their families. The Youth Service Bureau provides parenting support, family therapy, and individual therapy, play therapy for children, school consultation, and referrals as necessary. School, parent and self-referrals are accepted.

The East Granby Youth Service Counselor, Sue Lawshe, is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who has worked with families in town since 2010. Some of the issues we can help to address include school behavior and/or peer relationship issues, family conflicts, anger management, substance abuse, suicide ideation, self-harm, depression, and anxiety. All services are professional and confidential.

The Harbor Opens in Granby

The Harbor, a free Sunday night gathering for LGBTQ community members to come together and share community, dinner, and a short service, began October 2nd at the First Congregational Church of Granby.



No matter who you are, how you move through the world, where you are in your life's journey, what you believe or what you don't believe, you are welcome to join with us in community, and be as much a part of us as you would like.

The goal of The Harbor is to provide a space for people to be welcome and accepted and fed, with a particular emphasis around making this a welcoming space for people who identify LGBTQ+.

The Sunday night gatherings are based around a community dinner. Dinner preparation starts at 4:45 PM, and everyone is welcome to show up early to help set up the space and help prepare the food. At 5:30 PM, a short service will be held, with simple songs, a theology-free community communion, and an opportunity for prayers. At 5:45 PM dinner is served, and everyone is welcome to eat their fill (and take any leftovers home at the end of the evening).

The Harbor is being coordinated by Elliot Altomare. Want to be in touch to learn more? You can follow along with The Harbor on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GranbyHarbor or send an e-mail to GranbyHarbor@gmail.com.

East Granby Cemetery Association

Gravestones are America's earliest sculpture. Among early American artifacts, they are unique in that each is dated and most are found in their original settings. The majority of artifacts from two or three hundred years ago have been relocated to museums or similar settings. Here are a few interesting questions pertaining to early gravestones:

Where are colonial burying grounds?

They are anywhere early settlers once lived, perhaps adjacent to a church or town common. They may be scattered through open fields, wooded areas, in cities or rural settings. The largest and oldest graveyards would be in the oldest cities. America's oldest maintained cemetery is the Myles Standish Burying Ground in Duxbury, MA, where many Mayflower pilgrims are buried.

How have cemeteries changed over time?

Images on stones correspond to certain time periods and reflected religious beliefs and attitudes. Often, the most important citizens had the taller stones and the tiny stones were for children. Carvings range from "death head"/stylized skull of the 1700s to the willow and urn of the 1800s. The mid 1800s saw the introduction of the rural garden cemetery. More ornate sculpture, obelisks, and mausoleums appeared during that time. The sternness of the Puritan 1600s was replaced by the "Age of Reason" of the 1700s. The 1800s showed an extravagance, love of nature, and open expression of sentiment. The twentieth century (experiencing two wars and a depression) is by comparison secular, impersonal, and business-like. We see rows of sensible, durable monuments of polished granite.

Why do the early headstones face west?

The bodies were laid head to the west, feet to the east, so that, at the sound of the cock's crow on the Day of Judgment, the resurrected dead would rise to the dawn.

What is the shape of early headstones?

The shape of the stones standing at the head and foot of colonial graves suggests the headboard and footboard of a bed. Their shape also suggests the arches and portals that, through death, the Puritans believed the soul must pass to enter eternity.

What materials were used?

The earliest graves were marked with local field stones or wood markers. Grave markers have been made of slate, sandstone, marble, granite, limestone, schist, or whatever stone was available. In the 17th and 18th centuries, slate was the most common material. Later sandstone and schist were often used. In the 19th century, white marble from Vermont was popular. Granite was the stone of choice in the 20th century.

Who carved the stones?

Most were quarried and carved not far from their present location. Gravestone carving was often a second, part-time occupation of stone masons and other craftsmen. Occasionally a friend or family member cut a stone. The work of an early carver was found in their town or the surrounding towns and can be identified by the kind of stone used, size and shape of the stone, the ornamental carving, lettering style, language, spacing, and spelling.

How is a carver identified?

Sometimes a stone carver signed his name or initials. Often the signature is discretely located or is underground. A stone carver can be identified by his style. Occasionally, by searching records, one can find the name of the carver in reference to payment made for the deceased's gravestone. Interest in identifying the men who carved the stones has grown enormously in recent years.

The information on early gravestones is provided by Daniel and Jessie Lie Farber as part of their gravestone studies.

We are very fortunate to have one of these ancient burying grounds right in the center of East Granby! The East Granby Center Cemetery originated in 1722 and has a rich and notable history relating to our town, state, and country. The East Granby Cemetery Association is a small group of volunteers who oversee the maintenance and preservation of the cemetery. We only meet about five times a year and we welcome new members. For information, please call John Rusnock, President, at (860) 653-2194. Donations for cemetery upkeep are much appreciated. Checks can be made payable to "East Granby Cemetery Association" and sent to Carol Mathis, Secretary, at 61 Cider Mill Heights, North Granby, CT 06060.

East Granby Historical Society News

"Time's A-Ticking," presented by Patti Philippon, Director of the American Clock and Watch Museum, will be offered on Monday, November 14th at 7:30 PM at the Senior/Community Center. Join us for a fascinating trip back in time to learn about clock-making in Connecticut, once the clock capital of the United States.

This free program is open to the public and will begin following a brief 7:00 PM business meeting. Refreshments will be served.

New members are welcome! Interested in helping to preserve and promote our town's unique history? Check out our website at www.eastgranby.com/historicalsociety or pick up a program brochure at the Library, Town Hall or Senior/Community Center.



News from the East Granby Land Trust

EGLT Annual Meeting

The East Granby Land Trust Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, November 10th at 7:00 PM. Our guest speaker is Brian Kleinman from Riverside Reptiles, who will present

"Snakes in Connecticut." Is that a Copperhead in my yard? Probably not, but you can find Copperheads, as well as 13 other species of snakes, here in Connecticut. In the first half of the program, there will be a PowerPoint presentation on the natural history and identification of Connecticut's native species. After the presentation, you will be introduced to eight of Connecticut's own, including the infamous Northern Copperhead. This program is designed for older students and adults.

The presentation will be followed by a brief annual business meeting at which Board of Directors members will be elected. We have vacancies on the Board, and welcome any interested volunteers.



Fairy House Building

On Sunday, November 6th from 2:00 to 3:00 PM, let's help the fairies transition into cooler weather by bringing leaves, sticks, corn husks, acorns, post-Halloween jack-o-lanterns, and other natural fall materials to build fairy houses. This activity is recommended for ages four and older but all are welcome. Meet at the "Fairy Trail" entrance across from 19 Pond Lane, East Granby. Questions? E-mail programs@eglt.org.

Tom Howard Memorial Bench

In memory of our friend and long-time EGLT Director Tom Howard, we have built and installed a bench at our Pond Meadow property across from 19 Pond Lane. We had a dedication ceremony on Sunday, October 23rd and encourage you to stop by to see the bench, have a seat, and enjoy the view.

Eastfield Farms Trail

Property Steward Eszter Pilon and her son Matt have been busy building a trail around the pond at our Eastfield Farms property off of Wintergreen Lane. They've logged in more than 100 hours of trail building with permission from the Town and through a property management plan approved by the EGLT Board of Directors. Come take a walk on the new trail through this beautiful, rugged property.

East Granby Senior Club

The East Granby Senior Club is off to another great start. September and October events have been enjoyed by all. Remember, we are a "Members Only" club and receive no funding from the Town of East Granby. We have some great programs and lunches planned so join us for lunch at 12:00 Noon. Yearly dues are \$10.00 and are payable at a meeting if you are not yet a member. If you plan to pay by check, please write it payable to East Granby Senior Club. Please be aware that you do not have to reside in East Granby to be a member and anyone over 55 is eligible. If your friends would like to join, please bring them along. Please join us every month for good food, fun, fellowship and interesting programs. Meetings are held the second Friday of each month. You must make a reservation by the Tuesday before each meeting. Please call Lorie Orzechowski at (860) 658-6040. If you need a ride, please call the Mini Bus at (860) 413-3327. Please make sure you also call Lorie for reservations. We hope to see you each month!

November 18th at 12:00 Noon

(Yes, we are meeting on the 3rd Friday this month!) Program: "Ruth O'Neil and Jim Hammett," a musical duo from Coventry, sharing their vocal and instrumental talents on banjo, guitar, and ukulele. The duo plays mainly folk and bluegrass. They really love songs from America's past. Come enjoy as they pass on traditional music. Lunch will be a Thanksgiving Dinner. The dinner and program are both sponsored by the Women's Club of East Granby. Thanks for their continued generosity! Cost is free for members.

December 9th at 12:00 Noon

Program: Christmas Sing Along and Gift Exchange. Please bring a gift valued at \$5.00 to the exchange. Suggestions might be candy, gift card, lottery, or anything else worth \$5.00. Also, please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert—one per person. Come for some holiday fun! (Remember that there is no meeting in January.)

News from the Women's Club of East Granby

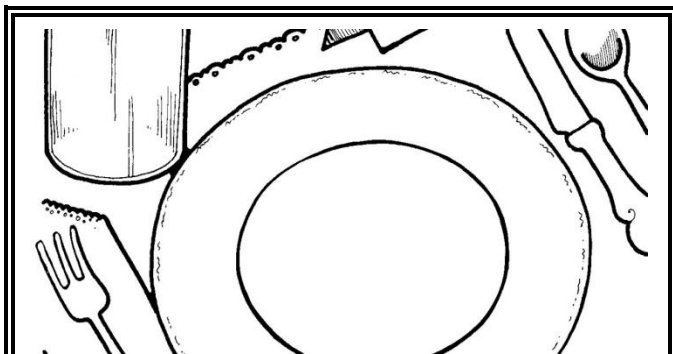
The Women's Club of East Granby has changed their meeting date to the first Wednesday of the month. Over the years,



women have joined our club to meet other women in town and have formed lasting friendships. Won't you join us? New members are welcome to come to any meeting.

The November meeting will be on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00 PM at the Senior/Community Center, where we'll be making wreaths. Members are asked to bring \$10.00 to the meeting to pay for supplies if they wish to participate.

On Sunday, November 13th the Women's Club will be painting wine glasses at UNWineD Paint Parties in Windsor Locks. All are welcome, but seating is limited. Please see the registration form in this issue of *Let's Talk Turkey* and visit our website at www.womensclubeg.org for additional upcoming events.



Friendship Club of East Granby

Come join us at Friendship Club of East Granby—
celebrating 67 years!

We welcome all community members over the age of 50 to join us for a pot luck dinner. Dinners are held on the second Tuesday of each month beginning on October 11th and ending June 4th. (November's dinner will be on the third Tuesday—Nov. 15—due to elections, and there will not be a dinner in the month of January). Dinners are held at the Senior/Community Center from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Enjoy various forms of entertainment after dinner.

If you would like more information or if you would like to join us for our next dinner, please call Ruth at (860) 651-4557. We look forward to meeting more members of our community and building friendships!

Holiday Family Fun Day on Dec. 3rd

Start the season off with some giving and family fun time in the Town Center December 3rd. Three great events by three great community organizations are offered.

Winter Wonderland

At the Senior/Community Center, the Women's Club of East Granby will host Winter Wonderland. This event does require advance sign up; forms are online at www.womensclubeg.org and in this edition of *Let's Talk Turkey*. See Santa, do crafts, buy cookies and raffle tickets for fun raffle prizes. Sessions are at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM on December 3rd.

Recycle-A-Gift Shopping

Time to declutter for a good cause! First, please donate your gently used items for the Youth Action Council's Recycle-A-Gift Program. There will be drop bins located at the East Granby Senior/Community Center and the East Granby Public Library from November 1st to December 2nd for items. Kids will get to shop from these items on December 3rd from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM at the East Granby Public Library. The Youth Action Council will help kids gift wrap so each child can experience the gift of giving. Examples of items we can use: candles, frames, tools, scarves, bowls, pocket books, wallets, vases. Second, please bring your children to the Youth Action Council's part of Holiday Family Fun Day, December 3rd, at the East Granby Public Library from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Children will be allowed to shop from our gently used gift selection for family members. Youth Action Council asks that each child bring a monetary donation for East Granby Social Services Special Assistance Fund to the event. Kids will go home with wrapped presents. Remember, adults, no peeking!!

Scouting for Joy

At the East Granby Fire House, the East Granby Cub Scouts will be hosting carnival games and selling hot cocoa at the station in the town center. The firefighters will provide kids free tours of their fire trucks. All proceeds from the hot cocoa sales will go to the Fire Department. Open from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM, December 3rd.

East Granby Veterans Events

The East Granby Veterans held their 3rd Annual Tag Sale at the East Granby Senior/Community Center. The Tag Sale raises funds for the group's Scholarship Fund and was another huge success. We want to thank everyone who donated items. We also want to thank the veterans who worked hard in setting up all the items to be sold. Most of all, we want to thank you, the buyers, for helping reach our goal. We appreciate the support the community gives to us! All for one, one for all!

Coming Events

- On Friday, November 4th there will be a presentation titled *"This Business of Fighting: A Human Face on World War II"* at the East Granby Senior/Community Center at 12:00 PM and will include a Thanksgiving lunch. The event is free for veterans and \$14.00 for

all others. Reservations are due by October 27th. For more detailed information, see the Senior Center section.

- On Thursday, November 10th we will again be going into the High School and Middle School for Veteran's Day events from 7:30 AM to 2:10 PM. All veterans are invited to join us. Please let us know if you plan on attending and the hours you will be able to attend.
- On Friday, November 11th Resilience Grows Here is sponsoring a Vietnam-Era Veterans Welcome Home dinner at the Senior/Community Center from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. All veterans are invited to attend.
- On Monday, November 14th we will be having our second Coupon and Raffle Night at Gio's Pizzeria Restaurant. We will be getting 10% of food sales that are paid in cash and present a coupon to the waitress or waiter. The event will be from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. A coupon is available in this newsletter.

Preventing Dating Abuse and Violence

"The prevention of dating abuse is an important step in reducing the larger problem of violence against women. Reducing dating abuse requires effective prevention tools that are scientifically-based." —Dr. Rodney Hammond, PH.D., Director, Division of Violence Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Safe Dates" is a nationally recognized, evidence-based program specifically designed as a dating abuse prevention tool for both male and female middle- and high-school students. It targets attitudes and behaviors associated with dating abuse and violence, and helps teens recognize the difference between caring, supportive relationships and controlling, manipulative, or abusive dating relationships.

A strong understanding of healthy dating behavior can serve students well beyond their school years. *Domestic violence, which is a serious health and safety issue, "often starts in adolescence. All involved agree that prevention is one of the most important ways to address the problem. 'Safe Dates' is one of the only tested and supported prevention programs that can be used in schools for young adolescents..."* —Jacquelyn C. Campbell, PH.D., RN, FAAN Domestic Violence Researcher, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing.

Highly engaging and interactive, the goals of the Safe Dates program are:

- Raise student awareness of what constitutes healthy and abusive dating relationships.
- Equip students with the skills to develop healthy dating relationships, including positive communication, anger management, and conflict resolution.
- Raise student awareness of dating abuse, its causes, and consequences.
- Equip students with the skills and resources to help themselves or friends in abusive dating relationships.

The East Granby Youth Service Bureau is offering the six-week "Safe Dates" program to middle school students starting in November, and hopes to offer the program to high school students in the spring. The middle school session starts November 3rd and will be held in the Middle School Commons on Thursdays after school, from 2:15 to 3:45 PM. While the program is free, registration is required. Please contact AnneMarie Cox at (860) 644-5355 or ahcox@granby-ct.gov for more information or to register. You can also visit www.egyouthservices.org to register online via contact page.

Capitol Roundup

Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61st District

The question at state capitol lately is, "just how big is the state's current-year deficit?" As I write this, the figure is hard to pin down. Governor Malloy in a September briefing to state agency department heads indicated that the current-year budget was off by \$133 million. But his official briefings to the state comptroller made no mention of it. As legislators began to take notice, the state's nonpartisan Office of Fiscal Analysis in mid-October pinned the deficit at \$79 million. It seems like the Governor may know something the nonpartisan analysts have not been told.

Routine and reliable briefings about our state's financial status are critical. Without them, how can residents feel confident in our ability to get Connecticut's finances back on track?

Credit rating agencies aren't thrilled with what they're seeing in the Nutmeg State, with one giving Connecticut a "negative" outlook due to the combination of pressure caused by economic trends and "very high fixed costs" that "reduce flexibility."

All of this affects our overdue recovery—specifically, Connecticut's ability to attract and retain employers. Look no further than the recent deal for Sikorsky. The governor's administration negotiated an incentive-laded package to keep the company here and called lawmakers to Hartford for an up or down vote. The \$220 million deal was approved, and I was among the many lawmakers who harbored reservations as we pushed the "yes" button. Keeping Sikorsky here in Connecticut is good for our economy. After all, its subcontractors and suppliers are sprinkled throughout the state—some right here in East Granby. But the deal reaffirmed the high cost of doing business in Connecticut, and it unfortunately erodes our negotiating power in future. Now, a corporation's first question will be, "how much will you give us?" The ripple effect of offering such deals will continue to impact Connecticut's budget.

Old New-Gate Prison is among the budget crisis casualties, since the state lacks funds for staffing. But its drawing power as a tourism destination was on display during a recent "open house day," an event made successful by exceptional local volunteers. Their efforts to showcase East Granby's historic jewel will prove helpful in continuing conversations about how to fund operations of New-Gate and similar tourism-based economic drivers.

If you have questions about any state-related issue, I encourage you to reach out to my office at either tami.zawistowski@housegop.ct.gov or (860) 240-8700.

News from the Democrats

The East Granby Democrats have been busy preparing for Election 2016. In what promises to be one of the highest turnouts since 2008, they have been working hard to spread the word of how much progress we're making in Connecticut. Attorney General George Jepsen and Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman joined State Senate Candidate Annie Hornish and State Representative Candidate Michael Malloy at our annual pasta dinner and awards ceremony to honor our local recipients. The awards are given to local citizens who contribute to our town but rarely get credit for all they do to make East Granby a great hometown. The recipients' medals and Lieutenant Governor's proclamations were handed out by Mike Malloy to the following individuals:

- Nancy Lawton
- Jeff Clark
- Bob Raven-Seger
- Sharon Shepherd
- Amanda Thompson
- Jen Cook
- Rosalie McKenney
- Bill Westervelt
- David Tobin
- Jeanne Dube
- Rafael Adames
- Caroline White
- Frank Negrotti
- Eugenia Drake

It was refreshing to hear two high-level State officials discuss the 8,000 new jobs at Pratt & Whitney, the retention of another 8,000 plus jobs at Sikorsky Aircraft, and the addition of 1,700 new jobs at electric boat and the impact that will have in rebuilding Connecticut's economy with high-paying, highly-skilled jobs. Things are really starting to turn around fast in Connecticut and the East Granby Democrats are proud to be part of that. Our two local candidates, Annie Hornish and Mike Malloy, are busy on the campaign trail making sure the Democrats are well-represented on Election Day. Please participate by casting your vote on November 8th and if you'd like to volunteer in any way please call (860) 651-1895. Remember, "Democracy is not a spectator sport!"

East Granby Republicans

Day after day we are flooded by television, newspaper, radio, and social media with news surrounding our national Presidential election. We all face a difficult choice to vote for one of two imperfect candidates. But, let us not lose focus on the State of Connecticut, and the issues we face.

Despite the large 2016 budget deficit we find ourselves facing, the current State Comptroller said we have had “successive years of significant cost cutting.” The truth is that spending under Governor Malloy and legislature has increased in every year he has been in office. The Democratic majority has consistently voted for his increased spending, taxation, and bonding to pay the bills.

Connecticut's recovery from the 2008 fiscal crisis has lagged most other states. Our unemployment rate is 5.6%, which is much higher than the national average. Our fiscal condition is the worst of the 50 states, and is second only to Puerto Rico (a U.S. territory), which nearly defaulted on loan payments earlier this year. Many of us know family, friends, and neighbors who are planning to move out of state. Our children are forced to seek employment out of the state because there are few good jobs, and they cannot afford to live here. Those aged 25 to 34 face the second highest unemployment rate. Indeed, even our former State Governor Jodi Rell has changed her residency to Florida, yet she still owns a place in Connecticut.

Some say that the Republicans have offered no solutions. They have proposed solutions, but are excluded from budget discussions. Vote Republican if you want to make our state more business-friendly, and keep this state a place we and our children can continue to afford to live.

Please make your vote heard on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8th at the Senior/Community Center from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

If you would like to be part of the solution, contact the East Granby Republican team. We can be reached by contacting Lee Sandora at (860) 798-4916, or lsandora@gmail.com. Our RTC meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of the month at the Senior/Community Center.

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.

The recodification of East Granby town ordinances and new town fee structure was approved at Town Meeting at the end of last year. Substantive ordinance changes and new ordinances are in the works 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, for a fee, on request. Call the Clerk's office at (860) 653-6528 to request a copy. The East Granby town ordinances in full can also be found on the town web page, www.eastgranbyct.org, by clicking on the “Residents” tab, and then on the “Town Ordinances” listing.

Voting in the upcoming presidential, U.S. Congressional, and Connecticut State legislative elections will be on Tuesday, November 8th, at the Senior/Community Center from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Don't forget to make sure that you're registered well in advance to vote! If unsure, or for information about obtaining an absentee ballot if you can't vote in person, contact either the Republican or Democrat Registrar of Voters at (860) 653-0097 or the Town Clerk at (860) 653-6528. Absentee ballots are available now!

East Granby property owners who wish to review the latest proposal for the current revision of East Granby's ten year Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) can obtain a copy via Rosalie McKenney, Administrative Assistant for the Planning and Zoning Commission, at Rosaliem@egtownhall.com, or (860) 653-3444. Comments can be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission via the same address.

If you want your voice to be heard on matters of the town budget, municipal governance, POCD, or other issues, go to Board meetings and public hearings and show Board and Commission members that you're watching and will hold them accountable. Vote in the referendums, municipal elections, and at town meetings—every vote counts, literally! In East Granby, referendums, elections, and town meeting votes are often decided by margins of as little as two to four votes! 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. Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 21st. 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, or visit the CTEG website at www.egtaxpayers.org.

Newsletter Deadlines

Please note that the deadline submission time for *Let's Talk Turkey* articles is 9:00 AM on the Monday due dates. All articles must be submitted in Word format and sent via e-mail to newsletter@egtownhall.com. Deadlines will be strictly enforced to ensure timely preparation of the newsletter. Articles should pertain to an East Granby organization, agency, or business (non-advertisement) and be of general interest to the public. The name of the submitter and a phone number must accompany the article. If you have any questions, please call (860) 653-2576.



Why do kids use drugs? What do parents need to know?

Parents360: You Matter

Join us as we share valuable insights into the risk factors associated with substance abuse, and what parents can do to minimize them.

Tuesday November 1, 2016

7:00 to 8:00 PM

East Granby High School Auditorium

Sponsor: East Granby Youth Service Bureau

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Contact AnneMarie Cox at (860) 844-5355 or ahcox@granby-ct.gov



Register Now!

Safe DATES



Safe Dates is a nationally recognized program designed specifically for youth (grades 6 and up) that teaches about healthy relationships. Content is specific to middle schoolers and addresses topics such as: *defining caring relationships, helping friends, making smart social media choices, ending gender stereotypes, and defining dating abuse.*

- 6 week program beginning Thursday, 11/3/16
- (11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 12/1, 12/8 & 12/15)
- To be conveniently held immediately after school, at **EG Middle School Commons - 2:15-3:45pm**
- The program is **FREE** and snacks will be served!
- Registration required: call Ann Marie Cox - (860) 844-5355 for more information; email: ahcox@granby-ct.gov
- OR visit egyouthservices.org to register online via contact page.

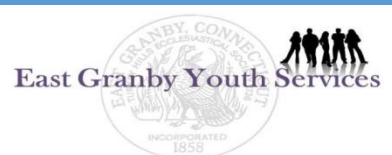


Did you know? ...

[Source: www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-teen-dating-violence](http://www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-teen-dating-violence)

- **1 in 3** teens are affected by dating abuse in the US.
- **57%** of teens say they know of a peer who has been physically or verbally abusive to their dating partner.
- **1 in 10** high school students have been purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by their dating partner.
- **72%** of 13 and 14-year-olds are "dating." Violent behavior often begins between 6th and 12th grade.
- **81%** of parents believe that teen dating violence is not an issue or admit they don't know if it's an issue.
- **Only 1/3** of the teens who were involved in an abusive relationship confided in someone about the violence

Sponsored by:





EAST GRANBY VETERANS

Please join us for dinner at Gio's to help us raise funds for the East Granby Veterans.

Present this flyer and pay in cash and Gio's will donate 10% of your food sales to the East Granby Veterans.

Your attendance would be greatly appreciated and the money goes to a great cause!

When: Monday, November 14th 5:00PM – 8:00PM

Where: Gio's Brick Oven Pizzeria
3E Turkey Hills Road, East Granby, CT

There will also be a raffle.





East Granby Women's Club is presenting an afternoon to UNWined. Join us on Sunday November 13th from 3 to 5 PM. We'll be painting 2 wine glasses, stemmed or stem-less in a snow flake pattern, shown below. You're welcome to bring any food and beverages to enjoy while painting. Space is limited so sign up early. We will email you a confirmation.

Cost: \$35.00

Location: 2 North Main Street, Windsor Locks, CT 06096



Proceeds from this event will help to fund various East Granby youth and community organizations and scholarships!

If you have questions, please contact Ginny Moriarty @virginiawmoriarty@gmail.com

Registration Form (please detach and return to the address below)

Number of Participants _____ X \$35.00 = Total amount enclosed _____

Preferred glass type stemmed: _____ or stem less: _____

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

Checks should be made out to Women's Club of East Granby, or WCEG.

Mail to: Women's Club of East Granby, P.O. Box 30, East Granby, CT 06026



friend to friend

Food Pantry & Thrift Shop

Food Pantry and Thrift Shop

Late Fall Update

We sold over 350 tickets at *Empty Bowls*, on Saturday, October 15th — **Thank you!** We extend our gratitude to our event partners, *Expressions Pottery Workshop* and the *Women's Club of East Granby*. We also offer thanks to our sponsors, *Center Grill*, *Costco*, *Diana's Bakery*, *Dolce Mama's Confections*, *Get Baked*, *Han Asian Cuisine*, *J&G's Restaurant*, *Lite-N-Up*, *Panera Bread*, *Peter L. Brown*, *The Popover Bistro & Bakery*, *The Sweet Beet*, *Target*, *Three Figs*, *Zanto Pizzeria & Restaurant*; with great music by *Heart's Ease* and our hardworking *East Granby student volunteers*. What wonderful friends we have.

Food Pantry

860.413.3328

- In need of the following items: jelly, peanut butter, cereal, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, hearty soups, canned fruit and vegetables, coffee and laundry detergent.
- Food donations may be dropped off at East Granby Senior/Community Center, East Granby Public Library and the East Granby Congregational Church.
- Monetary donations can be mailed to Friend to Friend Food Pantry, P.O. Box 631, East Granby, CT 06026

Thrift Shop

32 Spoonville Road

860.651.1659

860.413.3328 (after hours)

Hours:

Tuesday: 10-2 p.m., Thursday: 2-6 p.m.
Saturday: 10-2 p.m.

Come browse for your holiday needs including festive wear, decorations and serving pieces.

The shop closes for the winter on Thursday, December 22nd at 6 p.m.
Drop by for clearance savings!

We need volunteers to help at the Thrift Shop and the Food Pantry. Just a few hours a month helps us out tremendously. Please email us at friendtofriendthriftshop@gmail.com or call 860.413.3328.

What's Next

Thanksgiving and Holiday Baskets

Each year *Friend to Friend* creates holiday baskets to make sure everyone can enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving and holiday dinner. In December we also coordinate with East Granby Town Employees, East Granby Public Library, East Granby Congregational Church and Copper Hill Church to help Santa and his elves make sure children have clothing, books and small toys on Christmas morning. If you would like to donate items or your effort in helping us spread some holiday cheer, call us at 860.413.3328. We wish you peace and great health in the New Year!

A few preparedness ideas before the next storm...

HOLIDAY BASKET



- ⊙ Hand-Crank Radio
- ⊙ Family Radio Service (FRS) Walkie-Talkies
- ⊙ Hand-Crank Flashlight
- ⊙ Batteries (all types)
- ⊙ Glow Sticks (12 or more)
- ⊙ Manual Can Opener
- ⊙ Bottled Water
- ⊙ First Aid Kit
- ⊙ Diaper Wipes
- ⊙ Matches
- ⊙ Local Maps
- ⊙ USB Car Chargers (12v to USB)



CITIZEN ALERTS...register at eastgranbyct.org

CITIZEN ALERTS



East Granby Emergency Management

860-653-3434

East Granby Public Schools – ‘Your schools’ In the News

This school year we are embarking on the second phase of implementation in several of our key initiatives. We have established Areas of Focus and new goals with rigorous learning expectations in the School Improvement Plans in each school. We have reviewed our students’ performance data and are finalizing learning targets that will help to ensure their success. Our work to align our curriculum with content standards continues. This year we will focus on the science standards and deepen our work with Teachers’ College in both elementary schools and the Middle School to improve student performance in English Language Arts. We will also be emphasizing instructional strategies and learning tasks that require students to demonstrate mastery of the subject matter. Students will receive feedback that will guide them to increase learning and improve their academic performance by purposefully engaging in meaningful work.

In this 2016-2017 school year, administrators will participate in a variety of workshops on school leadership – all focused on improving student and district performance. Administrators will continue to encourage teachers to implement Blended Learning strategies in the middle and high schools. All faculty and students will utilize technology to transform teaching and learning, and work done outside of the classroom will be integral to the instructional activities implemented on a daily basis. Members of the leadership team will also be participating in Mastery Based Learning workshops with trainers from the **Great Schools Partnership**. An intense program of job-embedded professional learning will provide guidance in how to engage learners in experiences that will help them master the content in each subject of study.

We will again challenge our students to demonstrate acquired knowledge and skills, creativity, critical thinking, and the ability to innovate. We will emphasize inquiry by posing questions that direct students to think more deeply and critically as self-directed learners capable of applying high level problem-solving skills. The success of our efforts will be enhanced by the focused work of highly motivated and trained educators who are committed to helping students.

In addition, we will be placing more emphasis on giving students opportunities to study the work and training environments outside of school as they visit a variety of local businesses. This year we submitted application to the State Department of Education and received approval to allow our students to participate in Unpaid Experiential Learning (UEL) opportunities. Students will work with a designated faculty member to arrange for the UEL opportunity. Students pursuing courses of study in Business and/or Career and Technical Education (CTE) are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to explore the field in order to make more informed decisions about future study or career paths. Students interested in a field study opportunity in other career areas should speak with their assigned counselor.

The East Granby Public Schools is represented by teacher, Kashema Jennings, on the Bradley Chamber of Commerce where many of our school- business partners gather on a regular basis to share vital information. East Granby Public Schools is also represented on the task force recently established by Public Act 16-114, An Act that requires the convening of key stakeholders to study and prepare information about programs in the State of Connecticut that prepare students for employment in the field of Manufacturing. Further, the task force is charged with identifying ways to engage middle school students in course work and experiences

that lead to any field related in manufacturing. East Granby Superintendent, Dr. Christine Mahoney and School Counselor Emma Durao are members of the task force convened by James Lombella, President of Asnuntuck Community College.

East Granby Public school leadership, faculty and staff are also addressing the requirements of Public Act 16-189, - An Act Concerning Student Data Privacy. The Act requires school districts to implement strategies to ensure that no Personally Identifiable Data (PID) is released by the school district or its vendors, contractors, consultants, or operators. PID includes directory information, student information, student records, and student generated content. Please note that parents will be receiving additional release of information requests, and all contracts with vendors will be reviewed to ensure that they specifically include assurances related to student data privacy. A new protocol will be established for employees of the East Granby Public Schools. The full Public Act 16–189 may be viewed at www.cga.ct.gov/2016/act/pa/pdf/2016PA-00189-R00HB-05469-PA.pdf

In January 2017, we will hold a community forum that will address district initiatives, the transformative work in the schools, and showcase progress made in specific initiatives that are underway this school year. Our initiatives and educational program are well aligned with the goals of Connecticut State Department of Education's Comprehensive Strategic Plan that was released in August 2016. The plan may be viewed at the Department of Education website. We will also continue our informational series on GCTV to deepen your understanding of the school district. Our recorded sessions will begin in a few weeks. Until then, our school district informational brochure has been updated for 2016-2017 and may be viewed [file:///boesrv01/profnormw7/lkline/Downloads/District_Brochure_2016-17_%20\(2\).pdf](file:///boesrv01/profnormw7/lkline/Downloads/District_Brochure_2016-17_%20(2).pdf). The brochure includes important information about our two Associates degrees and Certificate program in partnership with Asnuntuck Community College.

We are keenly aware that community support and involvement are important to the school district's success. We will continue to work deliberately this year to engage parents and members of the broader community in the activities in the school district. In November, parents and other community members will be recognized at the annual Board of Education Recognition program. Veteran's Day is fast approaching, and we will once again welcome our local veterans into our schools to spend the day sharing their experience with our school community members. We appreciate the support of many business partners and parents volunteers who spend time serving in various capacities in our schools. We strongly encourage you to participate in activities or organizations to continue to expand the base of support for our schools. We extend heartfelt gratitude to all who have shared time, talents, and expertise with us. ***"We Do Well When We All Do Well,"*** - Eleanor Roosevelt

Christine F. A. S. Mahoney, Ed.D.,

Superintendent of Schools

East Granby Fire Marshal's Office Safety Tips

Halloween Safety

The celebration of Halloween on October 31st each year can be a great source of fun for residents of all ages, but it also generates unique hazards for residents as well. Public safety works diligently every year to ensure that the safest environment possible is provided for this holiday. The following is an important but simple list of items that residents can do to help us keep them safe:

- Battery operated devices should be used for illumination instead of open flames (e.g., pumpkins, decorations, etc...)
- Costumes and clothing should not be made of flammable materials, susceptible to heat or open flame. They should always be made of flame resistant or flame retardant fabric.
- Anyone trick or treating or accompanying trick or treating children in the evening or nighttime when visibility is low should wear light colored clothing or clothing that will reflect light.
- No open flames (e.g., candles) should ever be carried while trick or treating and a flashlight should always be carried by those walking.

Two Recalled Items from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

In each edition, I look for relevant recalls or safety notices from manufacturers to pass along to residents. The Consumer Product Safety Commission maintains a database of recalled products for consumers. Their website is www.cpsc.gov. I encourage residents to occasionally visit the website to review any recalls.

Samsung Recalls Galaxy Note 7 Smartphones Due to Serious Fire and Burn Hazards

This recall involves the Samsung Galaxy Note 7 smartphone sold before September 15, 2016. The recalled devices have a 5.7 inch screen and were sold in the following colors: black onyx, blue

coral, gold platinum, and silver titanium with a matching stylus. Samsung is printed on the top front of the phone and Galaxy Note 7 is printed on the back of the phone. To determine if your phone has been recalled, locate the IMEI number on the back of the phone or the packaging, and enter the IMEI number into the online registration site www.samsung.com or call Samsung toll-free at 844-365-6197.

The lithium battery in the Galaxy Note 7 smartphones can overheat and catch fire, posing a serious burn hazard to consumers.

GE Appliances Recalls Top-Loading Clothes Washers Due to Fire Hazard

This recall involves three models of GE Profile high-efficiency top-loading clothes washers. The washers come in gold, gray, and white and measure about four cubic feet. "GE Profile" is printed on the front of the washers. The model number is located on the rear cover of the washer's backsplash, above the water valve connections. Recalled washers have the following model numbers:

- WPGT9350
- WPGT9360
- WPGT9150

All serial numbers with these models are included in the recall.

Electrical components in these washers can overheat, posing fire hazards. This recall involves about 222,000 units in the U.S. which were sold at many stores including Lowes, Home Depot, Sears, and Best Buy. Consumers should immediately stop using and unplug these units. Consumers can contact GE Appliances for a free repair at 877-830-9732.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

As daylight savings time approaches it is time to change batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. After ten years of age, all detectors need to be changed. If you have any questions please contact our office for a

free inspection of your detectors, free battery replacement, and free detector replacement for battery operated detectors. We can be reached by phone at (860) 653-3444 or e-mail at JohnL@egtownhall.com.

Fire Prevention Poster Contest

Fire Marshal Kenneth Beliveau announces the start of this year's contest to determine Connecticut's official Fire Prevention Poster for the 2016-2017 school year. The contest theme is "FIRE PREVENTION—EVERYONE/EVERYDAY." Its purpose is to promote child and adult awareness of fire prevention responsibilities.

The annual, statewide competition for fourth and fifth graders beginning October 3, 2016, is run by elementary school teachers in cooperation with the contest sponsors: The Connecticut Fire Marshal's Association, Office of State Fire Marshal, Connecticut Fire Chief's Association, State Board of Education and the Connecticut Fair Plan (representing the insurance industry).

Fire Marshal Kenneth Beliveau will announce the local winners in January 2017. Local winning posters will be submitted for judging of county level winners by January 7, 2017. Four winners will be selected from each county by January 31, 2017.

All winning posters on the county level will be exhibited in various areas around the State, including the State Capitol during the month of October. From these, a statewide winner will be chosen to promote fire prevention throughout the State.

In the past East Granby has had six county winners and one state winner.

Holiday Information Bulletin



**HOLIDAY DECORATIONS
SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Before natural trees are set up, the trunk should be sawed off above the original cut, set in a stand and tap water added. This initial fresh cut opens up the sap channels in the tree so that it can take up water. Keep your tree stand water level above the cut in the trunk to prevent the tree from forming a sap seal. A sap sealed tree trunk will not draw water which is needed for it to remain fresh.
2. All trees should be held upright in sturdy stands having a base that is sufficiently broad enough to effectively support the tree. Guy wires may be needed to steady oversized trees.
3. Natural trees having root balls should be moistened daily and cut natural trees should be placed in containers of water sufficient to provide at least a one day supply. A container holding at least 1 quart per inch in stem diameter is recommended.
4. Natural trees should remain indoors only for as long a period of time as they are fresh. Cut trees are thirsty! Depending on tree size, they may use from two pints to one and one half gallons or more per day—so make sure to check the water level daily and supply fresh water as needed. Remove any tree that shows evidence of drying or severe shedding.
5. All trees and decorations should be located a safe distance from sources of heat such as heaters, fireplaces, stoves, television sets, candles and the like. **NEVER DECORATE YOUR TREE WITH CANDLES!**
6. Overloaded electrical outlets and faulty wires are a common cause of holiday-related accidents. Worn-out electrical cords and plugs should be replaced. Avoid too many plugs in one outlet. Use multi-outlet power strips when running many applications or decorative light screens.
7. All sources of electric lighting, both direct and indirect, should be in good condition and consist of equipment that has been tested and labeled or listed for the specific purpose by a recognized testing laboratory. All lighting should be turned off or better yet, disconnected, when the area is unattended. This is especially important in residential occupancies when the occupants are asleep.

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING **AT TOWN HALL**



East Granby Parks & Recreation invites you to attend
the 6th Annual Jacky Welsh Christmas Tree Lighting
on Friday, December 2nd
at the East Granby Town Hall @ 6:00 pm.

This year following the ceremonies, lighting of the tree, and carol sing,
we will be joined by two beautiful princesses:

Cinderella and Ariel.

They will be available to meet & greet the children.

Minimal refreshments will be served.

Ceremonies will be held rain (snow) or shine.



Winter Wonderland

Sponsored by
The Women's Club of East Granby



Saturday, December 3, 2016

(snow date: December 17, 2016)

At the East Granby Senior/Community Center

Children birth to 12 years of age are invited to join us for this wonderful community tradition!
Enjoy making crafts, refreshments and visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Each child receives a special gift! Don't forget to visit our Holiday Cookie Shop!

Early Bird Registration by Mail!

Please complete the registration below and return it with a check made payable to WCEG. A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of registration. Seating is limited to 80 children per session so reserve space for your children soon! After November 12th we will take registrations by email on a first come first serve basis.
The deadline for registration is November 19st.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Child's Name: _____

age: _____ gender: _____

Child's Name: _____

age: _____ gender: _____

Child's Name: _____

age: _____ gender: _____

Child's Name: _____

age: _____ gender: _____

Please check which session you would like to attend:

_____ Session I 9:00 am - 10:30 am

_____ Session II 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Admission \$6 per child



Mail to: WCEG, P.O. Box 30, East Granby, CT 06026

Email: WCEGWW@gmail.com

Website: www.womensclubeg.org

EAST GRANBY SENIOR CENTER



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.

Transportation to the Windsor Caring Connection (Windsor's Adult Day Health Center) will now be provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please call (860) 547-0251 for more information.

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC – PROVIDED BY THE FARMINGTON VALLEY VNA

MONDAYS~ NOVEMBER 14TH DECEMBER 5TH, JANUARY 9TH 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.

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**

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.

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:

- **OCTOBER 31ST, NOVEMBER 28TH – MRS. MURPHY'S & OCEAN STATE JOB LOT**
- **NOVEMBER 7TH –TARGET, PETCO, DOLLAR STORE**
- **NOVEMBER 14TH – HOME GOODS/REIN'S**
- **NOVEMBER 21ST - WALMART**

**** AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE ****

Completion of this course may result in a savings on your car insurance! **Thursday November 10, 2016 8:45am-1:00pm** at the East Granby Town Hall meeting room. Cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Call (860) 413-3334 by November 3rd to reserve your seat.

***** HEARING CLINIC *****

Thursday November 3rd 1:00PM-3:00PM at the East Granby Senior Center. **Appointments can be made by calling (860) 413-3334.**

SENIOR CENTER TRIPS AND PROGRAMS

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4TH—This Business of Fighting: A Human Face on World War II—Enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving lunch followed by a wonderful presentation by storyteller & historian, Arnie Pritchard. A few years ago Arnie Pritchard inherited the World War II army footlocker of his father, Anton (Tony) Pritchard. It turned out to contain hundreds of letters and other family papers from Tony's service in the Army and in the United Nations' refugee program in postwar Europe. From these letters Arnie has created a story. "This Business of Fighting", focused on Tony's time in the front lines in Europe. It portrays a young man dealing with everything from raw fear to his role as a leader to his exposure to a world both wider and more brutal than he had known. Tony wonders how he will respond to his first combat, describes crawling through the freezing woods of the Ardennes under enemy fire, and sees crowds of escaping forced laborers wandering the roads of Germany as the Nazi regime was collapsing. Questions and discussion will follow the story. Arnie Pritchard has a Ph.D. in history from Yale, and has been telling stories for about twenty years. He lives in New Haven, Connecticut. **12:00pm at the East Granby Senior Center. Cost of lunch and program is \$14.00 (Free for Veterans). Reservation due by October 30th.**

****SAVE THE DATE** FRIDAY DECEMBER 2ND – Holiday Party**—Get in the Holiday spirit and enjoy a holiday feast and the fabulous sounds of the Heartbeat Dixieland Jazz Band-ready to bring music to your ears and kick off the holiday season in style! **12:00 PM at the East Granby Senior Center. Be sure to check out the upcoming Senior Moments newsletter for more information!**

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

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)	11/1, 12/6
Conservation 7:30 (TH).....	11/2, 12/7
Board of Education (AS)	11/14, 11/28, 12/12
Economic Development 7:30 (TH)	11/28, 12/19
Elementary School Committee	As Needed
Board of Finance 7:30	11/15, 12/13
Parks & Recreation 7:30 (EGF).....	11/3, 12/1
Planning & Zoning 7:00 (TH).....	11/8, 12/13
Board of Selectmen 6:30 (TH).....	11/9, 11/22, 12/14, 12/28
Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 (TH).....	11/1, 12/6
Youth Services Bureau 6:30 (EGF)	11/21, 12/19

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

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 publication. Articles should pertain to an East Granby organization, agency, or business (non-advertisement) and be of general interest to the public. With the exception of Town Commissions and Boards, we will not accept submissions that are more than one page in size including pictures, objects, and text. At the discretion of the Editor, articles and graphics may be edited. The name of the submitter and a daytime phone number must accompany each article.

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registration and to view our current
program and trip opportunities!

For questions call 860-653-7660

TRIPS . . . TRIPS . . . TRIPS!



HOLIDAY SEASON IN NEW YORK CITY ON YOUR OWN

Saturday, December 3rd—Join us for a day in
New York City—decorated in holiday splendor.

Depart East Granby Farms at 7:30 AM and leave
the city at 7:00 PM. Shop, catch a show, explore a
museum or experience the wonder of the city at
Holiday time! Limited seats! \$40.00



Ice Hockey
team will face
Maine as part of

Frozen Fenway on January
14, 2017. The Huskies will
take on the Black Bears as
Boston brings some of the
most accomplished and

talented collegiate teams in the country to compete
at Fenway Park. Game time—4:00 PM. Ticket cost
\$79.00 and includes bus transportation.



Arts & Crafts

At . . . East Granby Farms Recreation Center



“BOY, AM I STUFFED”

JUMPINGCLAY CRAFTS

Wednesday, November 9th

Ages 3-5— 10-10:30 AM—\$8.00

Monday, November 14th

Ages 5-12— 2:30-3:30 PM—\$10.00



**MAKE YOUR OWN
GINGERBREAD HOUSE**

Monday, December 5th

Ages 2-5 with a parent/caretaker for the
2 & 3 years olds—10-11:00 AM—\$10.00

DECORATE HOLIDAY COOKIES

Monday, December 12th

Ages 2-5 with a parent/caretaker for
the 2 & 3 years olds—10-11:00 AM--
\$10.00



JUMPING CLAY ORNAMENT WORKSHOP

Wed. Dec. 14th Ages 3-5—10-10:30 AM--\$8

Tues. Dec. 13th Ages 5-12—2:30-3:30 PM--\$10

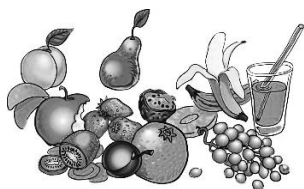


6TH ANNUAL JACKY WELSH MEMORIAL TREE LIGHTING

Friday, December 2nd 6:00 PM

East Granby Town Hall

Join us for this very special event. Cinderella & Ariel will be visiting to help light the tree.



GROWING HEALTHY KIDS

Classes starting
October 24th

(Sign up for one all). Ages 6—9. Gather once a month to learn all about healthy foods; where it comes from, how to prepare it, and of course tasting it! The series is taught by Nutritionist, Alicia Newton from Nourish My Soul.

YOUTH SPORTS



FEEL THE FUN Register online at www.eastgranbyrec.com or in person. Full payment must be made at time of registration. Space is limited!! Last day to register is **November 10th** or when program is filled. Grades: 4th grade and up. Program is for 5 Mondays, beginning on **Jan. 9th**



CO-ED DROP-IN BASKETBALL
High school students grades 9—12.
\$2.00 at the door!



YOUTH BASKETBALL

3rd – 8th GRADE

Practice begins in early December.
Registration deadline is Friday,
November 11th.

1st & 2nd GRADE BASKETBALL

Begins **Saturday, January 7th**. Registration
deadline is Friday, **November 11th**

MINI HOOP – KINDERGARTEN

Begins **Saturday, January 7th**. Registration
deadline is Friday, **November 11th**.

ADULT ACTIVITIES



**COUNTRY HEAT WORKOUT
WITH SHERYL SHERIDAN**

Wednesdays—Nov. 2nd – Dec. 14th
7:00 - 9:00 PM



**PILATES + YOGA + NONSTOP
MOVEMENT.**

November 1st—Dec 6th 7:00—8:00 PM



**ZUMBA CORE WITH CATLIN
FOR ADULTS AND TEENS 16+**

Ongoing program thru **December 22nd**
6:00-7:00 PM.