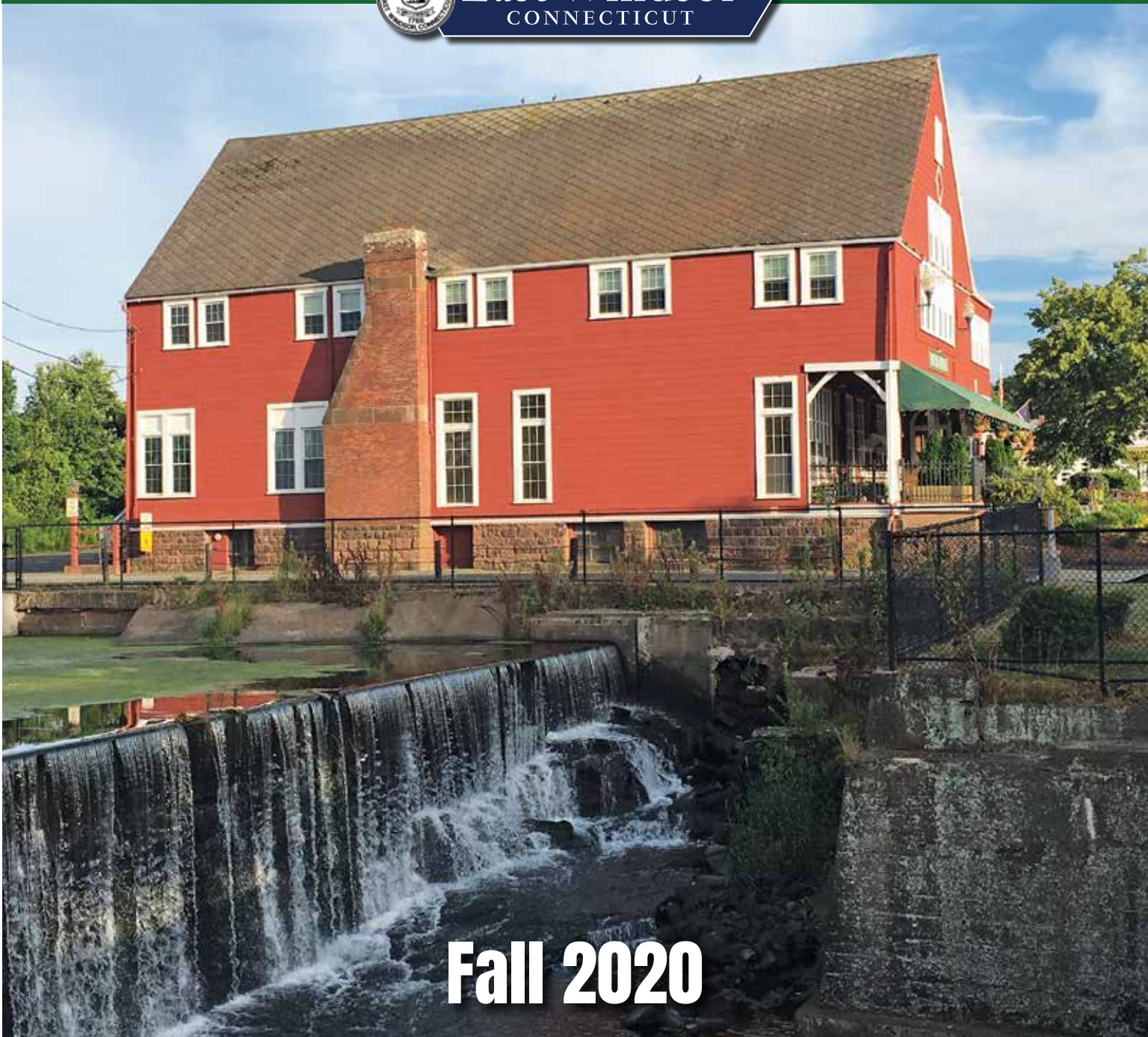


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Fall 2020

East Windsor is about to welcome a significant new business to town, and we're excited about all the prospects that this brings. In April, the Board of Selectmen entered into a tax stabilization agreement with Gravel Pit Solar I, II and III, to develop the largest grid-scale solar development in New England. Gravel Pit Solar I, II and III are affiliates of D.E. Shaw Renewable Investments (DESRI), a leading company in the renewable energy sector. The project is being developed by DESRI and their strategic partner North Light Energy, a New England based renewable energy development group.

The nearly 700-acre project, which is to be built on excavated gravel pits, some undisturbed land, and some land used for tobacco farming, is an environmentally sustainable way of generating enough power for the electrical grid to power 12,000 homes. The developers have developed an internet-based open house website so that anyone interested in the project can learn more. That can be found at their website: <https://www.gravelpitsolar.com>.

The project and ensuing partnership with the Town are exciting for several reasons. First, once fully built out, the development will be the largest taxpayer in Town, and the stabilization agreement ensures that the Town will receive more than \$9 million over a twenty-year period.

Secondly, hosting an environmentally friendly development of this scale enforces East Windsor's commitment to clean, renewable energy that has significantly less negative impact on our planet.

Thirdly, siting this project on the locations that have been selected will significantly reduce the attractive nuisance that the gravel pits have been for many years. Every year the Town has had to try to curtail trespassing, illegal ATV use, unsanctioned parties and other unwanted activities, often after complaints from the property owners. Not only will this project mitigate that, but it should lead to increased quality of life for surrounding property owners.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the partnership between the Town and Gravel Pit Solar is a testament to the notion that East Windsor is a community that is open for business, and that we want to see meaningful economic development occur in a way that meets the goals outlined in our Plan of Conservation and Development, and that we will work with businesses to welcome them to our town.

This is a great win for East Windsor, and hopefully will be the start of great things to come!

Jason E. Bawza, First Selectman

East Windsor Parks & Recreation

Office Info & Hours:

25 School Street, East Windsor CT 06088

Monday-Wednesday: 8:30am-4:30pm

Thursday: 8:30am-7:00pm

Friday: 8:30am-1:00pm

Mailing Address: 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT 06016

Registration Website: www.EastWindsorRec.com

Recreation Staff:

Director of Recreation & Community Services:

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Recreation Lead:

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Irene Mosher, imosher@eastwindsorct.com

Office/Program Assistant:

Debbie Williams, dwilliams@eastwindsorct.com

General Info

Age Requirement:

For programs with age requirements, children must meet the minimum age before the program starts.

Inclement Weather:

Program cancellations due to inclement weather are announced via email blasts through the Recreation Department's registration system as well as posted on our Facebook page. We also broadcast on Channel 3's Early Warning Announcement system. For programs located within the schools, we follow the school's weather cancellations.

Program Scholarships:

Those requiring assistance to participate in programs may speak with the Director regarding financial assistance and scholarship opportunities.

Registration Info

Mail-In:

Registrations are accepted on a first come-first serve basis. Printable registration forms are available at www.EastWindsorRec.com. Paper copies are also available in the Parks & Recreation Office and Town Hall.

Mail your completed form with payment to:

East Windsor Parks & Recreation

11 Rye Street

Broad Brook, CT 06016

Consider yourself registered if you do not hear from us.

Drop-Boxes:

Drop-Boxes are conveniently located at four locations around town in which to place registrations and payments. Drop Boxes are locked and checked frequently by Parks & Recreation Staff. Locations are as follows

Broad Brook School – Outside of Main Office

East Windsor Middle School – Outside of Main Office

Town Hall – Outside Main Entrance

Police Station – Inside Lobby

Online:

Conveniently register for most programs at www.EastWindsorRec.com. Upon registering for the first time, create a family account prior to registering for programs.

After registration, you will immediately receive an email confirmation.

Payment:

Payment in full must be accepted before registration is considered valid. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards.

Refund Policy:

No refunds will be given after a program begins unless extenuating circumstances prevent you from participating in the program. The Director of Recreation and Community Services has final say in all matters concerning refunds.

We encourage early registration because often we are forced to cancel programs if a minimum enrollment number is not reached prior to the start of class.

Keep an eye out for information on our Summer Programs coming soon!

Check our website or Facebook page for updated programming.

MUNIS

In town government, we are always striving to increase transparency. To that end, the Treasurer's office has worked diligently to implement a new financial management system software named **MUNIS**. This new software will enable staff to have access to real time financial information beneficial for the management of their operations, grants and capital projects and allow for transparency of financial transactions of the Town. This will be highly valuable through budget season, as the budget will be readily available at all stages of the budget process including breakdown by department and type of expense.

MUNIS will also be instrumental in streamlining methods and procedures used by the Town's financial departments. For example, enabling remote deposit capture for deposits will decrease the

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The East Windsor Public Schools

East Windsor Schools continue to flourish amid challenges of Covid

The East Windsor Public Schools leadership team and Board of Education continue to work collaboratively and as efficiently as possible to develop a plan for opening school this fall.

The challenge for school officials is to build what amounts to a new educational model "on the fly" while still providing instruction to students "remotely" this spring. Superintendent Christine DeBarge said school officials are examining all options. "We also recognize the needs of all students for additional support in terms of social and emotional wellbeing, of stress, anxiety," she said. "These are significant issues for young people."

Meanwhile, in the schools...

At East Windsor High School

64% of the Class of 2020 has committed to going to college. Students are headed to Tufts University, Fordham University, UCONN, Keene State College, University of Tampa, and University of North Carolina – Wilmington, among others. Students were awarded more than \$50,000 in scholarships and awards.

This past spring, teachers continued to provide students with face to face instruction through platforms like Zoom and Microsoft Teams, while posting assignments on the portal. Paraprofessionals are reaching out to families and assisting students with any technology issues and supporting them with their work. To that end, 50 students successfully took 73 Advanced Placement assessments through their distance platform this year.

Graduation was held on June 18 with a car parade past all three schools. Then a video of all of our graduates receiving their diplomas was shared at 7:30 pm on June 18. Allison Anderson, High School Principal, Barbara Kaminsky, High School Assistant Principal, along with Sharon Whalen and Nicole Walker, our two school counselors, drove to the home of each graduate and safely presented each with a balloon and small care package to show how much our graduates mean to EWHS.

At Broad Brook Elementary School

63 students had one or fewer absences between September 4th and March 13th.

Students and teachers actively embraced online learning. The students and staff averaged over 6,000 posts a week on Seesaw, the BSB online learning platform. Students are learning and completing grade level curriculum. Fourth grade held a virtual field trip to Mystic Seaport on May 27th and Ms. Daniele, the PE teacher, led "One School Together at Home – ACES (All Children Exercise Simultaneously) Day on May 22nd.

The school closed the year with our annual traditions of step up day, where students meet their next year's teacher and class and awards ceremony. At the awards ceremony two students from each class received the American Citizenship Award. Fourth graders who scored in the top 10% of their class on the February administration of STAR received the President's Award for Educational Excellence and those who demonstrated outstanding achievement received the President's Award for Educational Achievement.

At East Windsor Middle School

17 students had perfect attendance. Teachers and students held Zoom meetings and used Office 365 Team Meetings to hold lively class discussions. The Student Council hosted (virtually) the 2nd Annual EWMS Art Show. The 5th-grade teachers put together a virtual field trip to Mount Vernon in April. Students and staff have been recording themselves and posting morning announcements daily. EWMS held its end of the year awards ceremony for 5th, 6th and 7th grades, 8th grade had a promotion ceremony. Students were recognized for the following awards at the end of the year award ceremony: Honors for the first three quarters, Citizenship Award, Outstanding Students Awards, and Academic Awards by subject area.

Registering this fall?

While schools and offices are closed during the COVID-19 pandemic, you are still able to register your Kindergarten student remotely. Please visit our website at www.eastwindsork12.org for instructions and contact information.

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Recycling is every other week.

Recycling Collected on White Week

Holidays Observed - No Collection

Collection schedule is delayed one day after the holiday for the remainder of the week.

The delay does not extend into the week after a holiday.

Wednesday, January 1st, **New Years Day**

Monday, May 25th, **Memorial Day**

Monday, September 7th, **Labor Day**

Thursday, November 26th, **Thanksgiving**

Friday, December 25th, **Christmas**

Friday, January 1st, 2021, **New Years Day**

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East Windsor Mattress Recycling Program

We are pleased to announce our mattress collection site at the Department of Public Works at 6 Woolam Rd.
Between the hours of 7:30 am and 3:00 pm | Monday thru Friday only | (860) 292-7073

This program is for East Windsor Residents Only
Residents must stop in DPW Office prior to unloading

This program is provided by the Mattress Recycling Council of CT at no cost to the Town.

We are unable to accept heavily damaged, wet, twisted, frozen or soiled mattresses nor any mattresses that have bed bugs in them.

Also, we DO NOT accept the following: Mattress pads or toppers, sleeping bags, pillows, car beds, juvenile products such as carriages, baskets, bassinets, dressing tables, strollers and playpens or their pads, infant carriers, lounge pads, crib bumpers, water beds or camping air mattresses, fold out sofa beds, futon mattresses or furniture.



EAST WINDSOR ELECTRONIC WASTE PROGRAM

Public Works Department, 6 Woolam Road, East Windsor | 860.292.7073 | Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Computer Items

Laptops
Monitors
Peripherals (wires, mice, cables, other computer components)
Mainframes
Modems/Routers/Switches/Hubs

Office

Copiers
Scanners
Fax Machines
Printers
Toner & Inkjet Cartridges



Kitchen

Small appliances
Refrigerators & Freezers
Microwaves
Vacuum Cleaners

Entertainment

DVD & CD Players
iPods/Walkmen/PDAS
Stereos & Radios
Televisions & VCRs
Video Games & Consoles

Other

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Air Conditioners
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Fluorescent Bulbs and Tubes



Items NOT Accepted

Car Batteries
Battery operated toys
Smoke Detectors
Hazardous Liquids (motor oil, oil paint)
Propane Tanks
Stoves
Washer/Dryers
Dishwashers



For further information, please visit: **CT DEEP Recycling Information at:**

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Waste-Management-and-Disposal/What-Do-I-Do-With>

Mobile Foodshare Locations Around East Windsor 2020

	St. Catherine Church	Ellington LDS Church	Wapping Community Church	St. Robert Bellarmine Church
	6 Windsorville Road	2 Maple Street	1790 Ellington Rd	52 South Elm St
	Broad Brook	Ellington	South Windsor	Windsor Locks
	Every other Friday 1:00 – 1:30 P.M.	Every other Thursday 9:00 - 9:30 A.M.	Every other Thursday 11:30 A.M-12:00 P.M.	Every other Friday 9:00-9:30 A.M.
April	3, 17	9, 23	2, 16, 30	3, 17
May	1, 15, 29	7, 21	14, 28	1, 15, 29
June	12, 26	4, 18	11, 25	12, 26
July	10, 24	2, 16, 30	9, 23	10, 24
August	7, 21	13, 27	6, 20	7, 21
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Mobile Foodshare

brings perishable foods including fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy, meat, and bread directly to people in need.

This service is available to everyone 16 years and older. Truck visits each site every two weeks. No identification needed.

Please remember to bring your own bags

For the entire Mobile Foodshare schedule visit:

www.Foodshare.org – Find Help – Mobile Foodshare

To check for cancellations visit our website or call 860-856-4321

If schools are canceled due to weather, Mobile Foodshare is canceled.

Mobile Texting

Text **FOODSHARE** to **85511** to receive the mobile schedule and cancellations alerts directly on your phone.

Created by the East Windsor Hunger Action Team January 2020

EWCF Seeks Youth Applicants to the Advisory Committee

The Town of East Windsor has a new, dynamic civic opportunity, one that incorporates grant funds for programs and citizen participation. In 2019, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving established \$100,000 community funds for each of the 29 towns in the Foundation's region, including East Windsor. The purpose of the community funds is to support residents in taking ownership around the needs in their towns and encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement.

An advisory committee of East Windsor residents has recently formed to play a lead role in deciding how East Windsor's funds will be used. This advisory committee will identify community needs and design a grant-making process aimed at ensuring that the community funds can have the greatest impact for the benefit of town residents.

The Advisory Committee seeks to add student/youth members to the committee to serve a minimum of one year. All East Windsor residents who are students or young adults, between the ages of 14 and 25 are eligible to apply.

To apply to serve on the East Windsor's Community Fund Advisory Committee, please complete the form at www.hfpg.org/eastwindsorcf and email to ewcommunityfund@gmail.com. The application deadline is August 15.



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actual transactions that need to be made at the Bank branch and implementing an automated process with the tax system Quality Data Services (QDS) for capturing tax payments through MUNIS. The Treasurer has also created a Capital Improvement Project Analysis to assist with long range planning.

These innovations are put in place to help move East Windsor forward to a brighter and more efficient future.

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Abby's Helping Hand



Abby's Helping Hand is a small non-profit organization in East Windsor. Its mission is to improve the quality of life for those impacted by chronic disease through support, education and research. It has been in existence for 8 years and has helped hundreds of families in East Windsor and surrounding communities.

During the month of May, Abby's Helping Hand delivered care packages to health care providers of various facilities to show our appreciation for their bravery and hard work throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Deliveries were made to Crestfield Rehabilitation, Fresh River and Touchpoint Nursing Homes, CT Children's Hospital and St. Francis Labor and Delivery and OB/GYN Women's Center. We want to thank all the healthcare providers, first responders and essential workers who helped keep our community safe throughout this unprecedented time.

Abby's Helping Hand also gave scholarships to 2020 graduates who are attending 4-year colleges and pursuing careers in either the education or medical fields. Scholarships were given to the following East Windsor residents:

- Elizabeth Kita graduated from Metropolitan Learning Center. She will be attending Southern Connecticut University and majoring in Spanish Secondary Education
- Darby Ritchie graduated from East Windsor High School.

- She will be attending the University of Connecticut and majoring in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences
- Ryan Bell graduated from East Windsor High School. He will be attending the University of Connecticut and majoring in Biomedical Engineering

Good luck and best wishes to all our 2020 graduates!

You can learn more about Abby's Helping Hand and stories of families we have helped at www.abbyshelpinghand.com



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East Windsor Police Department

The East Windsor Police Department (EWPD) announced the return of the K9 Program in November of 2019. This was made possible largely due to a \$38,000 federal grant from the Justice Assistance Program. The grant allowed EWPD to purchase a police vehicle outfitted specifically for K9 use. In addition to normal equipment in a police vehicle, the K9 vehicle includes an area specifically designed for the K9, a temperature monitoring device to keep the K9 cool and an electronic door popping device that allows the K9 to be quickly deployed.

Officer Adam Mitchell, who has worked for EWPD since 2015, is EWPD's K9 Handler. Officer Mitchell's partner is K9 Mylo. K9 Mylo is a two-year-old German Shepherd Dog who was born in Germany. Officer Mitchell used the name "Mylo", which was the name K9 Mylo was given at birth in Germany. The name "Mylo" comes from Latin and German origins and means "soldier, merciful, or easy to please."

Officer Mitchell and K9 Mylo completed an 11-week training academy through Renbar Kennels LLC, who has trained hundreds of police K9's in Connecticut. K9 Mylo is trained and



certified in narcotic detection, tracking and evidence recovery by the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA). The K9 Program focuses on crime reduction and community engagement. Mylo not only will be taking a bite out of crime but will also be making appearances at town events and making friends with the citizens of East Windsor.

K9 Mylo has been putting his training and his nose to good use since graduating from training on February 12, 2020. K9 Mylo has been deployed thirty-six times since hitting the street. K9 Mylo's efforts have resulted in twenty-one illegal items being seized and seven suspects being arrested. On June 1, 2020 at approximately 11:30 pm, the Windsor Locks Police Department requested a K9 to track a missing person who had made

suicidal comments. Officer Mitchell and K9 Mylo responded to the scene. K9 Mylo was deployed in the area where the missing person was last seen. K9 Mylo was able to track the missing person and locate him safe and uninjured in a wooded area. He was transported to a local hospital.

Officer Mitchell and K9 Mylo currently work the midnight shift and will continue to keep you safe while you sleep!

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Feeding East Windsor Through A Pandemic

In a time when food-insecure individuals across the country is measured in millions, the East Windsor Community has come together to make sure their neighbors do not go hungry. Back in March when schools closed at the start of the pandemic, many parents feared how their children would continue to be fed when they rely on school breakfast and lunches. The East Windsor School system did not miss a beat, with Nancy Mulnite and food service staff, paraprofessionals, tutors and other staff dedicated to providing daily meals for the children of East Windsor. Many paraprofessionals and support staff have helped with the distribution of food at two locations: both



East Windsor Middle School and Mill Pond Village. Deliveries have also been arranged for those without transportation.

While the Senior Center closed in mid-March, Senior Center Staff remained dedicated to serving its population through Grab and Go meals as well as continuing the daily Meals on Wheels Program through assistance and guidance from the Community Renewal Team (CRT). The support of CRT has allowed the seamless continuation of these necessary programs and to help East Windsor serve its most vulnerable population.

While schools remained closed, the Power Pack program remained a constant for those who needed it. The East Windsor Community Services Team has assembled weekly during the pandemic to pack bags of food with both non-perishables and perishables for eligible families. This

service will continue throughout the remaining weeks of the school year and throughout the summer months. A huge thank you to the individuals, businesses and organizations who have helped donate goods to help keep our Power Pack closet stocked over the past couple of months. Crossroads Community Cathedral held a food drive within their congregation and provided a very generous donation to the Power Pack Program and Five Corner Cupboard.

As always, Foodshare has remained a dedicated partner to the efforts of providing food to the East Windsor Community. Providing food for our Power Pack program, as well as their bi-weekly Mobile Foodshare location and daily food distribution at Rentschler Field, they have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic.

Last but not least, many East Windsor organizations have stepped up to provide support in times of need. The Five Corner Cupboard has remained open, with the help of many dedicated volunteers to provide safe food distribution to those in need. Pauline's Stockpot has been providing free dinners from 4:00pm-5:00pm Wednesday through Fridays in a safe take home format. Golden Irene Restaurant has been providing meals to those in the community who may not be able to afford one – no questions asked.

While this is certainly not a complete list of all those who have contributed in East Windsor during times of crisis, it is comforting to know that we all are #EastWindsorStrong.

and should serve as a draw to bring more people into the park to enjoy the amenities in a family-friendly way.

New Parks Improvements

The uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic has left many things up in the air, but it has also provided the Town with a real opportunity to make meaningful enhancements to our Town parks. In many cases, these projects are long overdue, and we are seizing the moment to complete them so that our parks are better than ever when we reopen.

Many people enjoy East Windsor's beautiful reservoir, but the grading of the hill leading down to the water has made it difficult for some people to enjoy this resource and access the beach. For those with mobility issues, the Town is in the process of installing a handicapped-accessible walkway to the waterfront, opening it up to more of our local residents as well as a beach mat to access the water.

We are installing a state-of-the-art splash pad at the Park, which will allow people of all ages to enjoy the new water feature safely during the summer months. This will be one of the only such facilities in the area

Next year, park goers will notice a newly installed bandshell by our pavilions. This will be utilized for more community-friendly activities, such as a summer concert series, opportunities for battles of the bands, outdoor theater and maybe even a theater camp!

We have also used the unfortunate cancellation of summer camps in 2020 due to COVID-19 to make long-overdue improvements to our existing facilities. Fresh coats of paint have been applied and we are tending to infrastructure improvements like dock work and masonry.

East Windsor Park is one of the best venues in the area to relax with family in a safe and affordable way, and we can't wait to share the improvements we are making with park goers as soon as we can!

The first Lions Clubs were challenged by Helen Keller to be the Knights of the Blind. In this tradition, fighting blindness has become the mission of the East Windsor Lions. One way we do this is with free Pediatric Vision Screenings. Vision screening is important to detect abnormalities, many of which, if undetected and untreated, can lead to permanent vision impairment.

Vision screening with eye charts for young children under age 3 can be challenging and screening with the Snellen charts and other such tests for these young children is time consuming and can have inconsistent or erroneous results. As of 2012, the use of photo-screener was endorsed by The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) covering the Section on Ophthalmology and Committee on Practice and Ambulatory Medicine. AAP policy recommends that photo-screening may be electively performed in children aged 6 months to 3 years to facilitate detection of conditions that may lead to amblyopia and that this technology may be used as an alternative to visual acuity screening with vision charts for children aged 3 to 5 years.

At the heart of Lions' free Pediatric Vision Screen Program is a portable, hand-held device that can detect vision problems in children as young as six months and can be performed in about one minute. While the child sits comfortably in a chair or on a parent/guardian's lap, the screening device produces a warbling sound to attract the child's attention toward the smiling face displayed on the patient side of the device. In less than a minute, the device records 36 pictures of both eyes and displays measurements regarding pupil sizes, corneal reflexes, and refraction on the screen, as well as an indication of whether the child passed the screening.

The scanner records the patient data on a secure digital card that is transferable to a computer for printing. Connecticut Lions have invested in several Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screeners VS100s for these screenings, which can identify amblyopic (lazy eye) risk factors in children early enough for effective treatment, as well as identifying:

- Myopia (nearsightedness)
- Hyperopia (farsightedness)
- Astigmatism (blurred vision)
- Anisometropia (unequal refractive power)
- Strabismus (eye misalignment)
- Anisocoria (unequal refractive power)

There is no charge for these screenings which are supported by many Lions' fundraising activities throughout the year. The results are given to the parent/guardian to share with the child's physician and can be used as a base line going forward or as a starting point in a conversation if there is an outcome that suggests the child be seen by a professional. We do the screenings at the Broad Brook School for pre-school children, at various day care centers and other health fair venues.

Children can't learn if they can't see. The East Windsor Lions will also pay for eyeglasses for anyone who cannot afford them and who meet the necessary criteria per the East Windsor Office of Community Services. If you have any questions, or would like to schedule a screening, please email us at eastwindsorlions@gmail.com.



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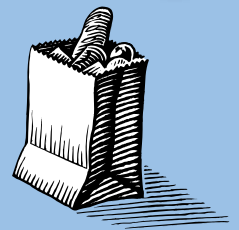
Who Doesn't Love A Parade?

On March 19, 2020 due to COVID-19 the doors to the East Windsor Senior Center were closed to protect the staff and members that use our center for meals, appointments, socialization and so much more. To remain connected to the seniors, the senior center staff brainstormed ideas and ways to communicate every few days including two senior pop-up parades. Buses were decorated with hearts and streamers, cars had messages of love and support and we were even joined by a fleet of Public Works trucks, our First Selectman and other town supporters. The looks on the seniors' faces were priceless. The smiles on the staff's faces were just as large, if not bigger. You could feel a sigh of relief as staff and seniors locked eyes and waved with so much enthusiasm. The thirty second interaction allowed for a quick moment of normalcy in an abnormal time. We look forward to the days of in person greetings and will continue to pop on by as long as it is needed to make sure our seniors know just how much they are loved.



Five Corner Cupboard Food Pantry

124 Scantic Road, East Windsor
Small white house next to the Church – same parking lot



IMPORTANT!!!!!!

**The Pantry will be open ONLY on Tuesday
9:00 am to 6:00 pm for client shopping**

Closed from 12:00 - 1:00 for lunch

Open Mondays 8:30 – 12:00 ONLY for donations and Stocking



The 5 Corner Cupboard will close if the schools are closed due to inclement weather. If there is a school delay the Cupboard will be open as usual. Check with WFSB and or WFSB.com for weather closings.



It was a dark and stormy night ... literally!

I will never forget the events leading up to one of the most devastating moments of my professional career.

It was the evening of January 19, 2011. It was a Wednesday. I had tickets that evening to attend the UCONN men's basketball game at the XL Center in Hartford against St. John's. As was typical that winter, stormy weather had us in a tentative, hour to hour state. A light drizzle had begun to fall with dropping temps. I called my buddy, anxious to go, but cautious.

As the clock wound down to the end of the day in the Building Department, the phone rang.

It was the co-owner of a large document storage facility in our industrial park. She stated that warehouse employees had reported strange noises coming from the rear, 60,000 square foot facility that was currently storing over 200,000 legal boxes of proprietary client information.

As our office had been receiving updates to the snow loading in Connecticut based on the number and types of storms to date in the season, I told the owner I would come down to take a look. I called my buddy and cancelled our game due to now freezing rain and headed into the industrial park.

Upon my arrival, a number of people met me in the parking area. I grabbed a hardhat and flashlight. As I entered the structure, only some of the overhead lights were on. Visibility was poor. I ordered the people behind me to exit the structure and decided to walk the length of the warehouse.

Suddenly, a grinding metallic snap overhead rang out, and 30 feet ahead of me an 8' steel crossmember, intended to stabilize the roof purlins, crashed to the floor. My flashlight, trained to the ceiling, revealed a grossly overloaded, unbalanced structural shifting 60' overhead. The purlins were deflecting and spinning to the side so as to kick out the stabilization cross members.

I sprinted the remaining 300' to the other end of the building and passed into another area of the facility. We immediately commenced clearing the occupants and ordering the disconnect of all utilities. This included cutting and capping a primary 3' gas line and 6' fire sprinkler main. The entire facility was decommissioned of all utilities and the mainframe computer system within 4 hours.

The structure was in a rapid state of collapse with very little recourse as to remedy the obvious.

I received the call from the posted fire watch at approximately 3:00 a.m. Friday morning of January 20th.

The structure had collapsed. I arrived on the scene with the knowledge that this was going to be a long and challenging day. It wasn't starting quite how I envisioned. Inside this collapsed 60,00 square foot warehouse were the items that would determine this business' future.

We immediately, contacted all the resources necessary to begin the massive clean up and master plan to safely extricate the enveloped inventory. It had to happen rapidly, but with acute caution for the individuals tasked with this dangerous job. So, how could this event be looked at as a success for our community you may ask?

Follow the bouncing timeline:

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| January 19, 2011 | Structure under duress and slowly collapsing |
| January 21, 2011 | Structure violently collapses with contents inside. Plan of action and cleanup begin. |
| February 9, 2011 | Engineering plan to shore up and enter structure in place. |
| February 16, 2011 | Crews start removal of 200,000 legal boxes of proprietary documents |
| February 24, 2011 | Demolition plan received and approved. |
| May 24, 2011 | Demolition complete |
| June 2, 2011 | New building plan received, reviewed, and approved to begin reconstruction |
| October 6, 2011 | Owner receives a temporary certificate of occupancy to occupy warehouse. |

Conclusion

This required an extraordinary effort on the part of all parties. A collapse to the Certificate of Occupancy in less than 10 months, Wow! The Fire Marshall's office, insurance company, engineering firm, temporary facility coordination, demo crews, and Building Department, exemplifies the dedication of the people who work for, live in, and care for, this community. Without all of us cooperating, working to save a local business, expediting our missions, we may have not made this happen. And this is why I am proud to serve the people of this community, live here, and raise my family here. This is a success.

Rand D. Stanley
Building Official






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Online Access

East Windsor Town Hall was closed to the public on March 17, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This made it impossible for researchers to do a land record search for sales of properties and refinancing. In order for the Town to support economic activity in East Windsor, the Town Clerk's office was able to offer land records on the town website on March 30, 2020. This allowed the buying and selling of properties in East Windsor to continue during the pandemic. Land Records from 1/1/1977 to the present are available on the Town website, www.eastwindsor-ct.gov. To access the land record search program, go to the website and on the front page, click on "Land Records Online Access" then click on "Land Record Search". While the Town Clerk's office is closed to the public, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we aren't charging for anyone to look up and print land records. If you have any problems when accessing the land record search program, please feel free to call the Town Clerk's office at (860) 292-8255.

Joanne M. Slater, *Town Clerk*

The Town of East Windsor's Information and Technology (IT) Department is excited to announce upgrades to the Town's permitting software and GIS system.

The new updated GIS (Geographic Information System) called MapGeo organizes layers of information using maps which are integral in the use and allocation of natural resources, geographic information recordkeeping and planning and zoning for demographic changes in the community including land ownership. The new system is very user friendly and accessible, making more information available to the public and Town departments.

PermitLink, the Town's new permitting software, will allow applicants to apply for permits online. Online permitting has many benefits including ease of plan review, inspection scheduling, fee calculation and collection, project tracking with the ability to monitor the permit progression throughout the length of projects, enhanced workflow management, and improved communication for both the applicant and Town departments. The new software will make the permitting process more efficient for the Town and more convenient for the applicant.

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Additional Exemption Programs

The Assessor of the Town of East Windsor is accepting applications for income-based veterans, blind or totally disabled exemption programs.

As of the October 1, 2018 Grand List, the local option veterans' program was increased from a \$1,000 exemption to a \$6,000 exemption. This means that qualified veterans will receive a credit on their tax bill of approximately \$200, rather than the previous \$34 credit.

These programs are income based; taxpayers are required to submit proof of their last year's income to the Assessor's office to apply. The maximum income limit for a single person is \$37,000 and for a married couple it is \$45,100. A copy of a

current income tax return must be presented at the time of application if one is filed with the IRS, along with statements of any untaxable income such as Social Security or Railroad Retirement payments. If an income tax return is not filed, statements of all income must be presented. These include statements of wages, lottery winnings, taxable pensions, IRA's, interest, dividends, rental income, Social Security SSA1099, Railroad retirement, veteran's payments, etc.

These are two-year programs, with refile applications, as well as new applications, due between February 1 and October 1.

You may contact the Assessor's Office at 860-623-8878 with any questions.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The following is a summary of the 2019 Grand List, as compared to the 2018 Grand List.

CATEGORY	2018 GL NET TOTALS-after BAA & as reported on State Form M13 & M13a	2019 GL NET TOTALS AFTER BAA	DIFFERENCE	%AGE OF CHANGE FROM 2018 GL
REAL ESTATE	\$779,211,827	\$784,548,810	\$5,336,983	0.68%
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$96,414,553	\$99,907,460	\$3,492,907	3.62%
PERS PROPERTY	\$78,575,538	\$82,855,173	\$4,279,635	5.45%
TOTALS	\$954,201,918	\$967,311,443	\$13,109,525	1.37%

The Assessor's office interacts with each department in Town Hall. We will soon be starting inspections of the approximately 175 properties that have received permits from the **Building Department** since October 2, 2019. We also maintain property ownership records by reading all documents that are filed in the **Town Clerk's** land records. The results of these interactions are what comprises the tax bills generated by the **Tax Collector**.

Tax bill payments are due in July. If you receive a tax bill for a motor vehicle that you have disposed of and have cancelled the registration, you may be eligible for a credit on the bill. Proof of disposition of the vehicle is necessary, and a list of acceptable proof is available on the Assessor's page the town website (www.eastwindsor-ct.gov).

If you feel the assessment placed on your vehicle is too high, you may appeal the value of your vehicle to the Board of Assessment Appeals on **Saturday, September 12, 2020 starting at 9:30 a.m.** No appointment is necessary, hearings are on a walk-in basis. You may bring any documentation that supports your claim that the assessed value is inaccurate, i.e. pictures, appraisals, mechanic statement, etc.



East Windsor Park Pavilion

27 Reservoir Ave | Broad Brook, CT 06016

Looking for a place to hold a

1. Graduation Party
2. Family Reunion
3. Church Picnic
4. Birthday Party
5. Employee's picnic

Facility includes:

Waterfront Pavilions, Snack Bar (seasonal), Shuffleboard, Ballfields (one lighted), Volleyball, Horseshoes, Grills, Tennis and Basketball Courts (lighted)

Why not try: East Windsor Park



Directions to Park

From I-91 North or South, Exit 45, from northbound turn right onto Route 140, from Southbound turn left onto Route a140. Continue east on Route 140 for 4 miles. Turn right at light at top of hill onto Route 191. Continue on Route 191 through traffic light to first stop sign. Bear left at stop sign onto Windsorville Road. At next stop sign turn left onto Reservoir Avenue. East Windsor Park is about ¼ mile ahead on the left.

For more information:

Contact Irene Mosher at East Windsor Parks and Recreation, 860-698-1511, imosher@eastwindsorct.com. Registrations can be complete online by going to the East Windsor town web site, Park and Recreation, Sportsman SQL Online Registration Portal Link.

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ONLINE RESOURCES

The Library Association of Warehouse Point has many remotely accessible resources online available to the residents of East Windsor through our website: www.warehousepointlibrary.info.

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