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Did You Know...

MIGRAINE SUFFERERS: There are now therapeutic eyeglass lenses available that can help stop a migraine before it starts or help it fade away faster. Based on a study from Harvard University, these lenses absorb wavelengths (colors) of light that aggravate migraines and transmit the ones that don't. If you experience severe light sensitivity during a migraine, these lenses may be as effective as medications. We have demo lenses in our office and are the only practice in Connecticut to offer them.

INSOMNIA SUFFERERS: If it's hard for you to get to sleep or stay asleep, there are now eyeglass lenses that block the wavelengths of light that have been shown to interfere with going to sleep and staying asleep. Wearing these lenses for at least 2 hours before bed helps the brain prepare to release natural sleep hormones to help you fall asleep and stay asleep. Studies at Tulane University have identified the offending wavelengths, so special filtering lenses can eliminate them. They are similar to the "Blue Blocking" lenses that have helped so many users relieve computer eyestrain.

FLOATER SUFFERERS: Floaters are those annoying, shadowy spots that many people see in their vision that move away whenever you look at them. Most people have them. Some are annoying; some really interfere with vision. A study from Ireland concluded that almost 70% of participants who took a new once-a-day supplement reported a reduction or elimination of floaters after 6 months of use. Our office can identify your floaters with our imaging systems as you follow the study protocol for at least 6 months. We stock the supplement at the Palmer Eyecare Center.

BOATERS: Have you ever watched a pair of sunglasses go overboard and sink out of sight to the bottom of the lake or ocean? We now have sunglasses that FLOAT! With polarized lenses from 3M, these wraparound sunglasses can't sink. You still have to fish them out of the water though. We also carry floating eyeglass cords that will help keep your sunglasses near the surface.

LIGHT SENSITIVITY SUFFERERS: Summertime means more sun and brighter sun. There are new generations of Transitions lenses that get darker outdoors (and even in cars). The ultraviolet wavelengths in sunlight power the lenses to darken in seconds! And when you go inside, they completely lighten up in a couple minutes. 'TIS THE SEASON for sunglasses and Transitions lenses.

HEADACHE, VERTIGO, DOUBLE VISION and CAR SICKNESS SUFFERERS: Calibrating your vision so that the vision is crystal clear at all distances AND that your eyes are precisely aiming exactly where they are supposed to aim helps most of these problems go away. It's what we do every day with eyeglasses and contact lenses.

... and that just scratches the surface of what we offer at the Palmer Eyecare Center.

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Town Manager's Corner

Despite the fact that it was 32 degrees the morning I wrote this note, in a few short weeks, summer will have arrived. Once again, we are ready for the outdoor season as the deck chairs and grills have come out, the boats are going in the water and our attention turns to activities in the sun and warmth.

As always, 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, Find Your Voice, 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, Village Center Business Strolls, and the annual Fire Department Fireworks show, there will always be something to do in Town.

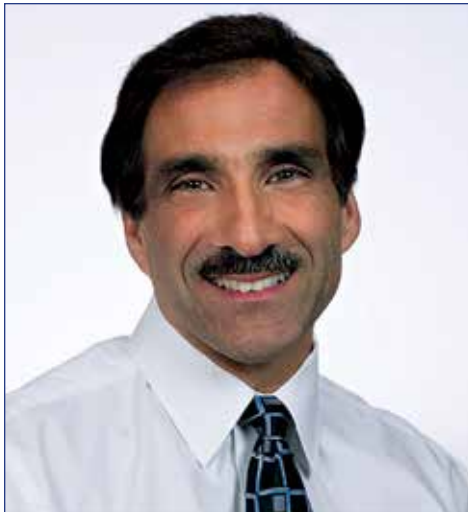
This summer, as part of Old Home Days on July 6 through 8, the Town will celebrate the donation of the land on which the festivities are held, the field for Center School. The celebration will include the official naming of the area as Bevin Park and dedication of a bench proclaiming the name in honor of the historic family that donated the land. This year's event is dedicated to the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department upon its 100th anniversary. The parade on Saturday will be especially exciting for the Department as it will showcase fire apparatus from many of our neighbors. We hope every family in Town will join the activities.

The Town continues to make progress on improving the water situation in the Village Center to address growing needs in and around that area and to allow for appropriate expansion to other areas. This summer, staff and the Town Council expect to present a public workshop to help bring the community up to date on the recent activities and seek input. Watch the Town's website and other media outlets for information on this meeting.



David E. Cox
Town Manager

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 helps the Town bring this quarterly publication to the community with limited cost. Have a great summer!



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Win a 2023 Toyota Rav4 Hybrid

The East Hampton Rotary Club began selling raffle tickets during the month of May for our largest fundraiser of the year.

The drawing will be held at East Hampton Old Home Days on Saturday July 8th on the Center School grounds.

The grand prize is a 4WD car and this year it will be a 2023 Toyota Rav4 Hybrid that gets 40 MPG.

Most of the tickets are already spoken for but occasionally a long-time sponsor decides it's time to pass the raffle ticket number off to someone else. If you would like to be added to the waiting list please email easthamptonctrotary@gmail.com.



Old Home Days 2023

July 6th – 8th

“The Glorious Celebration” of Old Home Days will take place this July 6th, 7th and 8th, 2023. This year Old Home Days honors the men and women of the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department and its 100 Year Anniversary! Mark your calendars! The BIGGEST and BEST is yet to come!

This summer is going to be fun as we welcome a new carnival company, Marenga Amusements. Take a spin on some new rides! The popular wristbands will also be available for purchase. The big top tent will provide shade and seating for all of the delicious food made by our outstanding vendors. Sit back and relax or get up and DANCE while listening the live bands as they perform everything from Rock to Country to Oldies and MORE. The Rails to Trails 5k Road Race will take place on Friday night. Sign up now! Bicycle Giveaways will continue nightly. Children 12 and under can pick up one free ticket per night

for their chance to win a brand new bicycle and helmet. Don't forget to purchase your RAFFLE tickets! Prizes this year are out of this world!

On Saturday morning at 11am, the largest parade in Middlesex County takes place. This event is free for all who attend. Old Home Days would not be possible without the support of our business and community sponsors. Thank you to everyone who has supported us thus far.

For more information on becoming a valued sponsor or a treasured vendor, please visit our website <https://ehohd.org/>

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook: East Hampton Old Home Days.

For more information about the event, please contact Ashley Wolf 860-301-4517 or OldHomeDaysEH@gmail.com . We'll see you at the 2023 Old Home Days Glorious Celebration!

Old Home Days Quilt Raffle

Quilt of Old Home Days Past! Delores Morgano designed and provided all quilting material for a beautiful handmade king size natural cotton batting t-shirt quilt that will be raffled off at Old Home Days. The tickets will be sold for \$5 each. The drawing will be held on July 8, 2023 at the Old Home Days grounds. 1000 tickets will be sold. The quilt is made from t-shirt artwork from the t-shirts created for Old Home Days for the 30th anniversary through the 2022 event. It even includes the 2021 shirt that was never printed and is a one of a kind. Tickets will be available at the East Hampton Public Library, at the Town Hall and by emailing pjoslyngreenwald@gmail.com.





Information from the Office of State Building Inspector

Thinking of installing a pool this year?

Check out building code requirements with your Municipal Building Official. Installation of a new swimming pool **REQUIRES** application for a permit to the local building official when the pool depth will be over 24 inches deep. This permit requirement includes in-ground swimming pools, above-ground swimming pools, on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.

Outdoor private swimming pools **MUST** comply with the State Building Code barrier and entrapment protection minimum requirements. The primary reason for compliance with these minimum code requirements is for preservation of individual's life safety. They provide an effective barrier around the pool area to reduce the potential for young children to gain uncontrolled access, and to provide a level of protection against possible entrapment at the pool suction inlets. In addition to the State Building Code swimming pool requirements Connecticut General Statute Section 29-265a has specific criteria for installation of a pool alarm prior to issuance of a building permit.

An inflatable swimming pool containing water over twenty-four inches is a relatively new product that has been made available to the Connecticut consumer. The inflatable walls of an above grade inflatable swimming pool, (containing water over twenty-four inches deep), are not an effective pool barrier and require a pool barrier that is typically a fence enclosure.

The 2022 State Building Code provides detailed provisions for barriers around swimming pools, along with entrapment protection for swimming pool and spa suction outlets. All newly installed swimming pools, hot tubs and spas must comply with the October 1, 2022 Amendments to the 2022 State Building Code.

Besides building code requirements, other departments may have oversight such as but not limited to: Middle Haddam Historic District Commission, Chatham Health and Land use. Please reach out to those departments for any requirements.

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Mexican Train Mondays at 9:30 am

A fast-paced dominoes game involving chains and trains and stations. It is a fun and easy to learn. Walk-ins welcome. Pre-registration not required. Free

Quilting Mondays 9:00 am

New Members welcome. Bring your own project. Or work on a collaborative community service project.

BINGO: Tuesdays at 1:15pm

A wide variety of games are offered. Pre-registration not required. Cost: Up to \$3.00 depending on how many cards played.

Bible Discussion group Tuesdays at 1:00 pm. Non-denominational group meets to share their ideas of identified scripture. New members always welcome.

Cross Stitch Embroidery class offered Wednesdays, by Shannon. Learn basic counted cross stitch. Class size is limited, pre-registration required. One-time \$5.00 supply fee due at sign-up.

T'ai Chi via Zoom. Thursdays at 10:30 am. The current 10- week session is 5/4/2023-7/6/2023. Tom Cushing instructs the class and teaches basic forms of Tai Chi. T'ai chi is a great program to improve your balance. Zoom from your home or at the Senior Center. Cost: \$50.00 per session.

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 10:30 am.

Open Art Studio Wednesdays from 10 am to 1 pm. Artists bring their own projects/ supplies and critique each other's work, if asked, to help through the process. It is a quiet, well-lit environment to work on your individual project.

Yoga via Zoom and In-person at the Town Hall Wednesdays, at 11:40 am. 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 July 5th to Sept.13th. Class size is limited.

Setback on Mondays at 1:00 pm & Thursdays at 1:15 pm, no partners needed. Please register ahead of time. Games start promptly at 1:00 pm and 1:15 pm respectively.

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 Fridays at 10:00 am. This group challenges each other with this strategy making game. Stop by and check it out!

Cribbage Games Fridays at 9:30 am. Join the gang for a friendly early morning game.

The East Hampton/ CRT Community Café is open on Monday through Friday. Lunch is served at 12:00 noon. You can reserve your seat, on-line, on MyActiveCenter.com. or call the Center. Please call before 11 am 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.

MONTHLY EVENTS

Family History: Friday June 16, July 21 and August 18 at 10:30 am

Meet with Mr. Ken Doney to research your family lineage. He will have monthly presentations and one on one interactions. Please call the Senior Center for more information. Please bring your own mobile device so you can research your family!

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Cappella Cantorum presents

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Summer Vocal Workshop
Saturday, July 17th
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
First Church of Christ (Congregational)
366 Min Street, Old Saybrook, CT

Sign up for this unique learning experience, offering group choral exercises to enhance your sight reading, ear training and vocal blending skills. Ages 13 and up are welcome: no auditions or choir membership required. Private voice lessons also available.

The workshop will be led by Simon Holt, Music Director of Cappella Cantorum.

Cost for the workshop is \$50, which includes all materials and lunch. To register or get more information, visit: cappellacantorum.org or call: 860-532-0454.

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Bike Rodeo at National Trails Day!

Saturday, June 3rd from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

The Library is participating in National Trails Day! We will be hosting a Bike Rodeo at Center School, in partnership with Parks and Recreation, Air Line Cycles, the Police Department, and more. Come learn about bicycle safety, practice your skills on an obstacle course, get your “driver’s” license, take advantage of Summer Reading early registration, and bring home some fun surprises!

Movie Nights are coming this Summer!

Keep an eye on our calendar for showtimes! The movies are sponsored by the East Hampton Prevention Partnership.

SUMMER READING

Summer Reading Kick Off

Friday, June 23rd from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Head over to the fields at Center School to sign up for this year’s Summer Reading Program! Enjoy a free snow cone, live music by DJ Montez, and an inflatable obstacle course, plus try your hand at painting with water balloons!

Find Your Voice with Professional Storyteller Mark Binder

Monday, June 26th from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Mark Binder travels the world sharing original stories and traditional folktales for all generations. He has been called “a master at spinning everyday events into storytelling gold,” and has recorded more than two dozen books, audiobooks, and plays. Join us for an evening of fun and interactive storytelling!

Summer Reading Closing Party!

Friday, August 18th from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Try your hand at walking a tight rope, plate spinning, and more with special guests Circus Moves, plus enjoy some crafts and music! Prize winners will be announced at 4:30 pm.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Jason Tardy: The Big Solo

Tuesday, August 1st at 10:00 am at Sears Park Pavillion

You may have seen juggling, but you haven’t

truly experienced it until you’ve seen the explosive, inventive, high-energy juggling of Jason Tardy! His hilarious show includes innovative choreographed juggling to music, fitting his body through a tennis racket, bowling ball juggling, balancing a ladder on his face, standing on a yoga ball, and fire breathing!

Junior Engineers

July 15th, July 22nd, July 29th, August 5th and August 12th from 10:00 am-12:30 pm

Drop in on Saturdays throughout the summer to try a variety of different building materials in the Children’s Room, including Legos, ItsPhun construction sets, Keva Planks, and more! Help yourself to the materials and build whatever you can imagine or try one of our challenge cards for a chance to win extra Summer Reading raffle tickets!

Early Literacy Programs

Drop-ins and siblings always welcome. See our website’s calendar of events for full list of dates.

Mindful Movements: Ages 18 months-5 years

Most Mondays at 10:30 am at Seamster Park

An early literacy program for children and caregivers that combines singing, dancing, and whole-body movement. Practice early literacy and social emotional skills and have fun MOVING YOUR BODY!

Baby Rhyme Time: Ages 0-18 months

Most Thursdays at 10:15am in the Library Community Room

An early literacy program for children ages 0-18 months and their caregivers, this program combines music & movement, bounce & lullaby, fingerplays, puppets and play time. Introduce your baby to the library, make new friends, and find your happy place!

Toddler Time: Ages 18 months-3 years

Most Wednesdays at 10:15am in the Library Community Room

A storytime just for toddlers that includes music, movement, a short book, and lots of free play!

Stories and Songs: Ages 3-5 years

Most Wednesdays at 11:15am in the Library Community Room

Designed for children ages 3-5 years old and their caregivers, this program includes longer stories and a simple craft or activity, and is a

great way to interact with other families in the community.

SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

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

Archaeology in the Library: Grades 2-5

Friday, June 30th from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm

Dig up some fun at the Library with a hands-on, mini archaeological dig! Afterwards we’ll write about where we think our finds came from and what they might have been used for.

STEMtastic- Candy Science: Grades 1-5

Monday, July 10th from 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

Come experiment on some sweet treats while learning about osmosis, density, and more! Registration required.

STEMtastic- Waterslides: Grades 1-5

Monday, August 7th from 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

Learn about how waterslides work, then build your own to test! Registration required.

Night Owl Storytime: Grades K-3

Monday, July 24th from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Put on your coziest pajamas and head to the library for this bedtime storytime! We’ll make our own owl stuffed animals to cuddle up with as we read the award-winning book, Knight Owl. Registration required.

Nintendo Switch Game Play: Grades 1-5

Friday, July 14th and Friday, August 11th from 2:00 pm-3:30 pm

A Nintendo Switch game tournament for elementary school-aged kids! Show off your gaming skills and meet other kids that like to play! All skill levels welcome. Registration required.

Kids Comic Creators: Grades 1-5

Select Wednesdays from 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

Each month kids will explore a different early reader graphic novel series like The Bad Guys or Dogman, play games related to the books, and create their own comics! More details and monthly themes available on our website. Registration required.

July 19th - HILO

August 16th - Wings of Fire

Art Explorers: Grades 1-5

Select Tuesdays from 2:30 pm-4:00 pm

Get creative and express yourself through a new art form each week, from Scribble Art to Minecraft selfies! Registration required.

July 11th - All About Names

July 18th - Something from Nothing

July 25th - Uniquely You

August 1st - Color Your World

Children's Take-Home Programs Take and Makes

Each month the library debuts two take home activity kits for children, one for ages 3-5 and one for school age children, with all of the supplies needed to make a fun craft! Registration required.

MIDDLE GRADE PROGRAMS

Registration is required for middle grade programs unless otherwise noted.

Tween Game Hour: Grades 4-8

Select Wednesdays from 4:30 pm-5:30 pm
July 5th and August 2nd

Our Tween game program marches on this summer, with a variety of live action games to get you up and going with your friends at the library! Come ready to move as we play a selection of fun and interactive games! On July 5th, we'll play some classic camp games with the group. Back by popular demand, we'll play our live action Among Us on August 2nd!

TEEN PROGRAMS

Registration is required for teen programs unless otherwise noted.

Dungeons & Dragons: Grades 8-12

Select Wednesdays from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9

Join us for an exciting journey into the world of Dungeons & Dragons! No previous playing experience required. We will provide basic, fifth edition characters; all supplies included!

Nintendo Switch Game Play: Grades 6-12

Saturday, June 17th and Saturday, July 1st from 2:00 pm-3:30 pm

Pull up a beanless bag chair in our Community Room for a big screen Nintendo Switch hang out! With an ever-growing collection of multi-player Switch games, there's something for everyone! Come on down to play with friends and discover new games. All skill levels welcome!

Teen Open Mic: Grades 6-12

Friday, July 21st at 3:00 pm

Find Your Voice at EHPL's Teen Open Mic! Now's your chance to be heard! Teens in

grades 6-12 will be given the opportunity to sing, read, dance, or present on stage in our Community Room! Everyone is welcome to attend the performance, but only teens can perform in this program.

Teen Library Trivia: Grades 6-12

Friday, August 4th from 3:30 pm-4:30 pm

Put on your thinking caps and join us for a special trivia night! With a variety of questions about our library and an array of general knowledge of popular media, there's something for every teen in our quiz!

Teen Craftivity: Grades 6-12

Drop in throughout the summer to craft in our teen space! Make your own wreck-it journal! Create DIY brag tags! Contribute to our Find Your Voice Peace Pole! All summer long, discover a new craftivity, just for teens!

Teen Take & Make: Grades 6-12

Each month, the Library debuts a Take & Make activity just for teens! Inside your kit you'll find instructions and supplies to make a fun art or craft project. Registration opens on the first of the month, pickup follows on the second Tuesday of the month.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Registration is required for adult programs unless otherwise noted.

Cookbook Club

First Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm

Try new recipes and chat about our culinary adventures! Each month has a theme. Bring a prepared dish and 10 copies of the recipe to share. Food should arrive ready to eat and we'll provide the plates and forks. We'll sample and talk about each recipe and take home new ideas!

LibraYoga with Amie Meacham

Saturday, June 17th at 10:15am, Monday, July 17th and Monday, August 14th at 6:30 pm

Yoga 200 Certified instructor Amie Meacham leads an hour of gentle yoga for adults in the Community Room. All levels welcome, there is a modification for every ability. Bring your own mat if you have one and wear comfy clothes.

Music in the Library: Daniel Corr

Tuesday, June 13th at 6:00 pm

The Library welcomes classical guitarist Daniel Corr for an evening of music in the library. Light refreshments to follow the performance. Registration required.

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Find Your Voice: Podcasters In-Person Series

Tuesday, June 27th at 6:30 pm Amazing Tales: Podcasting About Connecticut's History

Host and producer Mike Allen discusses his highly rated podcast Amazing Tales from Off and On Connecticut's Beaten Path. The podcast has highlighted more than 100 stories about interesting people, places and events in Connecticut's history. Mike also shares the stories behind some of the more popular episodes.

Tuesday, July 11th at 6:30 pm 1056 Podcast Hosts Tyler and Jeff cover everything in the Connecticut Craft Beer scene on the 1056 Podcast. Learn how they got started, why beer is their topic of interest, and what the future holds for these Connecticut podcasters.

Tuesday, July 18th at 6:30 pm Speak Up Storytelling

We are excited to welcome back Connecticut author Matthew Dicks, who in addition to writing popular novels (Twenty-one Truths About Love, The Other Mother) joins us to talk about his podcast Speak Up Storytelling.

Book Club

Tuesday, June 20th and Tuesday, August 15th
Come together to read and discuss the monthly selection. Copies of the month's book are available for checkout at the circulation desk.

Belltown Book Blast

Fridays, June 16th, July 21st, August 18th at 10:00 am

If you love chatting about all things books, then Belltown Book Blast is for you! Drop into the Library on select Fridays for coffee or tea and bookish banter. Get a sneak peek at new releases, what's popular, and find out what everyone is reading. Register or drop in.

Adult Take & Makes

Each month, the Library debuts a Take & Make activity just for adults! Inside your kit you'll find instructions and supplies to make a fun art or craft project. Registration opens on the first of the month, pickup follows on the second Tuesday of the month.

CURBSIDE PICKUP

For your convenience, the Library continues to offer curbside pickup. Call the Library with your requests or place your items on hold through our online catalog. When you're informed that your items are ready for pick up, just call to let a staff member know that you would like to pick up your items curbside. We'll put your items outside on our curbside pickup rack.

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

3D Printing

The Library is now offering 3D printing services! It's as simple as finding a model, emailing it to us, and pay while we print. Find out more here: <https://easthamptonpubliclibrary.org/3d-printing/>

Video Games

Come check out our expanded collection of video games! Now including games for Xbox Series X and Playstation 5, plus even more Nintendo Switch games.

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Household Hazardous Waste Collections & Paper Shredding Events

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

June 17, 2023	Lyme/Old Lyme Middle School, 49 Lyme St., Old Lyme
July 22, 2023	Woodside Intermediate School, 30 Woodside Rd., Cromwell
August 19, 2023	(old) HHW Facility, 11 Dump Road, Essex
September 16, 2023	Middlesex Community College, 100 Training Hill Rd., Middletown
October 21, 2023	Haddam Elementary School, 272 Saybrook Rd., Higganum

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

June 24, 2023	Westbrook Town Hall, 866 Boston Post Rd., Westbrook
September 23, 2023	Middlefield Community Center, 405 Main St., Middlefield
October 14, 2023	Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Ave., Chester

To learn details, acceptable materials, and to see the rest of the dates for 2023 please visit www.rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste or find us on Facebook: facebook.com/rivercog

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 well-being 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 Bring Change to Mind youth committee during upcoming the 2023-2024 school year and beyond. Students involved will run peer-to-

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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
Chatham Historical Society.....	860-539-0988	Public Works	860-267-4747
Collector of Revenue.....	860-267-2300	Registrars.....	860-267-6720
Emergency Management.....	860-267-0088	Senior Center	860-267-4426
Finance Department	860-267-7548	Town Clerk	860-267-2519
Fire Marshal	860-267-0088	Town Manager.....	860-267-4468
Food Bank	860-365-5978	Water Pollution Control Authority	860-267-2536
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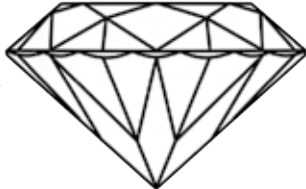
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Office of the Assessor

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: <https://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, 2023. 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, 2023 with the Assessor's Office. Per the State of CT Office of Policy and Management for the 2022 Benefit Year, the maximum income for a single taxpayer was set at \$40,300. The maximum income for a married couple was set at \$49,100. 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, 2023.

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 copy of the bill of sale.

A copy of the transfer of title (i.e., receipt from junkyard, trade-in paperwork, donation receipt).

A copy of the original registration issued to the person to whom you sold the vehicle.

A copy of the registration in another state.

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.

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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.

The Assessor's Office is open Monday, Wednesday, 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. We can be reached at 860-267-2510.

Land Use Department

Volunteers Needed!

Interested in serving your community? Do you have a passion for environmental issues or expertise related to wetlands and water quality? Volunteer to serve on the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Agency.

Connecticut has a long history of protecting its land and water resources. In 1972, the state legislature enacted the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act. This law provides an orderly regulatory process that balances the need for economic growth with the need to protect our environment. The Act declares it is the public policy of Connecticut to require municipal regulation of activities affecting inland wetlands and watercourses. As a result, every municipality has established an inland wetlands agency to implement and enforce the law. These agencies play a vital role in protecting our natural resources and in

shaping our state's landscape. The DEEP's Inland Wetlands Management Program assists Connecticut's 169 municipalities and the public in administering and understanding the IWWA.

The East Hampton Inland Wetland and Watercourses Agency (IWWA) is in need of members! The Agency consists of seven appointed members and two alternates, to serve when regular members need to miss a meeting. Currently, there are only five appointed members and no alternates. In order to have a meeting, a minimum of four members must be present. We need your help to keep projects moving forward in East Hampton.

If interested, visit the East Hampton website and click on "Serve on a Board or Commission" or contact the Land Use Office for more information.

Office of the Collector of Revenue

PROPERTY TAX IN CONNECTICUT

Connecticut relies on local property taxes to fund municipal budgets. In most communities about 80-90% of the municipal budget is generated by property taxes. In the towns that receive little State aid, this figure gets higher; in some of the larger cities it drops, as the percentage of revenue coming from State aid increases. The State compiles statistics to determine tax collection rates of the various municipalities. A collection rate of about 97-98% of the levy is considered average to good. A collection rate of 98-99% is considered excellent; a collection rate of 92-93% or below is considered poor. Tax collectors are required to submit various documents and reports to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) of the State of Connecticut on a regular basis, and technically "report" to them.

TYPES OF TAXES COLLECTED AND BILLING CYCLES

Connecticut towns and cities are required to operate on the Uniform Fiscal Year, commencing July 1 and ending the following June 30. Municipalities collect real estate, business personal property, and motor vehicle taxes. Tax rates are determined through the municipal budget process and will depend on how much money is needed to fund the municipal budget and how much property is available to be taxed (equalized grand list) as of the assessment date (grand list date) of October 1. The budget process typically begins in December or January and concludes in April or May when the legislative body adopts the budget and sets the tax rate(s), with tax bills being issued July 1.

Office of the Town Clerk

JUNE IS DOG LICENSE MONTH! All dogs 6 months or older require a license each year in the town where they reside. A current rabies certificate for all dogs, and a neutered/spayed certificate for first time licenses are required.

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

Fire Department Training

Members of the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department recently conducted an extended training session on a life-saving technique called VES. The acronym VES stands for Vent / Enter / Search and involves the rapid deployment of a team of firefighters to quickly locate and extricate a victim or victims trapped in a burning building with no other means of escape. Due to the high risk involved, the VES technique is utilized only in situations where victim entrapment is either confirmed or a high probability of entrapment exists.

As most fatalities in structure fires are caused by exposure to toxic gasses in smoke and the extreme heat being generated, in the first step of the process (VENT) firefighters will create an avenue (usually a window) to allow the heat and smoke to exit the building. Because heat and smoke both rise, venting creates a more survivable environment along the floor where an unconscious victim is more likely to be found.

Venting, however, also creates a flow path for the fire, causing it to be drawn toward the venting site, so the firefighter must

quickly ENTER the room that has just been accessed, locate the door and close it to prevent the fire from spreading. Once the door is secured, the firefighter will then begin a rapid, yet thorough, primary SEARCH for the victim and, when located, will begin the extrication process through the vent site, with help from teammates both inside and outside the building.

VES has been shown to be an effective life-saving technique for rescuing victims trapped in structure fires and it requires communication, coordination and practice on the part of firefighters to become proficient. The members of the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department are dedicated to a continuous learning process



that enables the membership to be efficient and effective responders to the community's emergency needs. For further information on the Department and its operations, contact EHVFD Headquarters at (860) 267-2198.

Visit the Historic Middle Haddam Public Library

2 Knowles Road • Middle Haddam, CT
Hours: Monday 10 am-2 pm, Tuesday 3 pm-6 pm,
Thursday 10 am-2 pm, Friday 3 pm-6 pm

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Yoga: with Erin Day of Ten Summit Yoga
Tuesdays @7 pm & every Saturday @9 am.
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Mahjong: Mondays @ 11:30 am — Open to all!

Nimble Knitters: Thursdays @ 1 pm — Open to all!



Historic Middle Haddam Library



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East Hampton Social Services

During the summer months, East Hampton Social Services prepares for the upcoming programs to assist residents. East Hampton Social Services aids and facilitates programs and applications for residents residing in East Hampton, Cobalt, and Middle Haddam.

Energy Assistance: this program, which helps with a household's primary heating expense will re-open for applications in September. The importance of applying for this program cannot be stressed enough if your household falls within the income guidelines. All applications are handled by appointment only. Walk-ins cannot be accommodated for this program. You must reapply every year. As it gets closer to the program re-opening, please refer to the following site for more specific details, as it will have the most up-to-date income limits and documentation requirements listed: www.crtct.org

Please call Christine, our case manager, at 860-267-4468, ext. 3208, beginning in August to schedule your appointment for the processing of your 2023/2024 winter energy assistance application. It is important that you do not wait until you are in need of fuel, as approval of this program can take up to 45 days.

Operation Fuel: this program will re-open on August 1st for summer/fall applications. Please refer to Operation Fuel's site for its requirements and qualifications. It is best to apply directly through their link. If you are in need of assistance completing your online application, please call Christine at 860-267-4468, ext. 3208. You can access this program and its details at: www.operationfuel.org/gethelp/

Old Home Days: East Hampton Social Services & Youth & Family Services is planning to have a booth/table this year. OHD is scheduled for July 6th, 7th, and 8th. Stop by & say hi!

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Even though the summer months are upon us, the holidays will be here before we know it. Every year in order to get ahead of the holiday rush, we try to collect sponsor and recipients' information as early as pos-

sible. This program requires a lot of planning and coordination, so we can ensure families experiencing financial hardship are able to enjoy their holidays and provide presents for their family. It truly would not be possible without the generous donations from our community, residents, and of course without the help and continued success of the annual "Stuff a Cruiser" toy drive that the East Hampton Police Department organizes and hosts. Everyone that helps and contributes to this program, whether it be by sponsoring a family, donating to the Stuff a Cruiser drive or dropping items to our office, your kindness and generosity is what makes this program such a success and it truly is appreciated! If you would like to be a sponsor or are in need of being sponsored, please contact Christine beginning in August.

DSS Services: East Hampton Social Services continues to assist residents with applications and renewals for DSS services. If you are in need of assistance with either, please call us to discuss. Most of these we can help with remotely.

Food Insecurity: If you are an East Hampton resident and are experiencing food insecurity, please contact our local Food Bank at 860-365-5978. They are open Mondays & Thursdays from 9am-12pm. If you utilize our Food Bank, and do not also receive SNAP benefits, please contact EH Social Services and we can assist you with applying. It is highly encouraged for you to apply for SNAP even if you also utilize East Hampton Food Bank. In addition, if you apply and qualify for SNAP, that will also prequalify you for energy assistance benefits.

To determine if your household qualifies for discounted broadband/internet service through the Affordable Connectivity Program, please visit fcc.gov/acp

Please call Christine at 860-267-4468, ext 3208, or email cwiesner@easthamptonct.gov if you have a child, living in East Hampton, who has an upcoming birthday, and you are unable to purchase gifts. We have miscellaneous toys, games, dolls, etc remaining in our office, from generous donors.

Celebrating a Century of Service

Founded in 1923, the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department is in the midst of celebrating its "Century of Service" to the town and surrounding communities and residents are invited to join the Department at several events this summer.

The Old Home Days Committee has dedicated this year's Grand Celebration to the Volunteer Fire Department and firefighters will be conducting demonstrations and hosting information sessions throughout the three-day event on July 6th, 7th and 8th. In addition, the Old Home Days Parade on Saturday will include fire apparatus from the area towns that constitute the Department's mutual aid region.

On Saturday, August 19th, the 100th Anniversary celebration will continue when members of the Volunteer Fire Department present their annual fireworks display on the grounds of East Hampton High School. This year's show is expected to be the best ever as the Department marks its milestone achievement with another fun and exciting family-oriented event.

The East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department remains a 100% volunteer organization that operates out of three stations. For more information, interested individuals may contact Headquarters at (860) 267-2198.

Prevention Partnership

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peer campaigns to promote healthy lifestyles and positive mental health 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 Lauren Incognito at 860-267-4468 or Lincognito@easthamptonct.gov to get more information if you'd like to participate.

Senior Center... *continued from page 7*

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 1:00 pm.

You are invited to attend! "A Positive Approach to Blindness" at St. Patrick's Church Hall, 47 West High St. in East Hampton, CT. This event is sponsored by The Lions Club. Please register at the East Hampton Senior Center. Call the Center if you need transportation. Speaker, Bill DeMaio, Superintendent of the Newington Parks and Recreation Department and President of the ADA Coalition of Connecticut, will explore how people with blindness use canes, guide dogs, iPhone technology and even the potential use of futuristic robotic guide dogs. Mr. DeMaio will discuss feelings, attitudes and how he navigates his daily activities as a blind person in an ever-changing world. Time will be allocated at the end of this motivating presentation for questions and answers.

AARP Safe Driver Class Friday, August 25th at 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. AARP volunteers offer this 4-hour class to help you hone your driving skills. Cost: AARP members \$20.00 and Non-members \$25.00. Payment due at time of registration for class.

Art with Karen Sunday June 25, July 30, August 20 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Karen will lead you through the basic of painting in acrylics. No painting/art experience required. All supplies are provided. Cost- \$5.00 for supplies due at the day of class. Pre-registration required.

Sharing Nature with Family and Friends

Wednesday, July 12 from 10:30 am-12 noon
Getting outdoors into the fresh air is good for everyone! Meet Master Naturalist Lynn Kochiss by the pavilion at Hurd State Park on for a relaxed nature walk on the trails. Invite a grandchild, relative, or friend to join you! Even better, pack a lunch and plan to picnic after the walk. Directions to the pavilion: Follow Route 151 to the traffic light at the intersection of Hog Hill Rd. and Hurd Park Rd. Turn onto Hurd Park Rd. Go about ½ mile to the park entrance on the right. Follow this entrance road about ½ mile to the first paved road on your right. Turn here. Parking and the pavilion will be at the end of this road. Please register ahead at the East Hampton Senior Center

Picnic at Sear's Park on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Watch for more details.

Flags Over East Hampton

The flags were reinstalled by Mother's Day on the Eversource poles along the town's two parade routes, Main Street, throughout our downtown center, along Route 151 in the historic district of Middle Haddam and in Cobalt Center. This program which is not supported by your tax dollars occurs through those that so generously donate to the Flags Over East Hampton fund drive. We annually have a goal of \$2000. Unfortunately, due to the number of storms we weathered last year, we had to replace this spring 150 flags, 50 flag poles and 24 pole brackets that will cost approximately \$4000, well above what we typically have to spend to support this program annually. I am hopeful your generous support as in the past will allow us to reach our goal and continue a program that the Town of East Hampton's residents have come to appreciate.

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. We would also like to thank the McCann family, owners of Best Cleaners and their staff for donating the laundering over 130 flags this year and a very generous donation from Markham Meadows Campground ever popular car show in the fall. 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.

East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission

The mission of the East Hampton Arts and Culture Commission (EHACC) is to foster, promote, encourage and celebrate the excellence, enjoyment, and abundance of arts and culture in our town. The commission meets every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Joseph N. Goff House Museum, 2 Barton Hill Road and is comprised of an eclectic mix of East Hampton residents, including a retired elementary school teacher, a graphic designer, artists, a gardener and a local business owner. Come join us! New members are welcome and needed to help support arts and culture in town! To apply, simply fill out an application at the Town Manager's Office located in the East Hampton Town Hall located at 1 Community Drive, East Hampton. For information on the EHACC and our the programs we support, go to www.artsforeasthamptonct.org or email arts@easthamptonct.org

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission will host its 2nd annual Garden Tour and Plein Air painting event in July, 2023, featuring a day of self-guided tours of local garden spaces in East Hampton and an opportunity for local artists to paint the scenery live. Interested East Hampton gardeners and local artists may contact the EHACC at arts@easthamptonct.org or call Melissa Pionzio at 860-993-5311. www.artsforeasthamptonct.org

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.

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.

REGISTRATION AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

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 registrations 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

FREQUENTLY REQUESTED INFORMATION:

EAST HAMPTON LITTLE LEAGUE

- 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

YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING

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

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

JOSEPH N. GOFF HOUSE

Contact: Dean Markham 860-918-4400

EPOCH ARTS

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

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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. 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

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. We have many great offerings scheduled for the upcoming seasons. Check out our website for all programs.

Summer Programming

Our many awesome summer programs are currently posted to our website. There are many different options for all different age groups, and too many to list here individually. See www.easthamptonrec.com for a complete listing.

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: 7:00 am-8:30 am and 3:00 pm-6:00 pm

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 or call the office at 860-267-7300.

Registration for Fall of 2023 will open the first week of July.



Conservation-Lake Commission

The East Hampton Conservation-Lake Commission is anticipating another successful summer of recreational activities on Lake Pocotopaug. The Commission has adopted a 3-prong approach to lake improvement and controlling algae blooms. Reduction of nutrient runoffs, remediation treatments and resident education is yielding steady results and benefits. Oxygenated water due to the town installed aeration system, reduced nutrient runoffs and better resident understanding of fertilizer usage are all contributing factors.

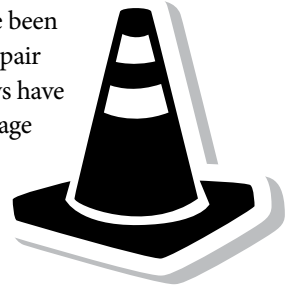
The summer of 2022 yielded uninterrupted access and high usage of the lake for East Hampton residents and their families. Recreational activities including swimming, kayaking, fishing, water skiing and wake boarding are all very popular. There is also the serene enjoyment of an evening sunset or enjoying the peaceful early morning as ducks make their way around the shoreline. For bird watching enthusiasts, this spring has seen the appearance of a pair of eagles.

We urge all East Hampton residents to be mindful of what they can do to help reduce nutrient runoffs by managing fertilizer usage and take the opportunity to enjoy our town's greatest asset.

Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works has been working on the routine spring maintenance program. Public Works crews have been addressing routine spring maintenance items such as pothole patching, curbing replacement, and sign maintenance. Winter equipment was examined and evaluated, and necessary repairs were made and routine maintenance items were performed.

The department has wrapped up the pavement preparations for chip sealing operations which are scheduled to take place in June. Several drainage projects have been started to eliminate icing conditions and repair failed drainage systems. Public Works crews have also begun regrading and addressing drainage issues on the 8 miles of gravel roads within the town's road network. Road sweeping has begun 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 am until 3:30 pm.

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**Chatham Historical Society
News & Events**

JUNE

Tuesday, June 6

7 pm - Chatham Historical Society Meeting
at Museum 6 Bevin Blvd., EH

Saturday, June 17

8 am-2 pm Chatham Historical Society
Town-Wide Tag Sale

Saturday, June 24

10 am - Explore East Hampton
History Walk "Hog Hill Cemetery"

JULY

Tuesday, July 11

7 pm - Chatham Historical Society Meeting at
Museum 6 Bevin Blvd., EH

Sunday, July 23

1 pm - Explore East Hampton History Walk,
"Comstock Bridge & Salmon River CCC Camp"

AUGUST

Tuesday, August 1

7 pm - Chatham Historical Society Meeting at
Museum 6 Bevin Blvd., EH

Saturday, August 26

10 am - Explore East Hampton History Walk,
"Day Pond Walk, Built by CCC"

For any questions contact Marty Podskoch 860-267-2442 or
podskoch@comcast.net



East Hampton 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.

Over the last several weeks there has been an increase in unlocked vehicles being entered and items stolen and unfortunately a few vehicles have been stolen as well. Other towns around the state are having the same issues, but there is a common thread, in most of the cases the vehicles were unlocked, and the keys were in the vehicle. Please help us by locking your car doors and NEVER leave your keys in your car.

Phone scams are on the rise, and they are becoming much more sophisticated

as they attempt to access your personal information. These scammers are able to “spoof” the phone number of your bank, or other organizations, so it appears the call is coming from a legitimate business. The scammers will attempt to obtain personal banking information from you to include your authentication passwords or numbers. Once they have this information, they can access your bank accounts remotely and withdraw money. If you receive a “phone call” from your bank, NEVER give out your personal information over the phone. Verify the identity of the caller and request a call back number. Hang up and call your bank with the number that you know or is listed on their website, not the number given to you by the caller. Your bank will be able to verify the caller is legitimate. 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 your routing number of your bank account to set up an automatic



On April 18, 2023, Officer Timothy DeRoehn was sworn in as the Department's newest Sergeant. He filled a vacancy created by the retirement of Sergeant Jared Boynton. Sergeant DeRoehn is pictured being sworn in by Kelly Bilodeau, Town Clerk for the Town of East Hampton.

payment. Legitimate organizations will not ask you to purchase gift cards for payment of your bill. Additionally, please feel free to contact the police department and we can assist you in determining if the call is scam.

East Hampton Lions Club Sponsors Food Share

The East Hampton Lions became involved with the Farm to Family Program when it was initiated and continued as East Hampton's contact until the program ended. It made the Lions realize that many residents of East Hampton were struggling to put nutritious food on their table. When the Farm to Family program ended, the Lions did not want to discontinue providing food, so they reached out to Connecticut Food Share and applied to sponsor their mobile food pantry to come to East Hampton. In conjunction with St. Patrick's Church their application was approved in October. Since October every other Thursday at 9:00 am the mobile pantry truck has been coming.

Six tables are set up and the Lions & members of the Food Bank fill the tables with a large variety of food from the truck. There is always a large assortment of fruits and vegetables, bread and some miscellaneous items. It is very similar to a farmer's market. Residents walk around the tables and pick out what they would like with some limitations to quantity.

Everyone is welcome. There is no residency requirement, no questions are asked regarding income and no identification is needed. Occasionally the only question that may be asked is how many are in the family so the proper amount of food will be given out.

Thursday, June 14th, June 28th, July 12th, and July 19th are the scheduled dates for the mobile pantry to visit East Hampton. If you have any questions, please contact Lion Mary Krogh at 860-977-5760.

Joseph N. Goff House Concert Series

The Joseph N. Goff House Gazebo Concert series will begin at 6:30 pm on Thursday June 22 and continue every Thursday except during Old Home Day week, at the Center School Gazebo.

There is a great line up this year including:

JUNE 22

The Jesse Liam Band featuring hits from the 50s to present

JUNE 29

Country band Cobblestone Road

JULY 13

Seat of Our Pants featuring music with a positive message

JULY 20

9th Wave featuring surf music

JULY 27

Flamingo Road featuring Big Band hits

AUGUST 3

Big Deal Rock performing classic rock hits.

SUMMER SAFETY

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.
- 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.

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- 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 at 860-267-0088 or via email @firemarshal@easthamptonct.gov.

Fireworks & Special Effects

With the Fourth of July around the corner it is very important to have an understanding of fireworks in regards 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 Connecticut are generally labeled with the following:

Shoots Flaming Balls	Emits a Report
Explosive	Flammable

Any Firework that goes aerial or explodes is illegal.

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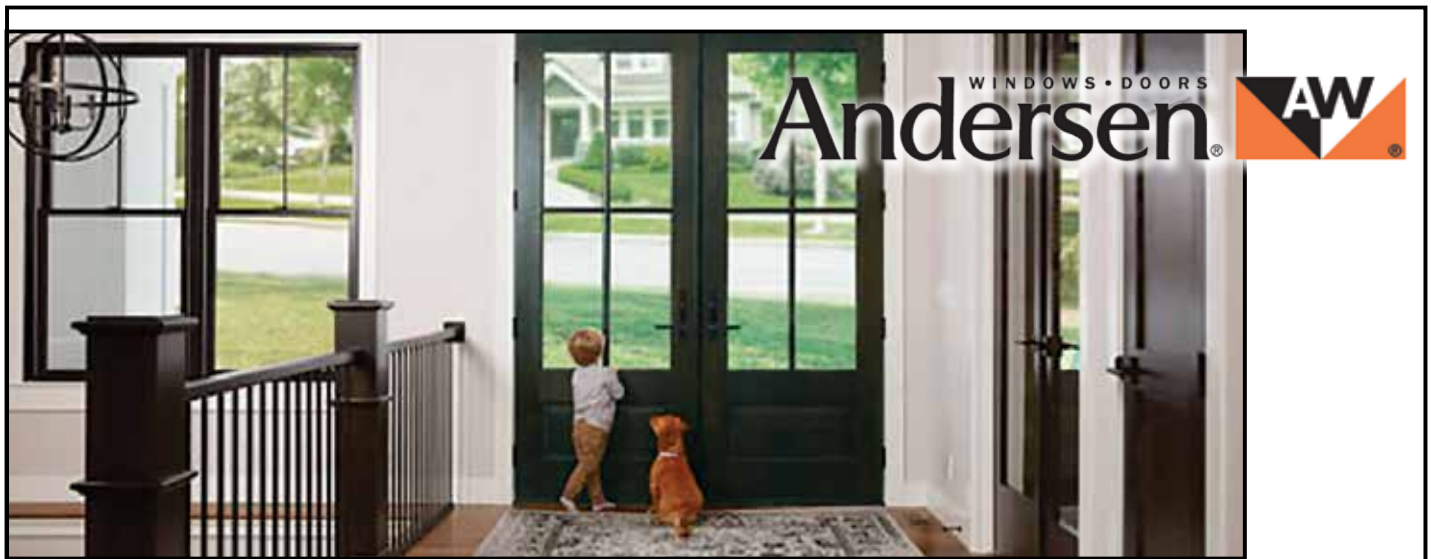




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