

# 2007 EAST HAMPTON Visitor Guide & Community Directory



**Presented by the  
Economic Development Commission**

# Welcome



On behalf of East Hampton's Economic Development Commission (EDC), I would like to welcome you to East Hampton, Connecticut.

Long known as "Belltown, USA", East Hampton has a rich New England history. A drive through the Village Center, Barton Hill, and Bevin Boulevard will allow you to appreciate our architecture and legacy. A scenic drive around Lake Pocotopaug is sure to make you stop and reflect at its natural beauty. You also will come to understand why years ago, East Hampton was a popular tourist destination with visitors arriving by train from New York City and beyond.

Ours is a town rich in rural charm and small town character. Like all of Connecticut, we are experiencing increasing residential growth. Correspondingly, we are an attractive site for small businesses, entrepreneurs, professional offices, and light industrial and manufacturing companies. The goal of the EDC is to strive to reconcile our growth while preserving our character.

The EDC has put together this Visitor's Guide & Community Directory to help you get the most enjoyment from your visit. From antiques to historical sites of interest, parks and grocery stores, to retail shops and service stations, we trust that this directory will help you find what you need in our town and the surrounding area.

While we have tried to make every attempt to include all East Hampton businesses and points of interest for visitors, we recognize that we may have inadvertently missed some. We will reprint this guide periodically and encourage any corrections, additions or deletions to be submitted via email to: [execsec@easthamptonct.org](mailto:execsec@easthamptonct.org), attention EDC, or call Town Hall at 267-4468.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Ann Dostaler", written in a cursive style.

Mary Ann Dostaler, Chairman

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## Economic Development Commission Members

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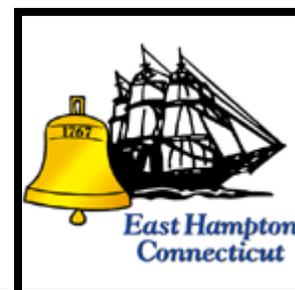
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# A Short History



## Settlement & Incorporation

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The first large group of settlers emigrated by sea in 1739 from Eastham, Mass. along Cape Cod, into Long Island Sound and up the Connecticut River to Middle Haddam Parish. The name Middle Haddam was derived from the two adjacent towns, Middletown and Haddam. Led by Isaac Smith some of the early settlers from Eastham left Middle Haddam to push on to the seven hills near Lake Pocotopaug on which the town of East Hampton now stands. It is believed that James Wright was the first settler of the town when he built a house and barn during the first quarter of the eighteenth century on property his father had bought from Chief Terramaugus in 1675. John Clark is believed to have been the second settler, building his home on Clark Hill in about 1737.

In 1746 the settlers named their growing community Easthampton parish in honor of their original home in Eastham, Mass. In 1767 the new township of Chatham was incorporated by the General Assembly and separated from Middletown of which it had been a part. At the time of its incorporation, the township of Chatham was named, from the importance of its shipbuilding industry, in allusion to Chatham, England. Included in its bounds were the parishes of Middle Haddam, Easthampton, East Middletown, and Cobalt. In 1841 the East Middletown parish was set off from Chatham to become a new township named Conway and later named Portland.

Long usage decreed the divided name of East Hampton to which the title of the whole township of Chatham was altered in 1915.

## Town Facts

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East Hampton Town Hall  
20 East High Street  
Hours: M, W, Th-8a-4p;  
T-8a-7:30p; F-8a-12:30p  
Phone: 267-4468  
[www.easthamptonct.org](http://www.easthamptonct.org)

East Hampton covers approximately 36 square miles with one of Connecticut's largest inland water bodies, Lake Pocotopaug. State parks and forests surround us on our northern, southern and western borders. We also are home to Connecticut's last true covered bridge, the Comstock Covered Bridge, which crosses the Salmon River.

With a population of 12,000 residents, in East Hampton you will find a community that supports a rural/suburban lifestyle that is family-oriented. We offer a quality school system, two public libraries, two history museums, local parks with varied recreational programming for all ages, and dedicated public safety agencies.

## The Legend of Lake Pocotopaug

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The best-known version of the legend of Lake Pocotopaug is deeply rooted in the overwhelming fear that the Indians had of the Great Spirit, Hobomoko. Multiple drownings and devastating illness began to plague the Wangunk Indians causing the strong as well as the weak and the young and old alike to perish. The Indians, who lived on the banks of Lake Pocotopaug, became convinced that the Great God Hobomoko was angry and was bringing his vengeance upon them. The tribe was haunted with fear and weary from the suffering they had endured.

In desperation, Chief Terramaugus summoned the tribal council to solicit the extent of their willingness to sacrifice to appease the God and gain his favor. The tribal medicine man, Gitchetan, was asked to commune with Hobomoko, solicit the God's demand and their inevitable fate. Gitchetan learned that the supreme sacrifice of the fairest daughter of the tribe, Namoenee, daughter of Chief Terramaugus, in the waters of Pocotopaug would put an end to the tribe's suffering. Chief Terramaugus was stabbed by these words and agonized between his love for his daughter and his duty to the tribe. In short time, he proclaimed, "The will of Hobomoko shall be obeyed." Trained in the sacred customs of her tribe, without self-pity, Namoenee willingly went to her death. Hobomoko was appeased and the curse was lifted. The plague ended and records, lore, or memory do not reveal another Indian drowning in the lake after Namoenee's death.

### Additional Resources

*The following brochures and pamphlets are available at Town Hall:*

- A Walking Tour of the Village Center
- East Hampton's Natural Heritage (trail guide)
- Area street maps



## How East Hampton Became "Belltown, USA"

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William Barton is credited with the start of East Hampton's bell making in 1808. According to Barbara Feist (a direct descendent of William Barton) as she writes in Ring Out for Belltown, "When the first bell hit the market, East Hampton was only 65 years old." She further proclaims, "East Hampton (to be) the oldest bell producer in the America."

William Bevin learned the art of bell making while working as indentured servant to William Barton when Barton lived and worked in Cairo, New York. Bevin agreed to the terms and tenure of the indenture under the condition that he could use the craft where and when he desired after he left. William Bevin returned to East Hampton, and with brother, Chauncey, continued to make bells, coffee mills, kettles, and cranes. Another brother, Abner, who had also worked in the Barton shop, joined William and Chauncey and, in 1832, started the Bevin Brothers bell factory. A fourth brother Philo later joined the others and in 1868, Bevin Brothers was incorporated as the Bevin Brothers Manufacturing Company. The brothers made sleigh, hand, house, cow, sheep, door and ship's bells. They made up to twenty different sizes of common sleigh bells of the globe, band or rim variety. Bevin Brother's were reported to make the first bicycle bells.



Thirty firms of bell makers have at various times flourished in East Hampton. Companies such as Starr, Hill and Gong Bell were prominent. A manager of the Gong Bell Manufacturing Company is credited with inventing the first toy telephone and the first foot bell ever used in an automobile was produced by Gong Bell as well. Bevin Brothers was the second bell company and now the oldest. Of note, both William Barton and Chauncey G. Barton are buried at the Lakeside Cemetery.

The bell business took off in East Hampton for a number of reasons. Productive farming was marginal in East Hampton. There was rich farmland in Pennsylvania and Ohio driving the price of food down. A lack of competitiveness was the primary reason why industry (bell, shipbuilding, etc.) emerged. There was a functional nature to the products that the Bevin's produced. Sleighs were a primary mode of transportation during cold winter months and were extremely quiet. This imposed a safety hazard to unsuspecting pedestrians who shared the same rustic roads. Law mandated that sleighs have sleigh bells to warn those nearby. Bells were used to call parishioners to church, to call employees to work, to signal a fire, and when attached to a wagon wheel after a 360 degree revolution to indicate distance. The damming of Lake Pocotopaug helped to create waterpower and iron became readily available from the East Hampton Forge. Bevin diversified into becoming a supplier of metal for all bell makers.

The bell industry flourished through the civil war. The economy in New England was vibrant as goods were produced to supply the troops in the field. In 1901, electric power came allowing bell makers to have a reliable source of power. But during the Great Depression, however, bell sales decreased by 60 percent.

Bevin Manufacturing continued to diversify as their products became less functionally relevant. A bell is no longer a necessity. Also the bell is reusable and just doesn't wear out. Currently, President Stanly Bevin, a fifth generation Bevin, states about his products that it's "hard to believe but still made in America". This company slogan can be seen in print on Bevin Brother's product packaging. Bevin Brothers still produces advertisement bells, patio bells, hand bells, cow bells, door bells, fog bells, fund-raising bells, sleigh bells, shop keeper bells, call bells, patio bells, barbecue bells, tea bells, Christmas bells, souvenir bells and soon wedding bells. Through extended family management and resources, Bevin Brothers hopes to celebrate their 200th anniversary in 2032. They will surely celebrate with bells on!

# Community Directory



## Antiques

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**Antiques at 70 Main Street & Design Center**  
70 Main Street  
267-9501

**Hatfield Antiques & Fine Art**  
99 West High Street (Route 66)  
267-7139

## Auto Repair, Parts & RV

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**Belltown Motors**  
80 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-7222

**Chippy's Garage**  
179 West High Street (Route 66)  
267-2801

**Classic Auto**  
40 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-4077

**Connecticut Motor Trike**  
35 West High Street (Route 66)  
267-2386

**Cycle Suspension Service**  
16 West High Street (Route 66)  
267-1710

**G&S Auto Center**  
100 Main Street  
267-4284

**Gustine RV Sales**  
71 Mott Hill Road  
267-5364

**NAPA**  
82 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-1220

**Starr Auto Body Repair**  
2 Starr Place  
267-4225

**Total Auto Mart**  
209 West High Street (Route 66)  
267-0275

**Crossroads Trukin' High Performance**  
21 West High Street (Route 66)  
267-9229

## Bakery

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**English Cakes & Desserts**  
85 Middletown Avenue  
267-5997

## Banks & ATMs

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### **Bank of America**

9 East High Street (Route 66)  
800-841-4000

### **Citizens Bank**

8 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-8395

### **Liberty Bank**

2 West High Street (Route 66)  
267-4448

## Boating & Marine

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### **Bill's Bait & Tackle Box**

76 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-8759

### **LB Sea Marine Lakeside Services**

4 North Main Street  
754-8707

### **West Shore Marine**

70 North Main Street  
267-1764



## Bowling

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### **East Hampton Lanes**

9 Bear Swamp Road  
267-4800

## Campgrounds

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### **Markham Meadows Campgrounds**

7 Markham Road  
267-9738

### **Nelson's Family Campground**

71 Mott Hill Road  
267-5300

## Christmas Tree Farms

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### **Charlie Brown's Christmas Tree Farm**

167 Wopowaug Road  
267-8880

### **Paul's & Sandy's Too**

Marlborough Road (Route 66)  
267-0143

### **Hazen Christmas Tree Farm**

267-4159

### **Peaceful Hill Tree Farm**

118 Old Clark Hill Road  
267-4341

### **Lost Spring Christmas Tree Farm**

267-9644

## Coffee Shops

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### **Fresh Start**

37 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-2687

### **Dunkin Donuts**

25 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-2788

## Convenience Stores with Gas

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### **Food Bag/Citgo**

1 Colchester Avenue  
267-6968

### **Fast mart/Valero**

368 West High Street, Cobalt  
267-2534

### **Food Bag/Citgo**

32 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-6960

## Dry Cleaners & Laundries

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### **SUDS Laundromat**

82 Main Street  
267-8534

### **Wash Plus (self-service)**

42 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-6900

## Fitness

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### **Fit Trix**

84 East High Street (Route 66)  
365-0511

### **Defensive Edge**

13 Summit Street  
342-2666

## Florists & Garden

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### **Paul's & Sandy's Too**

Marlborough Road (Route 66)  
267-0143

### **Rosebud's**

34 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-2928

### **Red Door Boutique**

73 Main Street  
365-0334

### **Waterfall Junction**

84 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-6641

## Gift Shops & Retail

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### **All About Blinds**

89 Main Street  
267-8330

### **Bella Victoria**

73 Main Street  
267-2100

**Creations Framing & Gallery**

95 Main Street  
267-6131

**Devine Jewelers**

4 Summit Street  
267-4492

**Especially For You!**

27 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-9858

**Pyromania Pottery & Gifts**

13 Summit Street, Suite 101  
267-7800

**Red Door Boutique**

73 Main Street  
365-0334

**Tees & More on the Lake**

7 West High Street (Route 66)  
267-1600

**Tinkling Teacups**

77 Main Street  
267-6682

**The Village Merchant**

84 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-6641

**Verizon Wireless**

11 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-6169

**Whatnot Cottage Kids**

78 Main Street  
267-2400



**Golf**

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**Banner Lodge County Club**

**(18 Holes)**  
10 Banner Road, Moodus  
873-9075

**Chanticlair Golf Course**

**(9 Holes)**  
288 Old Hebron Road, Colchester  
537-3223

**Portland Golf Course**

**(18 Holes)**  
169 Bartlett Street  
342-6107

**Portland West Golf Course**

**(18 Holes)**  
105 Gospel Lane  
342-6111

**Quarry Ridge Golf Club**

**(18 Holes)**  
9 Rose Hill Road, Portland  
342-6113

**Grocery Stores**

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**Pat's Market**

369 West High Street, Cobalt  
267-5833

**Roadside Grill & Deli**

197 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-5887

### **Shaw's East Hampton**

11 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-2306

## **Hair and Nail Services**

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### **Dick's Barber Shop**

89 Main Street  
267-9189

### **Headliners Unisex Salon**

34 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-9621

### **Outer Limits**

42 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-1766

### **Professional Hair Cutters**

40 West High Street (Route 66)  
267-0648

### **Radiance Salon**

82 Main Street  
267-4016

### **Simply Hair**

21 West High Street (Route 66)  
267-1165

### **Style Zone**

62 Main Street  
267-2637

## **Hardware & Appliances**

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### **Ace Hardware**

25 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-7943

### **Belltown Appliance**

Summit Street

## **Historical Places, Arts & Culture**

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### **Comstock Covered Bridge**

Comstock Bridge Road (off Rte. 16)

### **Chatham Historical Society & Museum**

Bevin Boulevard

Contact: Sandy Doran, President

Open the first Sunday of every month  
and by appointment

Guided house tour:

<http://chathamhs.tripod.com/>

267-8953

### **Goff House Museum & Cultural Center**

2 Barton Hill

Contact: Carrie Bosie

267-0711

### **Village Center Historic District**

### **Middle Haddam Historic District**

### **Epoch Arts**

27 Skinner Street  
267-2597



## Medical & Emergency

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### Emergency

#### Police

20 East High Street (Route 66)  
911 *or* 267-9544 for non-emergency

#### Fire

Barton Hill Road  
911 *or* 267-8217 for non-emergency

#### First Aid

East Hampton Volunteer Ambulance Association

911 *or* 267-9049 for non-emergency

Poison Control  
800-343-2722

### Medical

#### Chatham Family Practice

205 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-2593

#### Hartford Hospital

80 Seymour Street, Hartford  
545-5000

#### Middlesex Hospital Medical Center

8 Hebron Road, Marlborough  
295-5100

#### Middlesex Hospital

28 Crescent Street, Middletown  
344-6000

### Other Medical Services

#### Belanger Physical Therapy

8 Independence Drive, Marlborough  
295-0572

#### East Hampton Psychotherapy

42 West High Street (Route 66)  
267-2955

#### Michael Reife, DC (Chiropractor)

8 Independence Drive, Marlborough  
295-0572

### Dental

#### Richard Brown, DMD

41 West High Street  
267-9904

#### Stewart Danziger, DMD

190 East Main Street  
267-2549

#### George Mantikas, DMD

42 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-6666

## Outdoor Recreation

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### Strategy Plus – Paintball

Bear Swamp Road  
Games held by Reservation Only  
800-952-9007  
Field Cell Phone (860) 287-1883

## Package Stores

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### Center Package Store

93 Main Street  
267-2833

### Chatham Spirits & Fine Wines

42 East High Street (Route 66)  
365-0100

**Cheers**

249 West High Street (Route 66)  
267-2688

**Lakeshore Package Store**

28 East High Street (Route 66)

267-2016

**Route 66 Package Store**

143 East High Street  
267-2826

## Parks and Trails

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**Airline Trail**

Entrance off Smith Street

**Hurd State Park**

Entrance off Route 151, Cobalt

**Salmon River Trail  
& State Forest**

Entrance off Route 16 at Comstock  
Covered Bridge

**Sears Park**

Entrance at 62 North Main Street

**Shenipsit Trail**

Entrance off Gadpouch Road



## Pharmacies

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**Brooks Pharmacy**

25 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-0732

**Shaw's-Osco**

11 E High St  
267-2306

**Thatcher's Pharmacy**

2-A Independence Drive, Marlborough  
295-9525

**Wal-Mart**

161 Berlin Road, Cromwell  
635-0458

## Places of Worship

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**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

1 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-4272

**Christ Episcopal Church**

60 Middle Haddam Road  
267-0287

**Congregation Ahavath Achim**

Lebanon Avenue, Colchester  
537-2809

**Congregation Adath Israel**

48 Old Church Street, Middletown  
346-4709

**East Hampton Bible Church**

22 Midwood Farm Road  
267-9607

**Haddam Neck Covenant  
Church**

17 Haddam Neck Road  
267-2336

**Haddam Neck  
Congregational Church**  
408 Quarry Hill Road  
267-4255

**Saint Patrick's Catholic Church**  
47 West High Street (Route 66)  
267-6644

**Second Congregational Church**  
Middle Haddam Road, Middle  
Haddam  
267-2828

**Congregational Church of  
East Hampton**  
59 Main Street  
267-4959

## Post Offices

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**Cobalt**  
West High Street (Route 66)  
267-5605

**East Hampton**  
57 Main Street  
267-2094

**Middle Haddam**  
77 Middle Haddam Road  
267- 5604



## Public Library

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**East Hampton**  
105 Main Street  
Hours: M, T, W 10a-8p;  
Th, Fri, Sat 10a-5p  
267-6621

**Middle Haddam**  
Two Knowles Landing  
Hours: M, Th 12p-8p; Sat 2p-4:30p  
267-9093

## Realtors

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**Prudential Realty**  
42 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-4481

**Burt Realty**  
33 West High Street (Route 66)  
267-2577

**Century 21**  
1 Main Street  
267-2531

**ERA Chatham Realty**  
36 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-1134

**Town & Country Realtors**  
77 Middle Haddam Road, Middle  
Haddam  
267-2720

## Regional Shopping Areas

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**The Shops at Buckland Hills**  
194 Buckland Hills Drive, Manchester, CT  
644-6369

**Clinton Crossing Premium Outlets**  
20-A Killingworth Turnpike, Clinton, CT  
664-0700

**Crystal Mall**

824 Hartford Turnpike (Route 85), Waterford,  
CT  
442-8500

**Westfarms Mall**

New Britain Avenue (Route 71), Farming-  
ton, CT  
561-3024

**Evergreen Walk**

200 Evergreen Way, South Windsor, CT  
648-1706

## Restaurants

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**Angelico's Lakehouse Restaurant**

81 North Main Street  
267-1276

**China Dragon (Take Out)**

42 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-9188

**Dalton's Pub**

42 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-1125

**Da Vinci Pizzeria (Take Out)**

367 West High Street (Route 66)  
267-4174

**Ernie's Place**

227 West High Street (Rte. 66)  
267-7770

**Governor's Tavern**

26 East High Street (Rte. 66)  
365-0617

**Happy Days Drive-In (seasonal)**

363 West High, Cobalt  
267-2441

**Hung Won**

11 East High Street (Rte. 66)  
267-8822

**Loco Pero**

191 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-2945

**Main Street Pizza**

87 Main Street  
267-0326

**Mama's Pizzeria & Restaurant**

249 West High Street (Route 66)  
267-4441

**McDonald's**

15 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-9511

**Roadside Grill & Deli**

197 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-5887

**Rossini's**

62 West High Street (Route 66)  
267-1106

**Subway**

36 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-1096

**Tinkling Teacups**

77 Main Street  
267-6682



## **Veterinarians**

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### **Marlborough Animal Hospital**

21 South Main Street, Marlborough  
295-8383

### **Portland Veterinary Hospital**

455 Portland Cobalt Rd, Portland  
342-3399

## **Video Store**

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### **Video Time**

25 East High Street (Route 66)  
267-5906