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# Town Manager's Corner

Summer is here! In a few short weeks, Mother Nature has warmed us up and turned on the annual leaves and blooms. It seems as though tonight's blooms were barely buds in the morning! Once again, we are getting ready for the outdoor season as the deck chairs and grills come out, the boats go in the water and our attention turns to activities al fresco.

As I write this note, the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget is in the hands of voters and summer activities planning is well underway. There is plenty to do in East Hampton this summer for youth and adults. From "quieter" activities like hikes on the Air Line Trail, enjoying the sun at Sears Park Beach or participating in the Library's Summer Reading Program, Oceans of Possibilities, to more lively activities like the Recreation Department's sports programs and camps, the Senior Center's picnics in the park, the Goff House concert series and Village Center Business Strolls, there will always be something to do in Town.

The Town is also pressing ahead to improve the water situation in the Village Center in order to address growing needs in and around that area and to allow for appropriate expansion to other areas. Staff and the

Town Council are working toward one or more public workshops to help bring the community up to date on the recent activities and seek input. Additionally, in June, the Town Council will be seeking the community's input on potential regulations regarding the sale and manufacturing of cannabis related products in Town as the Town decides how to implement the recent changes in State Law. Watch the Town's website and other media outlets for information on these meetings.

I hope you continue to appreciate the Events magazine and the information it provides. As always, please share thoughts you may have about the magazine with the Town Manager's Office or the Economic Development Commission. We are always looking for ways to make it as useful to the community as possible. Also, 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 also 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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## Old Home Days Returns in 2022!

It has been two years since the beloved Old Home Days event has taken place and the committee that organizes it is excited to announce dates and events for 2022. Known affectionately as “the glorious celebration,” Old Home Days will return to a different date this summer and will take place July 14th, 15th & 16th. Of note this year, is the addition of an “Honorary Chairman” who will support the event via their community and help promote the festivities. OHD is proud to announce Carl Guild as our 2022 Honorary Chairman.

Carl is a local real estate broker who began his career as an agent 16 years ago right here in town and has continued to base his business here as it has grown. He has a dedication to giving back to our community and participates actively in town events, making him the perfect first Honorary Chairman of the Old Home Days!



2022 Honorary Chairman  
Carl Guild

This year, the Old Home Days committee will dedicate the 2022 festivities to the memory of Red McKinney, the perennial Master of Ceremonies, who we lost in December 2019. The theme for the event and parade is “Paint the Town Red!” and they’re gearing up for a wonderful event.

On Thursday, Friday evening and Saturday from the end of the parade until closing, singers and bands will entertain with funds raised entirely by the volunteer committee.

Old Home Days boasts a big top tent to shade attendees and provide seating for all of the delicious vendor food options; a large stage for the entertainers; a dance floor to enjoy the music; a carnival for the kids; local organizations with a variety of food, drinks, treats and retail goods and of course the largest parade in Middlesex County on Saturday morning. The event also gives away bicycles to children 12 and under who can pick up one free ticket per night for their chance to win.

This event is free for all who attend and would not be possible without the support of our community and business sponsors. This year, we are asking for your support and encourage you to contact us about sponsorship opportunities. Please call Jennifer Marozzi at 860-918-1302 for more information. We’ll see you at the 2022 Old Home Days glorious celebration!



## East Hampton Rotary

The East Hampton Rotary is proud to announce that the car raffle will be held in 2022. With the return of Old Home Days this year, the raffle drawing for the car will be held on the Center School grounds on Saturday, July 16 at 8:00 pm. This year's car will be a 2022 X1. Only 700 tickets are sold and they are \$100 each. Tickets will be available in May. All proceeds support community service projects and scholarships.



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## Summer Sign Up for Lake-Smart Award Evaluation

Summer is a great time to do improvements to your lake or watershed property in order to have a cleaner Lake Pocotopaug. It is also a time to have your property evaluated and earn a Lake Smart Award.

The East Hampton Conservation-Lake Commission (CLC) started the "Lake-Smart Award Program" for property owners living on Lake Pocotopaug or in the surrounding watershed. The purpose is to encourage property owners to improve the quality of Lake Pocotopaug by doing projects to prevent infiltration of phosphates, nitrates, pesticides, and other impurities from entering the lake. Those that achieve seven requirements will receive a Lake-Smart Award sign they can display on their property. It is hoped the program will not only improve the quality of the lake but also encourage neighbors to make improvements to their property.

Congratulations to these other families in the Lake Pocotopaug Water Shed who have previously received the "Lake-Smart Award." Pam Joslyn and Gary Greenwald of Hale Road, John Roche Family and Ellen Braun Family both on Raymond Road, Cap & Craig Nelson on Lakewood Road, Don Burr on Bay Road, Lori Wilcox of Hawthorne Road, and Gladys Yeager, owner of The Happiest Paddler/West Shore Marine.



Marty Podskoch who lives on O'Neill Lane is holding the "Lake Smart Award" that he and his wife Lynn received for managing their property to benefit Lake Pocotopaug. They maintain a row of hedges and trees along the lake shoreline that acts as a "buffer zone" preventing nutrients from flowing into the lake. It also deters water fowl from coming on their property. Photo by Kira Roloff.

Some of the seven criteria property owners will be evaluated on are: do they have a "buffer zone," rain gardens, diversion ditches, etc. that contain stormwater runoff before it reaches the lake? Do owners refrain from using chemical fertilizers containing phosphates and nitrates or using pesticides and herbicides?

Those wishing to be evaluated for the award should contact: Jeremy Hall of the Parks & Recreation Dept. (860-267-7300 or [jhall@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:jhall@easthamptonct.gov)) or Jeremy DeCarli of the Planning & Zoning Dept. (860-267-7450 or [jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov)) or any members of the CLC. An appointment will be arranged for a CLC member(s) to visit the owners and help them evaluate their property. If there is a deficiency, owners will be given suggestions on improving their property. If they achieve all the goals, they will receive a Lake-Smart Award.

In order to help property owners living on the lake or in the surrounding watershed to achieve the seven requirements, The Friends of Lake Pocotopaug are sponsoring a Lake-Smart Award Program of free grants of up to \$150 to help property owners complete projects to achieve the Lake-Smart Award. To receive an application contact Cap Nelson at [capegan2015@gmail.com](mailto:capegan2015@gmail.com) or by mail FLP c/o Cap Nelson, 6 Lakewood Road, East Hampton, CT 06424



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## East Hampton Senior Center

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**Hours:** Monday-Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Masks are welcome  
at the Senior Center, however  
masks are optional.

### On-Going Programs

**Bingo** via Zoom and in-person: Tuesdays at 1:15 pm.

**Bible discussion** in person 1:00 pm on Tuesdays.

**Wednesday Writer's Workshop** with Elizabeth, virtual and in-person every other Wednesday at 9:30 am OR Writer's Workshop with Elizabeth, virtual and in-person every Thursday at 10:30am.

**Open Art Studio** 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Wednesdays. Artists bring their own projects/supplies and critique each other's work, if asked, to help through the process.



Cindy Craig enjoying Circle K Farm goat visit at the Senior Center

**Yoga** via Zoom/ In-person at the Town Hall Wednesdays, at 11:40 am. This yoga class stretches your mind, body and soul. Gentle yoga is a hidden gem of a yoga style. It is appropriate for a wide spectrum of practitioners. The next session begins June 15 through August 17. Call the Center for more information. \$20.00 fee for 10-week session. Pre-registration a must. Class size is limited.

**The Book Club** will meet in-person at the Senior Center and virtually on the second Tuesday of the month, June 14 at 10:30 am. This will be the last club meeting until September. Local author, Jack Matthews will present his book: ARTE PERDIDA a saga of art, love, greed, revenge and murder. Please let us know if you are attending this session. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

**Setback** on Thursdays at 1:15 pm- 3:15 pm, no partners needed. Entertaining game, played with fun people! Please register ahead of time.

**Summertime Setback** is back on Mondays at 1:00 pm until the end of August. Please register in advance.

**Wii Bowling** Thursdays, June 9 and 23; July 7 and 21; August 4 and 18 at 10:00 am to 11:00 am Join the fun! Team against team. Pre-registration is necessary via MyActiveCenter.com or call us.

**Family History:** Join Ken Doney as he helps you with your family research. His monthly presentations are interactive and informative. Many have been successful in expanding their family tree. Meeting is usually held the 2nd Friday of the month at 10:30 am. Please call the Senior Center for more information and registration information.

**Textile Group:** Fridays at 1:00 pm. Don't let the title throw you! Our knitters and crocheters bring in their projects and socialize while they create. They are a great resource for each other when you get 'stuck!' New members welcome!

**Mahjongg/Games Group** Fridays 10:00 am. This group challenges each other with this strategy making game. Stop by and check it out!

**ArT w KaReN:** at the Senior Center, Sunday, June 26, July 24, August 28, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. Karen provides a calm Beginner Art experience with acrylics. No experience necessary. Pre-register online or call. Pay \$5.00 for supplies to the instructor the day of the event.

**East Hampton Speaks:** Friday, June 24, July 22, and August 26 at 10:30 am. Join us to discuss the Good ole days of yesterday. Bring your memorabilia and memories and share with the group! Please register ahead of time.

The East Hampton/CRT Community Café is open on Tuesday and Thursday at 12:00 noon. You must register, online, on MyActiveCenter.com. or call the Center to make a reservation. Please call before 11:00am for more information at 860-267-4426 ext. 230. A registration form must be completed prior to signing up for your meal. A \$3.00 donation is requested.

**Outdoor Air and Education.** Join Master Naturalist Lynn Kochiss in a Nature Walk and Talk Wednesday, June 29 at 1:30 pm. Her topic for June will be about Invasive Species. Will meet at the Municipal parking lot near Air Line Trail & 87 Main Street and take a short walk to the Air Line Trail behind the old Board of Education building. Watch for more Walk and Talks on July 27 & August 24 at 1:30 pm. Please call the Center to confirm dates and times. Pre-registration required.

**Community Garden** Volunteers needed. The Senior Center has a garden at the Community Garden. We are always grateful for help with weeding and general plant care. Call the Center for more details.

## SUMMER LIBRARY CHALLENGE

We are excited to again offer summer library challenges and programs for all ages. Children, teens, and adults will be able to check in weekly, earn raffle tickets along the way, and enter to win fun prizes like book sets, educational toys, and even a bicycle from Airline Cycles! Adults will even have the chance to win an iPad. The entire staff at the East Hampton Public Library can't wait to see you this summer!

### Summer Reading Kickoff: All Ages

Friday, June 24 from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm at Center School Field

Come sign up for Summer Reading and enjoy all of the fun activities at our kickoff event! Run an inflatable obstacle course, pet adorable goats, and soak your favorite town employees in a dunk tank as we celebrate the start of another great summer at the library!

### End of Summer Reading Celebration: All Ages

Friday, August 19 from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm at the Library.

Enjoy a touch tank from Mystic Aquarium and find out if you are a Summer Reading Prize winner as we draw our raffle winners at our closing celebration!

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### Early Literacy Programs

Drop-ins and siblings welcome.

#### Mindful Movements: Ages 18 months-5 years

Select Mondays at 10:30 am at Seamster Park

An early literacy program that uses whole body movement to promote social emotional skills. Sing songs, dance to favorites, and find your happy place!



#### Baby Rhyme Time: Ages 0-18 months

Thursdays at 10:15 am at the Village Center gazebo

A storytime program for babies and their caregivers that promotes connection using music and play.

#### NEW Toddler Time: Ages 18 months-3 years

Wednesdays at 10:15 am in the library community room

A brand new storytime created just for toddlers that will include singing, dance, a short story, and lots of free play!

#### NEW Stories and Songs: Ages 3-5 years

Wednesdays at 11:15 am in the library community room

Our new Stories and Songs is designed for children ages 3-5 years old and their caregivers! Join us for stories, songs, a simple craft, and to interact with other families in the community

### Special Storytimes

#### Police Officer Storytime

Wednesday, June 29 at 10:15 am at Seamster Park

This all ages storytime features a special guest reader, a local police officer!

#### Touch-a-Truck Storytime

Wednesday, July 20 at 10:15 am at Seamster Park

This all ages storytime is all about firefighters and will feature a real live firetruck for kids to explore!

## School-Age Programs

Registration is required for these events and is available on our website.

### Canvas Kids: Grades K - 5

Select Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.

June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2

Children are invited to learn about a new artist and create a masterpiece in their unique style each week.

### Amazing Animals! Grades K - 5

Select Thursdays at 2:00 pm

The Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center will teach us all about the plants and animals in our very own backyards with this series of interactive and informational programs!

June 30 - Aquatic Adaptations!

July 14 - Construction Zone: Beavers at Work

July 28 - Kid's Guide to Tree ID

August 11 - Fishy Fun!

### Read to a Therapy Dog: Grades K - 3

Wednesday, June 29 at 4:00 pm and Saturday, July 23 at 10:00 am

Kids are invited to come to the library and read aloud to trained therapy dog, Lilly! Fight the summer slide by practicing your reading skills, build confidence in your abilities, and spend some time with a super cute pup!

### Ocean Zones - Layers of Life: Grades K - 5

Friday, July 8 at 3:00 pm

Cool-ology® helps us explore the different ocean zones and the amazing organisms that live there through fun, hands-on investigations. Participants will engineer an ocean in a jar to take home!



Register online at [EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org](http://EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org) or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

### **A House for a Hermit Crab: Grades K - 3**

Friday, August 5 at 3:00 pm

Join Cool-ology® for a special STEM program all about hermit crabs! Learn all about their form and function by examining some REAL hermit crabs and make your very own "house" for a hermit crab!

### **Teacher Read Aloud Series: Grades K - 5**

Select Mondays at 4:00 pm

June 27, July 11, 25, August 8

Want to meet your new teacher before the first day, or say hi to an old favorite? Join us for our Summer Read-Aloud Series with Center and Memorial School teachers! Drop ins welcome.

### **Children's Take and Makes: Little Learners and School-Age**

Each month, the Library debuts four Take and Make activity kits: one for school-age children and 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. Supplies are limited!

## **TEEN PROGRAMS**

Registration is required for these events and is available on our website.

### **Pre-Teen Advisory Board: Grades 6-8**

Tuesday, June 21 at 5:30 pm

Help make a difference in your community! Provide your input to expand our YA/Teen collection and plan programs! Share your knowledge, creativity and interests to make the East Hampton Public Library a place that teens feel welcomes and a place they want to be! Earn community service hours.

### **Teen Advisory Board: Grades 9-12**

Wednesday, June 22 at 6:00 pm

If you're a teen and you're passionate about helping your community, consider joining the Library's Teen Advisory Board. Earn community service hours.

### **Dungeons & Dragons: Grades 8 - 12**

Select Wednesdays 2:00 - 4:00 pm

June 29, July 13, 27, August 10

No previous playing experience required. We will provide basic, fifth edition, level two characters; all supplies included!

### **Switch Game Tournament: Grades 6 - 12**

Select Fridays at 2:00 pm

July 22, August 12

Join us for a Nintendo switch game tournament! We might be playing MarioKart or Super Smash or something else! All skill levels welcome!

### **Teen Trivia: Grades 6 - 12**

Select Thursdays 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Come join us for a summer long fandom trivia series! Prove you know it all and are the ultimate fan! Fandom related prize will be awarded to the winner each event!

June 30 - Warrior Cats

July 7 - Percy Jackson

July 14 - Star Wars (Episode I - VI)

July 21 - Pokémon

July 28 - Harry Potter

August 4 - Avatar the Last Airbender & Legend of Korra

August 11 - Lord of the Rings

August 18 - Dungeons & Dragons

### **Teen Friday: Grades 6 - 12**

Select Fridays at 3:30 pm

June 3, 17, July 1, 15, August 26

Friday is finally here! Kick back and relax and start your weekend off right. Join us for fun crafts, games and more! We'll have snacks and enjoy catching up your friends and library staff!

### **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. Supplies are limited!

## **ADULT PROGRAMS**

### **Cookbook Club**

First Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm  
June 7, July 5, August 2

We are bringing back Cookbook Club starting in June! Each month will have a loose theme, bring a dish and 12 copies of the recipe to share. Dishes should arrive ready to eat, we'll provide the plates and forks. We'll sample and talk about each recipe and take-home new ideas!

### **Focus on Fitness**

Second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm  
June 14, July 12, August 9

Join us to celebrate successes, sympathize with struggles and maintain motivation in your physical fitness whether you are just starting out or have been at it for a long time. We will be joined by Certified Personal Trainer and Nutrition Coach Amie Meacham.

### **Book Club**

Third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm  
June 21, July 19, August 16

Each month we choose a different book to read and discuss. Copies of the month's book are available for checkout at the circulation desk.

### **Tapping into the Past: Tavern Life in Connecticut**

Tuesday, June 28 at 6:30 pm

Taverns in early Connecticut were more than just a place to drink. Learn about how taverns were an essential part of every Connecticut town. Presented by the Connecticut Historical Society.

### **The Gen X Jump**

Wednesday, July 13 at 6:00 pm at Dexter's Tunes, Tales & Ales

Let's meet at Dexter's and exchange stories about the books you read as a young adult that you might have been a little too young for.

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### Fire and Spice: Cooking with Jeff

Tuesday, July 26 at 6:30 pm

Join us for a tasting, discussion, and cooking demonstration by Jeff from Colchester Curry House. He will tell us about spices used in South Indian cuisine and South Indian cooking techniques with a concentration on vegetarian options as well as various proteins. Samples for tasting will be provided!

### 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. Supplies are limited! Register online at [EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org](http://EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org) or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

## NEW ITEMS FOR CHECKOUT!

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

### Country Backpacks

The children's department is proud to announce a new collection available for checkout! Our latest themed backpacks allow families to explore a new culture from the comfort of their homes. Each one features a different country and contains several books, a recipe, and a toy or game about the topic.

### Hotspots

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

### Novelty Cake Pans

Thanks to a generous donation from an East Hampton community member, we now offer a collection of decorative and festive novelty cake pans so you can create your own incredible creation at home without breaking the bank on a new pan.

### WonderBooks!

WonderBooks are print picture books with a ready-to-play audiobook inside. No CD player or special equipment required! The Library has over 30 titles to choose from!

### 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!

## East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department — It's **ELECTRIC!!!**

The Fire Service can get charged up about a lot of things, and one of the most recent topics energizing firefighters across the country is the subject of electrically-powered vehicles (EV). Hybrid and electric vehicles in garages, driveways and on roadways are becoming increasingly more popular as environmental concerns and governmental regulation drive consumers away from dependence on fossil fuels. Rapidly advancing technologies enable manufacturers to produce EV's that are quiet, clean and incorporate the same capabilities, features and amenities as their gasoline or diesel-powered brethren. The big difference between the two, obviously, is the source of the

power needed to propel the vehicle to its destination.

EV's are propelled by an electric motor that converts electrical energy into torque. Determined early on in development that connecting EV's to 200-mile-long extension cords to be somewhat impractical, the electrical energy for an EV needed to be self-contained within the vehicle itself and be of sufficient voltage and amperage to generate the required torque. To accomplish this task, engineers arrange a number of "cells" in series to create groups of "modules" that, when connected to each other, form a rechargeable battery "pack" that can be incorporated into the design of the vehicle.



The most common EV "cell" is lithium-based and the number of "cells" in each "module" and the number of "modules" connected together will determine the output and duration of the energy stored in the "battery pack". A fully charged lithium-ion "cell" produces about 3.7 volts of electrical output and, depending on the make and model, an EV requires between 300 and 400 volts to operate. A battery pack at full charge can produce up to 75 kWh (kilowatt hours), enough energy to power an average home for two and a half days. Most often, the battery pack in an EV is mounted within the chassis of the vehicle, under the floorboards of the entire passenger compartment, and forms an integral part of the vehicle's structure.

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Battery packs in EV's and other Energy Storage Systems (as in some solar panel array installations) present unique challenges to firefighters when those packs are breached or damaged. Damage incurred in motor vehicle accidents, by road hazards, punctures or other events can cause heat to build up rapidly inside the compromised battery cells and spread to surrounding cells in a cascade-like process called thermal runaway. Thermal runaway can lead to arc flashing of the electrical components, the off gassing of toxic chemicals, and sometimes explosions as the cells continue to produce power but the stranded energy has nowhere to go. Thermal runaway causes fires that are extremely difficult to extinguish, requiring copious amounts of water to be continuously applied until the stored energy completely dissipates.

Fire Chief Greg Voelker recently incorporated an extensive section on EV incidents into the Department's annual HazMat training for all East Hampton volunteer firefighters. "As EV's and battery storage installations in homes with solar panels become more numerous, it's important that our firefighters, and our residents in general, not only understand the risks involved with these types of energized systems but also know what to do if something bad happens. Electrocutation, toxic chemicals, fire, explosion are all part of the equation balance and, while we all enjoy the benefits of these evolving technologies, we also need to be aware of their perils, too."

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## Office of the Collector of Revenue

Tax bills will be mailed for the upcoming 2022/2023 fiscal year on June 29, 2022. Taxes become due on July 1, 2022 and are delinquent after August 1, 2022. Real estate and personal property tax bills over \$100 will be split into two installments.

If you receive a real estate tax bill that is escrowed through your mortgage company please contact them immediately. If you are responsible for paying your real estate taxes and have not received a bill or have received a bill for a property you know longer own, please email the Collector of Revenue at [kmerri-field@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:kmerri-field@easthamptonct.gov). All bills are available to view and pay online at [www.easthamptonct.gov](http://www.easthamptonct.gov).



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## Household Hazardous Waste Collections & Paper Shredding Events

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**Free household hazardous waste collections will take place from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on the following Saturdays:**

June 18, 2022 at the Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School, 49 Lyme St., Old Lyme

July 16, 2022 at the Woodside Intermediate School, 30 Woodside Rd., Cromwell

August 20, 2022 at the Haddam Elementary School, 272 Saybrook Rd., Higganum

September 17, 2022 at the Middlesex Community College, 100 Training Hill Rd., Middletown

October 1, 2022 at the Haddam Elementary School, 272 Saybrook Rd., Higganum

**Free paper shredding events residents will take place from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on the following Saturdays:**

June 4, 2022 at the East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority, 20 Gildersleeve Dr., E. Hampton

June 25, 2022 at the Westbrook Town Hall, 866 Boston Post Rd., Westbrook

September 24, 2022 at the Middlefield Community Center, 405 Main St., Middlefield

October 15, 2022 at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Ave., Chester

To learn details and acceptable materials please visit [www.rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste](http://www.rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste)

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# Office of the Assessor

## Real Estate Change of Mailing Address

The Office of the Assessor is responsible for all Real Estate mailing addresses. Once a mailing address is updated in our office the change is updated in the Collector of Revenue's Office for tax and/or sewer billing. If you recently changed your mailing address, please visit our office or our Change of Address Form on the Assessor's page of our website at: [www.easthamptonct.gov/assessor](http://www.easthamptonct.gov/assessor)

Additionally, give us a call 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.

## Veterans

All property owners claiming exemption due to military service must file their DD214 form with the Town Clerk by September 30, 2022. Veterans claiming disability exemption must submit proof from the Veterans Administration.

## 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. Must be filed on or before October 1, 2022 with the Assessor's Office.

Per the State of CT Office of Policy and Management for the 2021 Benefit Year, the maximum income for a single taxpayer was set at \$38,100. The maximum income for a married couple was set at \$46,400. Additionally, the applicant must have lived in CT for one year.

## Public Act 490

All applications for classification of farm or forestland must be received by October 31, 2022.

## Motor Vehicle Requirements

If you no longer own a motor vehicle and have cancelled the registration at DMV, please bring the DMV plate receipt and one of the following forms of proof in order to

receive a tax credit. The documentation must have the VIN# and all the corroborating information.

- A. A copy of the bill of sale.
- B. A copy of the transfer of title (i.e., receipt from junkyard, trade-in paperwork, donation receipt).
- C. A copy of the original registration issued to the person to whom you sold the vehicle.
- D. A copy of the registration in another state.
- E. Documentation from an insurance company, i.e.; payment for a stolen vehicle, payment for a totaled vehicle, cancellation of coverage due to sale of vehicle.

The assessor's office may require a combination of additional information or verification of the preceding items, as necessary, for the removal or crediting of a motor vehicle assessment.

***Unregistered vehicles still owned and located in East Hampton will remain on the grand list as personal property.***

## East Hampton Town Directory

[www.easthamptonct.gov](http://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
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# East Hampton Prevention Partnership

As a local prevention Council, the East Hampton Prevention Partnership is dedicated to reducing substance abuse among young people. Our mission is to foster a culture that values the wellbeing of East Hampton's youth. We strive to instill self-acceptance, self-confidence, and goal setting to promote healthy choices. In collaboration with community stakeholders, we offer educational programs and outreach initiatives.

The East Hampton Prevention Partnership continues to look for new high school students to join the youth committee during the 2021-2022 school year and beyond. Students



involved will run peer-to-peer campaigns to promote healthy lifestyles among their classmates. We are also looking for more members of the community to participate in our monthly Prevention meetings that take place on the third Tuesday of

every month. Members have an opportunity to help our mission of reducing substance abuse among young people. Please call or email the Prevention Coordinator, Courtney Widrick at 860-267-4468 Ext. 3227 or [cwidrick@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:cwidrick@easthamptonct.gov) to get more information if you'd like to participate.

# Department of Public Works

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



The Department has also begun undertaking several drainage projects to eliminate icing conditions and repair failed drainage systems. Regrading and drainage issues on the eight (8) miles of gravel roads within the town's road network are being addressed. Road sweeping has also begun and will continue until the Town's entire paved road network has been attended to.

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 am until 3:30 pm.



# 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 License Fees – Neutered Male/Spayed Female \$8, Male/Female \$19, Kennel Licenses (10) \$50 plus .10 per tag (20) \$100 plus .10 per tag, Late licensing penalty \$1 per month after June, and .50 to replace a lost tag.

Dog licenses may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Tuesday, 8:00 am to 6:30 pm and Friday, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm 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. Please send all mail requests to the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424. All certificates required will be returned with the new license and tag.

RENEWALS ONLY can be completed online through the Town Clerk's 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>. Would you like to receive your dog renewal card via email? If so, please send your email address to [townclerk@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:townclerk@easthamptonct.gov).

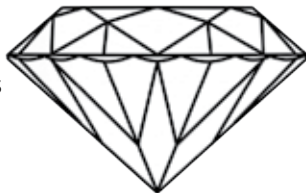
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With the Fourth of July around the corner, it is very important to have an understanding of fireworks in regard to what is allowed and not allowed in order to protect you and those around you from pain, injury, or unexpected fires.

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

Connecticut Legal Firework are Labeled with: “Emits Showers of Sparks” Non- Explosive and Non-Aerial

### What is illegal

Consumer Fireworks that are illegal in CT 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, contact the East Hampton Fire Marshal at 860-267-0088 or email @firemarshal@easthamptonct.gov.

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# EAST HAMPTON PARKS & RECREATION

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The East Hampton Parks and Recreation Department is committed to providing innovative program opportunities and well-maintained facilities that enrich the East Hampton community.

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## Mailing Address and Physical Location have changed.

We are now located at the New Town Hall!  
Parks and Recreation  
1 Community Drive  
East Hampton, CT. 06424

## Afternoon Adventures After-School Program

860-367-5429 – Memorial School location

## Youth and Family Services

860-267-9982

**SEARS PARK FACILITIES:** All rental request forms are available online at [www.easthamptonct.gov](http://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

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## 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](http://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](http://www.easthamptonrec.com). Registration forms are available online at [www.easthamptonrec.com](http://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.

## FREQUENTLY REQUESTED INFORMATION:

### EAST HAMPTON LITTLE LEAGUE

- [www.easthamptonlittleleague.sportssignup.com](http://www.easthamptonlittleleague.sportssignup.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

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For boys and girls pre K-8

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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](http://www.easthamptonsoccerclub.org)  
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Contact: Elizabeth Namen  
860-365-0337

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Registration confirmations are available by e-mail if subscribed to on your main account page at [www.easthamptonct.gov](http://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

### Morning and Afternoon Adventures Before & After School Program

Afternoon Adventures meets at Memorial Elementary School before and after school each day from 7:00 am - 8:30 am and 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Students in grades K-5 may attend the program. Program attendance options are 2 days a week, 3 days a week, or 5 days a week. Registration is done on a monthly basis, either online or at the Parks and Recreation office. You must enroll for the whole month each month and pay in advance. There are a limited number of openings in this program.

Please send your child with a healthy snack each day. The children have time for play outside (weather permitting) every day or time in the gym. Everyone does homework or quiet reading; then they enjoy crafts, games, special guests and play with staff and their peers until pickup time. Care is provided on scheduled school half days from when school gets out until 6:00 pm for no additional charge. A discount is offered if doing both before and after school.



Options are 2 days a week, 3 days a week or 5 days a week. When doing part time note the days of the week at checkout. Rates for the months are firm, there are no adjustments if your schedule does not align or you miss days of school.

Students from Center School are bussed to Memorial School in the afternoon, and from Memorial School to Center school in the morning.

Location: Memorial Elementary School.  
Dates: First day of school to last day of school.  
Times: 7:00am-8:30am and 3:00pm-6:00pm

If you are registering for both before and after care. Put the before care portion in your cart first, and the after-school portion will be discounted 10% at checkout.

For pricing, please visit [www.easthamptonrec.com](http://www.easthamptonrec.com) or call the office at 860-267-7300. Registration for 2022-2023 school year will open July 11th.





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## Programming

Programs are being added to the schedule as we have dates finalized. As they are finalized, they will be posted to [www.easthamptonrec.com](http://www.easthamptonrec.com). We have many great offerings scheduled for the upcoming seasons. Check out our website for all programs.

### Sears Park Summer Camp 2022

Sears Park Camp is an eight-week day camp. Each day offers activities such as crafts, sports, and games. The entire camp goes swimming and has sandcastle contests most afternoons. Each week there will be a special theme, field trip, or special guest. Swimming is fully supervised by our ARC Certified Lifeguards and camp staff. The camp staff is CPR/First Aid Certified. Participants can sign up for one week at a time or for all eight sessions. Campers should bring a lunch, snacks, drinks, water bottle, sunblock, swimsuit, and towel. Everything should be labeled with the camper's name. A backpack is recommended. Please leave all electronics at home. Registration is open.



For: Boys and Girls entering grades 1-5 in the fall of 2022

Camp Dates: June 20 – August 12

Camp Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm

### Middle School Sun and Fun Camp

Sun and Fun Camp is an eight-week day camp based out of Center School and Sears Park. Center School will house us for drop off on most days. Campers will be bussed or walk to Sears Park or other areas in town for additional activities. Pickup location may be at either Center School or Sears Park depending on the activities planned for that day.

Much like the Sears Park Summer camp that a lot of campers are used to, activities such as crafts, sports, and games are offered each week. Each week there will be a special theme, field trip, or special guest. Swimming is fully supervised by our ARC Certified Lifeguards and camp staff. The camp staff is CPR/First Aid Certified. Participants can sign up for one week at a time or for all eight sessions. Campers should bring a lunch, snacks, drinks, water bottle, sunblock, swimsuit, and towel. Everything should be labeled with the camper's name. A backpack is recommended. Please leave all electronics at home.

For: Boys and Girls entering grades 6-8 in the fall of 2022

Camp Dates: June 20 – August 12

Camp Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

### Sears Park Boat Rack Rentals

Boat racks at Sears Park can be rented for \$100 for the season (May 1 – November 1). Storage will accommodate a kayak or small canoe and are located next to the boat launch at Sears Park. Residents must provide their own lock.



## Land Use Department

# Protecting Our Water Resources

As the flowers bloom and your attention is focused on your yard, there are a few things to keep in mind to protect the watercourses, waterbodies, and wetlands throughout East Hampton.

1. Leaves and Debris- Don't rake or blow your leaves into any waterbody, watercourse, or wetland. Although it seems like an easy way to get rid of the unwanted leaves from your lawn, these leaves add nutrients and undue stress on the ecosystem. Although some leaf debris is natural, the concentration from the yard is an unnatural burden. Dispose of leaves at the transfer station or in a location where they can be kept from entering the water. In addition, don't put leaves in the street; they will run to the nearest catch basin and directly drop into a nearby waterway.

2. Grass Clippings – Just like leaves, grass clippings can make the journey downstream and provide unwanted nutrients to waterbodies. Using a mulching blade can help the lawn absorb the nutrients from the clippings and act as a free fertilizer. However, if you don't have a mulching blade, dispose of the clippings properly and away from waterbodies and wetlands.

3. Fertilizers – If fertilizing your lawn, be sure to minimize the amount used. Excess fertilizer not taken up by your grass washes downstream during rain events and contributes to nutrient loading. It's best to have the soil tested to determine what the lawn may need rather than applying a general fertilizer.

4. Pets – Pet waste gets washed away with rain over time and carries nutrients to any nearby watercourse. Cleaning up after your pet can help to reduce nutrient loading.

5. Car Washing – If you live near any waterbody or wetland, think twice before washing your car in your driveway, especially if it is paved. Most soaps contain both nitrogen and phosphorous. These nutrients contribute to algae growth.

6. Natural Buffers – A natural buffer of trees and shrubs between your lawn and the nearby water or wetland is an important part of filtering out sediments and nutrients. Keeping these areas intact can help to protect that resource.

Remember, any projects resulting in soil disturbance near wetlands or waterbodies may require a permit. Please contact our office before beginning your next summer project.

## Good Luck Bridge Bells... as Easy as 1-2-3!



After a successful soft launch last Summer, the East Hampton Economic Development Commission is pleased to announce the unique Good Luck Bridge Bells program will run again this spring and summer. The Good Luck Bridge Bells program is a shop local initiative recognizing East Hampton's unique "Belltown" history and partners Bevin Bells with local East Hampton businesses in a fun, family-friendly way.

The use of bells as a channel for positive energy dates back to antiquity. Across cultures, continents and religions, bells have been rung to banish evil spirits. It is considered good karma to have a bell on your door, which acts as a beacon for welcome news and prevents bad energy

from entering. You can enjoy this tradition of karma and protection by placing your customized bell on our designated "Good Luck" Bridge.

### 1 - Purchase Your Bell Locally

You can purchase your Good Luck Bridge Bell at any participating local business including Willow, Dexter's Tunes, Tales and Ales, Belltown Therapeutic Massage and Wellness, Le Petite Boutique and Old Bank Flowers and Greenery.

### 2 - Customize Your Bell

You can customize your bell with a multi-surface paint pen (either buy one when you buy your bell or use one available at the place of purchase). Write the

names of those to whom you want to offer Good Luck and Protection; memorialize an event or celebration; or say anything you want. (Please note that profanities of any kind are prohibited, and bells featuring any offensive language will be removed).

### 3 - Tie Your Bell to the Good Luck Bridge

Zip tie your customized bell to the Main Street "Good Luck" Bridge near the East Hampton Public Library (zip tie provided at time of purchase).

Local businesses are invited to participate in the initiative and can contact [edc@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:edc@easthamptonct.gov) for more information.

## Police Department

The East Hampton Police Department would like to remind everyone that with warmer weather upon us, we all need to exercise additional care as we travel about the town. We 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 Department receives numerous complaints every year from residents about speeding

vehicles all over town. We place the Speed Monitor signs at the high traffic locations in town to notify motorists of their speed, in hopes of slowing them down. Please slow down, the life you save may be your own.

The Department is often called upon to speak at various events such as Cub Scout meetings, schools or daycares, to talk about what police officers do and how we investigate crimes.

Officer Matt Hanlon recently visited Cub Scout Pack 57 and discussed with the scout's what police officers do, how they help the community and the equipment police officers carry. The scouts



presented Officer Hanlon with "Law Enforcement Survival Kits" which contained candy with phrases reminding police officers of what they do and how much they are appreciated.

Sgt. Jerry Boynton and Officer Tim DeRoehn recently visited My School to talk to the children about "stranger danger" and what it is like to be a police officer. They also gave them a tour of the police car.





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## Electric Car Show Coming in September

The East Hampton and Portland Clean Energy Task Forces are organizing the Fourth Annual “Electric Car Show 2022” on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at the East Hampton High School at 15 North Maple Street from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm (Rain Date is Sunday, September 25th). The show is part of the National Drive Electric Week program. Come join them as they showcase electric, hybrid, and alternative fuel cars from private owners and various dealerships.

The Clean Energy Task Forces are volunteer committees dedicated to promoting green energy alternatives in their towns. The event is being aided by the East Hampton Parks and Recreation Department who is assisting with registrations.

Come to the  
**Fourth Annual  
Electric Car Show**  
on Saturday,  
September 24, 2022

The Task Forces are also inviting any town residents who own any electric, hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle to show off their clean energy machine too. There is no registration fee. Owners that want to showcase their electric & hybrid cars can show up before the show commences and be included in the display area. Town

residents are also invited to show off other vehicles too, not just cars – bikes, scooters or anything that moves are all welcome!

Registration is also open, at no charge, to any town groups, non-profits, associations or clubs interested in using less fossil fuels for vehicles. It’s a terrific way to let people know more about you while we all learn more about electric, hybrid, and alternative fuel vehicles and have some fun! We’ll have music and food, too! Booth registration forms can be obtained by emailing the East Hampton Clean Energy Task Force at ehctef@gmail.com.

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# Summer Safety Around Campfires

Sitting under the stars by a crackling fire has its appeal. It's where stories are told, sing-a-longs happen, and meals are cooked over an open flame. Campfires bring family and friends together. But campfire mishaps can cause injuries. With a few safety tips, you can prevent these accidents.

## SAFETY AROUND THE FIRE

- Before setting up a campfire, be sure it is permitted. Check with your local fire department.
- Care shall be taken while consuming alcoholic beverages around a campfire. In the past several years we have had individuals who have gone to the Bridgeport Burn Unit due alcohol related injuries around a campfire.
- If campfires are permitted, they need to be at least 25 feet away from any structure and anything that can burn.
- Clear away dry leaves and sticks, overhanging low branches and shrubs.
- Avoid burning on windy, dry days. It is easier for open burning to spread out of control when it is windy and dry.
- Watch children while the fire is burning. Never let children or pets play or stand too close to the fire.

- Attend to the campfire at all times. A campfire left alone for only a few minutes can grow into a damaging fire.

- Keep a campfire small which is easier to control.

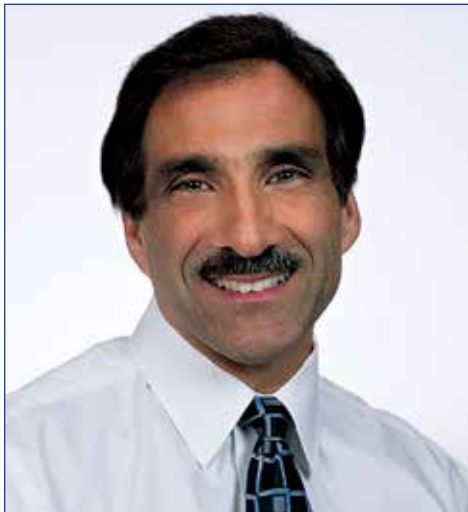
- Never use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids.

- Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to put out the fire. Make sure to put it completely out before leaving the site.

- If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop, and roll. Stop, drop to the ground and cover your face with your hands. Roll over and over or back and forth until the fire is out.

- Treat a burn right away. Cool the burn with cool water for 3 to 5 minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth. Get medical help if needed. **FACT:** Campfire accidents send thousands of people to emergency rooms with burn injuries every year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the East Hampton Fire Marshal. He can be reached at 860-267-0088 or via email [@firemarshal@easthamptonct.gov](mailto:@firemarshal@easthamptonct.gov).



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# Plane, Train, or Automobile?

## Planning An Eco-Friendly Vacation with an EV

Travel is a way to see new landscapes, try new foods, experience different cultures, find adventure in a place you haven't fully discovered yet. While we all love a little vacation, we know that taking a trip can have an impact on the environment.

**FLYING** is often the fastest way to get to your destination, and can take you far. But air travel has the highest emissions count of any mode of transportation per person. Fuel efficiency is improving, and some airlines are investing in fleets that run on more environmentally-friendly fuel alternatives, but we have a long way to go.

**CRUISE SHIPS** offer a floating vacation with quick planning and a relaxed experience, but they aren't a much more sustainable option.

**TRAINS** get us closer to our low-emission travel goals. They offer more fuel efficiency, lower emissions, and sometimes even a faster trip than planes do.

**DRIVING** with a traditional car has implications we're all familiar with, but what about an electric vehicle?

As electric vehicles become a more popular and available option, the possibilities for eco-friendly tourism expand. Whether you're ready to charge up your family car and hit the road, or you're grabbing a rental and picking your route, here are some tips to make sure you get the most out of your low-carbon adventure!

### 1. KNOW YOUR VEHICLE

Electric vehicles have their own unique features and functions. Each model varies in the range it can travel before recharging and some even require a specific type of charger. While most electric vehicles can travel 150-300 miles on one charge, you definitely want to know your vehicle's range before you head out! Start your trip armed with knowledge and a manual.

### 2. PLAN YOUR CHARGING STOPS

There are some great tools for viewing electric vehicle charging locations. Making sure you know where on your route you can charge up is key, as electric chargers aren't as visible from the

road as gas stations. Consider setting your route in advance and you can plan activities around your charging breaks!



**SOME CHARGER SCOUTING TOOLS INCLUDE:**  
**Plug Share** – helps you plan your EV route

**EV Hotels** – helps you find charger locations as well as find accommodations to help you charge overnight

**Charge Hub** – shows where you can charge and offers other EV resources

### 3. BUILD IN CONTINGENCIES

You've crossed everything off your list before leaving the house, including programming your thermostat for vacation mode, and are out the door on time. To make sure the rest of your trip goes smoothly, consider planning extra time for charging stops and know where you can get power in case something unexpected occurs.

### 4. EMBRACE THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

Hooray for trying something new and environmentally-friendly! Take the chance to chat with other EV drivers. Participate in a community of like-minded wanderers and share your tips with them.

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