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Town Manager's Corner

Hello East Hampton! Cooler temperatures and shorter days mean winter will soon be upon us.

During the fall and into the winter, the Town is continuing efforts to gain public input on various aspects of Town government. The older adult population of the community was surveyed in September and October about its needs and desires and that survey data will be presented to the Town Council in December. Further, the community provided input to the Parks and Recreation Department regarding needs and desires for that area. A survey is being developed to solicit additional information and it should be available for completion in December and January. The information from these efforts coupled with information received about the library through its survey a year ago will aid the Town as it plans for the future.

Work is ongoing at the High School athletic fields to improve the tennis courts, baseball field, track and soccer field. The project, which is funded with unspent proceeds from the High School renovation project, is progressing well and this season's work will wrap up in December. The overall project will be complete in the spring. The Town has selected an engineering firm to assist it with identifying and developing one or more new water sources for the Town's water system and develop the long-term plans for improving service in and around the Village Center as well as adjoining areas to address water quality and water quantity needs. With new funding sources for infrastructure having been recently approved, Town leadership anticipates the Town is in a unique position to move

appropriate plans forward with significant outside funding.

As I look back a year at the various pieces of pandemic-related information I have been tracking, I notice that our daily infection rate is similar to last year, but two points stand out. First, we are slightly lower this year than last and, second, we are trending toward fewer infections this year. Last year at this time, we were heading into a major spike in infections which lasted until the spring. While we celebrate with family and friends during the holidays, everyone is encouraged to take steps to remain safe and to keep those with whom we celebrate safe as well. The best gift of all will be health in the new year!

Please enjoy this edition of East Hampton Events magazine. As always, it is full of information on what the community is and will be doing. We hope the magazine continues to be a great resource for everyone. As always, I encourage everyone to support our local businesses and especially those that sponsor this publication. The Town regularly publishes a local business guide that is available in the Town Hall and at various locations around Town. I invite readers to pick one up.

Stay well, stay safe and have a wonderful holiday season!



David E. Cox
Town Manager

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Conservation-Lake Commission

Late fall 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 (C&LC) 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 Watershed who have received the "Lake-Smart Award" in 2020-21: 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, Gladys Yeager

at 70 North Main Street, Jack & Jan Solomon, and Lynn & Marty Podskoch on O'Neill Lane.



In October, Marty Podskoch (left) and John Purple (right) of the East Hampton Conservation & Lake Commission presented Lori Wilcox of 4 Hawthorne Road, with the "Lake Smart Award" for managing her property to benefit Lake Pocotopaug. She maintains a beautiful garden along Hawthorn Road that acts as a buffer zone preventing nutrients from flowing into the lake. She also does not use fertilizers or pesticides on her lawn. Jeremy DeCarli Photo

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?

In mowing their lawn do they maintain the level of their lawn at 2 1/2-3" and use a mulching blade instead of bagging grass clippings? Do they cover bare soil areas with mulch or plantings? Do they refrain from feeding water fowl and discourage them from coming onto their property? Finally, do they prevent leaves and grass clippings from entering the lake?

Those wishing to be evaluated for the award, should contact: Jeremy Hall of the Parks & Recreation Dept. (860-267-7300 or jhall@easthamptonct.gov) or Jeremy DeCarli of the Planning & Zoning Dept. (860-267-7450 or jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov) or any members of the C&LC. An appointment will be arranged for a C&LC 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. We can all work together to have a cleaner lake.




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The East Hampton Senior Center Hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm and Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Mask wearing is required* for all participants regardless of vaccination status.

*Exception for those dining at the Community Café. Once seated attendees can take off their mask to eat. Mask must be in place when moving about the Center.

On-Going Programs

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

Bible Study in person 1:00 pm on Tuesdays.

T'ai Chi via Zoom link. Tom Cushing instructs the class and teaches basic forms of T'ai Chi. T'ai chi is a great program to improve your balance.

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 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. It is a quiet well-lit environment to work on your individual project.

Yoga via Zoom/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 January 2022.

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program begins November 1st for deliverable fuel. Please call the Senior Center for an appointment. Applications may be submitted up through May 2022. Call the Center for more information.

Medicare's Annual Enrollment period is October 15 through December 7. It is important for all Medicare recipients to check their plans to make sure that they will be enrolled in the plan that will work best for them. For most people this is the ONLY time during the year that you can change your plan. If you would like help checking your Medicare plans, please make an appointment with a Choices Counselor through the East Hampton Senior Center at 860-267-4426. This is a FREE service to anyone in the community on Medicare. You do not have to be 65. The Choices Counselors

The Book Club will meet in-person and virtually on December 14: Evergreen Tidings from the Baumgartners By Gretchen Anthony.

Setback on Thursdays at 1:15 pm - 3:15 pm, no partners needed. They are arranged the day of the game. Entertaining game played with fun people! Please register ahead of time. We will help you re-learn the game if needed.

Family History: We are in the process of establishing an ongoing program to help you with your research of your family lineage. We will have monthly presentations and one on one interactions. Please call the Senior Center for more 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!

are trained to provide you with a comprehensive understanding of the Medicare options, so you can make informed decisions regarding your healthcare. The State of Connecticut offers some additional help for people with low incomes. Your eligibility could also be checked by making an appointment with a counselor. This can be done ANY time during the year, not only during Annual Enrollment.

The East Hampton/ CRT Community Café is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 12:00 noon. You must register, online, on MyActiveCenter.com. or call the Center. Please call before 11:00 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.



Senior Center Annual Picnic September 8, 2021

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

It is requested that participants sign up in advance for all programs. You can call the Center and/or you can register online. You do need to be registered with the Senior Center prior to registering online.



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Please check our website for our current operating hours and the latest news and events. www.EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org

JINGLE BELL PARADE

Friday, December 3rd, 5:30pm, held outdoors.

After a one-year hiatus we're pleased to bring back the annual Jingle Bell Parade! Meet at the Library parking lot for crafts and fun. Then parade down to the Village Center Christmas Tree to see East Hampton Parks and Recreation light the tree. Check the Library and Parks and Recreation website for full details!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Baby Rhyme Time: Ages 0-18 months

Thursdays at 10:15 am, Starting on January 6th

Held indoors in the Library community room. Masks required for all patrons aged 3 and up.

A story time program for children ages 0-18 months and their caregivers. Siblings welcome. Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Stories and Songs: Ages 18 months-5 years

Wednesdays at 10:15 am, Starting on January 5

Held indoors in the Library community room. Masks required for all patrons aged 3 and up.

A story time program for children ages 18 months to five years old and their caregivers. Siblings welcome. Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Take and Makes: Little Learners and School Age

Each month, the Library debuts four Take and Make activity kits: One for school age children, one for our littlest learners plus one for teens and one for adults. Reserve your kit online on our website and pick it up in person or curbside. Act fast; supplies are limited! Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Science Explorer Project Bags: Grades K-5

December 27, January 24, February 28

Pick up a take-home kit to explore a new science-related topic each month. Each kit will include information about that month's topic, plus at least two hands-on projects! Bags will be available on a first come, first serve basis starting on the scheduled date. No registration required.

DIY Days: For Families with Children in Grades 2-8

Select Saturdays at 3:00 pm
January 29, February 19, March 12

Held indoors in the Library community room. Masks required for all patrons aged 3 and up.

Children and families with children in grades 2-8 are invited to the children's room to create a different toy or game each month using common household objects. Siblings welcome. Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

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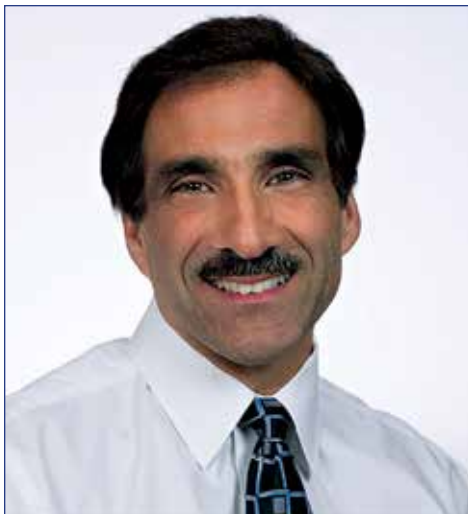
With each season comes the arrival of new businesses and celebration of vendors that have established a legacy in East Hampton and beyond. The East Hampton Economic Development Commission (EDC) was proud to spend a bright summer day recognizing Nelson's Family Campground. They are a signature part of the town's summer season in hosting thousands of visitors every year. In turn, they introduce visitors to our beautiful natural resources and help drive traffic to local stores.

Started in October, the EDC is trying out a new recognition program in commemorating establishments that have reached 50 years in business. This special recognition – Certificate of Excellence in Business – was first presented at the 50th anniversary celebration of Paul's & Sandy's Too in thanking them for their years of outstanding services, donations to local causes and organizing Pumpkintown USA, which attracts countless families every year.

Also, we presented a Certificate of Excellence in Business to All About Blinds in recognizing their 50 years in business and to remember the life of founder Sven Ramklint. Now managed by friend Jean Maheu, he is continuing Sven's legacy of high-quality customer service.

Finally, the EDC shined a spotlight on new businesses Belltown Therapeutic Massage and Wellness LLC in the Village Center and Two Brothers Cafe in Cobalt. We are excited to help spread the word about them and hear about the success they have received since opening.

The EDC looks forward to continuing to recognize and promote businesses throughout town. East Hampton businesses interested in self-nominating or residents interested in making a nomination can find the form on the EDC's webpage located on the Town of East Hampton website or email edc@easthamptonct.gov.



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East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department What Are They Up to Now ???

When residents see firefighters and fire apparatus around town in non-emergency situations, they are often curious (and sometimes skeptical) about the intentions, motivations and purposes of these varied activities. Firefighters may be observed placing and climbing ladders to the roof of a school building on a Sunday morning, or operating a truck parked by the side of a road pushing a geyser of water out of the deck gun on a Wednesday evening, or perhaps driving by the same place, in the same truck, forward and backward, over and over again on a Thursday night.



Regardless of the specific activity, they always seem to generate some interesting calls to the firehouse:

“I see fire trucks at the high school; can we still play tennis ???”

“Why are you guys spraying water back into the Cranberry Bog ???”

“Don’t you guys have better things to do than waste the town’s diesel fuel ???”

In reality, these observable activities are all training exercises designed to introduce and reinforce firefighting skills that are essential to executing safe and effective emergency operations. Firefighters need to know how

natural sources across the town for water supply. Water is drafted from these natural sources by fire apparatus either directly through suction hoses or through piping systems (“dry hydrants”) that need to be tested and metered for adequate flow on a regular basis. One of the department’s 37 dry hydrants is located at the Cranberry Bog...

Fire apparatus is big, heavy, and expensive and the EHVFD has a rigid and demanding process for training the driver-operators permitted to handle its vehicles. Hours of on-the-road practice with a certified instructor is required before the firefighter becomes eligible to undergo a practical examination

under the auspices of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Sometimes, several candidates are being trained at the same time, so that’s why people may see the same truck go by the same place several times within in a short period.

The photos shown were taken on a

recent Sunday morning and serve to illustrate the powers of perception. The casual observer will note that one photo shows three young guys holding a fire hose and the other photo shows two old guys playing with a truck. This scenario generated two

comments from passers-by: “Are you trying to drown Walnut Avenue?” and “You guys are blocking traffic for nothing...”

The reality: the first photo is of three 15-year-old EHVFD Junior Division firefighters being instructed on nozzle operation and hose advancement by one of the Junior Division Advisors and a past Deputy Fire Chief. This was the first time two of those three Juniors had ever operated a nozzle or handled a charged hose line. The other photo shows two “mature” firefighters training with a new style Tanker on drafting from a fast-flowing water source while simultaneously pumping water to the engine shown in the background. The Department is scheduled to receive two new tankers of similar configuration shortly whose operation differs significantly from the tankers currently in service. Not shown are the operator of the Engine receiving refresher pump training or the probationary firefighter training on operating the deck gun.

From Fire Chief Greg Voelker: “We realize that sometimes our training sessions can be misinterpreted by some and can cause some inconvenience to others. We try to limit the impact to the public as best we can, but it is important that we train in situations that are as realistic as possible and under conditions that are conducive to achieving our goals. We encourage people to ask questions about what we do, and we are always ready to respond.”



and where to properly deploy ladders for search and rescue, and also to gain access to roofs for ventilation — so they practice at the school buildings.

Lacking a hydrant system, East Hampton Volunteer firefighters rely on a network of

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Cozy Crafts: Grades 2-5

Select Wednesdays, 4:30 pm

Held indoors in the Library community room. Masks required for all patrons aged 3 and up.

Registration is required. Space is limited. Call the library or visit <https://easthamptonpubliclibrary.org> to register starting December 1. Please register for each event separately.

January 5: Weaving.

January 12: Pipe Cleaner & Pom Pom Coasters.

January 19: Knitting with Straws.

January 26: Fun with Felt.

STEMtastic: Grades 2-5

Select Wednesdays, 4:30 pm

Held indoors in the Library community room. Masks required for all patrons aged 3 and up.

Registration is required, and space is limited. Call the library or visit <https://easthamptonpubliclibrary.org> to register starting January 1. Please register for each event separately.

February 2: Circuits and Batteries - Discover circuits with Squishy Circuits and Littlebits, then make and take your own lemon battery.

February 9: Make It Move - Use sound, magnets, air, ramps, and more to discover new ways to make things move.

February 16: Coding Concepts - Learn the basics of computer coding by coding a LEGO maze, then going on a full-size coding treasure hunt!

February 23: Cardboard Castle Construction - Work as a team to design and build a castle out of cardboard boxes.

Monthly Scavenger Hunts

Held indoors in the Library children's room. Masks required for all patrons aged 3 and up.

Challenge yourself to figure out the riddles and find all the pictures hidden around the children's department. A new hunt starts at the beginning of each month.

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 5

Held indoors in the Library community room. Masks required for all patrons aged 3 and up.

Mark your calendars! Celebrate the library and all that it has to offer!

TEEN PROGRAMS

Dungeons & Dragons: Grades 8 - 12

Select Wednesdays at 5:30 - 7:30 pm

January 19, February 2, 16, March 2, 16, 30

Held in person at the East Hampton Public Library. Masks required for all patrons aged 3 and up.

We will provide basic, fifth edition, level two characters; all supplies included! Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

New! Pre-Teen Advisory Board: Grades 6-8

Select Tuesdays, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

January 25, February 15, March 29

Held in person at the East Hampton Public Library. Masks required for all patrons aged 3 and up.

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

Teen Advisory Board: Grades 9-12

Select Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

January 16, February 23, April 27

Held in person at the East Hampton Public Library. Masks required for all patrons aged 3 and up.

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

Switch Game Tournament: Grades 6 - 12

Select Saturdays at 2:00 pm

January 15, February 5, March 5

Held in person at the East Hampton Public Library. Masks required for all patrons aged 3 and up.

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East Hampton Police Department



The East Hampton Police Department recently participated in the annual Trunk or Treat, sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, on October 28, 2021. The event was a huge success and this picture shows Officer Steven Wawruck handing out candy to the kids.

The Town of East Hampton recently purchased a Variable Message Sign (VMS) which the Department is putting to good use. We have used it to notify motorists to slow down and be aware of pedestrians in crosswalks, obey the speed limits, don't drink and drive, don't text and drive and don't forget to vote on November 2nd.

As the colder weather approaches, so does the possibility of snow and ice on our roadways. Please allow extra driving time during inclement weather and allow extra space between the car in front of you as your stopping distance is increased when the roads are covered with snow and ice. Please don't forget to clear ALL the snow off your car, including the roof, as motorists can receive a fine for failure to clean the snow off their vehicles. Snow flying off a vehicle can cause damage to other vehicles following behind.

Residents should be aware of potential scams, either by phone or mail, if it sounds too good to be true it probably is. Whether it is the IRS, Eversource or a bank, NEVER give out any personal information over the phone. When in doubt obtain a call back number from the caller and contact the police, we will assist you in determining if the caller is legitimate.

Please don't forget to lock your car, take the keys with you and secure your valuables. Your car should be locked even when it is in your garage. Do not leave your car running and unattended for even a minute. That's all the time it takes for someone to steal your car.

The members of the East Hampton Police Department want to wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season.

Join us for a Nintendo switch game tournament! We might be playing MarioKart or Super Smash or something else! All skill levels welcome! Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Teen Friday: Grades 6 - 12

Select Fridays at 3:00 pm
January 7, February 4, March 11

Held in person at the East Hampton Public Library. Masks required for all patrons aged 3 and up.

Kick back and relax and start your weekend off right. Join us for fun crafts, games and more! Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Fandom Monday: Grades 6 - 12

Select Mondays at 5:30 pm
January 10, February 14, March 21

Held in person at the East Hampton Public Library. Masks required for all patrons aged 3 and up.

Are you a Marvel Fan? BTS fan? Disney Fan? We'll have a different activity each week focused on either a popular movie or music genre! Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Teen Take and Makes: Grades 6 - 12

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

Book Club

Third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm

Held in person at the East Hampton Public Library. Masks required for all patrons aged 3 and up.

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

Cookbook Club

First Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm starting in March

Held in person at the East Hampton Public Library. Masks required for all patrons aged 3 and up.

We are bringing back Cookbook Club starting in March! 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. Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Author Event! Marty Podskoch, author of Rhode Island 39 Club

Tuesday, February 22 at 6:30 pm

Held in person at the East Hampton Public Library. Masks required for all patrons aged 3 and up.

Author, historian, and local resident Marty Podskoch will be giving a presentation about his latest book Rhode Island 39 Club: Your Passport & Guide to Exploring Rhode Island. This travel book encourages people to visit all of the towns and villages. Travelers can journal about their experiences and get the book stamped or signed by a resident or business! Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

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We look forward to seeing you soon and don't forget to PAINT THE TOWN RED!



Office of the Collector of Revenue

The Collector of Revenue would like to remind taxpayers that the second installment of real estate and personal property tax becomes due and payable on January 1, 2022 and is delinquent after February 1, 2022. There is not a second mailing, but you may print a duplicate bill by visiting www.easthamptonct.gov.

Supplemental motor vehicle tax bills will be mailed in December for any vehicle registered after October 1, 2020 and before August 1, 2021. Supplemental motor vehicle tax bills are due by February 1, 2022.

If you are looking to view or print your 2021 IRS payment records please visit our website at www.easthamptonct.gov go to pay bills online, tax payments and choose IRS Payment Records for Year 2021.

East Hampton Town Directory

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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.....	860-202-5308	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
Housing Authority	860-267-8498	Youth & Family/Social Services.....	860-267-9982
Human Resources	860-267-4468		

Office of the Assessor

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Connecticut General Statute 12-40, all persons who are liable to pay taxes on tangible personal property belonging to them on October 1, 2021 are hereby notified that they must file a declaration of their personal property on or before November 1, 2021, with the Assessor, or be subject to an estimated assessment and the statutory 25% penalty. Various exemptions are explained on the declaration and available if filed on time.

Personal property includes, but is not limited to, non-CT registered motor vehicles, unregistered motor vehicles (including junk autos), campers, all business machinery, equipment, tools, commercial furniture and fixtures.

No declaration is required for motor vehicles registered in east hampton, ct

No declaration is required for real estate

The filing deadlines for various exemptions and classifications are as follows:

PUBLIC ACT 490

All applications for classification of farm or forestland must be received by October 31, 2021.

VETERANS

Veterans claiming disability exemption must submit proof from the Veterans Administration. PA 85-573 allows veterans an additional exemption if their income is within the approved limits. This application must be filed by October 1 bi-annually.

DISABILITY

Persons totally disabled receiving SSD benefits may be eligible for a \$1000 property exemption. Proof of award and application must be submitted by January 31, 2022.

HOMEOWNERS & TOTALLY DISABLED

Residents 65 years of age or totally disabled may be eligible for a tax credit on real estate; income guidelines apply and are adjusted each year. You must request an application in February 2022 and file it on or before May 15, 2022.

RENTERS REBATE

Residents 65 years of age or totally disabled may be eligible for a rent rebate under CT State law; income guidelines apply and are adjusted each year. Applications will be available April 1, 2022 and must be filed on or before October 1, 2022 with the Assessor's Office.

The Assessor's Office is open to receive the above lists and applications 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.

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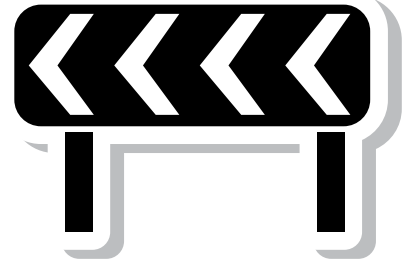
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Public Works Department

As the 2021 construction season winds down, winter preparation work for the Public Works Department is in full swing. Department staff has begun to prepare and calibrate winter maintenance equipment to ensure it is ready when needed throughout the winter season. In the upcoming weeks, additional winter preparations will include filling potholes, performing gravel road maintenance, tree work and roadside ditch clearing.



This past construction season has been very busy and successful. Along with the normal road and fleet maintenance operations, the Public Works Department has completed nearly 4.5 miles of pavement surface restoration, along with a

major drainage project on Edgerton Street in preparation for reconstruction and paving this coming spring. The Department also completed some other smaller drainage projects at Ridgeview Drive and Navajo Trail. Additionally, crews from Indus Inc.



have completed crack sealing operations on Hog Hill Road, Hurd Park Road, Haddam Neck Road, Carriage Drive and Emily

Lane. Crack sealing is an important

pavement preservation technique that prevents water from seeping into the pavement structure causing premature failure.

The Town Recycling Center is fully open and accepting normal recycling materials, brush, and leaves. The hours of the recycling center are Saturdays 7:30 am to 3:00 pm.

With winter knocking at our doorstep, the Public Works department would also like to ask all residents for their assistance in keeping all Town roads/rights-of-way clear of obstructions and vehicles during snow clearing operations. Keeping these areas clear greatly speeds our efforts and enables the department to get roads clear for motorists as quickly as possible. Garbage and recycling carts/containers should be kept behind the curb/edge of road, and alternate off-street parking locations should be utilized during snow removal operations. Additionally, residents should not deposit snow onto any Town road or property.

If there are questions, please call the Public Works Department, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm at 860-267-4747.



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Land Use Department

The Land Use Department acquired grant funding to hire a summer intern during the 2021 summer. With the help of a recent graduate from the Planning Program at Central CT State University, the department conducted public meetings and forums and developed a Village Center Plan. The plan focuses on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements for the Village Center in order to make the area more walkable, bikeable, and enjoyable for residents and visitors alike. There were several well attended meetings held with business owners, property owners, and the community as a whole. Recommendations include, but are not limited to, changing the configuration of sidewalks and intersections to better facilitate pedestrian traffic and improve safety, increase signage to better point

patrons toward businesses, and more trash cans, benches, and other amenities. For those interested, the entire plan is available on the Land Use Department webpage.

The Planning and Zoning Commission, along with the Economic Development Commission held several workshops during the summer months to draft new proposed Home-Based Business regulations, which for the first time since 1990, would legally allow residents to operate certain small businesses from their home. As drafted, certain businesses would not require any permitting and would be allowed to operate “as-of-right.” Others would require approval from the Land Use Office prior to beginning operation. A final draft was sent to the Planning and Zoning Commission for adoption. It is anticipated that a Public Hearing will

open at their January 5, 2022 meeting to hear public comment on the proposal. This is a big step in aligning our regulations with all of our neighboring towns when it comes to allowing certain types of businesses to operate out of homes.

Several new businesses were approved over the summer months, including a new brewery at 201 West High Street, a new indoor storage facility at the old Sports on 66 facility, and a new gas station next to Cheers Package Store.

Finally, it is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Christine Castonguay, our long time Zoning Technician, after a courageous health battle. Christine served the public with a smile and brought joy to our office every day. She will be sorely missed.

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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
860-781-0209 - Center School location
(if in use)

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.

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

FREQUENTLY REQUESTED INFORMATION:

EAST HAMPTON LITTLE LEAGUE

- www.easthamptonlittleleague.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

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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

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Email Soccer Club for tryout information

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Contact: Elizabeth Namen 860-365-0337

For Current Programs:



Fall and Winter Programming

Fall and Winter programming is 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 fall and winter seasons. Check out our website for all programs.

Registration & Program Information

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

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

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

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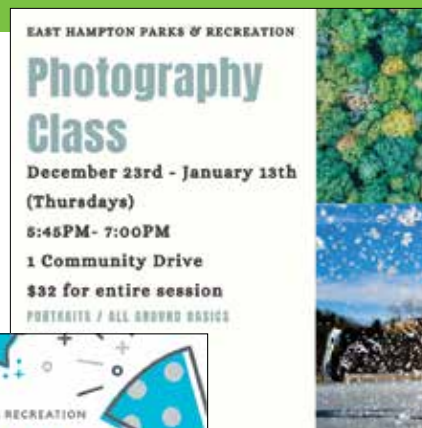
If you are unable to attend a program you have registered for, please contact us. You must contact us 7 days before a program starts to receive a 100% refund. Cancellations inside of 7 days

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 and 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 6:00PM 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-8:30 am and 3:00 pm-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 or call the office at 860-267-7300.



East Hampton Social Services/Youth & Family Services

The Social Services/Youth & Family Services office has been exploring ways to create safe spaces for clients to express their emotions and fears during what is undoubtedly the worst public health crisis in modern history. In a partnership with Epoch Arts, the department is undergoing an office-wide make over exploring the connection between art and mental health. For some, art may be the only way of expressing emotions when the words don't come. Identifying and sharing frightening, overwhelming emotions associated with high levels of anxiety, trauma, and emotional dysregulation may feel safer for a child through painting or another art medium.

Elizabeth and Rachel from Epoch Arts have been deftly overseeing the amazing creativity of those young people who signed up and agreed to spruce up our suite. Sticking to themes of mental health and well-being, along with our mission to create a safe, diverse environment for anyone using our services, the entire Social Service suite, including all its therapy rooms, will be designed by East Hampton youth. Staff can't



wait to invite those artists, along with their families and the community in to see the final product. It's going to be amazing, so stay tuned!

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Please contact Christine at (860) 267-4468 ext. 3208 to coordinate your 2021/2022 winter energy assistance application to apply for this program. We are still following COVID precautions, and the application process is being conducted mainly over the phone. Processing by CRT may take up to 45 business days, so please factor that in when planning. This program is to assist with your primary heating source, and any funds that

you qualify for become available for use starting in November. Please call/email (cwiesner@easthamptonct.gov) to acquire the list of required documents needed to determine your eligibility. Do not wait until you are out of fuel! In the event you are approved for energy assistance, and are in need of a delivery, you must request your delivery 5-7 business days before you will be in need of the fuel. This ensures enough time for the order to get to your approved vendor and for them to deliver to your home in a timely manner.

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.

Eversource: If you are struggling to keep up with your electric bill, contact us and we can help determine what options may be available for your household.

Residents who are struggling financially, short-term or long-term are encouraged to contact Social Services to discuss resources and options that may be available.

We recommend residents contact us as soon as they feel a need. All information disclosed is handled with confidentiality.

HOLIDAY GIVING

The season of giving is upon us! Contact Christine at (860) 267-4468, ext. 3208/cwiesner@easthamptonct.gov if you are interested in finding out how you may be able to help families in our community or if you would like to be considered as a recipient.

Do you have a young child who is in need of a winter coat and/or snowsuit? Please call/email Christine indicating what size you are in need of. Various sizes/styles were donated to our office.



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 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 to get more information if you'd like to participate.

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Cabin Fever Series:

Held in person at the East Hampton Public Library. Masks required for all patrons aged 3 and up.

East Hampton Trivia Afternoon

Saturday, December 18 at 1:00 pm

Join the Chatham Historical Society for an afternoon of East Hampton-themed trivia. Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Author Event! Caryn B. Davis, author and photographer of Connecticut Waters: A Celebration of Our Coastline & Waterways

Saturday, January 8 at 1:00 pm

Join the Chatham Historical Society in welcoming author and photographer Caryn B. Davis to discuss her newly published second photography book Connecticut Waters: A Celebration of Our Coastline & Waterways. Connecticut Waters takes readers on a nautical journey exploring the ways we use our waterways and shores for industry, education, and recreation. This book showcases how these waterways have shaped our culture as a state. Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Author Event! Walt Woodward, author of Creating Connecticut: Critical Stories that Helped Shape a Great State

Saturday, February 12 at 1:00 pm

State historian and author Walt Woodward will be joining us for an afternoon to discuss his latest book Creating Connecticut. He will help us understand how people and events in Connecticut's past played crucial roles in forming the culture and character of Connecticut today. Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Interviews from Residents about East Hampton

Saturday, March 12 at 1:00 pm

The final program in the Cabin Fever series will be interviews from residents about East Hampton. Hear from Katie Morris, Donna Marston and Whitney Fielding about their early family life in East Hampton, their school experiences, their first jobs, early businesses in town and how life has changed from then until now. Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

Adult Take & Makes

Once a month we'll have a take-home craft activity kit just for adults! Pre-registration begins the first of every month. Act fast; supplies are limited! Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

CURBSIDE PICKUP

The Library offers 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 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. Call us with questions at 860-267-6621.

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NEW ITEMS FOR CHECKOUT!

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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.

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Hotspots Now Available

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- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

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



SCSU Baseball Coach Tim Shea - From a baseball dream to a baseball dream job... by Sigrid Kun

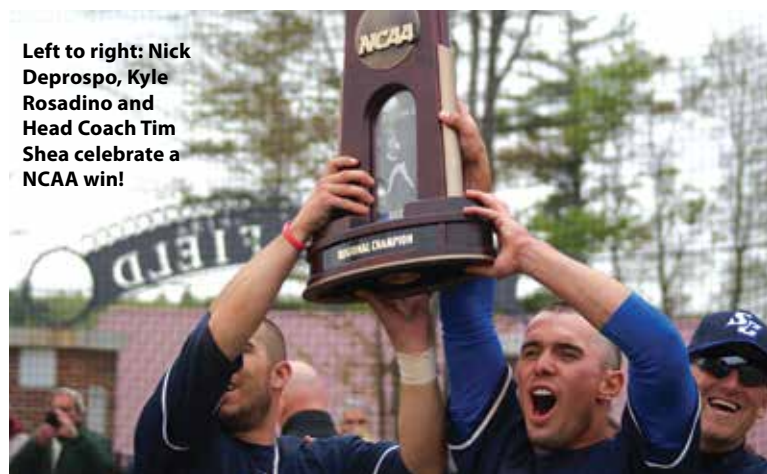
Like for so many kids, Tim Shea had the dream - the lure of being a major league baseball player. While the West Haven Little Leaguer didn't get to the MLB, he's found his baseball home as head baseball coach at Southern Connecticut State University.

SOME THINGS ARE JUST MEANT TO BE....

Coach Shea and SCSU simply go together. But SCSU was never in the plans. Shea was recruited by UCONN as a student athlete - following in his big brother's footsteps. It was the Big East, with annual College World Series opportunities. The perfect fit.

"I left before the first workout," recounts Shea. Home sick and feeling lost on a large campus, Shea was thinking UNH. Then, Shea experienced one of the most influential conversations of his life. Two simple questions from Joe Tonelli, Shea's former athletic director at Notre Dame HS and assistant coach at UNH. 'Why do you want to go to UNH?' Shea's simple answer - great baseball program.

'What do you want to study and what profession do you want after playing?' After some thought Shea's reply was possibly a teacher and a coach. Shea recalls an unforgettable response. "Then why the hell do you want to go to UNH? Right up the road is Southern. They have exactly what you are looking for!"



Left to right: Nick Deprospro, Kyle Rosadino and Head Coach Tim Shea celebrate a NCAA win!

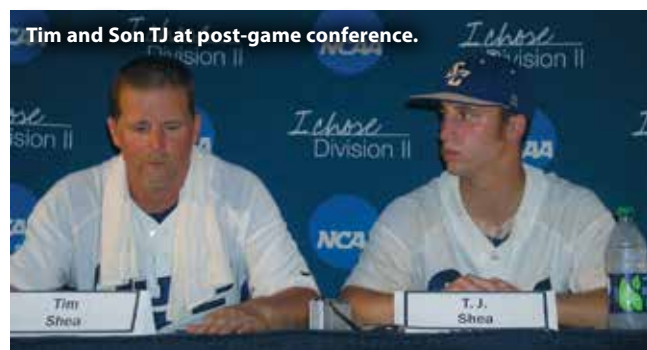
Shea blossomed as a SCSU student athlete. The two-year captain led the nation in doubles per game in 1987, his senior year. He was team MVP in 1985 and Second-Team All-Conference in 1986. He secured a degree in Special Education, a teaching job and coached football and baseball at NDHS before arriving back at SCSU in 1991 as an assistant and becoming head coach in 2001. Over his 32-year tenure coaching the Owls, there are six NCAA Tournament appearances and two NCAA World Series berths. Shea is a three-time Northeast 10 Conference Coach of the Year and a three-time Northeast Regional Coach of the Year. He's had 8 seasons of 30 or more wins. On May 1, 2019 he captured his 467th victory to become the winningest coach in program history.

KEYS TO SUCCESS

While there are so many analytics (spin ratios, launch angles), Shea trusts his eyes when determining whether a player has what it takes or not. Along with skill set, Shea looks for intangibles like being willing to sacrifice, accountability, dedication,

determination and mental toughness. From there, he gets to know his players and what makes them tick. "The more you know a player, the better suited you are to motivate them and help them reach their full potential," he explains. Having effective practices requires strong time management skills. Structure and discipline are necessary so that players respond as expected in tough situations.

The players hold a special place in Shea's heart, not just accomplishments on the field but also in their professional and family lives. Many are married, have children. They are police officer, firemen, teachers, coaches, businessmen, and even a Navy Seal. "I'm so proud of each and every one of them," Shea underscores.



THE LOVE OF BASEBALL / FAMILY

Shea's love of baseball derives from his family. His mother and father encouraged him to play sports. "My Dad was not only the absolute best father one could ask for, he was also the best coach," reflects Shea. Shea tagged along with his brother to play in sand lot games. Playing baseball with the older kids showed Shea that he could compete.

Family is still central to Shea - from walking the dog with his wife, golfing with his son, playing dominoes with his wife, mother, mother and father-in-law ... or, his favorite, playing with his two granddaughters. And there's that memorable moment in his coaching career. "Slapping my son TJ's hands as he rounded third base after hitting a game tying 3-run homerun at the College World Series," he relates. "And then, later that evening, sharing the stage with him at the post-game conference and hear him deflect all the praise for his performance to the play and comradery of his teammates. I was not just a proud coach but also a proud father. It doesn't get any better than that!"

WHAT KEEPS HIM GOING?

There are two things. "One is my players," Shea says. "I just love that I am able to be a small part of their lives. Helping them to reach their full potential on and off the field. The second thing that keeps me going is the chase. I tell my players every day: 'Chase perfection to catch excellence.' I love the chase, the process, the journey. Trying to get better every day so that at the end of a season something magical might happen."

Education Initiatives in Connecticut

Across the state of Connecticut, administrators, teachers and students are well underway with their lesson plans for the 2021 school year. While educators are accustomed to teaching their students language arts, history, math and science, another important discussion to have with younger generations in the classroom is energy efficiency. Throughout the years, Eversource has provided educational programming to hundreds of schools across the state, cultivating positive energy behaviors and ensuring students know ways they can make a positive impact on the planet. Eversource, an Energize ConnecticutSM sponsor, offers eesmarts[™], Green STEP and Home Energy Challenges to encourage students and parents to make changes in their everyday lives, leaving a healthy planet for generations to come.

eesmarts[™] consists of an annual contest, professional development workshops for educators, energy efficiency lessons for students, and resources for parents. The popular eesmarts[™] annual student contest asks students to answer grade level-specific prompts, like a poster or a public service announcement. This year, more than 244 students across the state submitted entries and we hope to continue increasing participation each year. James Waters of Mystic, who attends St. Bernard School in Montville, was the first-place winner for sixth grade and wrote a persuasive speech about how the state can become more energy efficient. When asked about the contest, he said, "I learned that helping save the environment with clean sources and renewable energy is very important." Second-place winner for Kindergarten, Raegan Phanavong of New Britain created a drawing and she said, "Mr. K (art teacher) gave clues on recycling. So, I drew Daddy recycling and I turned off the lights in the morning that we used at night." Winners of the competition received a box in the mail from Eversource with their certificate, an eesmarts[™] water bottle, energy-efficient night light and an Amazon gift card. Look for details about the next student contest in early 2022.

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Eversource also offers the Home Energy Challenge. The Home Energy Challenge was created in 2020 by Eversource, because of at-home schooling becoming commonplace across the nation. It was designed to provide families across Eversource's service territories at-home energy conservation projects that educate students and their families. Between May 2020 and August 2021, Eversource

provided four unique topics – insulation, home energy conservation, LED lighting and energy transformation – and had nearly 2,700 participants across CT, MA and NH.

The current education programs offered by Eversource, through Energize CTSM, and new programs that will come to life, aim to educate our communities on actions they can take to make our planet thrive for years to come. Teaching about renewable energy and energy efficiency now will help equip younger generations in the future. We hope to be giving students a foundation to keep innovating, learning and practicing ways to combat climate change. For more information on how to get involved in Eversource's energy efficiency education offerings, please visit www.eversource.com.



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