Let's Talk Turkey

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EnJOY THE REmAINder OF THE SUMmEr

I hope that you and your families have had a great summer. By the time you receive this edition of Let's Talk Turkey (LTT), August will be almost over, with autumn quickly approaching. As you will see in this column and throughout LTT, there are a lot of fun activities going on in town, but let's start with a safety-related message.

Be Bear Aware: Black bears are increasing in numbers and being seen more frequently in East Granby. They are rarely aggressive toward humans but are becoming more and more visible around town and more accustomed to humans. Bears that are intentionally or accidentally fed (e.g., bird feeders) can be habituated and lose their fear of humans. Per the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, birdfeeders, garbage, pet food, and compost attract bears close to houses and should be made unavailable to bears. CT DEEP has made up a list of dos and don'ts. Do remove bird feeders and food from late March through November and do place garbage cans inside a garage or shed. Don't feed bears and don't approach or try to get closer to a bear to get a photo or video. DEEP monitors where bears are so please report bear sightings to DEEP at (860) 424-3011 or online at www.ct.gov/dep/blackbear.

Last Blast of Summer Concert: East Granby Parks & Recreation will present the Last Blast of Summer Concert on Friday, August 24th at the Town Center Complex Pavilion from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. This free family summer concert features the classic country music band "Truck Stop Troubadours." The concert will be held at the Town Green between the Ambulance Building and Town Hall. Bring your own chairs!

Parking is available at the Senior/Community Center, Library, Post Office, Allgrove School and the west end of the Center Shops. There will be free face painting, a bounce house, roaming railroad rides, and food vendors prior to and during the concert.

Ambulance Breakfast: There will be a Free Pancake Breakfast/Open House on August 28th at the Ambulance Building in our Public Safety Complex located on Veterans Memorial Drive. Enjoy pancakes, food, and fun and meet the East Granby Emergency Services staff and volunteers (East Granby Volunteer Fire Department, Granby Ambulance Association, East Granby Police, and Connecticut State Police) from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

Community Cuisine: On July 12th, members from a variety of different town organizations came together to host a memorable, free community-wide dinner. My thanks to the organizers, volunteers, and to those who donated food to the event. Over 200 residents came to the dinner and enjoyed meeting new people or striking up a conversation with neighbors who they haven’t seen for a while. The next dinner is at the Senior/Community Center on September 20th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

News from the Department of Public Works: Save the date—East Granby will hold a "Shred Day" on September 29th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Town Hall Parking Lot. Residents will be able to bring "confidential" documents that they want shredded to the event. More information will be in the September edition of Let's Talk Turkey. Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held for East Granby and Windsor Locks at the Windsor Locks Public Works Garage on October 13th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. If that day is not convenient, East Granby residents can also go to Bloomfield on September 8th, West Hartford on September 22nd, or East Hartford on October 6th. For more information please go to the MDC website at: http://themd.org/whai-we-do/environment-health-safety/household-hazardous-waste-collection or call the Selectman's Office at (860) 413-3301.

Back to School Safety: School opens on August 30th and there will be frequent bus stops and short traffic delays. Please drive carefully and obey all traffic rules. Never pass a bus which has stopped and is taking on or releasing passengers—not only is it against the law, it could be very dangerous to drivers and pedestrians.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!
Jim Hayden, First Selectman

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Republican & Democratic Town Meeting / Election Moderators / Deputy Registrar / Poll Workers Needed

Are you interested in being a moderator? A moderator is a non-partisan presiding officer over our Town Meetings. Election moderators preside over elections and referendums. Election moderators receive a $300 stipend per election. There is also an opening for a Democratic Deputy Registrar at $14 per hour. Poll worker positions are also available at $14 per hour. For more information, please contact the Selectmen’s Office at (860) 413-3301.

Board of Assessment Appeals

The Board of Assessment Appeals will meet in open session at the East Granby Town Hall on Monday, September 17th from 6:00 to 7:00 PM for the sole purpose of hearing appeals related to the assessment of motor vehicles listed on the October 2017 Grand List. No appointments are needed. Vehicles in question should be driven to the Town Hall parking lot.

Please note that the assessment date for these vehicles was October 1, 2017 and that the State of Connecticut requires that assessments used are according to the values and guidelines set forth in the October 2017 NADA pricing guide. For more information, please contact the Assessor’s Office at (860) 653-2852.

High Mileage Vehicles

Anyone with a high mileage vehicle on the October 1, 2018 Grand List in East Granby must present that vehicle to the Assessor’s Office for inspection from September 24th through October 16th during regular office hours to determine if any adjustment in value is allowed according to the NADA motor vehicle guide. Office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 to 4:00 PM; and Friday 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The East Granby Assessor’s office will no longer make adjustments for vehicles with high mileage during July tax time.

Veterans Tax Exemptions

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? The above 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.

In addition, 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 for more information.

Free Pancake Breakfast/Open House

Granby Ambulance Association

Breakfast is on us as we open the East Granby Ambulance station to the public on Saturday, August 25th at our Public Safety Complex on Veterans Memorial Drive from 9:00 AM to 1:00 noon. Enjoy pancakes and meet the East Granby Emergency Services staff and volunteers (East Granby Volunteer Fire Department, Granby Ambulance Association, East Granby Police, and Connecticut State Police). In addition to hearty fare, we’ve got some great activities planned. Take a peek inside the ambulance and stop by the Fire Department for some hands-on events. We will also be giving information on protecting your cardiovascular well-being as our Summer of Heart Health continues.

The CDC reports that 610,000 people die every year from heart disease. To improve the outcomes of a heart event GAA is promoting the Summer of Heart Health and encouraging everyone to learn hands-only CPR at our open house in August. Come and learn how it’s done. We’ll even give you the beat with a special playlist of music designed to help you deliver the required 120 compressions a minute and provide tips for heart-healthy living.

Cub Scouts Pack 70 for Family Fun

Looking for a structured program that facilitates spending more time together as a family, doing things like camping, fishing, and various other learning activities? Cub Scouts Pack 70 is the answer! Cub Scouts is a fun-filled, year-round program for boys and girls that focuses on outdoor activities, community service, building projects, and much more. Seize the opportunity to spend quality time with your children while introducing them to new experiences and friendships! Children in grades K through 5 are eligible. Registration night will be in early September, date, time, and place to be determined. Please e-mail Estafim2007@gmail.com for additional information.
East Granby Lions Rubber Duck Derby

It's the most exciting spectator sport in East Granby! It's like the World Cup of Duck Racing! The East Granby Lions Rubber Duck Derby is coming to town on Sunday, September 9th!

This year’s rubber ducks have come from all over the world and most of them have won multiple Duck Races during their careers. Only the best have passed the exhaustive screening and qualification process and are ready to race in this year’s Derby. They are all certified drug-free and have been placed on a special diet and an extensive training schedule to ensure they will be in top physical and mental condition for our Duck Race. Imagine a thousand Rubber Ducks racing down the river towards the finish line with hundreds of people alongside the riverbank cheering on their adopted duck, hoping it will finish in the money.

Here’s how you can participate: accept a duck (purchase a ticket). Ducks are $5 each. Each ticket has a number corresponding to the numbers printed on each duck. At 1:30 PM on September 9th, they will be ceremoniously released from the Greenway bike bridge over Salmon Brook. They have to survive the fall from the bridge and then swim to the finish line at Granbrook Park. The ducks able to navigate all the hazards, keep from getting trapped in obstacles in the water, and cross the finish line downstream are the winners. Prizes include $500, $250, and $100 preloaded Visa Cards and various gift cards to area restaurants and businesses.

Pre-race festivities at Granbrook Park begin at 11:00 AM. There will be live music, burgers, hot dogs, ice cream, and other refreshments as well as games for kids. It’s fun for the whole family!

The Rubber Duck Derby is the major fundraiser for our Lions Club. The Lions are all volunteers, so 100% of all money raised goes toward providing scholarships and contributing to local organizations and charities. If everyone in town just adopts one duck for the race, we could do so much more! Ducks can be adopted at the East Granby Library or at Town Hall. You may also see them at the RCC (a.k.a. The Dump) on a few Saturday mornings. Ducks are also sold at all Lion meetings. Adopt your duck today! You don’t need to attend the Duck Race to win, but we hope to see you there so you can give your duck a pep talk and then root it on to victory! Thank you for supporting your Lions Club!

3rd Annual East Granby Alumni & Friends

For the third year in a row, we are getting together to catch up with old friends and classmates! The event is open to any and all friends from school years past. There will be food and music and we'd love to see you there. This year we will be meeting at J&G Restaurant on Saturday, September 29th from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. We will have access to their patio if the weather cooperates! Please spread the word! Information has been posted on Facebook and shared through e-mail, but please help us by contacting as many friends as you can! If you have any questions you may contact Kevin Bach at ecbachk@comcast.net or Eileen (Lynch) Manzl at eileen.manzl@gmail.com.

Join the Women’s Club of East Granby

The Women’s Club of East Granby welcomes all women aged 18 and over to our first meeting on September 12th at 7:00 PM, to be held at The Barn restaurant in Granby. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month to review our current fundraisers and social events, brainstorm new ideas, and enjoy each other's company. Our goal is to provide service to our community, promote social and educational opportunities, and enjoy good fellowship.

Some of the community events that we run or support include Empty Bowls, the East Granby Golf Outing, Winter Wonderland, and the East Granby Ridge Run 6K. The money we raise goes back to our town in contributions to our schools, community services, and local non-profit organizations serving the needs of the community. We love to have new members with fresh ideas that keep our club always evolving. Come to our first meeting (bring a friend) and see what we're all about. Check us out at www.womensclubeg.org or visit us on Facebook.

East Granby Land Trust

Protecting Open Space in East Granby

With our newest acquisition, the Donald and Barbara Algren Preserve, the East Granby Land Trust now owns just over 281 acres in town. Our 20 parcels were donated to us over 25 years with the understanding that we would be good stewards of the land. We work diligently each year to honor that promise, but each year we encounter the dual challenges of finding funding and volunteers to fulfill our obligations.

We rely solely on dues and donations each year to fund the projects we undertake and the programs we offer. Please consider sending a donation if you support our mission of conservation (East Granby Land Trust, P.O. Box 39, East Granby, CT 06028) or join the EGLT.

Our other challenge is getting volunteers to work with us to identify and treat invasive plants. No experience is necessary! Our work parties last about two hours and are listed below. If you can help us or have questions, please e-mail Michelle Clifford, Stewardship Chair, at steward@eglt.org, and she can provide directions to the site and other pertinent information.

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We hope you’ll join us!
East Granby Senior Club

The East Granby Senior Club is off to another great start. We have some great programs and lunches planned so join us for lunch at 12:00 noon. Remember, we are a “members only” club and receive no funding from the Town of East Granby. Yearly dues are $10.00 and are payable at the meeting if you are not yet a member. If you plan to pay by check, please write it payable to East Granby Senior Club.

Please be aware that you do not have to reside in East Granby to be a member and anyone over 55 is eligible. If your friends would like to join, please bring them along. Please join us every month for good food, fun, fellowship and interesting programs. Meetings are held the second Friday of each month. You must make a reservation by the Tuesday before each meeting. Please call Lorie Orzechowski at (860) 658-6040. If you need a ride, please call the Mini Bus at (860) 413-3327. Please make sure you also call Lorie for reservations. We hope to see you each month!

September 14th at 12:00 noon

Program: Therapy Dogs. Three dogs and their handlers will demonstrate their work and talents with us. They will also pose for pictures with any seniors who would like to have this as a memory. Come learn about and enjoy these wonderful dogs and their handlers! Menu: sandwiches, chips and dessert. No cost for the meal for members, but each must pay $10.00 dues at this meeting.

October 12th at 12:00 noon

Program: The Bristol Old Time Fiddlers. The fiddlers began in 1972 to promote the art of fiddling that has been passed on from generation to generation. The fiddlers provide sing-along music, laughs, and lots of fun. This is a large group of fiddlers, ukuleles, singers and even spoons. Come join us for the fun! Menu: lemon chicken, salad, and dessert.

November 9th at 12:00 noon

Program: The Howling Hound Dogs. The Hound Dogs are a fun washboard band who have performed since the 1970s for festivals, libraries, radio, and TV. Their upbeat blend of swing and Dixieland tunes from the 1920s and 30s, folk classics, and sing-along standards will have you singing, clapping, and tapping your toes. They play guitar, banjo, mandolin, ukulele, harmonica, kazoo, washboard, jug, and even spoons. Come howl with the Howling Hound Dogs! Menu: a wonderful Thanksgiving meal provided by the Women’s Club of East Granby. No cost to members.

December 14th at 12:00 noon

Program: Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long. Menu: appetizers and dessert provided by members. Each member must bring an appetizer or dessert. A couple must bring two items. No cost.

East Granby Cemetery Association

While walking through the Center Cemetery last year, I often wondered about the religion of the people buried there since messages on gravestones often refer to life and death. The earliest decorative motif on grave markers was the “Death’s Head” and other early motifs featured angels, wings, coffins, etc. Were the people Puritans, Pilgrims, Congregationalists? How were they all related?

Puritans were generally members of the Church of England who believed that the English Reformation had not gone far enough and the Church of England was still tolerating too many practices associated with the Roman Catholic Church (hierarchical leadership, clerical vestments, church rituals like kneeling to receive Holy Communion). Puritan was a derogatory term for those who wanted more purity in doctrine and worship. Most Puritans were “nonseparating Puritans,” meaning they did not want to separate from the Church of England and set up their own congregations. They wanted to change and reform the church from within.

A small minority of Puritans were “separating Puritans” and wanted to set up congregations outside the Church. In 1620, a group of Separatists (“separating Puritans”) known as the Pilgrims immigrated to America and established the Plymouth Colony in 1620. They first settled in the Dutch city of Leiden and later left for New England on board the Mayflower, landing at Plymouth Rock. As England became less tolerant of Puritan views, many Puritans concluded that they had no choice but to immigrate. “Non-separating Puritans played leading roles in establishing the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1629, the Saybrook Colony in 1635, the Connecticut Colony in 1636, and the New Haven Colony in 1638. Most Puritans who migrated to North America came in the decade 1630-1640 in what is known as the Great Migration.” (Wikipedia)

Most of the churches of the Puritans in New England were Congregational. The Congregational Church in the U.S. traces its origins mainly to the Puritan settlers. Each organized congregation determined its own affairs without submitting to any higher human authority. Each church was independent and autonomous. Each church had the power to choose its own minister. And all members held equal power.

The “Got Questions” website tells of the many ways the Puritans influenced and shaped our society. “Both America and Great Britain owe a great debt to the Puritans for the foundations they laid that gave us the framework for our freedoms today. Philosophies such as the “divine right” of kings gave way to individual liberties and the recognition of the rights of the common man. The “Yankee work ethic” came about because of the belief that a man’s work is done first for God’s approval. The belief in public education comes from the Puritans, who founded the first school in America (Roxbury, 1635), as well as the first college (Harvard, 1639), so the people would be able to read the Bible for themselves. The moral foundations of the early United
States came from the emphasis on godly behavior by Puritan leaders. Even Alex de Toqueville, after studying America in the 1830s, declared that Puritanism was the primary foundation that gave rise to our democratic republic. I think we can all be proud of our Puritan heritage!

The East Granby Cemetery Association is a small group of volunteers who oversee the maintenance and preservation of the Center Cemetery in East Granby. We welcome new members. For more information, please call John Rusnock at (860) 653-2194. Donations for cemetery upkeep are greatly appreciated. Checks can be made payable to "East Granby Cemetery Association" and mailed to Carol Nuthis (Secretary), 51 Cider Mill Hts., North Granby, CT 06060.

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Granby Ambulance Association Programs

Stop The Bleed® – Save A Life East Granby Campaign

Born in the aftermath of the Sandy Hook tragedy and other mass casualty events, the Stop the Bleed® campaign is designed to put life-saving skills and equipment directly into the hands of civilians during a man-made or natural disaster. Granby Ambulance Association (GAA) will be providing basic bleeding control courses in our communities to empower every day citizens to save lives.

In addition to training our neighbors, we believe that the entire local staff, all Town Hall and Senior/Community Center employees, as well as East Granby's industrial business partners would benefit from this quick and easy curriculum. On-site bleeding control kits should be readily available for deployment when an emergency strikes; personal kits start around $60 while business and school size bags (with 5-20 kits) range from $500-$1500.

While GAA will provide training instructors free of charge, we need your help to get this vital project off the ground. Initial training materials cost approximately $1,000. In addition, funds to assist with replacement of disposable and well-used materials will also be needed. GAA can assist organizations in finding the right kit for their location as well as help in purchasing these kits.

We are reaching out to our community service organizations, businesses, and residents to support this important program through donations. Donations may be sent to Granby Ambulance Association, 1 Pegville Road, Granby, CT 06035 with "Stop-The-Bleed" on the memo line. For more information contact Kate Coupe, Chief of Service, at kcoupe@granbyambulance.org. Stop the Bleed® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Defense.

Summer of Heart Health

In light of the American Heart Association's (AHA) recent update on heart attack and stroke statistics, the Granby Ambulance Association is announcing the Summer of Heart Health program to educate the community on risk factors that may lead to a cardiac event and how to respond if someone seems to be in distress.

In its recently released report on updated statistics, the AHA predicts that one in every 7.4 people will die of cardiac arrest. High cholesterol, elevated blood pressure and poor dietary habits are noted as causes for poor heart health.

"Most of us know that we need to eat right and exercise to promote a healthy heart," said Lorri DiBattisto, president of Granby Ambulance Association. "But do we really know what that means and how to put it in practice?"

Throughout the summer, Granby Ambulance Association plans to promote the American Heart Association's My Life Check® - Life's Simple 7 Steps, spelling out what it takes to achieve a healthier heart. Area residents can look to the Association's upcoming and coming website, social media, and community publications for tips on living a heart healthy life, as well as how to recognize a heart attack and when to call for help. Upcoming events, such as the organization's East Granby Pancake Breakfast and 55th anniversary will also promote heart health.

According to the American Heart Association, a heart attack occurs when blood flow to part of the muscle is constrained or limited. This happens when one or more arteries become blocked. The AHA recommends that patients receive percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), a surgical procedure to unblock the artery, within 90 minutes of first noticing symptoms. Hospitals equipped to perform this type of procedure on an emergency basis are referred to as STEMI-receiving facilities.

Granby Ambulance Association now acts as a partner with area hospitals in facilitating this level of care. Thanks to a donation from Seth and Lucy Holcombe, all ambulances have been fitted with 12-lead EKG machines to give paramedics the best chance of recognizing a heart attack in progress. The new equipment immediately alerts medical responders to the state of the patient and allows them to send that information to the receiving hospital at the push of a button. Paramedics then continue to monitor patients during transport and administer critical procedures and medications during the ride.

For meeting the American Heart Association Guidelines, Granby Ambulance Association has been recognized with the Mission: Lifeline EMS Bronze Recognition. Agencies earn Bronze recognition after transporting at least four patients directly to a STEMI Receiving Center for Primary PCI and/or STEMI Referring Hospital for fibrinolytic administration, and for achieving 75% or higher adherence for at least one 90 consecutive day interval on all Mission: Lifeline® EMS quality measures to improve the quality of care for STEMI patients.

"We have the people, procedures and equipment in place to help generate the best outcomes in the event of a cardiac arrest, but we are only part of the equation," said DiBattisto. "People need to know how to recognize the symptoms of a heart attack early to help us meet that 90-minute mark. That's part of the message we really want to get out."
According to the American Heart Association, heart attack symptoms can present differently from person to person and between men and women, but usually start with some form of chest discomfort. Jaw, neck, or back pain can also be experienced. Other symptoms include lightheadedness, nausea and vomiting, breaking out in a cold sweat, and shortness of breath. Women should also be on the lookout for subtler symptoms, such as an upset stomach and mid-back discomfort between the shoulder blades. A more complete list of symptoms can be found on the American Heart Association's website.

Granby Ambulance Association wants to alert the communities it serves to the warning signals of a heart attack and encourage people not to be afraid to call for help if they recognize any of the signs. To be kept in the loop on updates, follow the Granby Ambulance Facebook page, sign up for the organization's monthly newsletter, and look for updated blog posts on the new website at www.granby-ambulance.org.

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**Community Cuisine**

*A True Community Event*

On Thursday, July 12th, members from a variety of different town organizations came together to host a memorable free community-wide dinner. On Wednesday, Nourish My Soul's From The Ground UP members gathered food from local grocers that would have otherwise gone into the waste stream and also very generous donations from Oxen Hill Farm right here in town. From these donations, a menu could be created for dinner the following night. As members of From The Ground UP, we think this is most of the fun; identifying what foods would be wasted and turning them into something delicious that everyone can enjoy.

We had so much fun working with the East Granby Veterans, Resilience Grows Here, Friend to Friend Food Pantry, The Women's Club of East Granby, The Lion's Club, and local Church members to make this dinner a success. In our From The Ground UP program, we learn how important community is, and it was so good to see those lessons in action as every aspect of this dinner was about community. Guests were overheard talking about how the wonderful the energy in the room was, even though some had to wait in long lines for food or for the next batch to be cooked as we had more guests than anticipated. Some other feedback captured on our "Comment Wall" were: "Such a wonderful meal! Loved seeing several generations together!"; "Great food! Great Evening!"; "Delicious food and making new friends!"; "Loved the excuse/chance to sit down and share a meal, a conversation with neighbors we only seem to see in passing!"; "Great to meet new people!"; and "Thank you for having gluten free options!"

East Granby really is a special place, and we are excited for our next Community Cuisine dinner on September 20th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Senior/Community Center. We really hope you are able to join us at the table for an evening of good food, great company, and fun times!

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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.

**Medicare Benefits Enrollment**

A representative from North Central Area Agency on Aging’s Benefit Enrollment Center will be at the East Granby Senior/Community Center on September 27th and October 25th from 1:00 to 3:30 PM. They can assist those on or eligible for Medicare in enrolling in appropriate benefits. If you would like to register for the program please call Senior Services at (860) 413-3334 or Social Services at (860) 413-3328.

**East Granby Cares Day**

Our First Annual East Granby Cares Day will take place on Saturday October 27th (rain date Sunday, October 28th). This is a collaboration between the Commission on Aging and East Granby High School students. This is a day where our students will have a chance to give back and get hands-on with helping the community. They will work on landscaping, fall clean up, small repair jobs and assisting those in the community who are no longer able to keep up with their daily chores. If you are interested in participating in East Granby Cares Day either as a student volunteer or as a recipient, please contact Kelly Jacobs at (860) 413-3334 or kellyj@egtownhall.com or Elise Cosker at (860) 413-3328 or elisec@egtownhall.com.

**Emergency Assistance Fund**

The East Granby Emergency Assistance Fund is available to those income eligible residents who are in need of financial assistance with fuel, housing, medical, electric, and other critical needs. The fund is supported solely through donations and gifts from the community and 100% of the funds raised are given back to qualifying residents who are facing financial hardship. Donations can be made to the East Granby Emergency Assistance Fund.

**Energy Assistance**

Applications will be taken after October 1st from residents of East Granby who wish to apply for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program. This program is designed to help offset the winter heating costs of Connecticut's lower income households.

**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. Weekly rides to the Food Pantry are provided by the East Granby Mini Bus for residents in need of transportation and deliveries can be scheduled for those participants who are homebound.
Good Sam
The Good Samaritan Program is looking for volunteers who are interested in lending a hand to assist seniors with maintaining their independence and maintaining their home. This is a flexible program that can work with your schedule. The time commitment is as big or small as you are interested in giving.

Renters Rebate
The Elderly/Totally Disabled Renters' Rebate Program is now open through October 1st. State law provides a reimbursement program for Connecticut renters who are elderly or totally disabled, and whose incomes for the 2017 calendar year do not exceed $35,300 for a single person and $43,000 per married couple.

Please call Social Services for more information regarding any of these programs or upcoming events.

Capitol Update
Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61st District

In the news recently, Governor Malloy took executive action on July 17th to borrow $10 million to study the implementation of electronic tolls on Connecticut highways. This was a unilateral move on the part of the Governor, without legislative approval. The borrowing was approved by the bond commission on a mostly party line vote. The House Republican Caucus has begun a petition drive to call our members into special session to block the spending, so far 71 out of the necessary 76 house members have joined the effort.

The 2018 Regular Legislative Session concluded on May 9th with some mixed results. Reports on major legislation on a wide variety of topics such as "Acts Affecting Veterans" and "Acts Affecting Seniors" written by the non-partisan Office of Legislative Research can be found online www.cga.ct.gov/olr.

We did reach a compromise budget agreement on the last day of session. The agreement avoids new taxes and did not create any new costly government programs. However, it mostly serves as a Band-Aid for the 2019 fiscal year as there are still significant projected deficits in the coming years. I believe that the budget proposed by the House and Senate Republican Caucuses would have done more to reform and pay down our long-term liabilities and yield savings in the near term.

Governor Malloy also issued a number of unfortunate vetoes on important bi-partisan legislation. One piece of legislation would have expanded the manufacturing apprenticeship tax credit to a wider range of small businesses. The bill, if enacted, was expected to save small manufacturers across the state $650,000 and improve our workforce training programs. Another important bill would have added provisions for daily classroom safety. During the public hearing process we heard from dozens of teachers from districts across the state worried about their safety and the safety of their students, as well as staff. This legislation, which I supported, would have begun the process of tracking incidents to develop strategies for preventing classroom violence in order to make our classrooms safer. During the veto session in June, all of the Governor's vetoes were sustained by House and Senate Democrats and therefore will not become law.

In East Granby we have had some great news—on July 14th Old New-Gate Prison officially reopened to the public, including tours of the mine. The grand opening was the culmination of countless volunteer hours, community involvement, and investment from the State Department of Economic and Community Development. During the first two weekends, there were more than 3,000 visitors to the site. Old New Gate is open on Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Monday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. They will also be open for special events, including Halloween. I would urge you to follow their Facebook page—Old New Gate Prison and Copper Mine—or visit www.cultureandtourism.org for more information.

News from the Democrats

We have been busy supporting two great local candidates running for office this year: Jack Henrie for State Representative and Annie Hornish for State Senate. The divisive politics currently challenging Hartford, and the country, will benefit from these two intelligent, professional, and passionate individuals. Jack Henrie is a lifelong financial professional with a talent for effectively turning around struggling businesses, and Annie Hornish, our former State Representative, will continue her effective and respected leadership in the State Senate. There are no more talented candidates in the State! We need your help to get these two incredibly qualified candidates working for us in Hartford.

If you would like to get involved with the Democrats, attend one of our meetings which are held the third Thursday of each month at the Senior/Community Center at 7:30 PM. If you would like to be added to our e-mail list or need a yard sign, please contact Chairman Mike Malloy at mikenmalloy07@gmail.com. Look for our annual Pasta Dinner in early October! Visit us on our Facebook page for more current updates. We wish everyone a fantastic end of summer!

East Granby Republicans

A recent report concerning regionalization of school systems was published by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. It concludes that the results of regionalization are mixed, and the topic is a complex one. The study points out that most school districts in Connecticut are suffering from declining student populations. East Granby student population has seen this decline as well. Neighboring towns of Granby, Suffield, and Simsbury have seen more drastic declines. When schools are too small, they cannot offer additional courses since there are not enough participating students. Larger schools have greater economies of scale and can offer more educational opportunities and extracurricular activities. After-school activities increases parental involvement and graduation rates. Our neighboring towns offer more courses and activities, and their high school ratings are better than ours: Granby 40th; Suffield 36th; Simsbury 9th; East Granby 76th (source: Niche.com). While our East Granby 3rd Board of Education has closed discussion on the topic of partnering with an
adjoining high school, some members of the BOE and many others in our community believe this should be an ongoing discussion.

One possible way to create greater efficiencies is through the use of shared services. A special report was created by the East Granby Shared Services Committee, and the entire report is available at the First Selectman’s Office. While the committee recommended that the town pursue shared services between the Board of Education and General Government, the Committee did not touch upon sharing education resources between towns. Our neighbors to the north in Massachusetts share superintendents, curriculum directors, and special education directors, among others. While it is required for all school districts in Connecticut to have a superintendent, state statutes allow us to share between towns. If East Granby were to share this one administrator alone, we could free up badly needed resources for an additional two entry level teachers. Clearly, having more teachers has the most direct effect on the educational process and student achievement.

As this edition of Talk Turkey comes to press, the results of the State primaries will be over and our candidates for the November election will be known. We urge all citizens to examine the issues and exercise their right to vote on Election Day this November. To ensure that you are registered to vote and for information on how to obtain an absentee ballot if needed, contact the East Granby Registrar at (860) 653-0097.

We are always looking for new members to join the East Granby Republican Town Committee. 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. Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 19th. Come join us for coffee and light refreshments. We would be happy for you to engage in the conversation!

**Concerned Taxpayers of East Granby**

Concerned Taxpayers of East Granby, Inc. (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 already hundreds of millions in the red over the next two years, 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 have resulted in a population exodus and shrinking tax base. Governor Malloy released his deficit mitigation plan—raising taxes...again...and again. But despite massive, 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 has paid for pensions for state employees. Connecticut doesn’t need to be more expensive, it needs to get its spending under control.

The same is true at the town level. Spending by town government in East Granby has risen by 26.7% over the last ten years. This year’s budget translated into a property tax increase of about 2%.

By the time this issue of Talk Turkey comes out, the primaries for state and Congressional office will have been held. Thanks to all who went out and voted!

Other issues currently in the works in East Granby town government are a contract extension and raise for the schools’ superintendent, currently under discussion behind closed doors (where will the funds come from?); application for a marijuana dispensary, pending before the Planning and Zoning Commission; a possible Bond issue; and changes to the town ordinances. Updates are available from the office of the First Selectman in Town Hall (http://eastgranbyct.org/, (860) 413-3301, info@egtownhall.com).

If you want your voice to be heard on matters of the town budget, municipal governance, POCO, 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 some exceptions in holiday months. The CTEG meetings are on summer recess, and our next meeting will be in October. 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) 658-0286, e-mail CTEG@cox.net, or visit the CTEG website at www.egtaxpayers.org.

**Tobacco Valley Probate Court News**

The Tobacco Valley Probate Court is comprised of Windsor Locks, Bloomfield, Suffield, and East Granby. Judge David Baram recently spoke at the Windsor Locks Senior Center to discuss how the Probate Court functions, its areas of jurisdiction, how to probate an estate, and essentials for estate planning. Solving problems, legal knowledge, and compassion are three principles that Judge Baram considers important to being a successful Probate Judge. Arrangements are being made by East Granby Senior Services to have Judge Baram speak at the East Granby Senior/Community Center sometime this fall. Watch for more information in future editions of Let’s Talk Turkey.
East Granby Parks & Recreation

"Last Blast of Summer"

FREE BOUNCE SLIDE!
DISNEY PRINCESS BOUNCE HOUSE!
FREE FACE PAINTING!

FREE FAMILY SUMMER CONCERT

WITH TRUCK STOP TROUBADOURS
CLASSIC COUNTRY MUSIC

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24TH
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
@TOWN CENTER COMPLEX PAVILLION

Bring Your Chairs!

SPONSORED BY
Northwest Community Bank

Windsor/Windsor Locks Rotary International
EAST GRANBY LIONS CHARITIES, INC.

6th Annual Rubber Duck Derby

Sunday, September 9th
GRANBROOK PARK
Off Hartford Ave. (Rt.189) East Granby
11 AM TO 2 PM
Duck Race Starts at 1:30 PM
(Your ticket number corresponds with the duck number)

PRIZES

1st Place Prize - $500 Visa Gift Card
2nd Place Prize - $250 Visa Gift Card
3rd Place Prize - $100 Visa Gift Card
4th Place Prize - 4 Tickets Redeemable at the East Granby Lions Fall Turkey Dinner
* Ticket holder need not be present to win *

ACTIVITIES!

$5.00 Adopt a Duck for the Race

FOOD!

During the event we will have a “Best Dressed Duck” contest. Local businesses will decorate a duck in a fun and festive way that best represents their business. The ducks will be on display during the event where votes will be cast by those attending the event. The winner, the duck with the most votes, will receive a free $50 “Placemat Ad” in our 2018-2019 placemat used at our dinners.
East Granby Congregational Church  
Nursery School  
11th Annual MUM Sale Fundraiser

Pre-Order your festive 8 or 12 inch plants by Sept. 17th and pick up at the East Granby Congregational Church Rtes. 187 and 20. Pick up at any of the times to the right.
12" POTS ARE PRE-ORDER ONLY

Purchase plants at the East Granby Congregational Church Rtes. 187 and 20 Saturday, Sept. 22nd (9am-1pm) Sunday, Sept. 23rd (12pm-2pm)
SELLING ONLY 8" POTS DURING THESE TIMES

Pre-Order Your Beautiful & Bright MUM Plants Now!!

12" pots: 1 @ $16, 2 @ $30, 3 @ $42, 4 or more $14ea  8" pots: 1 @ $11, 2 @ $20, 3 @ $27, 4 or more $9ea

Name: ________________________ Phone: ________________________

12" pots: ___Rust/Bronze ___Purple/Pink ___Yellow ___Red ___White
8" pots: ___Rust/Bronze ___Purple/Pink ___Yellow ___Red ___White

Please write the number totals in each color choice

Amount Enclosed $__________

Cash or Check - Make check payable to EGCCNS  
Send to: EGCCNS P.O. Box 390 East Granby, CT 06026
Or drop off at church office M-F 9am – 4pm

For more information call Debbie 860-214-7986

*All Proceeds Benefit the Nursery School  *Thank You For Your Support!!
You are Invited
To Our Free
Community Cuisine
at
The East Granby Community Center

Grow New Relationships
In Your Community

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

sponsored by:
Resilience Grows Here
Nourish My Soul
East Granby Congregational Church
Copper Hill Methodist Church
Friend to Friend
East Granby Women's Club

Questions and Optional RSVP Call 860-653-7660
or via
http://evite.me/VN1SPqsf6M
EGHS Baseball Bottle Drive Fundraiser

Saturday, September 22nd

East Granby residents can leave returnables at the end of their driveway and they will be picked up during the day starting at 8:30 am

You can also drop off your donations at East Granby Farms between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm or Stop & Shop in Granby starting at 9:00 am, and check out our bake sale at Stop & Shop, too!

Funds raised will help support sending the team to Spring Training Camp and other team expenses!

Sponsored by Friends of East Granby Baseball, Inc.

Friends of East Granby Baseball, Inc. is a tax exempt organization that supports the East Granby High School Baseball team
Friend to Friend was thrilled to be involved with the Community Cuisine project which hosted its first community meal on July 12th at the EG Senior/Community Center. Nourish My Soul, with help from additional local nonprofits, presented the dinner. The large turnout and noisy conversation were a positive reflection on our small town — a welcoming community where neighbors are also friends. We look forward to seeing you at the next meal in September!

With Fall approaching, our Thrift Shop volunteers are getting ready to restock with Fall and Winter clothing and holiday items. Friend to Friend is also working with our special friends from Expressions Pottery and the Women’s Club of East Granby for our 18th Annual Empty Bowls event on Saturday, October 20, 2018. See details in the registration flyer in this issue. Enjoy the remainder of your summer and we hope to see you at the Thrift Shop and also at Empty Bowls in October. And, as always, thank you for being a friend!

**Food Pantry**

Call Social Services at 860.415.3328 to register with the Food Pantry. To volunteer call Sandy at 860.392.8362.

- In need of the following items: canned chicken, canned fruit, canned tomatoes, cereal (other than Cheerios), coffee, pasta sauce and toilet paper.
- Food donations may be dropped off at EG Senior/Community Center, EG Public Library and the EG Congregational Church.
- Monetary donations can be mailed to Friend to Friend Food Pantry, P.O. Box 631, East Granby, CT 06026

**Thrift Shop**

32 Spoonville Road
860.651.1659
860.392.8362 (after hours)

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

Come browse the Thrift Shop for great bargains on seasonal clothing, jewelry, accessories, housewares, and much more!

**Events**

18th Annual Empty Bowls
Saturday, October 20th
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Join us for this favorite Fall tradition!

You can purchase tickets early and save money by mailing in our registration flyer in this issue or purchase tickets on our website in September and before 10/17 at www.friendtofriendeg.com.

Please spread the word on this event!
Join Expressions Pottery Workshop, the Women’s Club of East Granby and Friend to Friend ‘or East Granby Food Pantry’s Fall fundraiser! Empty Bowls is celebrating 18 years of helping our Food Pantry and East Granby Social Services provide to residents in need with supplemental food & fuel assistance. This annual collaboration, along with local restaurants, helps the current needs of East Granby families and elders.

**How it works:**

- Come to the East Granby Senior Community Building on **Saturday, October 20th from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**
- Pick up your **pre-registration ($15)** ticket or **pay at the door ($20)** & proceed to pick out a beautiful and unique handmade bowl.
- Take your bowl of choice up to the window and choose one of the soups offered.
- Each table will have refreshments, bread & butter to enjoy, while listening to easy music.
- Afterwards, take a walk over to Expressions Pottery Workshop, located at 9 School St. and enjoy dessert, watch a demonstration, browse the gallery and pick out a free pumpkin!

**Last year we nearly sold out of beautiful handmade bowls, after selling approximately 350 bowls. We encourage you to register early, so there are enough bowls made for the event!**

Any questions about the event, contact Alicia Van Neil at 860.653.7660, or email aliciav@egtownhall.com

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

NUMBER OF BOWLS ________ X $15.00 = TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: ____________________________

NAME: __________________________________ PHONE #: ____________________________

ADDRESS: __________________________________ E-MAIL: ____________________________

*Checks should be made out to “Friend-to-Friend (Empty Bowls)”* and sent to: Friend to Friend, P.O. Box 631, East Granby, CT 06026

You can also purchase tickets on line in September at www.friendtofriendeg.com
East Granby Fire Marshal’s Office Safety Tips

SEPTEMBER IS CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

The East Granby Fire Marshal’s Office would like to remind all residents, especially those heading off to college for the fall, that the National Fire Protection Association has labeled September as Campus Fire Safety Month. I have included a fact/tip sheet on a separate page which can be taken with you when you depart for your campuses. Campus fire safety is a serious concern as for many as it is the first time living separated from family members.

SMOKE DETECTOR REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

In the fall of 2015, the East Granby Fire Marshal’s Office, the East Granby Fire Department, and the East Granby Social Service Department launched a smoke detector and battery replacement program for our residents. This program provides for free detector replacement for battery operated detectors as well as free battery replacement. Smoke detectors have a ten-year lifespan before they are in need of replacement. Roughly three out of five fire deaths occur in homes with no working smoke detectors. When a representative from the Fire Marshal’s office comes to your residence, we will check the date on your detector to ensure that it is within the ten-year life span, replace the detector if needed (and it is battery operated), and test it to ensure that it is in working condition. It is important to mention that this program is an outreach program to our residents and not a Fire Marshal inspection. However, if you have questions or concerns, the Fire Marshal representative will take the time to answer these for you. To take advantage of this program please contact us at 860-653-3444 or due to our varying work hours e-mail can be a quicker way to reach us at JohnL@egtownhall.com.

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.

Zebra Technologies Expands Recall of Power Supply Units for Thermal Printers Due to Fire Hazard

This recall expansion involves power supply units that serve as the power source for models of Zebra manufactured thermal industrial printers (sold under the Zebra brand, including co-branded or re-branded) used to make bar codes and other commercial labels. The recall was originally announced in December 2016 and is now being expanded to include power supply units manufactured by the FSP Group between October 1, 2006 and December 31, 2012. The Zebra logo, date code, and part number are printed on the power supply unit. The power supply units were either sold as after-market kits or included with the sale of certain models of printers manufactured by Zebra. For a complete list of models affected please visit the Consumer Product Safety Commission Website at www.cpsc.gov

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled power supply and contact Zebra for a free replacement power supply. Consumers can reach Zebra at 800-658-3795 or through their website at www.zebra.com

Johnson Health Tech Re-Announces Recall of Matrix Fitness Accent Trainers and Ellipticals Due to Fire Hazard

This recall involves previously recalled Matrix Fitness Ascent Trainers and Elliptical Trainers installed from November 2011 through December 2012. The ellipticals are black and silver colored. The Ascent trainers are the same but with an orange accent color on the machine’s body and foot pedals. The machines involved in this recall have a decal at the center bottom of the units with model numbers beginning with A-3x, A-5x/7x, or E-3x/5x/7x. This recall includes units with serial numbers beginning with EP304, EP306, or EP308, and with date codes or 1208 (YYMM) or prior.

Consumers should immediately unplug the machines and contact Johnson Health Tech North America to schedule a free repair. They can be reached at 856-218-3674 or online at www.matrixfitness.com
College students living away from home should take a few minutes to make sure they are living in a fire-safe environment. Educating students on what they can do to stay safe during the school year is important and often overlooked.

**SAFETY TIPS**
- Look for fully sprinklered housing when choosing a dorm or off-campus housing.
- Make sure you can hear the building alarm system when you are in your dorm room.
- If you live in a dormitory, make sure your sleeping room has a smoke alarm, or your dormitory suite has a smoke alarm in each living area as well as the sleeping room. For the best protection, all smoke alarms in the dormitory suite should be interconnected so that when one sounds, they all sound.
- If you live in an apartment or house, make sure smoke alarms are installed in each sleeping room, outside every sleeping area, and on each level of the apartment unit or house. For the best protection, all smoke alarms in the apartment unit or house should be interconnected so that when one sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least monthly.
- Never remove batteries or disable the alarm.
- Learn your building's evacuation plan and practice all drills as if they were the real thing.
- If you live off campus, have a fire escape plan with two ways out of every room.
- When the smoke alarm or fire alarm sounds, get out of the building quickly and stay out.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking.
- Cook only when you are alert, not sleepy or drowsy from medicine or alcohol.
- Check with your local fire department for any restrictions before using a barbecue grill, fire pit, or chimenea.
- Check your school's rules before using electrical appliances in your room.

**Smoking Sense**
If you smoke, smoke outside and only where it is permitted. Use sturdy, deep, non-tip ashtrays. Don't smoke in bed or when you've been drinking or are drowsy.

**Candle Care**
Burn candles only if the school permits their use. A candle is an open flame and should be placed away from anything that can burn. Never leave a candle unattended. Blow it out when you leave the room or go to sleep.

**FACT**
1. Fires in dormitories are more common during the evening hours, between 5-11 pm, and on weekends.
1. Roughly six out of seven fires in dormitories are started by cooking.
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Superintendent’s Message 2017-2018 Year in Review

As in the past, the 2017-2018 Year in Review reflects tremendous growth and improvement at every level in the East Granby Public Schools. There was evidence of excellent work in abundance at every level. A strong commitment to improving the professional and student learning culture in the district was evident throughout the school year. Resources were deployed purposefully to support teaching and learning, changes in the curriculum, implementation of research-supported best practices, and focused professional learning. Our learning community evolved as we aimed to realize the portrait of the intellectually and technologically agile graduate who demonstrates global acumen. We collectively addressed the Areas of Focus established for the 2017-2018, school year. The synopsis below demonstrates the determination and successes in each area of focus.

Areas of Focus for the 2017-2018 School Year

“We Do Well When We All Do Well.” - Eleanor Roosevelt

“The illiterate of the future will not be the person who does not read. It will be the person who does not know how to learn.” - Alvin Toffler

**IMPROVE STUDENT PERFORMANCE, INCREASE ACADEMIC RIGOR, AND IMPLEMENT STATE REQUIREMENTS**

Implement research supported best practices and a variety of resources to improve instruction and student performance in Reading, assess student understanding and knowledge of content in complex texts, and enable students to demonstrate higher performance levels.

Utilize standardized assessments, formative assessment data (Fountas & Pinnel, Measurement of Academic Progress), assessments designed to measure mastery learning, and other sources of information to identify students’ deficiencies in reading comprehension of complex informational texts.

This work was supported by grant funded tutors, reading teacher, guidance from Teachers College trainers, and resulting analysis of interim assessments from the Connecticut State Department of Education. Administrators and faculty utilized interim assessments, and newly developed assessments that are aligned with new standards. East Granby students performed very well. As evidence of the continued profound impact of our strategies, R. D. SEYMOUR School was named **School of Distinction** by the Connecticut State Department of Education.

Provide additional professional development for faculty, staff and administration with a focus on Mastery Based instructional strategies and models that recognize the implication of changes in the content area standards. Elementary schools and East Granby Middle School will continue to be TC Project schools.

At the beginning of the school year, Dr. Mahoney and the Curriculum Consultant engaged faculty in a full day of professional learning focused on Mastery Based and Project Based Learning. Throughout the year there was continued heavy emphasis on rubrics and instructional strategies that require learners to demonstrate deep understanding of the subject matter being taught. Students are demonstrating mastery using the rubrics that teachers have constructed following guidelines for “teaching for mastery.” Work will continue in each school in the 18-19 school year.

At the professional learning session we also spent time developing our understanding of the impact of mindsets on student performance. We explored both teacher and student behaviors that ingrain positive mindsets and foster deeper engagement and learning. Administrators focused on expanding implementation of leadership agility strategies to further increase their knowledge and ability to lead successful schools and programs. Other on-going efforts included analysis of student performance data, and adjustment and re-alignment of the curriculum to the Next Generation Science, Music, Manufacturing, Engineering and Technology (MET), and Career and Technical Education CTE Standards - emphasizing 21st Century learning expectations.
Continue efforts to increase rigor in the Fifth-Year High School Associates in Science Degree Program to promote intellectual agility and increase opportunities for students to earn critical credentials.

Complete the revision of the Manufacturing Engineering and Technology (MET) curriculum, amend course titles and content, and update courses to reflect 21st century Career and Technical Education (CTE) Standards and learning expectations.

We completed the writing of the Manufacturing II curriculum and updated our Program of Studies to reflect the revised courses and opportunities in the MET department.

Continue to develop the Certificate and Associates degree program in Business and implement steps to expand opportunities to earn a degree in Child Development.

We met with Asnuntuck Community College administration and faculty to map the pathway for the Early Childhood Associates Degree program. The Associates in Business Program grew. Seventeen students signed up for the new on-line course in Principles of Management that was offered to East Granby students this summer. Information on these opportunities is on the new Student Services Website that also includes description of the Integrated Learning Experiences for the 21st Century (ILE2) opportunities in the schools.

In addition, we have now established ACC 2 consortium involving a partnership with Windsor Locks. The program is fully developed. Six students from East Granby are registered and will attended classes at ACC for part of their day beginning in the Fall 2018. Students and their parents attended an orientation session at ACC where they received their student numbers and schedules, toured the facility and located their classroom, enjoyed refreshments, and learned about the procedures and supports that would be available to them as participants in this two year program. Students will earn 24 credits and guaranteed admission to UCONN upon successful completion of the program.

We have implemented the Unpaid Experiential Learning Program (UELP) and enhanced efforts to advertise the program, and identify opportunities for field study and field trips.

Mr. Todd Birch from the Connecticut Department of Labor participated in one of our ILE 21 meetings. He described and discussed requirements for the CT state Certificate and Seal of Apprenticeship.

Improve Student and School Performance and eradicate achievement gaps by emphasizing implementation of curriculum aligned with Connecticut Content Standards, expanding intensive learning intervention opportunities, and implementation of Mastery Based and Project Based Learning.

In 2017-2018, we worked to improve student learning through the implementation of focused interventions to assist students in developing reading comprehension and language skills. There was increased emphasis on reading Non-Fiction and complex texts at all grade levels. In addition, the training and emphasis in the work with Teachers College included greater integration of reading content from other curricular areas and integration of technology for writing and production. R. D. Seymour School was recognized as a School of Distinction for closing the achieving the gap.

Ensure the effective implementation of best practices that positively impact teaching and learning. Engage the school administration, faculty, and staff in discussions and implementation of strategies focused on Mastery Based and Project Based Learning.

Throughout the school year, there was on-going professional learning and training with experts in workshops sponsored by the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents through a New England consortium. Training with Jay McTighe and several other consultants continued throughout the year. Training addressed Mastery Based teaching and learning and systemic transformation to actualize the portrait of the graduate. Administrators led training sessions in district throughout the year.
Continue efforts to ensure a successful realignment of the curriculum to the new content standards. Increase the rigor in the curriculum and course offerings by expanding the number of Advanced Placement courses; and place greater emphasis on Mastery Based Teaching and Learning to further diversify instructional pedagogy.

This past year we added Advanced Placement (AP) Economics and we will add AP Computer Science, and American Government and Politics in the coming year. Teachers are being trained to teach the AP courses. The trained faculty will teach the AP courses following the AP Guidelines. This will bring our number of AP courses offered to 14.

TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

Expand the use of technology to utilize a wider variety of online learning resources and formative assessments to transform teaching, increase student progress toward achieving learning goals, and enhance student development of technological agility.

We integrated more online resources in all four schools. Dr. Mark Waller wrote and prepared to teach the summer on-line Business course for EG students in cooperation with ACC.

Expand efforts of the Library Media Curriculum and Technology Integration Specialist to ensure the purposeful integration of technology in instruction, particularly in Reading, MET, and in the on-going efforts to revise the curriculum and support implementation.

Throughout the year, there was focused work with faculty to further integrate technology resources in teaching and learning. This was particularly important as we emphasized strategies to enhance Mastery Based learning in both collaborative and independent learning modes.

Continue to implement strategies to upgrade the school libraries to support 21st century learning. A Digital/Electronic card catalog system was installed in the elementary schools. More leveled readers were added to the reading collection in the elementary and middle school libraries.

Continue to promote the use of Edivate as a professional learning platform and newly acquired technologies to access resources to enhance teaching and learning, and provide opportunities for students to practice and improve academic performance while developing intellectual and technological agility.

We were squarely focused on MBL/PBL, resource development for curriculum currently under review and revision based on new state curriculum standards. Teachers are participating in more on-line professional learning and attending workshops on topics that are directly related to the curriculum they teach. Some East Granby teachers participated in regional curriculum writing consortia, and shared that in visiting other schools as part of the professional learning related to transitioning to the new standards, they noted that East Granby’s efforts to ensure that students experience a viable and timely re-aligned curriculum are properly directed.

COMMUNICATION

Share educational resources and research supported best practices information with faculty, staff and administration to further enhance and support teaching and learning.

Throughout the school year, district and school leaders shared and discussed timely and relevant articles from Hanover Research, Learning and the Brain, and CSDE. The new knowledge gained informed our best practices that we implemented to improve students and school performance.

Upgrade the district website and on-line platforms to improve communication, school operations and professional learning. Continue training in the use of Edivate, Atlas Rubicon, and Plus Portals.

In 2017-2018, school personnel were trained in use of the existing platforms, and we added Turnitin software, and more on-line resources for classroom instructions per teacher requests.
We utilized Rockbestos Suprenant Corporation grant funding to provide other technological resources. We also added new software to screen social networking entries to ensure appropriateness and to tag language that can alert school personnel to aberrant activity. A new Student Services website was developed and it contains information about all the programs and services available to students.

As we close out the 2017-2018 school year, we can confidently assert that this was a successful year in the East Granby Public Schools. We achieved and surpassed our expectations, plans and efforts to achieve personal, learning, and professional goals as outlined in our Areas of Focus for 2017-2018.

We worked to achieve coherence in the district around the portrait of the graduate and the mission to develop intellectually and technologically agile learners. This is evident in the numerous awards and accolades received as our students, and faculty engaged in a robust system of curriculum and instruction supported by relevant job-embedded professional learning. We created, innovated, and designed. We immersed students in high quality educational experiences such as Invention Convention, essay and poetry contests, New England Math League, music adjudications and interscholastic athletics. We recognized two students as members of the first cohort in the state to receive the Connecticut Certificate of Global Competency, celebrated with the Odyssey of the Mind team that placed seventh in the World competition held in Iowa, celebrated with students who had their work published, and again recognized several students who took top honors in the Daughters of the American Revolution Essay contest. We witnessed the first East Granby developed and taught on-line course that will award students college credit, and expanded our partnership with an ACC consortium to include a two year 24 credit program that will lead to guaranteed admission to UCONN.

In addition, we:

- Implemented strategies to help students develop positive mindsets and achieve at higher levels;
- Engaged students in authentic learning experiences, including several fieldtrips abroad to expand their global acumen;
- Engaged leaders, faculty and staff in meaningful professional learning;
- Completed a successful Fall athletic season;
- Celebrated Veteran’s Day with our local veterans;
- Recognized student musicians who continue to perform and represent the East Granby Public Schools in an outstanding manner;
- Enjoyed a variety of concerts in our schools;
- Recognized two outstanding grade 12 students at the Farmington Valley Superintendents Award luncheon;
- Recognized to phenomenal Art students at the Connecticut Association of Schools Arts Awards banquets;
- Continued our display of students art work at Bradley International Airport;
- Donated to many worthy causes including the East Granby Food Pantry;
- Integrated our leadership curriculum in each of our schools;
- Completed the installation of the electronic card catalog system in the elementary schools; and
- Expanded our partnership with Asnuntuck Community College to launch a pathway to an Associate’s degree in Early Childhood Education.

We also submitted applications for additional grants (Consolidated Entitlement Grants) that will allow us to provide more academic assistance to our students; and more opportunities for them to pursue studies and interests in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics; strengthen our learning culture and climate; and attend to the social and emotional needs of our students. The CHOICE Academic and Social Supports grant will continue to support our Academic intervention program and provide needed resources to engage students and families in a variety of important activities. We also received a Carl Perkins Supplemental grant in the amount of $19,993 to support the developments in the MET department. In addition, we also received a grant award in the amount of $5,000.00 from our local business partner Rockbestos Suprenant Corp. through their Education Fund. We are appreciative of the support of all our partners throughout the school year.

We have a vibrant and successful school system in East Granby. Students are learning and achieving at high levels. Our Leaders, faculty, and staff are well-trained and work tirelessly to meet the needs of each learner. We thank you for your continued support of our efforts to achieve our goals.

Christine F. A. S. Mahoney, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Congratulations to
East Granby High School Class of 2018

Natalie C. Aksenoff
Tafari Tevin Anderson
Katarina Julianne Bade
Kaleb Reed Badhe
Ethan Robert Bartley
Sierra Christine Benware
Abigail Olivia Bouwer
Logan Payne Burkett
Alexander William Cannon
Seth Michael Carlson
Jordyn Alyssa Comstock
Jamie Elizabeth Crane
Allie Patricia Davis
Luke Michael Denno
Jamie Marie Deskus
Jack Thomas Dube
Sosie Coletz French
Jacob David Gaudreau
Kylie Carol Geer
Kayla Marie Gibbs
Jaquan Azani Grant
Megan Elizabeth Hacia
Dakota Hamilton
Zachary Bryce Hall
Lauren Alexis Houde
Melanie Ann Kellogg
Jacob David Kittredge
Olivia Michele Kowal
Breyla Krystyna Kowalski
Justin Marcel Lacharite
McKayla Ann Langmeier
Noah Christopher Leadbeater
Zhouxue Li
Akaylia Tjahania Mack
Jason Paul Marin
Lily Rae McCarthy
Kyle J. McCorison
Destinie Jhane Meade
Hayley Ann Morris
Claire Elizabeth Newhall
Vanessa Louise Newman
Madison J. Otero
Jake Henry Ouellette
Ivana Sofia Prats
Jacob David Read del Valle
Lita Jayne Roy
Kohl Matthew Russell
Dylan Alexander Sheldon
Tatum Elizabeth Strong
Ryan William Trombly
Caroline Michelina Tuczinski
Julia Rose Vassallo
Eve M. White
Alexandra Marie Williams
Jonathan Robert Wilson
Leah Kay Wimpeeheiner
Fun Fact:
From 1857-1968 Old New-Gate Prison and Copper Mine was operated as a privately owned tourist destination. Some of the tourist attractions included zoo animals, a World War I tank, and an 1850s Concord stagecoach. It had been purchased in 1918 by Almon Phelps of East Granby, who owned New-Gate at that time and used it as a historical prop. The coach was built in Concord, NH as a hotel coach, most likely for the American House of Springfield, MA. It later became part of the Massasoit Livery operation owned by Jonathan Robinson and then his son, Ethan C. Robinson. The stagecoach is now owned by the East Granby Historical Society and was completely restored in 2008. It is proudly displayed in the Society’s museum barn.

VISIT THE BARN...COME AND SEE WHAT'S INSIDE!

HOURS: SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS 2:00-4:00PM
JUNE THROUGH OCTOBER

TRY YOUR HAND AT WEAVING ON A WORKING ANTIQUE LOOM!

SIT IN A BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED CONCORD STAGECOACH!

SEE A FORD MODEL A TRUCK/TRACTOR HYBRID
ONCE USED ON A LOCAL FARM!

SEE MANY OTHER ITEMS AND DISPLAYS FROM EAST GRANBY’S PAST!
85 North Main St.  East Granby Farms
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.
3. 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– SEPTEMBER 10th & OCTOBER 1st 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.

HEARING CLINIC
Thursday August 30th 1:00pm-3:00pm at the East Granby Senior Center. Howard Raff from And-How Hearing in Avon will be available for screenings, hearing aid cleanings and simple servicing. FREE at the East Granby Senior Center. Appointments can be made by calling (860) 413-3334.

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.

***Flu Clinic*** – Provided by the Farmington Valley VNA
Monday October 15th 3:30PM-5:30PM at the East Granby Senior Center. Appointments can be made by calling (860) 651-3539.

EXERCISE CLASSES, PROGRAMS AND SHOPPING

PEDI—CARE FOR YOUR FEET—Professional foot care is provided by a licensed nurse the 1st and 2nd Thursday of each month—8:30 AM—2:00 PM in the East Granby Senior Center. Your visit includes: General assessment of your feet; trimming, filing, & cleaning nails; reduction of thickened toe nails; smoothing of corns and calluses; massaging, moisturizing lotion and powdering. Call (860) 413-3334 for an 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. Try it for free on Monday, September 10th!

LINE DANCING CLASS—Tuesdays 10:00 AM-11:30AM at the East Granby Farms Recreation Center - $5.00 walk-in cost. Come on down and enjoy some great music and learn some fun line dances. It’s a great way to exercise while having fun! Classes start back up on September 11th – Try it for free on Tuesday, September 11th!

SHOPPING TRIPS:
- AUGUST 20th, SEPTEMBER 17th, OCTOBER 22nd, NOVEMBER 19th — WALMART
- AUGUST 27th, SEPTEMBER 24th, OCTOBER 29th, NOVEMBER 26th—MRS. MURPHY’S & OCEAN STATE JOB LOT
- SEPTEMBER 10th, NOVEMBER 5th —TARGET, PETCO, DOLLAR STORE
- OCTOBER 1st - CHRISTMAS TREE SHOP
- OCTOBER 15th – ENFIELD
**NCAA Benefit Enrollment Center is Coming to East Granby**

A representative from North Central Area Agency on Aging’s Benefit Enrollment Center will be at the East Granby Senior Community Center on Thursday, September 27th and Thursday, October 25th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. They will be here to assist those on/或 eligible for Medicare to enroll in appropriate benefits. It will be a great opportunity to get a benefit check up! If you would like to register for the program please call Senior Services (860) 413-3334 or Social Services (860) 413-3328.

**EAST GRANBY CARES DAY**

SATURDAY October 27th (Rain Date October 28th)

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

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**SENIOR CENTER TRIPS AND PROGRAMS**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH—Simsbury Art Trail & Lunch Bunch @ Metro Bis—** Simsbury, CT— We will first take a driving tour of the Simsbury art trail showcasing the traveling exhibit of over 30 life sized sculptures by artist Seward Johnson. Johnson’s collection “Celebrating the Familiar”, echoes our everyday tasks and activities, catching our eye and calling attention to small pleasures and encounters. After the tour we will stop for a delicious lunch at Metro Bis located in the Simsbury 1820 House. Here you can enjoy a variety of fresh and seasonal foods. What a wonderful way to top off the afternoon! **Depart the Senior Center at 10:15 AM. Reserve your spot by August 30th.**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH—Tree Swallow Sunset Cruise—** Haddam, CT— For the past 15 years CT River expeditions have brought groups on cruises to a special spot on the Connecticut River where 100’s of thousands of Tree Swallows gather. After spending the day miles away, the swallows return each night to sleep in the reeds. They gather at sunset and perform aerial ballets forming an amazing display of art, coordination and cooperation! The boat allows perfect views from the open decks on the bow and stern and the flexible seating ensures everyone gets optimal “up close and personal” viewing. Don’t forget your camera and binoculars! We will spend about 3.5 hours on the water. This program will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Bring your own food and beverages or order a bagged lunch for an additional fee. Either way it should be a great evening on the water! **Depart the senior center at 3:30pm. Cost is $46 (bring your own picnic fare or order a bagged lunch for an additional $8). Payment due by August 31st.**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST—The Big E—** West Springfield, MA - Come and enjoy a day at New England’s Great State Fair. It’s the largest agricultural event on the eastern seaboard and the fifth largest fair in the nation! Take a stroll along the Avenue of the States featuring exhibits and vendors that best exemplify the heritage, food and traditions of each state; Take a look at the livestock and other farm animals and of course enjoy the large variety of delicious foods. It’s sure to be a fun-filled day! **Depart the senior center at 9:30am. We will leave at 2:00pm to return home. Cost for admission is $12. Reservation and payment due by September 13th.**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH—The Play that Goes Wrong @ the Bushnell—** Hartford, CT, What would happen if Sherlock Holmes and Monty Python had an illegitimate Broadway baby? You’d get THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG, Broadway & London’s award-winning smash comedy! Called “A GUT-BUSTING HIT” (The New York Times) and “THE FUNNIEST PLAY BROADWAY HAS EVER SEEN” (HuffPost), this classic murder mystery is chock-full of mishaps and madcap mania delivering a riotous explosion of comedy. Welcome to opening night of The Murder at Haversham Manor where things are quickly going from bad to utterly disastrous. With an unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can’t play dead, and actors who trip over everything (including their lines), it’s sure to bring down the house! **We will depart the senior center at 1:00pm for the 2:00pm matinee. Cost is $57. Reservation and payment due by September 13th.**

Be on the lookout for the Fall edition of the Senior Moments newsletter featuring all our programs and trips for September, October & November!

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

A Story time program at the East Granby Public Library for children 3-5 years old to discover some fun facts using stories, music & art!

Wednesdays 10:45 a.m.
Or Tuesdays at 12:45 p.m. Beginning September 4th running for 6 weeks.

Babies & Books

A drop-in program for children ages 0-2 years with caregiver.
- songs
- finger plays
- stories
- puppets
- simple art

Beginning September 4th at 10:30 a.m.

Book Discussion Group

"Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult

Monday, Sept. 10th at 10am

"There is a fire raging, and we have two choices: we can turn our backs, or we can try to fight it." When a newborn baby dies after a routine hospital procedure, there is no doubt about who will be held responsible: the nurse who had been banned from looking after him by his father. What the nurse, her lawyer and the father of the child cannot know is how this death will irrevocably change all of their lives. It’s about prejudice and power; it’s about that which divides and unites us. It’s about opening your eyes.

Books available at the library

Afternoon at the Movies

Wednesdays at 1:00pm

August 22nd

"The Little Pink House"
95 min

August 29th

"Leisure Seeker"
R, 112 min

September 5th

"Book Club"
PG13, 103 min

Baseball Night in East Granby!!

*Stories

*Trivia

*Burgers & popcorn!

*Wiffle Ball Shoot around with Mr. Carroll!!

*Thursday, September 12th

*Food served at 5:30!

Sign up PLEASE!!

East Granby Public Library
ADULT EVENTS AND CLASSES

Golf for Adults
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.

The 1 hour class provides the fundamentals behind the full swing, chipping, pitching or putting. During each class we will also cover some of the common rules and etiquette.

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 comfortably and wear athletic shoes. Clubs are available for use if necessary.

(Please call the Parks and Recreation Office to confirm space availability: 860/653-7660)

Dates: Wednesdays, September 5, 12, 19, 26
Time: 6-7pm / Ages: 18+ / Cost: $65
Where: Copper Hill Golf Club

Yoga for Adults
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.

$8 for walk-ins, 8 class punch card is available for $60 (punch cards may be purchased on-line or the first night of class; payment is made on-site the night you attend for drop-in’s—cash & checks only).

Dates: Mondays, September 10-November 12
(no class October 8 or 22)
Time: 6-7pm / Ages 18-99
Cost: $8 walk in, $60 punch card
Where: East Granby Farms, The Barn

Adult Fall Running Club
East Granby Parks and Recreation is partnering with The Total Runner once again this fall to provide both new and experienced runners an opportunity to bring runners together in a social atmosphere for the group that supports a runner’s training needs, and more. Guidance from an experienced coach and training plan support to be provided. This fall, we will offer three weekly sessions by popular demand.

- Tuesday Nights:
  Intro to Trail Running: 6-7pm
- Thursday Nights:
  Beginner/Immediate Road Running: 6-7pm
- Group Run:
  Trail and Road Running Options: Saturday 9am

Program runs 8 weeks starting September 11 through October 30. Registration fee includes technical t-shirt, access to Training Peaks with training plan and coach advisement, run assessment, and private Facebook group forum for support and weekly tips. Registration fee is $90 for all three weekly sessions and $75 without Trail Running.

Mens Drop-in Softball
Drop-in recreational games Wednesdays from 6-9pm at the High School Lower Softball Field. This summer program is being extended until September 26. The $3 drop in fee is paid on site (cash & checks only). A waiver is required before you are able to play.

Bring your own equipment and get ready to have some fun.

Dates: Wednesdays through September 26
Time: 6-9pm / Ages: 17-90 / Cost: $3 per night
Where: The High School Lower Softball Field
New York City Trips

Enjoy a day in the city, on your own, at the Big Apple. See Chinatown, Little Italy, Central Park, a museum, the zoo, a Broadway show or shop—use your imagination. Our usual drop off points in the City: The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Plaza Hotel, and Rockefeller Center. Pickup time is 7pm 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.

Buses depart from East Granby Farms (79 North Main Street) at 7:15am, except in December when we will depart at 7:30am. Buses depart from the Stage Coach Tavern (between 53rd/54th Streets, along 7th Avenue) at 7pm, except in December when we will depart at 6pm. All trips need advance reservations. Seats are limited, Register early!

2 Trips: October 6 and December 1
Time: See Website for Each Date
Ages: All
Cost: $46
Where: Leaving From/Returning to East Granby Farms

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 2 series are 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.

Dates: October-May
Time: 4-5:30pm / Ages: 6-9
Cost: $20 drop-in, 8 classes for $110
Where: East Granby Farms, The Barr

YOUTH EVENTS AND CLASSES

Tiny Tumblers

Come and join us in our Tiny Tumblers class! A fun filled hour of stretches, somersaults, cartwheels, and other fun tricks.

It's a great way for your child to release some extra energy as well as a fun way for them to exercise! Leggings or sweatpants with a t shirt work best for the class, barefoot or socks for their feet.

Dates: Tuesdays, October 2-November 6
Time: 9-10am / Ages: 3-5 / Cost: $50
Where: Suffield Performing Arts Center
3 Turkey Hills Road, East Granby

What’s Cooking Jr. Chef

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 kitchen where we will be stirring up change!

Dates: October 3-November 14
(no class 10/31)
Time: 4-6pm / Ages: 5th-8th grade / Cost: $150
Where: East Granby Senior/Community Center
Middle School Running Club
East Granby Parks and Recreations is partnering with The Total Runner to provide middle school runners an opportunity to learn more about running in a positive and supportive environment. Our challenge this fall will be to "Run across Connecticut!" Each week aspiring runners will engage in instruction and activities to allow us to tally cumulative miles to reach our goal. Students will have the opportunity to earn weekly prizes for various milestones as we make our way across the 110 miles of Connecticut. We will also have an end of season victory party and race when we achieve our goal. Registration cost is $60.00 and includes an official technical t-shirt. Sessions will be Tuesday afternoon from 2:30-4:15 September 25 through October 30. Information Session for parents on September 25 to learn more about the curriculum and how you can get involved in supporting our young runners’ lives.

Dates: September 25-October 30
Time: 2:30-4:15pm / Cost: $60
Where: Location Determined Weekly by Instructor

Middle & High School Drop-In Basketball
Monday 9-10-2018 9-20-2018
9-17-2018 9-27-2018
9-24-2018 10-04-2018
10-1-2018 10-11-2018
10-15-2018 10-18-2018
10-29-2018 10-25-2018
11-5-2018 11-01-2018
(No 10/8/18) 11-08-2018

Time: 7-9pm
Cost: $3 Drop-in, $20 Punch Card
Where: East Granby High School New Gym

Crusader Basketball Clinic
Join East Granby High School Boys Varsity Coach Ryan Aeschliman for 5 weeks of clinics. Looking to brush up on your skills, pick up new skills before the season starts? These clinics will teach and review the basic fundamentals of the game: dribbling, passing and shooting. Students learn qualities of being a teammate on and off the court. Each clinic consists of drills and games to teach and improve skills. The clinics will challenge you to step outside your comfort zone and build your confidence to become the best player you can be. Join us for one week or all five weeks.

When: Saturdays, October 6-November 3
Ages/Times: 3rd-5th grade Boys and Girls 9-10am
6th-8th grade Boys and Girls 10:15-11:15 am
Cost: $20 for an individual week, $90 for all 5 weeks
Where: East Granby High School New Gym

Flag Football
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 a non-contact, continuous action sport, while learning lessons in teamwork.

The Fall 2018 program begins the week of September 3 and runs through November 3. The program is open to all boys and girls ages 7-14. There are 2 age divisions: Junior (ages 7-10 & in 5th grade and under); Senior (ages 11-14 & in 6th grade and up). To help create fair teams, assessments will be held Tuesday, September 4 at 6pm for the senior age group and Wednesday, September 5 at 6pm for the junior age group. Practices will be held 2 times a week (date/time set by coaches). Games will be held Saturdays and Sundays. All families must sign a liability waiver with NFL Flag. We will only be playing East Granby teams. Last day to register is Monday, September 3.

Ages: 7-14
Jr. Flag: 7-10 years old (2nd-5th grade)
Sr. Flag: 11-14 years old (needs to be 11 and in 6th grade)
Cost: $75
Where: East Granby Farms Field & Granbrook Park
3 Awesome Programs

**Where the Wild Things Art**

Allgrove Students - Grades K-2

Art adventurers explore many whimsical and original art forms and techniques, discovering clay and collage, painting and drawing, just to name a few! Sculpt colorful monsters and clay pots. Design ceramic robots, celestial wind chimes, and awesome airplanes. Decorate birdhouses, wooden guitars, and goofy masks. Create cityscape printmaking, letter collages, and panda drawings. Even make your own tape resist t-shirts! Plus, hear wonderful stories, such as “Where the Wild Things Are” or “Nova the Robot,” that go hand-in-hand with each project. Humor and surprises are always included. Explore, experiment, create! Art adventurers bring home awesome works of art each week! So much FUN!

When: Wednesdays Immediately After School
1st 6 wks: 9/26-10/31 / Cost: $79
2nd 6 wks:
11/7-1/02 (no class 11/21, 12/28, 12/26) / Cost: $79
All 12 wks: 9/26-1/02 / Cost: $149 (1 free week!)

Time: 3:05-4:30pm

Grades: Allgrove students only K-2
Where: East Granby Senior/Community Center
(Students will be walked to the East Granby Senior/Community Center from Allgrove School by Park & Recreation Staff.)

**Magical Art Mystery Tour**

Abracadabra, Hocus Pocus, its magic and mystery with art as the focus! Magical Art Mystery Tour draws children into a world of wonder, revealing unbelievable art tricks and inspiring out-of-the-box creativity. Experiment with new and mysterious mediums and discover surprising techniques to transform familiar materials into magical masterpieces.

Sculpt clay lizards and build lizard playgrounds out of sticky magic “noodles.” Create colorful ceramic piggy banks, whimsical Model Magic owls and Scratch Art designs inspired by the artist Miro. Wave wands over t-shirts to form magical designs using fabric printing inks and stir a few unexpected items into a "fluffy goop" potion. Discover the secret ingredient that turns pencils into paints, black lines into circus elephants, and torn paper into painted landscapes. And so much more! The results are totally WOW. And...voila, young art magicians bring home masterpieces each week.

When: Thursdays After School
1st 6 wks: 10/4 to 11/15 / Cost: $79
2nd 6 wks:
12/6 to 1/17 (no class 3/28, 4/11) / Cost: $79
All 12 wks:
10/4 to 1/17 (no class 3/28, 4/11) / Cost: $145 (1 free week!)

Grades: 3-5 (R.D. Seymour students only)
Where: R.D. Seymour School

**Early Release Day Art Fun**

**Upside Down and Inside Out Art**

Leave gravity behind and let your imagination float free! Like the artist Marc Chagall, paint watercolor dream worlds with upside down houses and inside out trees! Design landscape collages out of textured fabrics, build Popsicle stick self-portraits, and draw colorful geometric faces inspired by Paul Klee. Bring an oversized old t-shirt to us as a smock, a nut free snack and a drink.

When: Wednesday, November 28
Time: 1:45-4:45pm / Ages: K-5 / Cost: $30
Where: East Granby Farms Field

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**REGISTRATION:** New programs are added throughout the year so be sure to check out our new programs on our website. Online registration is strongly encouraged at [https://eastgranbyct.myrec.com](https://eastgranbyct.myrec.com)
or you may contact the office for a paper registration form via e-mail: aliciaj@egtownhall.com or by calling 860/653-7660. Please make your checks payable to East Granby Parks and Recreation. A $25 fine is charged for returned checks.

**REFUNDS:** We offer refunds for medical reasons or cancelled programs. A doctor’s note is required for a medical refund.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** School activities have priority over the Parks & Recreation activities. When school is canceled due to inclement weather, all recreation activities held in the schools will be cancelled. Regarding programs other than those held in public schools, a decision to cancel the program will be made by 4pm, Monday to Friday, OR one hour prior to the start of the program on Saturday and Sunday. Cancellations will be announced on the following radio and TV stations: WHTC-1080, WFSB-TV3, WVIT-TV30 or call 860/653-7660 for a recorded announcement.
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) ........................................ 9/4, 10/2
Conservation 7:00 (TH) ....................................................... 9/5, 10/3
Board of Education 7:00 (AS) .................................................. 8/27, 9/10, 9/24
Economic Development 7:00 (TH) ......................................... 9/24, 10/22
Elementary School Committee .............................................. As Needed
Board of Finance 7:30 ......................................................... 8/21, 9/18, 10/16
Parks & Recreation 7:00 (EGF) ............................................. 9/8, 10/4
Planning & Zoning 7:00 (TH) ............................................... 9/11, 10/9
Board of Selectmen 6:30 (TH) .............................................. 8/22, 9/12, 9/26, 10/10
Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 (TH) ..................................... 8/23, 9/27, 10/25
Youth Services Bureau 6:30 (EGF) ..................................... 8/20, 9/17, 10/15

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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