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Homeowner’s Tax Relief

The Town of East Granby and the State of Connecticut have programs for tax credit to provide relief to certain homeowners on their real estate taxes. These programs are age and income based. The filing period is February 1 to May 15, 2018. Please call Mary Ellen Brown in the Assessor’s Office at (860) 653-2852 for more information.

Veterans Tax Exemptions

If you are a veteran, you may be eligible for a real estate or motor vehicle tax exemption. There is no age restriction. There is no length of residency requirement. There is no need to contact the Veterans Administration. You only need to be a resident who is an honorably discharged veteran, and whose time of service includes a specific period of war or conflict. You only need to contact the Assessor’s Office to find out if you are eligible. And then you only need to file your original discharge papers in the Town Clerk’s Office. Have you misplaced your original discharge papers? These town offices can tell you how to acquire a replacement original online. It’s very easy.

Have you tried before to get this exemption, and were you told that your time of service did not fall within the specific war or conflict dates? Please contact us again as these dates have been expanded in recent years to include more of you. Plus, if you have a VA disability rating of 10% or more, you are eligible for a higher exemption. This is also true for those of you who are already receiving this exemption. You only need to bring your VA rating document to the Assessor.

Lastly, veterans, this exemption has been created by Connecticut State Statutes. It is earned by honorable military service during a time of war or conflict. Do not assume you are ineligible to receive it. Please contact the Assessor’s Office at (860) 653-2852.

Volunteers Needed

Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine

Volunteers are needed to support Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine for the re-opening this season and for seasons to come. Have you ever pictured yourself hanging out at a historic prison? How about an abandoned mine? As a volunteer at Old New-Gate you will get to do just that and so much more! You will have the opportunity to engage with meaningful history, spend time getting to know the site, and share the story of the mine and prison with visitors. The success of New-Gate depends on a variety of skills brought by passionate individuals. We recognize this and encourage all who are interested to consider volunteering. Whether you would like to work with visitors, help with repairs, or support us for large events, we would love to have you. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Morgan Bengel at Morgan.Bengel@ct.gov or (860) 500-2460.

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Senior/Disabled Tax Relief Program: Residents aged 65 years or older along with residents who are disabled may be eligible for tax relief. If your income qualifies, the amount of property taxes that you will pay for the upcoming fiscal year may be reduced. If you have any questions or would like to make a confidential appointment, please call Assessor Mary Ellen Brown at (860) 653-2852.

Winter Clean-up: Weather permitting, during March and April, the Department of Public Works crew will be working their way through all neighborhoods picking up broken curbing and raking out lawn areas damaged on the Town Right of Way.

Prescription Program: The Town of East Granby Prescription Discount Card is available at the Selectmen’s Office at Town Hall and is free to town residents. The card can be used for discounts on prescription items not covered by health insurance. Participating pharmacies include CVS, Stop and Shop, Big Y, Wal-Mart, and Walgreens, along with local pharmacies. There are no claim forms, annual fees, income requirements, or age requirements. The card provides unlimited use for the whole family.

I hope to see you at the Town Budget Hearing on April 17th at the High School Auditorium.

Jim Hayden, First Selectman

Cub Scouts Pack 70 to Hold Shoe Fundraiser

Help the less fortunate while helping our youth experience the joy of doing the same. Donate any new or gently used shoes to East Granby’s Cub Scout Pack 70 Shoe Drive. The goal is to provide over 100 bags of shoes, sneakers, cleats, and boots of any kind to those who need them in developing countries like Ghana, Haiti, and Bolivia. Pack 70 will also earn funds for their own programs based on the total amount of shoes collected.

Donations can be dropped off to Pack 70 at the Ridge Run on May 19th. For convenience, footwear can also be left in specially marked bins that will be located at the Town Hall and Public Library from April 1st to May 30th.

For over 100 years Boy Scouts of America programs have created lifelong friendships and memories and instilled in its youth intangible qualities such as self-confidence, respect for others, and strong character. Please e-mail egpack70@gmail.com with questions or for additional information.
EGCC Annual Rummage Sale

East Granby Congregational Church will hold its Annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 7th, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Come and find bargains galore. We will have a bit of everything—except the kitchen sink, computers, TVs, and clothing. Admission will be $1.00 per adult. Don’t miss this one! An added treat this year will be a Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the EGCC Nursery School from 8:30 to 11:00 AM.

Apply for WCEG Donations

Each year the members of the Women’s Club of East Granby work hard to raise funds to give back to our community. Now is the time for East Granby organizations to apply to receive donations. To apply please visit www.womensclubeg.org for our application or e-mail us at womensclubeg@gmail.com with the following information: contact name, name of organization, mailing address, phone number, e-mail, amount of donation requested, how many East Granby residents would benefit from donation, and detailed description of how donation would be used. Applications can be mailed to WCEG, P.O. Box 30, East Granby, CT. 06026. Deadline for requests is May 21st.

East Granby Cemetery Association

Dr. Ernest Caulfield (a well-known Hartford, Connecticut pediatrician in the mid-1900s) was our first and foremost student of early Connecticut gravestone carvers. His interest developed through his study of childhood epidemics. He collected information and statistics from headstones on how many died, age of death, where and when the illnesses flourished, etc. He studied and wrote extensively on Connecticut carvers and their work. It was possible to identify some of the early gravestone carvers, but many will never be identified. They did not sign their work and most were not professional craftsmen. This is the story of one such carver, important to us because some of the headstones in the East Granby Center Cemetery were carved by this mystery man.

In the towns of Simsbury, East Granby, Suffield and others, there about 100 relatively small gravestones that are thought to be the work of one man because they have many distinctive characteristics in common. They are made of soft, fragile sandstone. Most are dated between 1733 and 1757. Because the carver is unknown and because of the distinctive scalloped borders on his winged designs, he has been called “The Bat Carver.” The designs may have been deliberately cut to resemble a bat because at one time the bat was a symbol of death. “The Bat” was not a finished craftsman for his lettering is amateurish, shallow, and usually difficult to read. He used capital letters indiscriminately. Common words were often misspelled, especially months of the year like jenary, Febraary, Mach, or april. He carved uneven, spidery pinwheels on the border of the headstone. Along with the smooth bat-like wings, his death heads had hollowed-out eyes, triangular nose, and a very long chin with prominent teeth. In addition to the spidery pinwheels, borders included modified diamonds and stalks with round masses that look somewhat like figs. Figs were a symbol of Paradise in the early days. This type of border appears on the stone for Elijah Owen, who died in East Granby in 1741 and is
buried in the Center Cemetery. Around 1745, the trend was away from gruesomeness, so “The Bat” began to modify his style a bit, carving lines into his bat wings. Especially after 1749, one finds many backwards a’s. For example, on the stone for Ahinoam Alderman of East Granby, who died in 1750, all 9 a’s are backward! A possible explanation for this is that “The Bat” left the lettering to an apprentice or to a son.

It is believed that over 30 gravestones carved by “The Bat” are in Simsbury. About 20 may be seen in Suffield, 18 in East Granby, 10 in Westfield, and 8 in Poquonock. The remainder are scattered in Hartford, Bloomfield, Windsor, Granby, and West Suffield. If you want to search for some of these unique headstones in the East Granby Center Cemetery, look for the headstones of Ahinoam Alderman (1750), Elijah Owen (1741), Sargent Samull Clark (1749), Apollo Gay (1754), Joseph Higly (misspelled on headstone) (1737), Ruth Higly (misspelled on headstone) (1737), John Holcomb (1744), Elizabeth Moor (1732 or 1739), and Timothy Phelps (1751), among others. You will be viewing a unique piece of history from the mid-1700s!

The East Granby Cemetery Association is a small group of volunteers who are interested in the care and upkeep of the Center Cemetery. We only meet four or five times a year and welcome new members. If you are interested in joining us, please call John Rusnock, President, at (860) 653-2194. If you would like to make a donation to the upkeep of the cemetery, please make your check payable to East Granby Cemetery Association and mail to Carol Mathis (Secretary), 61 Cider Mill Heights, N. Granby, CT 06060. All donations go toward mowing, landscaping, restoration of headstones, and repair and maintenance of wall and fence. We very much appreciate your support!

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East Granby Veterans Update

On Wednesday, April 25th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Senior/Community Center, two representatives from the Veterans Administration in Newington will present information on how a veteran can qualify for benefits, and what benefits are offered. This will be an informal discussion and all veterans and family members of veterans are invited.

Scholarship applications will be open in May for any graduating senior from East Granby or that attends East Granby High School. Please contact East Granby High School for an application.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 26th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Gio’s Pizzeria.

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Historical Society News

“Memories of New-Gate” Program
Monday March 26th, 7:30 PM, E.G. Senior/Community Center

It seems almost everyone has fond memories of visiting Old New-Gate Prison at some point in their lives. This evening will give you an opportunity to share those memories and stories. Beginning with an update on the status of New-Gate Prison (yes, it will again have regular summer hours!), we will start with a couple of speakers and their stories, then open it up to anyone with a personal memory to share. So gather your family and friends for a time of reminiscing! This evening is open to the public and will begin at 7:30 PM, following a 7:00 PM business meeting. Refreshments will be served.

“East Granby Road Show”
Saturday, May 5th, 2:30 to 4:00 PM, E.G. Senior/Community Center

Have you been wondering whether to keep, sell, or toss a particular item or two in your possession? This is your opportunity to get an opinion and an appraisal at no charge! You may bring up to three items, including general estate items and art work, between 2:30 and 4:00 PM. We will have some Historical Society exhibits and refreshments for your enjoyment while waiting your turn. The Historical Society Annual Meeting will take place at 2:00 PM, preceding the appraisal time.

News from the East Granby YSB

As you may have noticed, the Towns of Granby, East Granby, and Hartland are together launching a Change the Script initiative. Change the Script is the Connecticut Targeted Response Initiative to the opioid epidemic. While I am glad to report that we do not seem to have a wide spread problem with our youth abusing opioid drugs, we sadly do have community members in the older age groups struggling with this problem. We have lost lives to this epidemic and as a community, we can all step up and take part in fighting it. As the posters and advertisements we are posting indicate, this epidemic often starts at home.

Teach your little ones that medicines should always be taken as directed, and prescriptions are only safe when taken by the person that the doctor prescribes them for. This is a point of misconception even for adults…just because it is a prescription drug it is not “safe” when used recreationally or not as prescribed. Even over the counter medications can be deadly if not used according to directions.

Most youth who do experiment with prescription drugs do so with medications they find at home. Cleaning out your medicine cabinet and safely disposing of unused drugs is where we can all start.
We can all engage our doctors in a discussion of alternate pain management options and make informed decisions about what drugs we use following surgery. While these drugs have an important place in management of chronic and severe pain, there are other alternatives that may be just as effective in a variety of situations. Make an informed decision.

If you know someone who has a problem with an addiction to opioids, know what treatment options are available, and learn about Naloxone. Naloxone helps save lives when administered to someone overdosing, and families can get a prescription for the drug simply by asking for it at your local pharmacy.

Please consider joining us for our panel presentation on March 21st at the Granby Youth Service/Senior Center to explore all these aspects of this issue.

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**East Granby Social Services**

Office hours for East Granby Social Services are Monday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Tuesday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and Thursday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Times outside these hours are available by appointment. For more information, please contact Elise Cosker, Director of Social Services, at (860) 413-3328 or elisec@egtownhall.com.

**Energy Assistance**

Applications are being accepted from residents of East Granby who wish to apply for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program until March 15th for deliverable fuel, and May 1st for gas or electric. Please remember that proof of income from the previous four weeks is required for the application. Contact Social Services to review the income/eligibility guidelines and to schedule an appointment.

**Food Pantry/Thrift Shop**

The Friend to Friend Food Pantry was established to supplement the weekly grocery needs of families who have been identified by East Granby Social Services as needing assistance. If you are in need of food assistance or are interested in becoming a volunteer at the Food Pantry or Thrift Shop, please contact Social Services. The Friend to Friend Thrift Shop is accepting gently used spring clothing and household items at their Donation Drop Off Event on Saturday, March 24th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Senior/Community Center. The Thrift Shop reopens on Tuesday, April 3rd at 10:00 AM.

**Fuel Bank**

The East Granby Fuel Bank provides emergency assistance to income eligible residents with home heating costs. 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 if you are interested in making a donation or are in need of assistance.

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**Renters Rebate**

The Elderly/Totally Disabled Renters Rebate Program will be reopening in April 2018. State law provides a reimbursement program for Connecticut renters who are elderly or totally disabled, and whose incomes do not exceed certain limits. Persons renting an apartment or room or living in cooperative housing or a mobile home may be eligible for this program. Application may be made at Social Services between April 1st and October 1st. Please call Social Services in April for income and eligibility requirements and to schedule an appointment.

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**East Granby Republicans**

On February 28th, East Granby hosted 15 statewide candidates for the 2018 Republican slate at a Meet and Greet event. All friends and residents, regardless of political party, were welcome to attend. The list of potential offices included: Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, and US Senate. For a full two hours, the candidates provided their answers to questions drawn at random from a pre-selected list. Afterward, the candidates and those attending were allowed to mingle and personally engage in conversation. People from all over the North-Central region attended. Organized by Ed Zawistowski and moderated by Mary Ann Turner, it was a wonderful event to see and listen to our potential future political leaders up close and personal. The entire event is available for viewing on our local GCTV channel.

Budget season is here. In light of the uncertainties in the State of Connecticut funding to towns, our Board of Finance has provided guidance that the Board of Education and Board of Selectman present budgets that reflect an increase of 0.75% over last year’s budget. On the whole, budgets should reflect the needs of all residents, while being sensitive to our ability to pay. In the next ten-year period, it is estimated that the East Granby school age population will drop, while those aged 65+ will increase by 20%.

Along those lines, the East Granby Shared Services Committee has met several times, and is planning to present their findings in the near future to the Board of Finance. Assisting them is a PA 13-60 report from the Board of Education giving an estimate of non-educational services in their budget. Some members of this committee have expressed the idea these non-educational services should be transferred out of the BOE budget. This would allow our education system to concentrate on their primary function—the education of our children. Removing the burden of distractions such as maintenance, building repairs, non-educational business and clerical services, liability insurance, etc., would be proper. It would allow those with better expertise in those areas to deliver these services more effectively for the long-term viability of East Granby.
We are always looking for new members to join the East Granby Republican Town Committee. Repeating some of our basic principles, we pledge to: Manage your tax dollars responsibly; Promote the highest educational standards for our children; Reduce taxes through sensible business growth; Ensure total transparency of town government. We can be reached by contacting Lee Sandora at (860) 798-4916 or via e-mail at lsandoraeg@gmail.com. Our meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of the month at the Senior/Community center. Come join us!

Capitol Update
Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61st District

February 7th marked the start of the 2018 legislative session which will run through the first week of May. The focus will be on closing the expected deficit of more than $200 million for this fiscal year, ending on June 30th. In addition, we will need to take steps to reduce projected deficits measuring in the billions in coming years.

The governor and the majority party have pushed a revenue driven approach to closing the gap. In his mitigation plan Governor Malloy has suggested millions in tax increases, including cancelling the $200 tax credit for seniors and families with dependent children, increasing the real estate conveyance tax, and increasing the bottle deposit. These proposals added together amount to a $180 million tax increase.

In addition, the governor has called for a seven cent per gallon increase in the gas tax, a new tax of three dollars per tire, and electronic tolls with variable congestion pricing to shore up the Special Transportation Fund (STF). Under the most recent DOT plan, almost all of the state’s limited access highways would be subject to tolls. The governor has issued a freeze on transportation projects until new revenues are approved. However, reports from the Department of Revenue Services and the non-partisan Office of Fiscal Analysis have shown that revenues into the STF are stable or growing. Funding for the STF can be solved by common sense measures—budgeting to maintain existing roadways, setting priorities for new projects, controlling administration costs, and focusing on our real transportation needs.

Part of the governor’s transportation freeze includes funding for Town Aid Road, funds that were promised to our municipalities and were included as part of the state budget. These funds are bonded, and the governor has used his authority in the Bonding Commission to leave this item off the agenda. Instead, the Bonding Commission has approved things like $10 million to improve an unused stadium in Hartford, $5 million to repair a Hartford parking garage, $35.5 million to a hedge fund in the form of a second forgivable loan, and $1 million for a company to move from Simsbury to Hartford. Meanwhile, towns like East Granby (owed $102,000) are left without promised funding for road salt and routine maintenance.

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I am working with my colleagues to find savings rather than relying on tax increases. We have been holding public hearings and meeting with state agencies over the past several weeks to find savings without hurting vital programs. This is proving more difficult each session as more of the budget is constrained by fixed costs such as growing pension obligations.

Many of my bill proposals I have submitted to committees are focused on needed structural changes to the way our state operates. One such proposal submitted to the Appropriations Committee would require the Office of Policy and Management to study the feasibility of instituting a forty-hour work week for state employees. I believe that a forty-hour work week can help reduce overtime, reduce the number of consultants employed on a part-time basis, and improve overall productivity. Another bill proposal would prohibit overtime from being used in calculating state employee pensions. There have been recent examples of overtime abuse in the final three years of employment to increase the value of pensions. Removing the overtime calculation can help reduce costs and keep the program more sustainable.

In addition, I have proposed legislation to allow towns to increase the property tax abatement available to volunteer firefighters and other first responders to $1,500, up from the current $1,000. This will be voluntary for towns and could help volunteer first responders to live in the communities they serve.

To help small businesses, I have submitted a proposal that would provide some property tax relief, exempting furniture, fixtures, and equipment more than ten years old with an original value of $250 from a business’s personal property tax assessment. The amount of tax collected on such items is relatively minor, but will offer some relief from a financial and administrative burden.

In response to local concerns, I have also proposed mandating trucks over 10,000 pounds in weight be equipped with a commercial GPS. These systems inform drivers of weight limits, traffic prohibitions, and clearance restrictions. I have also relayed to our Board of Selectmen information from the DOT which may help limit truck traffic on town roads.

I encourage you to visit my website, RepZawistowski.com, for news and to sign up for e-mail updates, and find me on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram). And as always, please contact me if you have questions or comments about state issues by phone at (860) 240-8700 or by e-mail at Tami.Zawistowski@housegop.ct.gov.

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.
At the state level, economic policy has led to population and major corporate exits from Connecticut, resulting in erosion of income tax receipts and a large budget shortfall. At the end of last year, both parties in the legislature recognized the fiscal crisis and Democrats crossed over to vote with Republicans to rescue the sinking ship, forcing a budget on the governor that instituted a strong constitutional spending cap and other long needed legislative reforms.

But even then, Connecticut is projecting a several hundred-million-dollar deficit over FY18 and FY19, because tax revenues continue to drop. A stalled economy, and a cost of living and taxes that are some of the highest in the nation has resulted in a population exit and shrinking tax base.

Governor Malloy released his deficit mitigation proposal, which would have to be approved by the Legislature, increasing the state sales tax to 6.9 percent, and increasing the hotel tax, restaurant tax, cigarette tax, and real estate conveyance tax. The first line of defense when Connecticut faces a budget crunch has been to raise taxes...again...and again. But despite historic state tax increases in 2011 and 2015, tax revenue has declined. And the extra revenue generated by those tax increases hasn’t gone to fund state services for taxpayers, but instead much of it has gone toward funding state pension liabilities. Connecticut doesn’t need to be more expensive, it needs to get its spending under control.

At a time of historic cuts in Connecticut state aid to towns necessitated by the state’s disastrous fiscal condition (49th out of the 50 states), the last budget season in East Granby ended with a 1.25% expansion of town spending; approval of teachers’ and school administrators contracts with annual 3% raises, a 4.04% property tax increase reflecting a large reduction in state aid, plus drawing down the town’s “savings account” to the minimum 10% cash reserve looked at by the ratings agencies.

The new municipal budget season in East Granby has started. The Boards of Selectmen and Education will present draft budgets on March 13th as directed by the Board of Finance. Under the FY19 state budget, state aid to East Granby will drop by about $300K for the coming year (a significant chunk of our annual town budget).

At the February 6th Board of Finance meeting, the Board provided initial FY2018-19 operating budget guidelines to the BOS and BOE. The BOF schedule that follows will be:

- At the March 13th BOF meeting, the Board will review budget proposals from the BOS and BOE.
- At the April 3rd BOF meeting, the Board will provide directives to the BOS and BOE for what budgets they should present to the town at Public Hearing.
- On April 17th, the Annual Public Hearing on the budget will be held in the High School auditorium.
- Immediately following the April 17th Public Hearing, the BOF will convene and vote on a final budget to be presented to the town at Town Meeting.

- On April 24th, there will be a Town Meeting on the budget at the Senior/Community Center. It is anticipated, after a budget presentation, that the Town Meeting will be “adjourned” to a ballot referendum to be held in early May.

All Board of Finance meetings are held in the Town Hall Hearing Room and start promptly at 7:30 PM. This is the critical time to attend the BOF meetings to voice your opinion on town spending and opportunities for the town to save money. If you want to provide your input to the Board members, the public comment period at the beginning and end of each meeting is the time and place to have your voice be heard.

Other issues currently in the works in East Granby town government are changes to the town ordinances, and the revision of East Granby’s ten-year Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). Updates are available from the office of the First Selectman, or the Planning and Zoning Commission, respectively, both in Town Hall (http://eastgranbyct.org), (860) 653-2576, info@egtownhall.com

A Meet & Greet was held Wednesday night, February 28th, where 15 candidates running for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Connecticut Secretary of State, Connecticut Attorney General, State Treasurer, and U.S. Senate, spoke, answered questions, and mingled with the crowd. For those who missed it and/or are interested in watching the event, it was recorded on Granby Public TV and is available for viewing at the following link: http://gctv16.org/viewshow/view/eastgranbypublic/.

We need to reign in town spending in order prepare for major cuts in state spending. Vote in the referendums, municipal elections, and at town meetings. In East Granby, every vote counts, literally—referendums, elections, and town meeting votes are often decided by margins of as little as two to four votes! 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. Do whatever you can to help keep our town government oriented responsibly and encourage them to put together a good strong economic development profile for the community. Come to a CTEG meeting to talk with likeminded neighbors and discuss your ideas.

CTEG meetings are usually on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the East Granby Public Library, with the exception of holiday months. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 20th. The following meeting will be on Monday, April 16th. 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.
Welcome beautiful Spring!

There is always so much to do in the springtime! Luckily, we are energized and ready to move once winter says good bye!

We have a Donation Day Drop-Off to help stock our Thrift Shop on Saturday, March 24, 9-noon at the EG Senior/Community Center. Please bring your gently used items that are in season (spring/summer) such as clothing, jewelry, belts, shoes, housewares and artwork.

Then the Thrift Shop reopen for the season on Tuesday, April 3, 10am-2pm. Browse our website for items on sale at the shop. We hope to see your there!

Finally, please make plans to join us at the Spring Fever Appraisal & Auction #2 on May 6, 1-4 pm at the Copper Hill Golf Club. Tickets go on sale at the end of March on our website www.friendtofriendeg.com. More information about the event follows later in this newsletter.

Food Pantry
860.413.3328

• In need of the following items: canned chicken, canned fruit, coffee, personal care products and spaghetti sauce
— Thank you!
• Food donation locations: EG Senior/Community Center, EG Public Library and the EG Congregational Church.
• Monetary donations: 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)

Reopening April 3, 2018!
Our Hours:
Tuesday: 10-2 pm, Thursday: 2-6 pm
Saturday: 10 am-2 pm
Come browse for great bargains on seasonal clothing, jewelry, accessories, housewares, and much more!

We need volunteers please email friendtofriendthriftshop@gmail.com or go online and click Contact tab at www.friendtofriendeg.com

Events

Thrift Shop
Donation Day Drop-Off
Saturday, March 24, 9 am-noon
EG Senior/Community Center

Thrift Shop Reopening
Tuesday, April 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Spring Fever Appraisal & Auction
Sunday, May 6, 1:00-4:00 pm
Copper Hill Golf Club
20 Copper Hill Road, East Granby
Appraisal & Auction #2
Sunday, May 6, 2018
1:00-4:00 p.m.
Copper Hill Golf Club
20 Copper Hill Road, East Granby

Celebrate spring and enjoy an appraisal event, tea cup raffle, live auction, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, desserts, music and fun, al fresco! All proceeds benefit the Friend to Friend Food Pantry, a non profit 501(c)3 that provides temporary food assistance to East Granby children, seniors, families and individuals in need.

You can purchase tickets and get a sneak-peek of auction items on our website www.friendtofriendeg.com in late March.

- Many thanks to our gracious hosts, Paul and Robbin Banks at the Copper Hill Golf Club who are donating both, their beautiful facility for the auction, and delicious appetizers created by Chef Phil from The Grill at Copper Hill.
- We also thank Nota Juengst, award winning sugar artist and owner of Dolcé Mama Confections, for donating an exquisite dessert table!
- We invite East Granby non profits to display their information at our “More Friends to Meet in East Granby” table during the event, materials must be received by May 1st.

Don’t miss it — delicious food, themed libations, quality auction/raffle items and music delivered to you by a fun and friendly crew!

Go to our website friendtofriendeg.com and Facebook page for updates. We are looking to add to our creative auction and tea cup raffle donations. Please call Sandy at 860.392.8362 with questions or if you can help.
3rd Annual
East Granby Golf Outing
Sponsored by the Women’s Club of East Granby

Suffield Country Club, Suffield, CT
Saturday, May 5th

Registration: 3pm
9 Hole Scramble/Shotgun Start: 3:30pm
Buffet: 6:30pm

$75 per person, includes golf, cart, prizes and buffet
$30 per person for buffet only

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

For any questions, please email womensclubeg@gmail.com.

Please detach and mail check payable to WCEG by April 14th to:
WCEG, PO Box 30, East Granby, CT 06026

Player 1: ___________________________________________ Email: __________________________
Player 2: ___________________________________________ Email: __________________________
Player 3: ___________________________________________ Email: __________________________
Player 4: ___________________________________________ Email: __________________________
*No foursome, no problem! We will pair you if needed.

Dinner Only:
Name: ___________________________________________ Email: __________________________
Name: ___________________________________________ Email: __________________________

WCEG has been giving back to the East Granby community for almost 50 years!
Proceeds from this event help fund
East Granby community organizations and scholarships!

Join your friends and neighbors for this fun evening!
10th Annual East Granby Ridge Run/Walk 5k

When: Saturday May 19, 2018  10:00 a.m.

Where: East Granby Farms 79 North Main St. (Route 187N)
Online Pre-Reg: $25 adult, $20 addt’l family/team members 
$15 ages 5-17, four and under free
Race Day Registration 8:30-9:30a.m.: $30pp; $15 ages 5-17
Cash and check only. Payable to WCEG.

All proceeds benefit: East Granby Schools and Community
Music, Bounce House, Refreshments
Free T-Shirt with adult registration
(Children may register as adults to receive T-Shirt)
Prizes ,  50/50 Raffle
Best Costume Contest!
100 yard fun run for the kids

Sponsored by Women’s Club of East Granby
Register online at eastgranbyridgerun.com
Go online to become a sponsor. Any level appreciated.

womensclubeg.com
eastgranbyridgerun.com
eastgranbyridgerun@live.com
PREVENTION

You can stop opioid misuse and addiction before it starts.

• Ask about non-opioid approaches to pain relief.
• Never change your dosage or stop medication without talking to your health care provider first.
• Know the hazards of drug interactions, including alcohol. A pharmacist can help if you have questions.
• Never use another patient’s prescription.
• Store all prescription drugs — including opioids — safely and securely. More than 50% of opioid misuse originates with excess pills being used by others who have access to the prescription drugs.
• Properly dispose of prescription medications when you are finished using them.

TREATMENT

Effective methods are available.

• Medication Assisted Treatment combines medication with behavioral counseling for a “whole patient” approach.
• Extended-release medications eliminate the need for daily dosing and improve treatment.
• For addiction treatment 24/7 call 1-800-563-4086
• “Pain” can be emotional or a sign of a mental health condition, and many people with opioid abuse problems suffer from depression or other mental health issues that can be treated.
• Medication Tapering involves working with your doctor to decrease your dosage gradually over a period of time.

RECOVERY

Get the support you need.

• Join with others who are facing the same situation. 12-step programs such as Narcotics Anonymous are proven to help.
• Build a support system. This means asking for help from people you can trust.
• Avoid high-risk situations. Avoid people you know who misuse opioids and other drugs. Set boundaries around your recovery and enforce them.
• Have strategies for avoiding a return to use. Know the signs. Have someone to call. Know how to distract yourself for 15-30 minutes. Learn how to relax. Do your recovery in small chunks of time.

Town of East Granby
www.eastgranbyct.org

Go to drugfreect.org to access a range of resources.

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Hartland, East Granby and Granby Community Members:

Please come to this **FREE** informational program

Information on the scope of the opioid problem in our community

How to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose

Where to obtain Naloxone (Narcan) and how to administer it to reverse an overdose

What you can do to help reduce opioid

Services and Resources

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**Join Us:**

March 21, 2018
7:00 PM—8:00 PM
Granby Senior Center
Community Room
15C North Granby Rd
Granby CT

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[Logos of CASAC, dmhas, Town of Granby YSB, Youth Service Bureau, 1761 East Granby Connecticut]
East Granby Student Theatre is Proud to Present....

Vocal Auditions: March 30th 6:00-8:00 & March 31st 5:00-7:00  
Dance Auditions: March 31st 4:00-5:00

All auditions will be held at East Granby Farms  
79 North Main Street, East Granby

Please prepare a song from the show accapella
*You may attend either vocal audition and must attend the dance audition*

Cast members must be between the ages of 8 and 18  
Show dates are July 26th-28th

If you have any questions about fees to participate or auditions, please email us at 
eastgranbystudenttheatrellc@gmail.com or message us on our Facebook page 
“East Granby Student Theatre”
East Meets West

Wellness Morning

To Benefit Project Graduation 2018

Join us for a morning of inspiration, information, movement & meditation. April 21st 9:30 to 11:00 only $10

https://eastmeetswestwellnessmorning.eventbrite.com

Come ready to move your body with Mary Roy. A dynamic stretch routine to create balance & flexibility, a strength workout designed after eastern principles and a short but highly effective HIIT routine. But that is not all, unwind and connect to stillness with a calming centering meditation lead by Josette Lumbruno from Calm Mind Meditation then join the conversation on the mind/body connection, mindful eating and essential oils.

Living our best and creating wellness in a busy world is not easy. This event will help pave the way. Great event for Moms (and dads) and daughter (and sons too of course). Everyone is welcome. Please bring your friends. It is for a great cause. There will also be a drawing to win Health Coaching sessions with Mary Roy.

***Please bring a mat and come dressed to exercise.

For more information contact:
Mary Roy  Mary@MaryRoyFitness.com or 860.202.1592
Superintendent’s Message

Spring is just around the corner……‘March Madness’, spring sports, planting season, the first bursts of color in the garden, and rejuvenation from the winter slump.

In the past few months, we have witnessed an increase in the number of incidences of school shootings. The world heard and witnessed a horrific shooting event with several fatalities at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL. This incident sent shock waves across our country and was a grim reminder of the horrific incident that occurred at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT. We are all deeply saddened by the tragic loss of innocent children and very dedicated school employees in these most recent shooting incidents. It is extremely difficult to begin to imagine the depth of loss in the families of the victims. The East Granby and CT state police continue to monitor the East Granby Public Schools as they do routinely.

In East Granby, we are as prepared as we can be for school emergencies. Many years ago we took appropriate steps to form a town-wide safety and emergency response committee. We have a town wide Safety Committee that includes the Superintendent, First Selectman, school leaders and personnel, town personnel, public safety, fire, and ambulance. We do monthly drills in the schools and vary the circumstances so students get to practice responding to different scenarios. We do a major evacuation drill each spring where we evacuate the school campuses to different locations.

Each school has a safety committee and holds scheduled meetings as required by statute. Public safety personnel serve on each school's safety committee. East Granby was a forerunner in making preparations for events such as that which occurred in Florida. The Connecticut state police trained with East Granby administrators, faculty, staff and students in 2010 and continue to participate in the school drills. Faculty members have been trained in protocols to follow in various situations. East Granby Public Schools have an Emergency Response document and quick reference guides. The district also has a major segment in the towns’ All Hazards Safety Plan that is filed with the Town and the state. East Granby district and school administrators are registered in the states’ database have ‘salamander’ photo IDs, and one administrator participates in the state/regional emergency committee.

A few years ago, the East Granby Public Schools received a grant from the state of Connecticut to address safety infrastructure in schools. The East Granby Board of Finance contributed capital funds to enable the schools to make significant upgrades to the facilities. The upgrades allowed us to make critical improvements in our physical structures as well as technology.

We continue to be vigilant each day to ensure the safety of students and that all persons follow safety protocols. School administrators are in contact with their colleagues discussing actions for the near future. Dr. Mahoney is also in contact with the statewide Superintendent Association where discussions are ongoing. Please know that the East Granby Public Schools' counselors and resources are mobilized and are ready to assist children and families in East Granby in processing the horrendous event that took the lives of so many in Florida.

At a recent Board of Education meeting there was a discussion of safety and security in the East Granby Public Schools. In an effort to engage parents and members of the community in discussing district resources available to support students and families at critical points in their lives, the leadership team is making plans to hold information sessions in the near future. The sessions will address social and emotional issues that affect learning and personal affect. Professionals from within the district, the town, and clinical
arena will be invited to participate and share valuable resources in these evening sessions. The schedule of events will be posted shortly. We encourage parents to continue to speak with their children about the incident at a developmentally appropriate level. More importantly we ask that the safety protocols practiced in school be a part of the discussions at home, and that parents consult the school counselors as needed for additional support.

On March 22, 2018, the Board of Education and the school leadership team held the 2018 Community Forum. First Selectman James Hayden and Board of Education Chair Bob Ravens-Seger made opening remarks. Dr. Mahoney made a presentation to Mr. Frank Gulluni from Asnuntuck Community College for his continued support of the East Granby Public Schools. The presentations and displays representing each school and program were outstanding, very engaging and informative. School counselors, building and program administrators, and representatives from Asnuntuck and Housatonic Community Colleges shared important information about unique opportunities available to students. The program was recorded and will be available for viewing on GCTV in the coming week. Other exciting news about student accomplishments may be viewed on-line in the latest edition of The Insider newsletter at www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us

The East Granby Board of Education is in the process of developing a budget to support the education program in 2018-2019. At a Board of Finance meeting on March 13, 2018, the Board of Education will present the proposed operating budget for the schools along with the budget that represents the .75% increase guidance that was issued by the Board of Finance at its previous meeting. Future meetings of the Board of Finance to discuss the budget include April 3, 2018, Public Hearing on April 17, 2018 and Town Meeting on April 24, 2018.

Included in this Superintendent’s Message is a listing of persons who may be contacted to respond to questions that may arise. It is important that you contact the individual indicated as early as possible and never assume that other persons are familiar with your personal situation. Once the first contact is made, school personnel are then better able to follow-up and investigate in order to provide an accurate response to your question or concern. The Who to Call list follows.

I look forward to seeing you at the many events and meetings ahead.

Dr. Christine F.A. S. Mahoney, Ed. D.
1. Contact the person most directly involved with your area of interest or concern.

2. If your initial contact does not provide the information you request, then follow-up by contacting the school principal, program director or others as indicated in the chart below.

   a. Allgrove School  Mrs. Maylah Uhlinger, Principal  860-653-2505
   b. Seymour School  Mr. Bob McGrath, Principal  860-653-7214
   c. Middle School  Ms. Melissa Bavaro, Principal  860-653-7113
   d. High School  Mr. Tony DeMelo, Principal  860-653-2541
      Mr. Timothy Phelan, Assist. Principal  860-653-2541
   e. Student Support Services  Ms. Karen Gogel, Director  860-413-9079
   f. Curriculum  Mrs. Marjorie Light, Director  860-653-2505
      860-653-2541
   g. Business Manager  Mrs. Susan Greco  860-653-6486
   h. Superintendent  Dr. Christine Mahoney  860-653-6486

3. Contact the Central Office (860-653-6486) if your question is not answered or your concern is not resolved through communication with staff members, principal or director.

4. Communicate with the Superintendent, then Board of Education if questions or concerns still exist after proceeding through steps 1, 2, and 3.

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East Granby Fire Marshal’s Office Safety Tips

SAFETY TIPS FOR POSSIBLE ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS

- A light bulb that burns out frequently is a sign that the bulb is too high a wattage for the fixture.
- If the lights flicker and dim every time an appliance is turned on, the circuit is overloaded or has a loose connection.
- If sparks appear when a plug is inserted or removed, it could be a sign of loose connections.
- If an electrical cord is warm to the touch, the cord is underrated or defective.
- If circuit breakers keep tripping, or there are frequent blown fuses, this is a warning sign of problems.
- Improperly installed and/or rated electrical devices, such as switches or receptacles and loose connections at the devices, can lead to arcing and fires.
- Always be sure the correct size fuses are installed. The fuse is a safety device designed to limit the electricity carried to a safe level.
- Always be sure that electrical devices installed outdoors are designed especially for outdoor use. Outdoor receptacles, as well as those in kitchens, bathrooms, and anywhere near water, should be the ground fault circuit interrupting type (GFCI).
- Only use extension cords that are rated for the power used by the device they will be powering.
- Never use extension cords as a long-term solution to the need for another receptacle.
- An extension cord should never be connected to another extension cord or power strip.
- Power strips cannot be connected together—this is known as “daisy chained” and will lead to arcing and fires.

New Open Burning Permit Process
The East Granby Fire Marshal’s Office has been assigned the duties of the Open Burning Official for the Town of East Granby. As a result of this change, there are a few modifications to the process required for obtaining an open burning permit for brush. The permit fee has remained the same at $25 and should be made payable to the Town of East Granby. Our office is part-time so please plan ahead for days that you would like to conduct the burning in order to obtain the needed permit.

Open burning permit applications and copies of our guidelines are available at the First Selectman’s Office or the Fire Marshal’s Office. The permit will only be valid once the burn site has been inspected and the open burning official has signed the permit. It is still the responsibility of the resident to follow the Town of East Granby’s guidelines for open burning.

RECALLED ITEMS FROM THE U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
Residents should be aware of a couple of products which were recently recalled by the U.S Consumer Product Safety Commission. 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. Below is not a complete list of recalls that have been issued since the last newsletter. The complete list is contained on their website.

ISO Beauty Recalls Hairdryers due to Burn and Fire Hazard
This recall involves the Iconic Pro 2000 and 2000W hand-held hair dryers sold under the ISO Beauty and Proliss brand names. The bottom rear of the dryers has “ISO” or “Proliss” printed and model number HD-1280. The dryers were sold in black, white, white pearl, peacock, white zebra, pink leopard, blue, and giraffe colors. The cord can become brittle near the base of the dryer, causing burn injuries and fires.
Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled dryers and contact ISO for replacements. ISO can be reached at 800-490-5919.

Vornado Air Recalls Cribside Space Heaters due to Fire and Burn Hazards
This recall involves Vornado Sunny CS (cribside) model EH1-0090 electric space heaters. “Vornadobaby” is printed on the side of the heater. The Vornado logo is printed on the front center of the unit. The model/type “SUNNY CS EH1-0090” and serial number are printed on a silver decal on the bottom of the unit under the elastic cord wrap. The recalled heaters have the numbers 1 and 7 as the fourth and fifth digits of the serial number (XXX7-XXXXXX). A broken motor mount can allow the electric heating element to come in contact with the interior plastic materials and ignite, posing fire and burn hazards.
Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled space heaters and contact Vornado at 844-205-7978 for replacements.

Whirlpool Recalls KitchenAid Electric Kettles due to Burn Hazards
This recall involves KitchenAid 1.7 Liter Electric Kettles. The kettles were sold in stainless steel, red, black, white, liquid graphite, and cocoa silver. Model numbers and serial numbers are located on the bottom of the kettle. KitchenAid is written on the front of the kettles. A list of model and serial numbers included in this recall can be found on the Consumer Product Safety Commissions website www.cpsc.gov or by contacting Whirlpool at 800-874-0608.
The handle on the kettle can loosen and separate causing burn hazards.
Consumers should immediately stop using the kettles and contact Whirlpool at above number for a replacement.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
A simple reminder to all residents that daylight savings time occurs on March 11th of this year at 2:00 AM and is a time where you should be checking your smoke detectors and replacing the batteries in them. The East Granby Fire Marshal’s Office provides this service free of charge to our residents. A smoke detector has a life span of ten years. If your detector is battery operated and is over ten years old we will replace the detector free of charge for you. Simply contact our office at (860) 653-3444 to schedule an appointment. As we are part-time and our hours can vary, e-mail is an even faster way to reach us: JohnL@egtownhall.com.
DIAL-A-RIDE ON THE MINI BUS
1. Grocery, Pharmacy & Banking every Wednesday
2. 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.

Grocery, Pharmacy & Banking every Wednesday
❖ Doctor, Dentist, Hairdresser & Personal Care Appointments every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

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~APRIL 2ND & MAY 7TH 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.

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-11:30 AM 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:
- MARCH 19TH, APRIL 23RD, MAY 14TH - WALMART
- MARCH 26TH, APRIL 30TH MAY 21ST - MRS. MURPHY’S & OCEAN STATE JOB LOT
- APRIL 2ND – CHRISTMAS TREE SHOP
- APRIL 9TH – FOOTPRINTS/STEW LEONARDS
- APRIL 16TH - TARGET/PETCO/DOLLAR STORE
- MAY 7TH – HOMEGOODS/REIN’S

FREE

AARP Tax-Aide trained volunteer tax professionals will assist Seniors 60 years and over with Form 1040 and the standard schedules. Electronic filing is available. By appointment only Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning mid-February. Call (860) 844-5352 for an appointment. The tax preparation office is located in the Granby Senior Center.
SENIOR CENTER TRIPS AND PROGRAMS

FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD—Lunch Bunch—McLadden's—Simsbury, CT—At McLadden's they recognize that sometimes you are just looking for a tasty dish served in a comfortable atmosphere at a price that won't blow the bank. Their menu offers dishes that cater to a wide range of taste buds. They offer signature dishes and special items. Discover their Build Your Own dishes; including: Burgers, Mac & Cheese, Colossal Baked Potatoes & their famous Nachos. Depart the Senior Center at 11:30 AM. Reservation by March 15th.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH—Poetry Cafe—You don’t want to miss this annual tradition and wonderful opportunity to hear the amazing talent of our very own East Granby Middle School students! The small group of students will present their incredible poems and you will not be disappointed by their talent and creativity! Celebrate and support our students while enjoying a delicious lunch followed by ice cream sundaes! Lunch begins at 12:00 pm at the East Granby Senior Center. Special price for lunch—only $5! Payment and reservation due by March 30th.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13TH—Lunch Bunch—Butchers & Bakers—Farmington, CT—Voted by CT Magazine as one of the best new restaurants. Butchers & Bakers isn’t just their name, it’s who they are. Their team of bakers prepares fresh rolls and pastries each day. Steaks, pork chops, chicken & seafood are all custom butchered in house. Their inviting space combines warm elements with a fresh farmhouse atmosphere. They believe great ingredients make great food and think you will agree! Depart the Senior Center at 11:30 AM. Reservation by April 5th.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH—Simsbury Flea & Smorgasbord—Simsbury, CT—The Simsbury Flea & Smorgasbord is an Up Market featuring antiques, vintage, home and garden, art, crafts, jewelry, vendors and a farmer’s market. There will also be a Food Truck Festival with the best food trucks in CT. Live music and other entertainment at the Simsbury Meadows. Come out for a fun day of shopping, eating, music and more! Depart the Senior Center at 9:30 AM. We will leave to return home at 12:30 PM. Admission is $5. Reservation and payment due by April 19th.

FRIDAY, MAY 4TH—Bunco—Come and enjoy this exciting dice game. Absolutely no experience is necessary. It’s easy to learn and fun to play! Pizza, snacks & drinks will be served. 12:00 pm at the East Granby Senior Center. Cost is $5. Payment and reservation due by April 26th.

THURSDAY, MAY 10TH—The Travelers Chorale Spring Concert—Hartford, CT—The Travelers Chorale was founded in 1924 and is the oldest company-affiliated, eight-part choral group in America. Please join us for a night of exciting and moving music by the 100-voice chorale. This 93rd Annual Spring Concert will be held in the Mortensen Hall at the Bushnell. Depart the Senior Center at 6:30 pm. There is no charge for this event but please consider bringing a non-perishable food donation to benefit Hartford families in need. Reservation due by May 3rd.

FRIDAY, MAY 25TH—Lunch Bunch—Tavern @ Keney Park—Windsor, CT—Enjoy this casual restaurant in Keney Park Golf Course. They feature affordable American Fare in a relaxed atmosphere with expansive outdoor seating. Depart the Senior Center at 11:30 AM. Reservation by May 17th.

THURSDAY, MAY 31ST—Hartford Yard Goats—Hartford, CT—Take me out to the ball game, take me out to the park! Come check out the beautiful new baseball stadium while you cheer on the Hartford Yard Goats as they take on the Harrisburg Senators. An all you can eat buffet is included. Depart the Senior Center at 9:30 AM. Cost is $38 (includes game ticket and all you can eat buffet). Reservation and payment due by May 1st.

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) .................................................4/3, 5/1
Conservation 7:00 (TH) .............................................................4/4, 5/2
Board of Education 7:00 (AS) ..................................................3/26, 4/23, 5/14
Economic Development 7:30 (TH) ..........................................3/26, 4/30
Elementary School Committee ............................................As Needed
Board of Finance 7:30 .............................................................4/3, 4/24
Parks & Recreation 7:00 (EGF) .............................................4/5, 5/3
Planning & Zoning 7:00 (TH) ..................................................4/10, 5/8
Board of Selectmen 6:30 (TH) ...............................................3/28, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, 5/23
Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 (TH) ..................................3/22, 4/26, 5/24
Youth Services Bureau 6:30 (EGF) .......................................3/19, 4/16, 5/21

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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East Granby, CT 06026

Resident
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East Granby
Spring & Summer
PARKS AND RECREATION 2018

Register Online at eastgranbyrec.com
Or Contact
Alicia Van Neil at 860-653-7660
Avannell@egtownhall.com

East Granby Parks and Recreation
79 North Main Street  P.O. Box 1858
East Granby, CT 06026
Register Today!
Registration Information

The East Granby Parks and Recreation Department is proud to provide the Town of East Granby with our activity registration system and website. Please CREATE AN ACCOUNT with your household information. The data provided, emergency contacts, allergies information and other important information will help us better serve you. The information will automatically fill out your registration form.

**Eastgranbyrec.com**
*Online credit card payment is available*

When you are ready to complete a registration form for activities be sure to review the How to Register for an Activity page. Registrations and payment for programs must be received in advance of the program. Register early to help insure that the program of your choice will be offered. Registration may be made in person at the East Granby Farms or by mail. Remit registration forms with payment payable to:

East Granby Parks and Recreation
P.O. Box 1858
East Granby, CT 06026

It is the policy of the Parks and Recreation department that recreational opportunity will not be denied to any resident because of lack of financial resources: program scholarship information is available upon request. All inquiries are kept in the strictest of confidence.

The East Granby Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any program if there is insufficient registration. Your early registration helps us to make the decision to run the program.

Programs are designed as enriching experiences; participants who are a disruptive influence on others will be asked to withdraw. No refund will be issued under these circumstances.

Our policy on refunds is to issue these for medical reasons only. A doctor's note is required. There is a $25 fee assessed for a returned check.

The East Granby Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with the school's Special Education Program will work to integrate children with special needs into our programs. Please call the office more to let us know how we can best serve you.
REGISTER NOW!

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AVAILABLE AT: EASTGRANBYREC.COM

PARTICIPANTS NAME:_________________________________________________________

ADDRESS:_________________________________________________________________

TOWN:_______________________ HOME PHONE: ___________ CELL: ____________

EMAIL: __________________________________________________________

PROGRAM OR TRIP: __________________________________________ FEE: ______

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For Youths Under 18 – Please complete the following:

AGE: ______ SCHOOL: ______________________________________ GRADE: ______

PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS OR MEDICAL RESTRICTIONS?
_____________________________________________________________________

FATHER’S NAME ______________________ PHONE: ___________

MOTHER’S NAME __________________________________ PHONE: ___________

LIABILITY RELEASE

The EAST GRANBY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT is not responsible for personal injuries, damages or losses, which may occur. As in any sports or activities, there is a certain amount of inherent risk involved. Signature on this form indicates recognition of these risks, permission to participate and consent to secure emergency medical treatment in the event a parent/guardian cannot be reached.

____________________________________________________________    ____________
Signature – Parent/Guardian (if participant is under 18 years old)                          Date

Deliver or mail completed registration form and payment to:
East Granby Parks and Recreation Department
79 North Main Street   P.O. Box 1858
East Granby, CT  06026
CAMPERS NAME: ____________________________________________________________

NICK NAME: ___________________ DATE OF BIRTH: ___________________ GRADE: ______

MOTHER/GUARDIAN: ___________________ DAYTIME PHONE: ____________ CELL: _______________
FATHER/GUARDIAN: ___________________ DAYTIME PHONE: ____________ CELL: _______________

CHILD LIVES WITH: ________________________________________________

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON: ___________________ DAYTIME PHONE: __________________

FAMILY MEDICAL INSURANCE: ___________________ POLICY # __________________

DOCTOR’S NAME: ___________________ PHONE: __________________

THE WELL BEING OF YOUR CHILD IS IMPORTANT TO US.
Is there anything special you want us to know about your child?
___________________________________________________________________________

ALLERGIES (Hay fever, poison ivy, insect bites, medications, asthma, etc.)

___________________________________________________________________________

WHAT ACTIVITIES CAN YOUR CHILD NOT PARTICIPATE IN?
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IS CAMPER CURRENTLY TAKING MEDICATIONS? Yes_______ No _________________

WHAT MEDICATIONS?
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WHAT FOR?
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LIST MEDICATIONS YOUR CHILD MAY HAVE TO BRING TO CAMP:
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EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION: I understand that in any activity there is an inherent risk involved.
Parent/Guardian signature on this medical form indicates recognition of risks, permission to participate
and consent for the staff of East Granby Recreation to secure emergency medical treatment in the event
I cannot be reached.

Signature of Parent/Guardian ___________________ Date ___________________
All trips require advance registrations and a minimum number of passengers. Your seat is guaranteed with payment. No phone reservations!

NEW YORK CITY ON YOUR OWN!

Enjoy a day in the city on your own to enjoy the Big Apple. See Chinatown, Little Italy, Central Park a museum, the zoo, a Broadway show or shop – use your imagination. These are our usual drop off points in the City: Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Plaza Hotel, and Rockefeller Center. Our pickup time is 7:00 pm in front of the Stage Coach Tavern, the Ed Sullivan Theatre is close by. The location of the tavern is on 7th Avenue between 53rd and 54th Street. All trips need advanced registration.

Dates:
*May 5, 2018 – departs EG Community Center
*October 6, 2018 – departs EG Community Center
*December 1, 2018 – departs EG Farms

Depart EG: 7:15am Leave NYC: 7:00 pm

Cost: $46

RED SOX vs. BALTIMORE ORIOLES

Join us on Monday, April 16 for the annual Patriot's Day Game at Fenway Park. This is always one of the most significant home games of the season with the Boston Marathon being run through the city during the game and lots of pre-game holiday pageantry and ceremonies. We will be seated in Right Field Box 89 for this game (under the retired numbers). Our bus will leave the East Granby Community Center at 7:30 am (for the 11:05am game start time) and we will return home around 4:30pm. Limited Seats - Don’t Wait to Sign Up! Tickets can only be reserved with full payment. $115 per person for this April 16th game.

RED SOX vs. TORONTO BLUE JAYS

Join us on Sunday, July 15 as the Red Sox take on their American League East Rivals at Fenway Park. This is sure to be an important mid-season match-up between two teams who will be in playoff contention. We will be seated in Right Field Box 87 for this game (under the retired numbers). Our bus will leave the East Granby Community Center at 10:45am (for the 1:35pm game start time). Limited Seats - Don't Wait to Sign Up! Tickets can only be reserved with full payment. The cost is $119 per person for this July 15th game.

RED SOX vs. YANKEES

Join us as two of the baseball's biggest rivals meet this summer in Yankee Stadium for what is sure to be a battle for the top of baseball's toughest division. Both the Yankees and the Sox have their sights set on a Championship this year so this game should have a playoff like atmosphere. We have seats in section 233B (straightaway left field, 2nd level) for this Friday night, June 29, 7:05pm game. The cost is $125 per person for what is sure to be an exciting game.
On Monday, August 20, 2018, you and your family can join us on an exciting trip to the world famous Bronx Zoo. With award-winning, cutting-edge exhibits featuring over 4,000 animals, there is no other zoo in the world that offers the diversity, superb viewing, and world-renowned expertise that assures a rewarding experience and the knowledge that visitors can make a difference in the world around them.

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Our deluxe motor coach will leave the East Granby Community Center parking lot (20 Center Street) at 7:00am and will leave the Bronx Zoo at 4:30pm. The Total Experience Deluxe package includes zoo shuttles, Wild Asia Monorail, Bus Carousel, Children’s Zoo, the 4-D Theater, and the Congo Gorilla Forest.

The cost for this adventure is $65 per person.

THE EASTER BUNNY IS COMING…

Join us for some Easter Fun!

Saturday, March 31, 2018
10:00 AM SHARP!

East Granby Recreation Area
Rain or Shine!

Preschool aged children: Meet our Easter Bunny helpers near the entrance of the baseball field at East Granby Farms for some bunny fun.

Kindergarten – 2nd graders – Join us on the grassy area near the Snack Shack at East Granby Farms.

3rd – 5th Graders (Will be held at 10:30am SHARP near the recreation building) New this year – Join us for an Easter egg hunt that will require your detective skills. Attention to detail will be required to find these hidden treats and this year – a few golden eggs will provide a larger Easter egg hunt surprise!

Please bring a canned good to be donated to East Granby’s Friend to Friend Food Pantry.

This is a free event; no registration is required.
Spring Time Happenings

JUMPING CLAY EASTER FUN

Think spring and join us for some Jumping Clay fun!

Wednesday, March 28 2pm – 3:30pm
Cost: $20
East Granby Farms Recreation Building

Let's celebrate Easter and Spring with an Easter bunny and a sheep magnet. Each participant will create their own Easter bunny and sheep magnet craft using Jumping Clay while learning about basic shapes and color mixing. Jumping Clay is an air-drying polymer clay that is 100% safe and non-toxic and completely mess free! Our workshops provide step-by-step instruction and assistance by trained instructors while encouraging creative self expression and building confidence. All projects will be taken home the same day - just leave them out to dry for 24 hours.

Beginners Welcome! Ages: 5-12

APRIL VACATION GOLF CAMP

April 9 – 13, 2018 9 am to 3:30pm
Cost: $265
Location: Copper Hill Golf Course
(Please contact the Parks and Recreation Office to confirm a seat in this April Vacation Camp)

This camp will focus on content, practice and assessment. Sportsmanship etiquette and rules of play will be stressed as well as nutrition, fitness and skill development, “near golf course experience” and assessments of each level.

Lunch and all fees are included

MOTHER’S DAY GIFT CRAFT “Jumping Clay”

Wednesday, April 25: 2pm – 3:30 pm
Cost: $20
East Granby Farms Recreation Building

Join us to create a Mother’s Day craft and a cow in a pasture. Each participant will create their own Mother’s Day craft and a silly duck using Jumping Clay while learning about basic shapes and color mixing.

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ART-VENTURES FOR KIDS VACATION ART FUN

Thursday, April 12, Ages: 5-12
9:00am – 12:00pm Cost: $30
East Granby Farms Recreation Building

It's Raining, It's Pouring...

But nobody's snoring during this exciting springtime art-venture! Decorate real umbrellas with colorful, waterproof inks, sculpt birds out of neon clay and create cool umbrella collages with decorative papers. Rain or shine, everyone will have a blast! Bring an over-sized old t-shirt to use as a smock, a nut free snack and a drink.
NFL FLAG FOOTBALL
Juniors: ages 7-10 / Seniors: ages 11-14
Advanced: ages 15-17

NFL Flag Football is the premier youth football program for boys and girls. The program provides young players a fun and exciting opportunity to engage in non-contact, continuous action, while learning lessons in teamwork.

The Spring 2018 program begins the week of April 23rd and runs for 8 weeks. An assessment will be held on Saturday, April 21st from 9am-11am to assist the coaches in creating teams. No experience needed! Practice will be held 2 times a week. More information is available online.

New this year a 15-17 year old league!

Cost: $75

GROWING HEALTHY KIDS

Gather once a month to learn all about healthy foods, where it comes from, how to prepare it, and of course tasting it! This class is active and hands on, where learning happens through movement, games, and preparing foods. Kids will become excited about healthier food options, understand the importance, and learn how to make it taste delicious!

The series is taught by Nutritionist, Alicia Newton from Nourish My Soul. Occasionally we will have guests from our Jr Chef program to mentor this younger group and model a positive relationship with healthy food.

Mondays: March 26, April 30 and May 21
Time: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm   Ages 6-9
Drop-ins: $15.00 per class
East Granby Farms at the Barn.

HORSEBACK RIDING
Location: 1360 Hill Street, Suffield Ct
(End of Hunt Farms, Suffield CT)

Learn to ride or improve current riding skills under the guidance of an advanced riding instructor. This program is geared to all children age 3 and up.

An approved safety riding helmet will be provided. Riders must wear jeans or riding pants, shoes with low heels. Limited enrollment.

Tuesdays, May 1 – May 15, 2018
4:30pm-5:30pm

Cost $95

SPRING GOLF

Looking to teach your son or daughter the basics of golf? This program is designed for children with little or no golf experience. It is the ideal “first step” in fostering a child’s interest in golf.

Entry level ages 7-10 April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5 $75
Entry level ages 11-14 April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5 $75
Entry level ages 9-13 April 25, May 2, 9 & 16 (4 weeks $50)

All class are held at Copper Hill Golf Club.
Spring Adult Programs

ADULT GOLF LESSONS

4 Mondays: 6:30pm – 7:30pm
Beginning in May
6:30pm – 7:30pm
Copper Hill Golf Academy

Whether you are a complete beginner or someone looking to learn a bit more about the game of golf, this 4 week class will cover everything you need to know.

Each one hour class will provide the fundamentals behind the full swing, chipping, pitching or putting. During each class we will also cover some of the common rules and etiquette to make your on-course experience as comfortable and seamless as possible!

You will leave with all of the skills needed to hit the ball further, chip it closer and get it around a golf course. Dress in comfortable clothing and athletic shoes. Clubs are available for use if necessary. Cost $65

MEN’S RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL

Come and play a drop-in game of basketball. This program is for men over the age of 18. The cost is $3 and the fee is collected at the door. An East Granby Parks and Recreation Waiver is required in order to play. Participants must wear white-soled gym shoes. No basketball during school vacation or non-school days. Every Wednesday while school is in session from 7-9 pm.

ZUMBA WITH RENEE

FOR ADULTS AND TEENS 16 +
Tuesdays, April
6pm – 7pm
East Granby Farms Recreation Building

What is Zumba? 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!

$40 for six weeks or $10 for walk-ins 10 class punch card is available for $70!

YOGA FOR ALL LEVELS

Mondays, 6:30 – 7:30pm
East Granby Recreation Building

Build strength, balance, and flexibility while increasing mindfulness and decreasing stress.

This is a continuous flowing yoga practice that will connect movement with breath. Options will be given for all levels. The practice will start with a warm up, progressing into a vinyasa flow, winding down with deep stretching and a relaxing savasana.

Drop-in fee $8 paid the night of (cash & checks only)

Check out the East Granby Parks and Recreation website for more information on other upcoming activities including

* Men’s softball – starting in June
* Ready to run a 5K program starting soon
* Mother’s Day flower arranging and more…
CAMP GRANBROOK INFORMATION
8:00am – 3:30pm (NEW THIS YEAR)
GRANBROOK PARK

This is a day camp for children kindergarten to age 12. Activities include: arts and crafts, sports, music, bowling, swimming, outdoor adventures and day trips. A fun way to spend the summer with friends and to make new friends. Every day is a new adventure.

Our fabulous camp staff will encourage your child to try new activities and enjoy old-time favorites. Children will be given a choice to pick different activities throughout the day. A sports fan? We have something for you. An arts and crafts fan? We have something for you too. Can't decide or want to do a little of both – we can make that happen too.

Special outings, guests and events last summer included the East Granby Land Trust, East Granby Fire Department, Nourish My Soul, water slides and more...

Camp is held rain or shine! In case of heavy rains campers are relocated to an indoor facility in town.

Camp will be held in one-week sessions. Cost is $145 per week. A half day option is also available from 8am – 12 noon or 12 – 3:30 for $80. If you are registering 2 or more children per week, deduct $5 per child. No sibling discount for ½ day programs.

If there are special circumstances or important information you wish the staff to have please contact the office in advance of the start to camp.

All medical forms are due to the East Granby Parks and Recreation Office no later than Friday, June 15th.

Week 1 June 25 - 29
Week 2 July 2 - 6 (No July 4th)
Week 3 July 9 - 13
Week 4 July 16 - 20
Week 5 July 23 - 27
Week 6 July 30 - August 3
Week 7 August 6 -10
Week 8 August 13 – 17

EXTENDED DAY
Camp Granbrook offers an option for an extended day for those parents who need help with afternoon hours. This is an extended day camp service available to all children enrolled in the Granbrook program. Extended day runs from 3:30pm – 6:00pm Monday-Friday. The fee is $5 per half hour or any part of the half hour. The family rate of $8 per half hour is available for families with multiple children attending.

SUPER SNEAKER FUN CAMP
Ages 3-Kindergarten

Session 1: July 30 – August 3
Session 2: August 13 – August 17
9am – 12pm
East Granby Farms Recreation Center

This program is designed for children who have reached their third birthday at the start of camp through those completing kindergarten (proof of age may be required and they must be toilet trained). This program provides opportunities for self-expression, creativity, crafts, music games and plenty of FUN! A snack will be provided. Limited enrollment! Cost $75
PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER PROGRAM
Ages 6-12
July 2 – 6 (no 4th of July) 9:00 am – 2:30 pm
East Granby Farms Recreation Building

Mornings consist of exciting acting classes and dance classes. Acting classes include creative theater games, concentration exercises, voice and speech work, and structured improvisation to improve performance. Other topics include: monologue work, acting terminology, sense memory, sib-text, stage skills, script work and more! Classes' help students build confidence and inspire their imagination in a fun and supportive environment.

The dance classes include high energy jazz dance and movement. The afternoons will consist of rehearsals with an end of the week performance for family and friends, Friday at 1:30pm!

Please pack a snack and lunch.

Cost $196

ART-VENTURES FOR KIDS
Jungle Journey Art-ventures in the Rainforest
Ages 5-12
June 25-29 9am – 12pm
East Granby Farms Recreation Building

Art explorers take their inner artists for a walk in the rainforest and discover endangered creatures who live there. Lizards, poison dart frogs, bugs and butterflies, tigers and monkeys and more. Experience fabric design while tie-dyeing bandannas, making rainbow t-shirts, and printing on umbrellas. Sculpt animals out of clay, make bug boxes, create rainforest flowers, draw tigers, and paint ceramic flower pots shaped like rain boots. Discover stained glass and scratch art too. Fun facts about endangered animals and how to save the rainforest are included.

Cost: $139

BOUNCY BENDY ART IN MOTION
Ages 5-12
July 23 – 27 9am – 12pm
East Granby Farms Recreation Building


With a focus on color, shape, and MOTION, this program will have you jumping for joy!

Cost: $139

SUMMER HORSEMANSHIP AT MAPLE VIEW
198 R Salmon Brook Street. Granby

Ages 6-12 9am – 2pm  Cost: $325
Ages 3-6 9:30am – 11:30am  Cost: $135

This camp offers an opportunity for beginner students to learn horsemanship and farm skills through games and activities geared for boys and girls 6-12. Students will be divided into small groups for mounted and unmounted lessons on how to take up a horse, saddle, bridle and daily care for all of the farm animals. Campers will walk trails, ride horses, feed animals, play games and make crafts.

The pre-school age children will learn similar skills in a separate group. A short, instructive ride on one of our ponies will be included in their lessons.
The camp is focused on safety and maintains a low counselor to student ratio. Campers need: Shoes with a low heel, long pants (shorts for after riding), bug spray, sun block, water bottle, lunch (full day camp) and a snack. Rain or shine!

Session 1  June 25 – June 29
Session 2  July 9 – July 13
Session 3  July 16 – July 20
Session 4  July 23 – July 27
Session 5  July 30 – August 3
Session 6  August 6 – August 10

(Please contact the East Granby Parks and Recreation Office to register).

COPPER HILL GOLF ACADEMY

Entry Level Golf – Ages 5-8

This is an introductory program designed to familiarize kids with little or no golf experience. This is an ideal “first step” in fostering an interest in golf. Course content includes sportsmanship, etiquette, rules, and pace of play, fitness and skill development.

Weekly sessions begin (5 weeks) Cost: $70

Saturday, June 16, 2018  9:00 am - 9:50 am
Saturday, June 16, 2018  10:00 – 10:50 am
Tuesday, June 19, 2018  4:15 pm - 5:05 pm
Friday, June 22, 2018  9:30 am - 10:20 am

Sports Level Golf – Ages 6-10

This camp includes content, practice, sportsmanship, etiquette and rules of play. Golfers will also learn about fitness and nutrition, posture, movement and coordination while developing skills. This is a shortened version of Junior Golf Camp. Cost includes lunch & green fees. Full swing, putting, chipping, bunkers, etiquette, and rules are addressed. Lunch is included.

Session 1  June 20 – 24
Session 2  July 11 – July 14
Session 3  July 18 – July 21
Session 4  July 25 – July 28
Session 5  August 8 – August 11

Register by April 1: $130
Registration after April 1 $140

Player Level Golf – Ages 9 - 16

This program consists of four days, from 9:00 am to 3:30pm, with just the right mix of instruction and golf course time. Typically the morning consists of a session on full swing training and a session on an aspect of short game—either putting, chipping, pitching, or bunker. Often times there are skill building short game contests. Golf Camps at Copper Hill play 9 holes on the course each day with instructors. Lunch and all fees are included. Don’t wait, program fills up quickly! This is a 4 day camp.

Session 1  June 18 – June 21
Session 2  June 25 – June 28
Session 3  July 9 – July 12
Session 4  July 16 – July 20
Session 5  July 23 – July 26
Session 6  August 6 – August 10

Register by April 1: $265
Registration after April 1: $285
F.A.S.T ATHLETIC CAMP

Weeks TBD check the website for more details
Ages 5 - 12

F.A.S.T athletics presents Super Sports camp is a program that will offer a variety of sports each day such as: soccer, basketball, flag football, dodge ball, and kick ball. Program will include proper stretching and warm-up games as well as learning the basic skills of each sport.

Each day will end with a high energy game with the sport played that day.

Please remember to have your child wear sneakers, bring a water bottle and snack. Bring a lunch if they are staying for the full day.

BASKETBALL WORLD COED CAMP
August 6 – 10
Monday – Friday 9am – 12 noon
Grades 3 - 8
East Granby High School

Basketball World has been conducting basketball camps for 44 years. Campers will learn the latest breakthrough techniques of goal setting, visualization and positive self-talk which will enhance performance, confidence, and self-esteem. Participants will compete against players their own age and ability. There is one staff member for every eight campers. Campers should bring a snack and a water bottle.

All players receive a t-shirt.

WINS FOR LIFE BOYS BASKETBALL
July 9 – July 13, 2018
Monday - Friday 9am – 3:30pm
Grades 5-10
East Granby High School

This is an exceptional learning opportunity. This unique basketball school features outstanding instruction, advanced skill development, fun basketball challenges, and educational activities. Full-court competition, station drills, team building games, contests and mini-lectures are creatively combined to teach a range of basketball skills and important life lessons. Our experienced educators provide each student with valuable learning experiences to ensure individual improvement in basketball ability and knowledge. Students gain confidence and make new friends. Excellent staff to student ratio!

Register before May 1:  $280
Register after May 1:  $295
Tiny-Hawk (Soccer & Basketball)
Session 1: June 25 – June 29 12:15 – 1:00 pm
Session 2: July 23 – July 27 12:15 – 1:00 pm
Ages 3 & 4
Ahren’s Park, Granby

This camp for pre-school age kids introduces the essentials of these sports. Through games and activities, campers explore balance, hand/eye coordination, and skill development. Must be toilet trained in order to participate. Parents are encouraged to help the coaching staff teach these young children. Bring a water bottle.

Cost: $75

Mini-Hawk (Soccer, Baseball & Basketball)
Session 1: June 25 – June 29 9:00 – 12:00pm
Session 2: July 23 – July 27 9:00 – 12:00 pm
Ages 4 – 7
Ahren’s Park, Granby

This program gives young children a fun and positive first step into athletics. Through games and activities, campers explore balance, hand/eye coordination, and skill development at their pace. Participants should bring shin guards (recommended) appropriate clothing, snacks and water bottle, sneakers and sunscreen.

Cost: $125

SKYHAWKS FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP
July 16 – July 19 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Ahrens Park, Granby

Skyhawks Flag Football is the perfect program for young athletes who want a complete introduction to “America’s Game” or for those who simply want to brush up on their skills in preparation for league play. Through our “skill of the day” activities, campers will learn skills on both sides of the ball including the core components of passing, catching, and de-flagging or defensive positioning – all presented in a fun and positive environment. Skyhawks Flag Football is recommended for beginning to intermediate athletes. The week ends with the Skyhawks Super Bowl, giving participants a chance to showcase their skills on the gridiron!

Ages 7-12, Participant-to-coach ratio: 12:1

Gear to bring: Appropriate clothing, water bottle, running shoes, and sunscreen

Food to bring: 2 snacks & water bottle. Included with purchase: T-shirt, football, and player evaluation.

Cost: $89
E.Y.E.S. – EXCEPTIONAL YOUTH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Build with Me Using LEGO®

July 9 – July 13, 2018
(ages 4-5)
10:00am -12:00 pm, Monday-Friday

Children are accompanied by an adult family member. This program encourages communication and collaboration between children and family/community with an introduction to using LEGO Education early childhood materials. Your child will have the opportunity to work with and bring home evidence-based lab sheets to share with family to continue the learning process outside of camp.

Cost: $105.00

S.T.E.A.M. Works Using LEGO®

August 6 – August 10, 2018
(ages 7-9)
9:00 -12:00 pm, Monday-Friday

Children are working with standard LEGO materials to problem solve pre-engineering challenges involving structure, levers, gears, pulleys, and other elements of simple machines. Your child will have the opportunity to work with and bring home evidence-based lab sheets to share with family to continue the learning process outside of camp.

Cost: $120.00

Building Up S.T.E.A.M. Using LEGO®

July 9 – July 13, 2018
(ages 5-6)
1:00 -4:00 pm, Monday-Friday

Children are working independently and cooperatively as they begin to explore simple machines using LEGO Education early childhood materials. Your child will have the opportunity to work with and bring home evidence-based lab sheets to share with family to continue the learning process outside of camp.

Cost: $120.00

Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead Using LEGO®

August 6 – August 10, 2018
(ages 10-12)
1:00 -4:00 PM, Monday-Friday

Children are learning and strengthening building techniques and problem solving while working with more complex LEGO mechanisms that reinforce skills learned in the younger age programs. Most challenges are open ended and individualized for your child’s ability and interest. Your child will have the opportunity to work with and bring home evidence-based lab sheets to share with family to continue the learning process outside of camp.

Cost: $120.00

Check out the East Granby Parks and Recreation website for new programs being added: eastgranbyrec.com

Still in the works:
* additional April vacation programs
* Spring tennis for youth
* Summer tennis for youth

* Mother’s Day flower arranging class
* Dates for the F.A.S.T athletics camps
* In-town basketball clinics
SECRET AGENT LAB – MAD SCIENCE

Ages 6-12
June 20-22th 9am – 12pm
East Granby Farms Recreation Center

Develop your special agent and detective skills in this hands-on week of fun! Uncover the science involved in evidence gathering and analysis. Sharpen your secret agent skills and discover how chemistry and the science of forensics can come to the aid of a secret agent. Identify and collect evidence, from fingerprints, to tracks to trash! Bring a snack and drink.

Cost: $95

Gross-O-Rama – New for 2018
Grades 1 – 5
August 20 – 24th 9:00 – 12:00pm

Get ready for the science of grossness and ickiness! Discover the yucky science of bodies, chemistry, polymers, germs, and nature. Discover how to extract DNA from various products, discover how germs spread, find out what an owl eats through the dissection of owl pellets, follow the human digestive process through GROSS hands on play, and experiment with ooey, gooey polymers, and more! Eew… THAT’S GROSS!

Cost: $145

Engineering Explorers
Ages 6-12
August 20-24th 9am – 12pm
August 20 – 24th 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Whether your child loves to build things or destroy them, this camp includes lots of both! The engineers will design and build bridges and “skyscrapers” using simple tools and their imaginations. Kids will even construct a geodesic dome big enough for all the campers to sit inside! Campers will have fun designing simple machines, using pulleys. Then we move on to engineering in action—your kids work together to brainstorm, design, test, evaluate and redesign problem solving contractions. Bring a snack and drink. Cost: $140 - $255 (for both Mad Science programs).

Cost: $145

If you wish to do both Gross-O-Rama and Engineering Explorers the cost is $265 and your child will be supervised during the lunch hour.

What’s Cooking Jr. Chef?

June 25 – 29 1:00 – 4:00 pm (Ages 6-9)
July 9 – 13 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (Grades 5 – 8)
July 30 – August 3 9:00 – 12:00 pm (Ages 6-9)

Join us in this youth development program exploring the fundamentals of culinary arts, food systems, and nutritional education. The program is designed to help youth to develop leadership, teamwork, and culinary skills as well as gain nutritional knowledge and a new appreciation for diverse, healthy and sustainably-produced food. This program was developed by Nutritionist, Alicia Newton after years of working with families to develop healthier eating habits. Meet you in the kitchen where we will be stirring up change!

Cost: $145