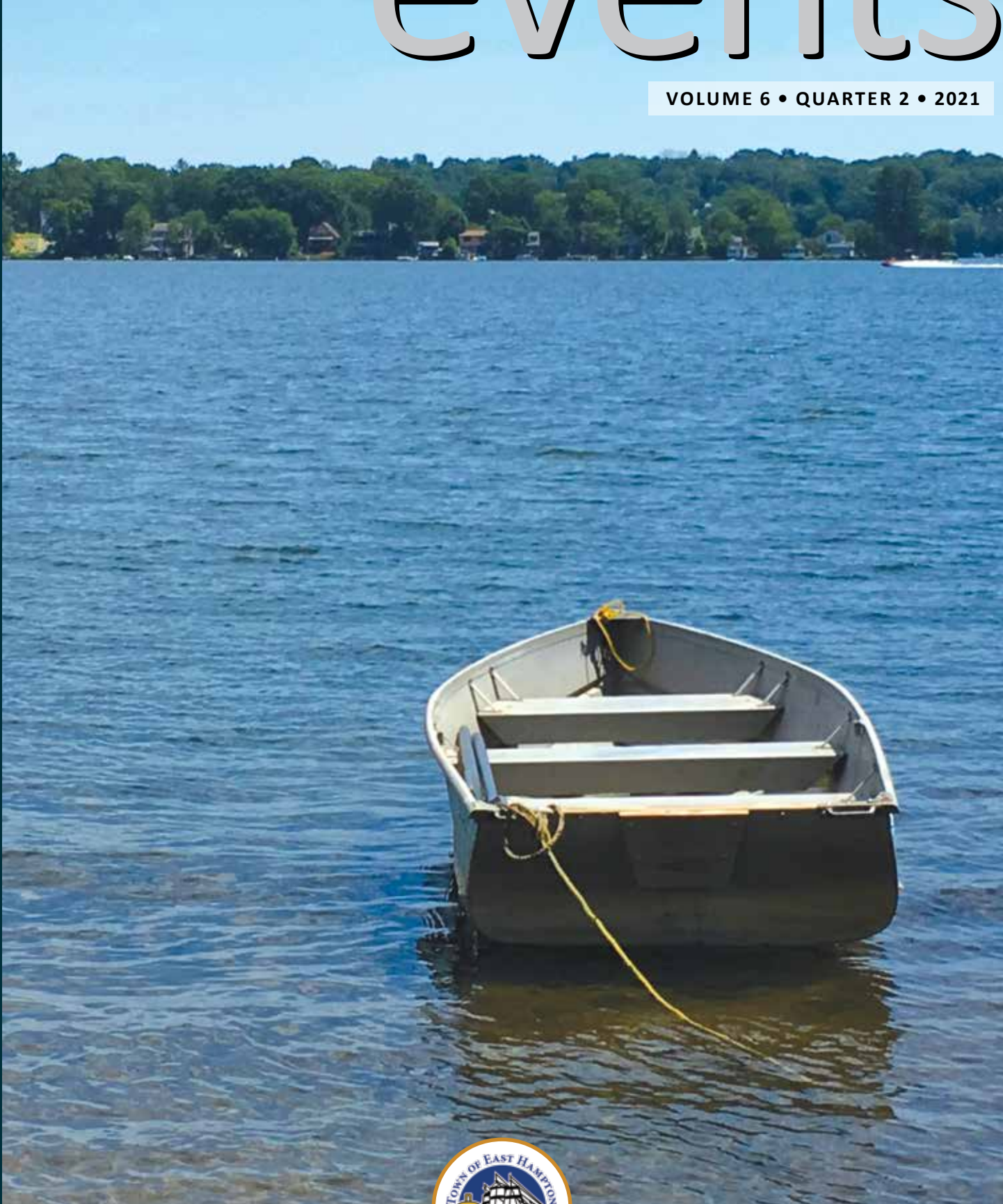


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The Spirit of East Hampton Old Home Day at Home!

Please reserve **Saturday July 10, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
for an exciting new Town event – a Reverse Parade!!

You are probably aware that the traditional Old Home Days 2021 celebration has been cancelled. However, there is an exciting new idea to keep us in the spirit until the return of OHD 2022.

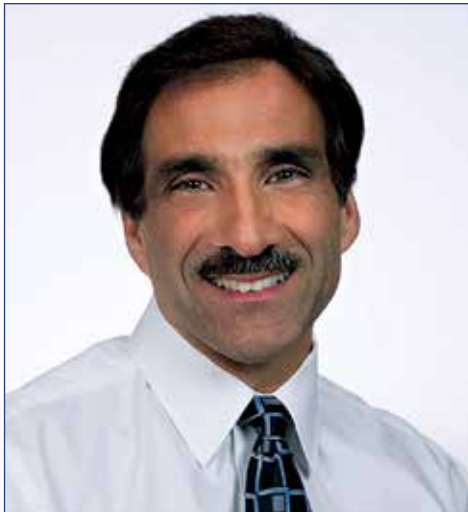
Introducing “The Spirit of Old Home Day at Home!” Participants will decorate their homes, businesses or an entire neighborhood! Think of it as a large float.

On July 10 townspeople will drive around admiring your efforts and vote for their favorite address based on several different categories. Prizes will be awarded after the tallying is done.

This event is free. All it requires is your imagination and a sense of Town pride! Park & Rec is going to manage the registration and voting. The Library will also be partnering to provide maps designating the address of the participants.



More details will be shared on the Old Home Day website www.ehohd.org, Park & Rec's and the Library's website, the OHD Facebook page and the Rivereast, as the date gets closer.



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Town Manager's Corner

Hello East Hampton,

Summer is right around the corner. As I write this, we are heading into some beautiful, sunny 80-degree days and are getting ready for summertime fun. We are working to put the pandemic behind us and looking forward to a great season of outdoor activities throughout the community.

Last year at this time, I talked about moving forward to “normalcy” and I think we are finally getting there. We are able to engage in many activities that we may not have been able to or may not have felt comfortable doing in the past. Masks are optional! Some members of our community are not eligible or cannot take the vaccine or choose not to for a reason important to them. There are parts of



Town government that will continue to wear masks, especially those areas working with youth or other vulnerable groups like schools, the library and certain recreation programs. I urge the community to be safe and to be respectful of those who choose to continue to wear a mask, whatever the reason.

By the time this reaches homes, the Town's budget process should have gone to referendum on June 8. Staff, the Board of Finance, the Board of Education and the Town Council worked hard to draft a budget that continues to move the community forward and does so in a reasonable, cost-effective way. While there is no planned use of

cash reserves this year, strategic use of funds available from the current fiscal year was made to reduce costs in the future. Please make sure you voice your opinion.

At Town Meetings held this spring, the community authorized work on the athletic facilities at the High School and the purchase of the Christopher Pond property. The High School work will improve the tennis courts, baseball field, track and soccer field. That project will be bid shortly based on a plan approved by the Town Council and work is expected to take place during the summer. The purchase of the Christopher Pond property, which was suggested in the Town's Nine Elements Plan to protect the lake, will allow the Town to make improvements on the property and in the pond to help Lake Pocotopaug. Both are good steps toward providing and protecting community resources.

Thank you again for reading the Events Magazine. As always, let the Town Manager's Office or the Economic Development Commission know if you have ideas for improving it. Also, it bears repeating; please support local businesses including those that advertise in the Events Magazine. Not only do they help make our community the great place it is, but their support helps the Town bring this quarterly publication to the community with limited cost. Have a great summer!



David E. Cox
Town Manager

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East Hampton Social Services

East Hampton Social Services continues to assist residents with applications and renewals for DSS services. Please contact Christine at 860-267-4468 ext. 3208 to discuss and coordinate an appointment time.

Residents who are struggling financially, short-term or long-term are encouraged to contact Social Services to discuss resources and options that may be available. Residents are encouraged to contact the department as soon as they feel a need. All information is handled in a confidential manner.

Energy Assistance Update: Please contact Christine at (860) 267-4468 ext. 3208 to schedule your 2021-22 winter energy assistance appointment to apply for this program. This application is done by appointment only and processing by CRT may take up to 45 business days, so please factor that in when scheduling your appointment. The 2021-22 winter application period will begin in August, appointments can be booked starting June 21st. Due to the length of these appointments, walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

Feel free to call and request the listing of documents that will be needed to process your application.

Social Services hopes and plans to assist families again this year for the holiday season. If you would like to be considered as a recipient or are able to donate, please call Christine at 860-267-4468 ext. 3208.

East Hampton Community Garden

It all started with a Rivereast editorial on February 12, submitted by 4th grader Avery Guild expressing her desire for a Community Garden. The Rotary Club reached out to Avery's parents, Carl & Jennifer, and they are all very excited. So far there are three East Hampton organizations collaborating to move Avery's wish forward including Rotary, the Garden Club and Parks & Recreation, along with private citizens. Thanks to Kevin and Kim Kiely land has been secured to accommodate the Community Garden and it will be a multi-purpose garden. There will be a garden to supply the Food Bank with produce, folks can rent a spot to have their own garden, and if folks want to have a garden and will be donating excess produce to the Food Bank, their garden will be at no cost.

There is an eight-member board that has been meeting weekly to hear updates from sub-committees and working on the logistics of the Community Garden, which will be called East Hampton Community Garden.

The Parks & Recreation Board unanimously supported the garden and the Town Council approved an easement for the property.

The Rotary Board agreed to set up a separate account for the Community Garden so any donations should be made to EH Rotary Club

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East Hampton Youth & Family Services

East Hampton Youth & Family Services continues to accept new clients for counseling services. This service is available free of charge, to any resident. Simply call the office at 860-267-9982 and a request for service referral can be completed over the phone. Flexible hours are offered to accommodate clients' needs and schedules. *Insurance is not required to receive services.

The Juvenile Review Board (JRB), which focuses on restorative justice, is up and running. This program removes the focus on discipline and punitive measures and instead emphasizes curative practices. The JRB works closely with local law enforcement and the schools, along with the families and the minors involved. Its overall goal is to work as a diversion process for minors, rather than sending them to juvenile court.



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Tax bills on the Grand List of 2020 for real estate, personal property and motor vehicles will be mailed on June 29, 2021. Taxes become due and payable on July 1, 2021 and delinquent after August 2, 2021.

The tax bills for real estate accounts that are being escrowed through a mortgage company will be sent directly to the bank. If you receive a real estate tax bill that should be paid by your mortgage company, please forward the bill to them immediately.

If you have not received a tax bill you are responsible for paying,

please contact the Collector of Revenue at kmerrifield@easthamp-tonct.gov for a duplicate copy. As owners of property, taxpayers are responsible to see that taxes are paid when due.

Motor Vehicle Clearances

All motor vehicle tax bills that are in your name must be paid in full with cash, bank check or money order to receive an immediate clearance with Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). All other methods of payment including payments made online will take 10 business days to process.

East Hampton Rotary Club Car Raffle

On September 4, 2021, the Rotary Club will be having the car raffle drawing at Center School. Details to follow. Check for

updates on the "East Hampton Connecticut Rotary Club" Facebook page and in the Rivereast newspaper.



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FROM THE Fire Marshal

Fireworks & Special Effects



With the Fourth of July around the corner it is very important to have an understanding of fireworks in regard to what is allowed and not allowed in order to protect you and those around you from pain, injury, or unexpected fires.

Below are some Fireworks

Safety Tips:

- Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishaps
- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them
- Avoid using alcohol while handling fireworks

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display by a licensed professional.

What is legal in Connecticut?

"Sparklers" means a wire or stick coated with pyrotechnic composition that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition.

"Fountain" means any cardboard or heavy paper cone or cylindrical tube containing pyrotechnic mixture that upon ignition produces a shower of colored sparks or smoke. "Fountain" includes, but is not limited to, (A) a spike fountain, which provides a spike for insertion into the ground, (B) a base fountain which has a wooden or plastic base for placing on the ground, or (C) a handle fountain which is a

handheld device with a wooden or cardboard handle.

Must be of 16 years of age or older to legally use sparklers or fountains.

Connecticut Legal Fireworks are Labeled with:

- "Emits Showers of Sparks"
- Non- Explosive and Non-Aerial

What is illegal?

Consumer Fireworks that are illegal in Connecticut are generally labeled with the following:

- Shoots Flaming Balls
- Emits a Report
- Explosive
- Flammable

Any Firework that goes Aerial or Explodes is Illegal.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the East Hampton Fire Marshal Richard Klotzbier. He can be reached at 860-267-0088 or via email at firemarshal@easthamp-tonct.gov





Back to Basics

Since its first publication in 1950, buried inside every monthly issue of *Golf Digest* magazine is some article, reference or subliminal message that reminds golfers to “Keep your head down; swing through the ball...”

This “keep your head down; swing through the ball” mantra preached by professional instructors to golf enthusiasts of all skill levels recognizes that mastery of the basic tenets of the game is the foundation upon which proficiency is built and success is achieved.

Similarly, proficiency and success in the fire service is built upon the skillful execution of protocols, procedures and techniques that not only mitigate the effects of the emergency incident but also ensures the safety and well-being of all involved. Much like golf or any other skill-based activity, continual repetition and practice creates “muscle memory” that instills and constantly refines functional patterns for improving execution.

To that end, East Hampton Fire Chief Greg Voelker has outlined a training curriculum for EHVFD firefighters over the next twelve months that centers around a “back-to-basics” approach designed to reinforce essential skills. In addition to the mandatory annual training requirements for Hazmat responses, bloodborne pathogens, CPR and live burn training, East Hampton firefighters will be drilled on more rudimentary topics such as hose advancement, relay pumping, water supply/tanker operations, vehicle fire suppression, extrication techniques, forcible

entry and building search, ladder operations and other related subjects.

Additionally, with motor vehicle crashes during incident response being the second-leading cause of line-of-duty deaths among emergency personnel nationwide, the Department will conduct an Emergency Vehicle Operations Certification course for all members that emphasizes safe driving techniques not only for apparatus drivers, but also for individuals responding to emergencies in their personal vehicles.

For Fire Chief Voelker, providing training opportunities is a primary responsibility of fire service leadership: “Our volunteers put themselves on the line every day to protect the public, and it is my job to make sure they are properly equipped and trained to meet the challenges they encounter. This year’s focus on reinforcing basic skills will help us not only maintain a high level of readiness and proficiency but will also work to avoid complacency and prevent the formation of bad habits. Each incident is unique, and it is your training will most often guide you to a safe and successful outcome.”

The East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department remains an all-volunteer organization dedicated to serving and protecting the community’s residents and visitors. Individuals interested in joining the Department can obtain further information by calling the Department’s headquarters at (860) 267-2198 to leave a message.

East Hampton Police Department

The East Hampton Police Department would like to remind everyone that with warmer weather upon us, there is a need to exercise additional care while travelling about the town. You will start to see an increase in pedestrian traffic and motorists need to pay special attention to the pedestrian crosswalks in town. Motorists need to be mindful of the posted speed limits and take extra precautions when traveling around high traffic areas, such as the lake or areas where children may be playing.

The Police Department also wants to remind everyone to lock their car doors and never leave valuables in plain sight. Secure them in the trunk or another secure location.

Phone scams are on the rise and they are becoming much more sophisticated as they attempt to access your personal information. Never give out your personal information over the phone. Companies like Eversource will not threaten to shut off your power over the phone, they will send you something in the mail. They will also not demand immediate payment by credit card or ask for the routing number of your bank account to set up an automatic payment. If it sounds suspicious ask the caller for a call back number and verify that number through an internet search of the company that the caller states he is from. Additionally, please feel free to contact the Police Department who can assist you in determining if the call is scam.



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Land Use Department

East Hampton is part of a seventeen-town regional planning area known as the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG). The RiverCOG takes on many tasks throughout the region such as overseeing transportation projects, assisting in grant management for various funding types, and prepares several planning documents on a regular cycle. The RiverCOG was formed in 2012 with the merger of two smaller agencies and is in the final stages of preparing its first Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (RPOCD).

The RPOCD is a visionary policy document. This means that it is not binding on municipalities and commissions in the region. Rather, it is an aspirational document, identifying preferred land uses, development patterns and types, and desirable areas for conservation over the next 10 years, based on existing and emerging regional trends and challenges. Overall, the job of an RPOCD is to balance the needs of both conservation and development, paying par-

ticular attention to areas where these interests compete as well as those where there is mutual support. The RPOCD can be a tool used to guide funding for projects in the region and its creation is required under Connecticut Statute (CGS Chapter 127 Section 8-35a). You may be familiar with the East Hampton POCD which was adopted in 2016. The RPOCD is similar, but with a regional perspective.

The Regional Planning Committee (RPC) and their consultant, Fitzgerald and Halliday, have completed the initial draft and are looking for comments from residents, business owners, and employees of the region. The RiverCOG has created an easy to use website to view the draft document and submit comments. A Public Hearing will be held on June 30, 2021 with the goal of adoption shortly thereafter. We welcome your feedback!



The website to view the document and submit comments can be found here: <https://rivercog.org/projects/rpocd/draft-rpocd/>

Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works has begun its routine spring maintenance program. Public Works crews have started to address routine spring maintenance items such as pothole patching, curbing replacement, and sign maintenance. Winter equipment is being examined and evaluated, necessary repairs are being made, and routine maintenance items are being performed.



The department has also begun the Edgerton Street drainage replacement project preparation for reconstruction of Edgerton Street in the Spring of 2022. Public Works crews have completed pavement shimming work on White Birch Road and Mott Hill Road in anticipation of chip sealing these roads in early June. As a reminder when roads are newly chip sealed please keep speeds to 15 MPH on loose stone.

Public Works crews have started regrading and addressing drainage issues on the 8 miles of gravel roads within the town's road network. Road sweeping is also underway and will continue until the town's entire paved road network has been addressed.

Cemetery clean-up and mowing will be completed prior to Memorial Day. Roadside mowing will begin in May and continue through summer and fall.

The Transfer Station will be open Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

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Chatham Historical Society News

Town Wide Tag Sale

Applications are now available at the East Hampton Town Hall in the Town Clerk's Office and at the East Hampton Public Library. Applications must be received by June 11, and checks should be made payable to CHS or Chatham Historical Society. Your location will be shown on the 300 maps handed out free to shoppers on Town Wide Tag Sale day on June 19, 2021.

The Chatham Historical Society Museum is open the first Sunday of every month from 2:00pm - 4:00 pm or by appointment, call 860-267-8953.

Historic House Tour

This year's historic house tour will be September 25th from 10:00am - 4:00pm. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, a house tour could not be offered in 2020. Many people have inquired about a tour this year, so save the date. Six fabulous residences will be included in this East Hampton event. For further information on either of these events, please call 860-267-4732.

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adding Community Garden to the memo line. The Shulman family made the first donation with a very generous \$3,000.

A Rotary Community Corp will be set up which will allow for securing yearly grants for the garden.

For the first year the garden will aim to have 30 plots of 4 feet x 10 feet each. It is planned to erect permanent fencing around the periphery of the gardens. Carl and Jennifer will be seeking donations representing the Board, from local businesses to help obtain gardening tools, a shed, fencing and plants.

Some members of the Garden Club have volunteered to be a sub-committee and have been meeting and providing invaluable information for the incorporation of the garden.

When everything is ready to accept applications for garden plots, Parks & Recreation will be providing registration, similar to what you would do to sign up for any town activity.

Jack Solomon has designed a solar powered irrigation system and planting is planned to start around Memorial Day.

Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact Pam Joslyn at pjoslyngreenwald@gmail.com

Household Hazardous Waste Collections & Paper Shredding Events

Free household hazardous waste collections for East Hampton residents will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

June 19, 2021 at the East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority, 20 Gildersleeve Dr., East Hampton

August 21, 2021 at the Woodside Intermediate School, 30 Woodside Rd., Cromwell

October 9, 2021 at Middlesex Community College, 100 Training Hill Rd., Middletown

A free paper shredding event for East Hampton residents will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on September 11, 2021 at the Middlefield Community Center, 405 Main St., Middlefield.

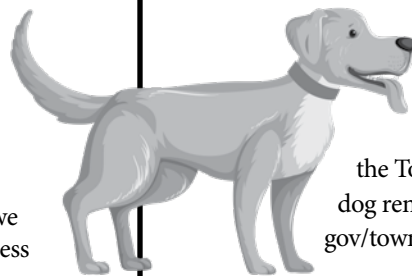
Household waste and documents only, we are not able to take commercial or business materials.

To learn more details, acceptable materials, and more please visit www.rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste

Town Clerk's Office

JUNE IS DOG LICENSE MONTH! All dogs 6 months or older must be licensed each year in the town where they reside. A current rabies certificate is required for all dogs, and a neutered/spayed certificate is required for dogs that will be licensed for the first time.

Dog licenses may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or by mail. If applying by mail, include a check for the proper fee, made payable to the East Hampton Town Clerk, all certificates, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope, and mail to Town Clerk, Town Hall, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424. All certificates will be returned with the new license and tag.



You can renew your dog license online through the Town Clerk's online dog renewal system. To renew online you must have a current rabies certificate on file with the Town Clerk's Office. You can access the on-line dog renewal system at <https://www.easthamptonct.gov/town-clerk/pages/dog-licenses>

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A very special thank you to the East Hampton Fire Department who once again

assisted with the installation of the flags this season. The Flags Over East Hampton Committee could not continue this very worthwhile project without the fire department's help. Those interested in making a donation may want to consider making a donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone who served our country proudly in the armed forces.

Please make your check out to "Flags Over East Hampton", c/o the Town of East Hampton and send your donation to the attention of Renee Bafumi, Town Hall, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424.

Your donation will assist the committee in maintaining this worthy program.

Kevin M. Reich, Chairperson
Flags Over East Hampton Committee

Middle Haddam Public Library

The Middle Haddam Public Library is an independent library that is open to all residents of East Hampton and the surrounding areas. Housed in a building constructed in 1799, it has served as a library to residents of Middle Haddam, Cobalt, Haddam Neck, East Hampton and beyond for well over a century.

It just re-opened in March with a renovated interior that maintains the charm of the historic building while offering a fresh, comfortable space for small groups, meet-

ing or remote work. The library houses a unique collection of historical and genealogical materials from Middle Haddam and its shipbuilding history.

Located at 2 Knowles Road in the Middle Haddam historic district section of town. Currently the hours are Tuesdays and Fridays 3pm-5pm.

Check the Facebook page for updates, expanding hours and upcoming events.
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Additionally, call the office just to confirm your mailing address. Quite often, tax bills are sent to mortgage companies. To receive additional mail from the Town an address update might be needed. This is especially true for Post Office box holders in the Middle Haddam and Cobalt sections of East Hampton.

ELDERLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED RENTER'S REBATE PROGRAM

Residents 65 years of age or totally disabled may be eligible for a rent rebate under CT State law within the Municipality where they currently reside; income guidelines apply and are adjusted each year. Applications will be available April 1, 2021 and must be filed on or before October 1, 2021 with the Assessor's Office.

Per the State of CT Office of Policy and Management for the 2020 calendar year, the maximum income for a single taxpayer was set at \$37,600. The maximum income for a married couple was set at \$45,800. Additionally, the applicant must have lived in CT for one year.

The Assessor's Office is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00am to 4:00pm, Tuesday 8:00am to 6:30pm and Friday 8:00am to 12:30pm. We can be reached at 860-267-2510.



WHAT IS 2-1-1?

It is Connecticut's free and confidential information and referral service. By calling 2-1-1, a toll-free number throughout CT, callers can reach knowledgeable, multilingual staff and get information, referrals or seek help in a crisis. 2-1-1 operates 24 hours-a-day, every day of the year. TDD access is available. Visit the website for more information: <http://www.211.org/#>

East Hampton Town Directory

www.easthamptonct.gov

Animal Control (24 hour dispatch).....	860-873-5044	Land Use	860-267-7450
Assessor	860-267-2510	Parks & Recreation	860-267-7300
Board of Education	860-365-4000	Police Department (non-emergency).....	860-267-9544
Building.....	860-267-9601	Probate Court	860-295-6239
Chatham Health District	860-365-0884	Public Library	860-267-6621
Collector of Revenue.....	860-267-2300	Public Works.....	860-267-4747
Emergency Management.....	860-267-0088	Registrars.....	860-267-6720
Finance Department	860-267-7548	Senior Center	860-267-4426
Fire Marshal	860-267-0088	Town Clerk	860-267-2519
Food Bank	860-365-5978	Town Manager.....	860-267-4468
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Mailing Address and Physical Location have changed. We are now located at the New Town Hall!

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 1 Community Drive
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**AFTERNOON ADVENTURES
 AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM**

860-367-5429 – Memorial School location
 860-781-0209 - Center School location

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

860-267-9982

SEARS PARK FACILITIES: All rental request forms are available online at www.easthamptonct.gov.

PAVILION: Residents of East Hampton can rent the Pavilion for events for full or half-day rentals. The fees are \$75/half-day or \$125/full day. All reservations require a security deposit of \$125.

LION'S PICNIC SHELTER: Sears Park patrons may use this shelter when it is not reserved. Reservations are posted daily on the small kiosk next to the shelter with the specific reservations for that day. There is no cost to reserve the shelter; however, a completed reservation form is required.

GOVERNOR WILLIAM A. O'NEILL PERFORMING ARTS GAZEBO: The Gazebo can be used for small family-oriented performances and programs such as small musical performances, magic shows, plays, variety groups, etc. Music concerts are restricted to acoustic, instrumental or small jazz venues. Weddings and other special celebrations will be considered. Venues are lawn seating. The gazebo will not be used for loud bands and or concerts. The fees are \$75 per day and a \$25 additional fee is added on if electrical or stage lighting is required. All reservations also require a \$125 security deposit.

FREQUENTLY REQUESTED INFORMATION

EAST HAMPTON LITTLE LEAGUE

- www.easthamptonlittleleague.sports.signup.com
- For boys and girls ages 6 - 18 (by July 31 of the current year)
- Registration takes place in January
- Practices for the season begin in late March
- Opening day is in April
- Fall season begins in September and is open for children ages 8 years and up

EAST HAMPTON TRAVEL BASEBALL

- Tom Weyrauch – 860-881-7360

YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING

- www.ehyouthfootball.org
- For boys and girls ages 7 - 14
- email: info@ehyouthfootball.org

EAST HAMPTON SOCCER CLUB TOWN RECREATIONAL LEAGUE

- www.easthamptonsoccerclub.org
- For boys and girls pre-K-8
- Spring season is late March-June
- Registration for spring takes place in January
- Fall season is late August-October
- Registration for fall takes place in June

TRAVEL SOCCER

- www.easthamptonsoccerclub.org
- For boys and girls ages 8 – 18
- Email Soccer Club for tryout information

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- Contact: Brian Lemire - 860-467-4001

EPOCH ARTS

- www.epocharts.org
 email: info@epocharts.org
 Contact: Elizabeth Namen
 860-365-0337

PARKS & RECREATION

REGISTRATION AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic our program offerings are ever changing based on local and state guidelines. Please check out www.easthamptonrec.com for the latest schedule and offerings. Our programs all follow in accordance with current CDC and OEC guidelines. Program enrollments are accepted online at www.easthamptonrec.com. Registration forms are available online at www.easthamptonrec.com or at the Parks and Recreation Office.

All registration forms must include payment. Payment is required at the time of registration. All registrations are taken on a first come, first serve basis. We accept MasterCard and Visa. Please make checks payable to East Hampton Parks and Recreation. Cash payments should be made in the office only. Please do not try to register or pay program instructors unless indicated.

Registration confirmations are available by e-mail if subscribed to on your main account page at www.easthamptonct.gov. No other confirmations are provided; however, if you have registered with us and paid, you will be on the final roster.

Program Refund Policy:

If you are unable to attend a program you have registered for, please contact us. You must contact us 7 days before a program starts to receive a 100% refund. Cancellations inside of 7 days will receive a 50% refund or be issued an account credit for another activity. After the program starts no refunds will be issued. Our ability to refund money for trip cancellations depends on our contractual agreement with the travel companies.

In the event of inclement weather, all programs are cancelled if school is closed or has an early dismissal. Cancellation information is posted on WFSB Channel 3 Early Warning Network. Households who have subscribed to the online registration site's e-mail notifications will receive an e-mail regarding the cancellation.

Program times are subject to change based on enrollment numbers. Programs will be cancelled if the minimum enrollment number is not reached. Applications for reduced-tuition scholarships are available at the Parks and Recreation Office and Youth and Family Services. All information is strictly confidential. This is an application process. Only programs run directly by East Hampton Parks and Recreation qualify.

A portion of your enrollment fee may be put into your Special Revenue Program account for the East Hampton Parks & Recreation Department to maintain or enhance this program or other programs. This fund is not associated with the General Fund of the Town of East Hampton.

Sears Park Summer Camp

Operates in accordance with all current COVID 19 protocols. Participants are required to have a completed COVID 19 waiver on file.

Sears Park Camp is an eight-week day camp held at Sears Park. Each day offers activities such as crafts, sports, and games. Each week there will be a special theme, field trip, or special guest. Campers should bring a lunch, snacks, drinks, water bottle, sunblock, swimsuit, and towel. A backpack is recommended. For boys and girls entering grades K-8 in the fall of 2021 (some field trips and activities will be different for grades 6-8). Grades 6-8 will be hosted at Sears Park primarily, with alternate locations if rain or thunderstorms are in the forecast.

Camp Dates: June 21 – August 13

Camp Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm

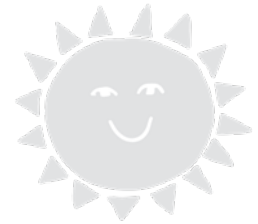
Weekly tuition: \$165 first child, \$145 per sibling

Week of July 5 – July 9 (no camp July 5)

\$140 first child, \$120 per sibling

Extended Care: Available in weekly blocks: 7:30am-9:00am (\$35 per week), 3:00pm – 4:30pm (\$35 per week) Payment for the first week your child will be attending camp, including extended care fees for the first week and the required deposits for subsequent weeks need to be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department to be enrolled. Checks should be made payable to East Hampton Parks and Recreation if paying with a check. Online registration is available at www.easthamptonrec.com

Payment for the first week of camp, plus a \$25 per child per week non-refundable deposit is required to enroll if you are not able to pay the full cost up front. You will not be enrolled in camp until these deposits are received. Tuition is due by Wednesday for the following week. Field trip costs are included with tuition.



Summer Movies at Sears Park!

Dates: Thursday July 15 and Friday August 13. We are taking registrations per person for this event. You must pre-register with us to reserve a spot at www.easthamptonrec.com. Registration is may be limited depending on COVID-19 status. Fee is \$5 per person (includes the movie, bag of popcorn and choice of drink per person.) **TIME AND MOVIE TO BE DETERMINED

Sears Park Boat Rack Rentals

We are now offering boat storage rack rentals at Sears Park for the 2021 summer

season. The fee for the season is \$100 per rack slot and spaces are available for canoes, kayaks and rowing shells. Contact the Parks and Recreation Department and fill out the registration form to get your spot for the season. Space is limited.

Community Garden – Located at Cranberry Bog

Log onto www.easthamptonrec.com to register for a garden plot, volunteer, or make a donation to the new garden. Collaborative gardening activities result in community pride and unity.

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All Sports Camp

All Sports Camp features several sports and recreation activities that campers can choose from. The camp is directed by Coach Ruel (Memorial Elementary School PE Teacher), as well as local college graduates, local college student-athletes, and current high school student-athletes from East Hampton and area towns. The camp runs July 26-30 at East Hampton Middle School from 8am- 5pm, with options to stay the whole day or parts of the day. 4 sessions daily (transportation included in camp fee). Contact Coach Ruel for more details (gruel@easthamptonct.org).

Registration is through the East Hampton Park and Recreation Department and children from any town are more than welcome!

Location: East Hampton Middle School and Sears Park
 For: Entering Grades 1 – 9
 Cost: Varies by session and activities
 see www.easthamptonrec.com for more information.



Monday – Friday, July 26 – July 30 from 8:00am – 5:00pm

Time blocks and clinic offerings:

SESSION I: 8:15am–10:15am: Soccer, Volleyball and Badminton, Recreational Activities

SESSION II: 10:30am–12:30pm: Basketball, Track and Field

LUNCH: 12:30pm-1:00pm (on school grounds)

SESSION III: 1:00pm—3:00pm: Baseball, Recreational Activities, Lacrosse

SESSION IV: 3:00pm—5:00pm: at Sears Park (bus transportation provided): swimming, basketball, tennis, recreational activities, snack shack

Animal Exploration!

Lions and Tigers and Bears! Your child will be able to explore a variety of animals with hands-on activities, crafts, cooking projects, and movement.

Ages: 4-9 years old
 Teachers: Stacey Gibson & Keri Evans
 Dates: July 19-23
 Time: 11:30am – 2:30pm
 Cost: \$110.00
 Location: Memorial School

*Please send your child in with a snack, bag lunch, and water bottle daily. We will meet in the front lobby for drop off and pick up.

Attitude of Gratitude Camp

Children will also learn basic yoga lingo, breathing exercises and how to set long and short term goals. Children should bring a water bottle, snack and towel/yoga mat for outdoor use.

For: Grades 2-5
 Dates: July 26 – July 30
 Time: 8:30am – 11:30am
 Cost: \$120
 Location: Memorial School
 Instructor: Amie Meacham, Certified Personal Trainer/Fitness Instructor (CPR/AED)

Backyard Games Camp

Dodgeball! KanJam! Capture the flag, and so much more! Campers will compete in teams, pairs and individually to earn prizes.

For: Grades 6-8
 Dates: August 2 – August 6
 Half day price \$150 (8:30am-11:30am)
 Full day price \$250/week (8:30am-2:30pm)
 Location: East Hampton Middle School
 Instructors: Mr. Landry and Miss DeSanti

Exploring Pre-K Fun!

Your child will be able to explore and play in a pre-k classroom. The children will have a daily theme. We will have snack together each day and play outside too!

Ages: 3-4 years old
 Dates: July 19th-23rd
 Time: 8:00am-11:00am
 Cost: \$110.00
 Location: Memorial School
 Teachers: Stacey Gibson

Fairy Garden Camp

Your child will get to learn about, explore, and create a couple of different fairy gardens!

For: Grades K-3
 Dates: June 21 – June 25
 Time: 11:30am – 2:30pm
 Cost: \$110
 Location: Memorial School
 Instructor: Jaime Sullivan

All Star Cheerleading Camp with Meaghan Limmer

All-Star Cheerleading Camp will be run by ECE coach Meaghan Limmer, who will provide training on cheerleading skills including tumbling, stunting, and jumping. Meaghan will teach all-star cheerleading methods while introducing new stunts and helping participants with tumbling technique. Camps are for East Hampton Residents Only.



SESSION 1: July 26

- Ages: Entering K-2
- Time: 9am-12pm
- Location: EH High School

SESSION 2: August 2

- Ages: Entering 3rd-5th grades
- Time: 9am-12pm
- Location: EH High School

SESSION 3: August 9

- Ages: Middle School Entering Grades 6-8
- Time: 9am-12pm
- Location: EH High School

SESSION 4: August 16

- Ages: High School Entering Grades 9-12
- Time: 9am-12pm
- Location: EH High School

SESSION 5: August 23

- Ages: High School Entering Grades 9-12
- Time: 9am-12pm
- Location: EH High School

Cost to Attend Per Day: \$40 per participant

HIGH SCHOOL CLINICS ARE AT NO CHARGE TO ANY EHHS ONLY
 Students entering grades 9-12



Fresh Air and Movies

Kids will begin each day with an outdoor activity, then its popcorn time with a classic movie for kids like Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, and The Never Ending Story.

For: Grades 5-8
 Dates: July 12 – July 16
 Time: 12:30pm – 2:30pm
 Cost: \$100
 Location: East Hampton Middle School
 Instructor: Danial Bennett

Funtivities

A combination of classic board games and classic outdoor games. Operation, Trouble, Chute and Ladders, Mouse Trap, etc.

For: Grades 5-8
 Dates: July 12 – July 16
 Times: 9:00am – 11:30am
 Cost: \$100
 Location: East Hampton Middle School
 Instructor: Danial Bennett

Go For the Gold

Go for the gold and join us for a week of learning about the Olympics, playing different sports that you'll see on TV, and creating different crafts for celebrations like your own medals, gym bag, and more!

For: Grades K-3
 Dates: July 12 – July 16
 Half day price \$120 (8:30am-11:30am)
 Full day price \$215 (8:30am-2:30pm)
 Location: Memorial School
 Teachers: Miss Forcellina and Ms. Ryczek

Hanson Elite Basketball Academy

Coach Hanson focusses on dribbling skills, form shooting, passing, footwork, defensive strategy, game situations and overall fitness. The program meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For: Ages 8-11
 Dates: June 22 – July 8 (session I) and July 20 – August 5 (session II)
 Time: 9:00am – 11:30am
 Cost: \$75 per session
 Location: Sears Park Basketball Court

Just Being Me

A camp for kids ages 8-14 to exercise, craft, and bake. We will meet daily in a classroom at Memorial School.

Dates: July 12-16
 Time: 9:00am-2:00pm
 Ages: 8-14 years
 Cost: \$180.00 *This includes all craft and baking supplies, and trips!
 Place: Memorial School
 Teacher: Stacey Gibson

Let's Celebrate

Are holidays your favorite time of the year? This summer we'll celebrate Christmas, Halloween, St. Patrick's Day, Fourth of July and more all in one week. Be sure to pack a snack, lunch and water bottle each day.

For: Grades 1-5
 Dates: July 19 – July 23
 Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm
 Cost: \$145
 Location: Memorial School
 Teachers: Beth Haydu and Jamie Haydu

Bring on the Sports and Crafts

Do you prefer sports or crafts? How about both? You can choose! Choose between sports activities like home run derby, kickball or knock-out. OR perhaps a craft interests you such as painted rocks, tie dye or beading.

For: Grades 1-5
 Dates: July 19 – July 23
 Time: 12:30pm – 3:30pm
 Cost: \$145
 Location: Memorial School
 Teachers: Beth Haydu and Jamie Haydu

Lights, Camera, Action!

Students will write a short movie (3-5 minutes in length), create a backdrop, costumes and props, film the movie and have a YouTube link to their "feature film" at the end of the week!

For: Grades 4 and 5
 Dates: Week 1 - July 6 - 9
 Monday – Thursday
 Week 2 - July 12 - July 16 -
 Monday – Friday
 Week 3 July 19 - July 23 -
 Monday – Friday
 Week 4 July 26 - July 30 -
 Monday – Friday
 Time: 12:00pm - 2:30pm
 Cost: Week 1 - \$100 Other
 Weeks - \$125
 Location: Memorial School
 Teacher: Carrie Tortorici

Nerf Blaster Camp

You will have loads of FUN playing Nerf blaster games in this camp! Each day different interactive nerf blaster games will be played.

For: Grades K-3
 Dates: June 21 – June 25
 Time: 9:00am – 11:00am
 Cost: \$100
 Location: Memorial School
 Teacher: Jaime Sullivan and Patrick Sullivan

Soccer Camp - Ray Reid's Young Stars Camp

This program seeks to develop and improve each player's technique, skills and creativity with the ball. All participants should bring a soccer ball, water bottle, shin guards.

For: Grades 1-8
 Dates: July 12 – July 16
 Times: 8:30am – 11:30am
 Cost: \$170
 Location: High School Soccer Fields

STEAM Camp

STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, art, and math. During this program, students will integrate ALL of these as they design, create, and conduct experiments.

For: Grades 2-3
 Dates: June 21 – June 25
 Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm
 Cost: \$110
 Location: Memorial School
 Teacher: Valerie Ballek

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Summer Olympics

It's finally time for the Summer Olympics! Join the fun each day with Olympic-style physical activities, story time with books about famous athletes, Olympic themed crafts, as well as guided conversations. Children should bring a water bottle, snack and towel or mat to sit on outside.

For: Grades 1-4

Dates: August 2 – August 6

Time: 8:30am – 11:30am

Cost: \$120

Location: Memorial School

Instructor: Amie Meacham, Certified Personal Trainer/Fitness Instructor (CPR/AED)

Tea Parties and Paper Dolls

Your child will create paper dolls to play with and decorate. They will get to make houses and scenes for the dolls too. Your child will also craft, bake, and create tea party fun together.

For: Ages 4-9

Dates: July 6 – July 9 (4 days)

Time: 8:00am – 11:00am

Cost: \$110

Location: Memorial School

Teacher: Stacey Gibson

Under the Sea!

Join us for a week of seashell and sand art, decorating beach gear, splash-splashing in the water, and so much more! Please apply sunscreen before camp each day, bring a snack and water bottle, and pack a bathing suit and towel! For a full day camp opportunity, please see our PM camp titled, Fairytale Land. In signing up for both camps, you will be given the discounted full day price of \$215!

For: Grades K-3

Dates: June 28 – July 2

Time: 8:30am – 11:30am

Cost: \$120

Location: Memorial School

Teachers: Miss Forcellina and Ms. Ryczek

Fairytale Land

Live in a fairytale for the week with Cinderella, Belle, Rapunzel, and more! Join us for a week of arts and crafts, STEM activities, story inspired snacks, and lots of fun! For a full day camp opportunity, please see our AM camp titled, Under the Sea. In signing up for both camps, you will be given the discounted full day price of \$215!

For: Grades K-3

Dates: June 28 – July 2

Time: 11:30am – 2:30pm

Cost: \$120

Location: Memorial School

Teachers: Miss Forcellina and Ms. Ryczek

Wet and Messy Camp

Each day the children will painting, gluing, having water fun, making slime, playdoh, and having hands on FUN! Dress your child for mess each day!

For: Ages 4-8

Dates: July 6 – July 9

Time: 11:30am – 2:30pm

Cost: \$110

Location: Memorial School

Teacher: Stacey Gibson

Track and Field Clinic/Camp

Come spend a week with us at East Hampton High School's track and field complex, learning and competing in various events. If you choose to join us for our full day, please pack a lunch and water bottle. Also be sure to apply sunscreen before camp each day since we will be outside!

Special Note: Track camp is early this year due to the renovations on the athletic fields. The track will be unavailable for most of the summer.

Dates: June 21 – June 25

Half day price \$150/week (8:30-11:30)

Full day price \$250/week (8:30-2:30)

Age group: Kids entering grades 6 – 9

Coach: Mr. Landry and Miss DeSanti

Volleyball Clinic with Matt Warner

The Clinic offers two volleyball experiences: the morning session is a fundamental skills clinic and the afternoon session is an advanced, high school pre-season clinic.

Session 1: Foundation Building Clinic

(girls entering grades 6 through 12)

Date: June 28 – July 2 (Monday-Friday)

Location: Middle School Gymnasium

Time: 8:00-11:00am

Cost: \$125.00

Participants: capped at 24

Session 2: Pre-Season Camp

(girls entering grades 10 through 12) **

Date: July 6-9 (Tuesday-Friday)

Location: Middle School Gymnasium

Time: 8:00am-11:00am

Cost: \$100.00

Participants: capped at 20

What to bring/wear: Gym clothes, sneakers, and water bottle

Cost to attend both clinics is \$200.00

American Red Cross Swim Lessons

Swim lessons are taught at Sears Park by certified lifeguards and are 8 private lessons for \$125,

additional children of the same family will be discounted \$30 and scheduled together (max of 3). To sign up as a family call the Parks and Recreation office at 860-267-7300. Individual lessons can sign up online or over the phone with the office. Group lessons will be offered as well. Check www.easthamptonrec.com for availability and to sign up.

Lessons are for Ages 4 and over only. Levels Parent and Child Aquatics - Level 6.

Options are for Lessons Monday, Wednesday and Friday or Tuesday and Thursday

Lessons do not meet on July 5th!

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www.EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org

Summer Reading! Now For All Ages!

Sign up online starting June 1st or in-person at our Summer Reading Kick-Off Party on Friday, June 25th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm outside in front of the Library. Visit our website for more information: EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org/Summer.

Children's Summer Reading: Birth to Grade 5

Set a weekly reading goal with your child. You can choose to read a certain number of books or to read for a certain amount of minutes. Once

your child has met their goal, visit the library for an animal sticker and raffle tickets to win great prizes!

Teen Summer Reading: Grades 6 – 12

Each week, complete different challenges like reading for an hour, going for a walk, or giving someone a compliment. Then check in at the Library to receive raffle tickets.

Adult Summer Reading: Ages 18 and up!

Each week, complete different challenges like reading for an hour, taking a hike, or attending a library program. Then check in at the Library to receive raffle tickets.

In-Person Outdoor Programs Return

The Library is thrilled to offer in-person, outdoor programs this summer. For the safety and well-being of fellow library patrons and staff, we ask that you keep in mind the following guidelines when participating in a program:

- Participants should not attend Library programs if they have COVID-19 symptoms or have recently been exposed to a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- Participants are encouraged but not required to wear a mask.
- Participants should wash or sanitize their hands before and after attending a Library program.
- To the extent possible, participants should socially distance themselves from others.

In the event of inclement weather, program cancellations will be listed on the front page of our website: EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Baby Rhyme Time Outside: Ages 0-18 months

Thursdays at 10:15 a.m., June 24 – August 26

Held at the Center School Gazebo on Main Street, weather permitting.

A story time program for children ages 0-18 months and their caregivers, held in-person outdoors at the Gazebo on Main Street.

Stories and Songs Outside: Ages 18 months – 5 years

Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m., June 30 – August 25

Held at Seamster Park, weather permitting.

A story time program for children ages 18 months to five years old and their caregivers, held in-person, outdoors at Seamster Park by Memorial School!

Teacher Read Aloud Series: Ages 5-10 years

Select Mondays at 4:00 p.m.

June 28, July 12, 26, August 9

Held in front of East Hampton Public Library, weather permitting.

Center and Memorial School teachers will be reading stories in front of the library.

Creature Feature: Ages 6-10 years

Thursdays at 2:00 p.m., July 8 – August 19

Held in front of East Hampton Public Library, weather permitting.

Explore the animal kingdom with a new activity each week! Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Camp Crafts: Ages 6-10 years

Select Fridays 2:00 p.m.

July 2, 9, 16, 30, August 6, 13

Held in front of East Hampton Public Library, weather permitting.

Make friendship bracelets, tie-dye and more. Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Live Animals with Riverside Reptiles: Ages 6-12 years

Friday, July 23 at 11:00 a.m.

Held in front of East Hampton Public Library, weather permitting.

Experts will be sharing chameleons and more in a live animal show! Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Harry Potter Scavenger Hunt

Week of July 26 – 31 during library hours

Celebrate Harry Potter's birthday and see if you can solve Escape the library by deciphering the code in our Harry Potter themed scavenger hunt! The clues will be hidden throughout the library. Earn a prize if you can!

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Children's Bike Ride: Ages 6-10 years

Sunday, August 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Held at the Airline Trail (Cranberry Bog Entrance), weather permitting.

Explore the Airline Trail with Brian from Airline Cycles! Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.



Lego Saturdays: All Ages

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m., July 3 – August 28

Held in front of East Hampton Public Library, weather permitting.

What will you create with the library's large Lego collection? Follow the week's challenge or build your own adventure.

Take and Makes: Little Learners and School Age

Each month, the Library debuts four Take and Make activity kits: One for school age children, one for our littlest learners plus one for teens and

one for adults. Reserve your kit online on our website and pick it up in person or curbside. Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

End of Summer Reading Celebration: All ages

Friday, August 20 at 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Held at the Center School Gazebo on Main Street.

Save the date for our End of Summer Reading Picnic! Information to come. We'll pull all of our raffle winners after the show.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Dungeons & Dragons: Grades 8 – 12

Select Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.
June 30, July 14, 28, August 11

Held in front of East Hampton Public Library, weather permitting.

Join us for an exciting journey into the world of Dungeons & Dragons! Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Creature Feature: Grades 6 - 12

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m., July 8 – August 19.

Held in front of East Hampton Public Library, weather permitting.

Explore the animal kingdom with a new activity each week! Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Camp Crafts: Grades 6 - 12

Select Fridays at 5:30 p.m.
July 2, 9, 16, 30, August 6, 13

Held in front of East Hampton Public Library, weather permitting.

Make friendship bracelets, tie-dye and more. Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Mini Comic Con: Grades 6 - 12

Tuesday, June 29 at 2:30 p.m.

Held in front of East Hampton Public Library, weather permitting.

Come in costume and enjoy snacks, an activity and a photobooth - check out our graphic novel collection! Earn a prize for your costume! Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Sun Art: Grades 6 – 12

Tuesday, July 13 at 2:30 p.m.

Held in front of East Hampton Public Library, weather permitting.

Paint a decorative sun plaque and make artistic prints with the power of the sun! Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Improv Workshop: Grades 6 – 12

Monday, July 19 and Wednesday, July 21 at 2:30 p.m.

Held in front of East Hampton Public Library, weather permitting.

We will play games, build scenes and make it all up on the spot. Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Harry Potter Trivia: Grades 6 – 12

Tuesday, July 27 at 6:30 pm

Held in front of East Hampton Public Library, weather permitting

Test your knowledge of the books and movies with Harry Potter themed trivia. Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

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Teen Bike Ride: Grades 6 - 12

Sunday, August 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Held at the Airline Trail (Cranberry Bog Entrance), weather permitting.

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Bring your bike and explore the Airline Trail with Brian from Airline Cycles! Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Shark Week Celebration: Grades 6 - 12

Tuesday, August 10 at 2:30 pm

Held in front of East Hampton Public Library, weather permitting.

Come make a "shark tooth" paracord bracelet, have some shark themed snacks, and take a picture of you swimming with the sharks! Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Teen Take and Makes: Grades 6 - 12

Each month, the Library debuts four Take and Make activity kits: one for teens plus, one for adults, one for school age children and one for our littlest learners. Inside your kit you'll find all of the supplies needed to make a fun art or craft project. Reserve your kit online on our website and pick it up in person or curbside. Act fast, supplies are limited! Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Camp Crafts – Adults!

Select Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

June 28, July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9

Held in front of East Hampton Public Library, weather permitting

Join us for some nostalgic crafting with camp crafts! Make friendship bracelets, tie-dye, and more. Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Plot Twist: Discussing Big Issues through Short Stories

Select Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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ADULT PROGRAMS continued

June 30, July 28, August 25

Held outdoors at Dexter's Tunes, Tales and Ales

Each month, we'll explore a different social issue through classic and contemporary works of short fiction. Pick up a copy of the stories at the Library, at Dexter's or download them from the Library's website. Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Book Club

Third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. AND

Third Thursday of every month at 2:00 p.m.

Held in front of East Hampton Public Library, weather permitting.

Copies available for checkout at the circulation desk.

June: Friends and Strangers by J. Courtney Sullivan

July: Twenty-One Truths about Love by Matthew Dicks

August: The Vacationers by Emma Straub

Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Author Event! Robert Claps: Casting

Tuesday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Held in front of East Hampton Public Library, weather permitting

Join us for a poetry reading and discussion by local author Robert Claps. He will be reading select poems from his book Casting as well as sharing newly published works. Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Book Talk & Walk

Select Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. July 17, August 14

Held outside starting at the Library, weather permitting.

Join us for a book talk and walk on the Airline Trail beginning at the library! We will each briefly share one or two recent reads that we've enjoyed. No registration required; just drop in!

Writing Workshop

Thursdays at 5:30 p.m., July 22 – August 12

Held outside starting at the Library, weather permitting.

Local author Robert Claps will be leading a 4-part series writing workshop. All levels and writers welcomed! Robert will share tips and his writing process with the group. Attendees are encouraged to bring in their work to share and give feedback. Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Adult Take & Makes

Once a month we'll have a take-home craft activity kit just for adults! Pre-registration begins the first of every month. June: Mini art canvas, July: Seed bombs, August: Beach ornaments. Act fast, supplies are limited! Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

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NEW ITEMS FOR CHECKOUT!

We've got a variety of library services to keep you curious.

Puzzle and Board Game Swap

Bring one or take one; it's just that easy! We have tons of puzzles and board games for you to enjoy. Just return them when you're done!

Hotspots Now Available

The Library has five hotspots available for checkout. A hotspot enables any wifi-enabled device to connect to the internet. No data limits or overages! Any adult with a valid library card can check out a hotspot for a week. Call us to reserve yours.

Nintendo Switch Games

We now have a growing collection of games for the Nintendo Switch. Check our catalog for offerings and borrow a new game for a week.

Sprout Early Learning Backpacks

Check out one of our 33 new early learning backpacks! Each backpack is themed and includes picture books, two to four educational games or toys and an activity guide showing how to use the items. Check out one backpack at a time. Backpacks are available for ages 3-8 years old.

East Hampton Senior Center

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The Senior Center will be open to participants who are pre-registered for scheduled programs in June. We are so very happy to invite you back! It has been a very long time since the Senior Center has entertained guests! Programs will look a bit different but at least we will be able to invite you in, with a reservation. Masks and social distancing will be mandatory inside and if we are outside, we recommend social distancing and masks. We plan to offer in-person indoor and outdoor programs. All programs require pre-registration either by MyActiveCenter.com or calling at 860-267-4426.

The day of your event you will be asked to complete a self-health screening assessment before you enter the building. Once you enter the building, we ask for you to sanitize your hands and sign in at the MySeniorCenter kiosk for your pre-registered activity. Staff will show you where the activity is being held. We ask that you do not move chairs or tables, they have all been moved to accommodate the social distancing protocols. We will be limited to how many people will be allowed in, in accordance with the distancing rules. After the program is completed, you will leave through the door by the exercise equipment room, so we can maintain a one-way flow of traffic. Please give us a call if you have any questions. This is new to us and feels a bit clunky!

On-going programs

Bingo via Zoom: Tuesdays at 1:00pm. (Please Call the Center to see if we are offering in-person program in addition to the virtual programming). Play BINGO from your home via Zoom. You may pick up a card from the Center. A wide variety of games are played. New members are welcome to join. Let us know and we will send you an invitation.

Wednesday Writer's Workshop with Elizabeth, every other Wednesday June 2, 16, 30 at 9:30am OR Writer's Workshop with Elizabeth every Thursday at 10:30am. These meetings will meet in person, outside, unless other arrangements are made by the Senior Center. Elizabeth will take you through the steps of creative writing. New members are welcome. Call us if you are interested.

Yoga via Zoom/In-person Wednesdays at 11:30am. This yoga class stretches your mind, body and soul. Call the Center for more information. \$20.00 fee for 10-week session. Next session will start June 2 to August 4. Sign up on MyActiveCenter.com. Payment payable to the Town of East Hampton may be dropped off or mailed to the Senior Center.

The Book Club is taking the summer off but will return on September 14 at 10:30am.

Lunch Bunch: June 14 from 12:30-1:30 Lets meet via Zoom and catch up on what is happening in Town. June 28 at 12:30 pm 'Do you only work on Sundays?' Pastors Jamie and Chad Hemphill answer this question and more. Does the Hemphill name ring a bell? Again? Last chance to complete the circle to meet the rest of the Hemphill clan. Register on MyActiveCenter.com.

Do you want to travel? Meet at 1:30pm in person at the Senior Center.

June 16 at 1:00pm **Creative Crafts**... watch for more details ...Each month we will offer an hour-long crafting program, sign up via Myactivecenter.com

July 21 at 1:00pm **Creative Crafts**...Christmas in July! August 18 at 1:00pm Creative Crafts...

Book Buddies - join the Library at Seamster Park on July 14 at 10:00am for a Story time share. Older Adults must sign up via MAC or call the Center to register.



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Senior Center Paint Pour Activity

Passive House: Efficiency from the Ground Up

By Enoch Lenge

An energy-efficient home may call to mind features like LED lighting and ENERGY STAR™ appliances. While these can certainly help increase efficiency and lower energy costs, there is so much more that can be done. The way a building is designed and constructed can have huge impacts on the energy it uses. One building standard that is synonymous with efficiency is Passive House, which uses up to 50% less energy than a conventional building according to Eversource passive house experts. Here's how:

What is the Passive House standard? In a nutshell, Passive House is a building performance standard focused on delivering a high level of energy savings and carbon reduction for all building types. Through a comprehensive integrated design process, Passive House-certified buildings are designed to minimize the amount of heat transfer through a building's envelope - exterior walls and windows - resulting in minimal energy needed to heat, cool and operate a building. Passive House can help states and municipalities meet their climate goals and create a sustainable future while dramatically cutting energy costs, and improving comfort, for homeowners and renters.

What does Passive House entail specifically? A building designated with the Passive House standard is the ultimate in energy-efficient design. These buildings prioritize a number of different design principles, namely: air-tight thermal envelope, continuous insulation on all exterior surfaces, minimized thermal bridging, highly-efficient HVAC systems, and efficient windows to utilize natural light and passive solar gains.

As a sponsor of Energize Connecticut, Eversource is encouraging developers to construct Passive House-certified buildings by working with project teams to share energy saving expertise and through enhanced resources for multifamily buildings with at least five units. Passive House helps homeowners and renters save money while dramatically cutting carbon emissions, has a global support network, a proven track record and offers flexibility for each project. All of these things make Passive House a powerful tool in the fight against climate change.

Enoch Lenge is Eversource's energy efficiency spokesperson.



How much does Passive House cost? When designed and planned from the onset, building to a Passive House standard does not necessarily cost much more than conventional construction. And incentives available from Eversource can help offset the incremental costs.

What should developers know? Passive House is a performance-based standard that requires a comprehensive integrated design approach. Thus, it should be a clear goal at the very start of the process, and in some cases even before design drawings have been developed. Eversource also supports Passive House training and certification for building professionals in Connecticut and Massachusetts to increase the number of Passive House consultants in the region.

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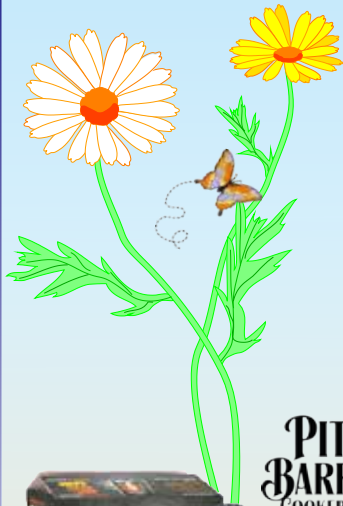
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