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Spring 2021

Despite the necessary diversions due to the pandemic, one of the aspects of my job that I have made a priority has been economic development. While we have borrowed some ideas from other towns to encourage development, we have also been creative in coming up with some new ideas of our own.

Encouraging economic development is important in any town, but East Windsor has unique opportunities due to our location. We are equidistant between Hartford and Springfield, and New York City and Boston. We have two highway exits along our major economic corridor, and we are less than fifteen minutes from I-84 and I-90.

Like many towns in Connecticut, we have utilized tax abatements to encourage companies to locate their businesses in East Windsor. This model has worked with great success for other towns in our region for many years, and we are starting to see some of that same success here.

Recently, the East Windsor Board of Selectmen debuted an innovative idea that seeks to bolster our development efforts. To support and encourage appropriate development, we knew we would be more successful if we incorporated data points that would be helpful to realtors. I would like to recognize and thank Chris Davis, Bill Arzt, Jay Madigan, and Josh and Becky Koladis for their assistance with this. Their participation certainly made for a better final product. Working with these local business leaders, we developed a web-based commercial real estate marketing tool. This tool can be found on our Planning Department website at <https://www.eastwindsor-ct.gov/planning-development/web-forms/commercial-property-listings>.

By hosting a commercial properties database on our website, we hope to assist realtors in marketing real estate that they have listed, and to provide up-to-date data for companies that may be looking for potential areas to develop – all with a “one stop shop” approach. The commercial database incorporates data points like maps, zoning regulations, application requirements, property listings, ownership, parcel data, price, permitted property uses and site plans.

This project, developed in-house and without additional expense, is another way that the Town of East Windsor seeks to prove that we are open for business. We strive every day to be open and accessible to the people we serve and to encourage smart growth. In East Windsor, our best days are ahead!

*Jason E. Bowsza*  
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](http://www.EastWindsorRec.com)

### Recreation Staff:

**Director of Recreation & Community Services:**

Melissa Maltese, [mmaltese@eastwindsorct.com](mailto:mmaltese@eastwindsorct.com)

**Recreation Lead:** Samantha Charette, [scharette@eastwindsorct.com](mailto:scharette@eastwindsorct.com)

**Administrative Assistant:** Irene Mosher, [imosher@eastwindsorct.com](mailto:imosher@eastwindsorct.com)

**Office/Program Assistant:**

Debbie Williams, [dwilliams@eastwindsorct.com](mailto: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](http://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 to place registrations and payments in. 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](http://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.

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**W**e want to take this opportunity to thank our school nursing and custodial staffs this year. The nursing team has taken such good care of our students and staff this year, and assuming a leadership role in contact tracing, following up with private physicians, and answering all of the questions the school community had about all things COVID. And our custodians have done an amazing job of ensuring we have a safe, clean environment to teach and learn in, and they've shown incredible flexibility in covering all of our district needs since coming back to school.

## East Windsor High School Leads the Way

10th grade students, Aric Duncan and Matt Blachuta, were challenged to make a difference in their community for a Teen Leadership class project. Together, they tackled the problem of hunger by planning a food drive that took place in the three schools and with a collection box at Town Hall. More than 500 food items were collected and were delivered to the 5 Corners Food Pantry in East Windsor, Connecticut.

Music department students performed in a virtual winter concert event prior to the winter break, available to watch here: [EWHS Music Department Virtual Winter Concert](#)

In addition, 11th grader Gavin Greer and 12th grader Yumeko Stern have been accepted through virtual audition into the (virtual) Eastern Region music festival choir. They competed against hundreds of high school students in the Eastern region of the state and scored very well. Additionally, Yumeko Stern has been invited to be in a small group to virtually perform the Nation Anthem for this event. Her invitation is due to the fact that she was one of the two (tied for first) highest scoring high school sopranos in the entire Eastern Region.

## East Windsor Middle School Students Make Positive Strides

For the last couple of months, EWMS staff have been sharing positive office referral or as EWMS calls them the PAWSITIVITY Awards. These awards have been taken up a notch, and are now displayed in the main foyer for all in the form of an actual PAW with the student's name on it. In addition to seeing the awards, students' names are read during the morning announcement along with the reason for being awarded the honor.

From January 25-29, EWMS participated in the Great Kindness Challenge and students were asked to complete as many acts of kindness as possible while following social distance guidelines. Some acts of kindness were sincerely complimenting other students, thanking a teacher or bus driver, and creating a thank you note for someone. It was great to see the kids go above and beyond the everyday kindness, we see from our students daily.

Middle School basketball has made its return to EWMS and staff and kids are excited. The first practices have started and there are a lot of students participating. The first games are scheduled for the middle of February. Since spectators are not allowed to be at games in person, we are hoping to be able to live stream the games.

Student council elections were held in early January for the 2020-2021, and the new student representatives have decided to work on a virtual all-inclusive pep rally! Even in uncertain times the students are keeping school spirit high!

## Broad Brook Elementary School's Traditions of Excellence

Broad Brook School is continuing with its annual traditions to encourage students to read beyond the school day. Over winter break, the Winter Reading Challenge rewarded students who participated with a

certificate and had their names posted on a school bulletin board. The student in each grade who read the most books will be Principal for the Day. At the end of February, Broad Brook will introduce its book selection for One Book, One School. Each family will receive a copy of the selected book courtesy of a generous donation from the East Windsor PTO. And in March, the whole school will read the book together and participate in literacy activities that build community and encourage conversation.

Broad Brook School's Outstanding Students for the first and second quarters are Lillian Burger and Emily Kolodziej, both positive community members who lead by example with a high level of effort and hard work, treating their classmates with kindness along the way. The Crystal Apple winners are Alicia Griswold and Tammy Lucey, both nominated by their peers for cultivating positive relationships, supporting colleagues, and putting students first.

## Free Breakfast and Lunch at All Schools

Try our breakfast! We serve items such as French toast sticks, breakfast sandwiches, mini pancakes and many more student favorites! Our monthly menus are posted on the district website. There is no need to apply. Just enjoy the meals served by our hard-working staff for FREE.

If you are remote learning, we offer breakfast and lunch meals To-Go daily! You can pick up meals at ANY of the schools during these hours, depending on what time and location works best for you:

- High School 7:40-8:40
- Middle School 8:15-9:15
- Broad Brook 9:15-10:15

If you have questions please reach out to Greg Powers at [gpowers@ewct.org](mailto:gpowers@ewct.org)

## An Important COVID-19 Update

East Windsor Public Schools have been working hard to limit the number of days students are learning remotely due to COVID 19. Many factors influence the school decisions, including rate of infection in the schools and community; how well mitigation strategies are followed and events that may present a higher risk – such as the Winter Break when families were more likely to gather. Each week the superintendent sends out a Parent Update which includes information related to the school schedule, COVID information and other important information for families. Some important factors to remember:

- No students should come to school if they are waiting for COVID test results
- No one should come to school if they received a positive test result, even if they feel good
- Families should be aware of the Governor's travel advisory.

At this time, the EWPS are still following the 14-day quarantine in an abundance of caution and in conjunction with our local health district. Students are able to learn remotely during that time.

If we can help keep your child engaged and motivated to participate in their classes during the hybrid or remote learning please reach out to your child's teacher or building administrator. We have guidance counselors and school social workers that are able to help problem solve for our disengaged students.

*Christine DeBarge*, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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# Curbside Trash & Single Stream Recycling Collection

Trash will be collected on your scheduled pick up day. Please have your barrel out no later than 6:00 a.m.  
Recycling is every other week.

**Recycling Collected on non-shaded 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.

Friday, January 1st, **New Years Day**  
 Monday, May 24th, **Memorial Day**  
 Sunday, July 4th, **Independence Day, No delay in collection**  
 Monday, September 6th, **Labor Day**  
 Thursday, November 25th, **Thanksgiving**  
 Saturday, December 25th, **Christmas, No delay in collection**  
 Saturday, January 1st, 2021, **New Years Day, No delay in collection**

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# 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

Telephones  
Cell Phones  
Air Conditioners  
Batteries  
LED Bulbs  
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>

### ATTENTION EAST WINDSOR RESIDENTS



Spring 2021

#### YARD Waste Collection

Will be held during the week of:  
Monday May 17, through Friday, May 21, 2021 - only



Please call the Department of Public Works the week prior to schedule pickup  
(860) 292-7073 - please leave message  
Items (including brush, grass clippings, leaves, tree limbs and branches)  
Must be left curbside by **7:00 a.m. Monday** - Collection will begin that day.

#### Yard Waste

Yard Waste (including grass clippings and leaves)  
Must be in biodegradable paper bags (**No Plastic Bags**)  
Bags with twigs will **NOT** be accepted

#### Bundled Items

Brush (including tree limbs and branches, small brush, twigs) must be  
Cut into 4-foot lengths and  
Bundled less than 6" in diameter

**Alternative:** If you miss this collection, you have the option to bring debris to:  
WeCare Denali at (860) 871-7442  
Hours of operation: M-F 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sat 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
WeCare Denali - location: 235 Sadds Mill Road, Ellington

### ATTENTION TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR RESIDENTS

The next (Spring) bulky waste & metal drop off for  
EAST WINDSOR RESIDENTS ONLY  
Will be Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
It will be held at the F&G Transfer Station  
Location  
Off Route 140 at  
9 Shoham Road  
(across from W.B. Mason Furniture Store)  
Please see the attached list for acceptable items.

The driver of the vehicle will be required to prove they are a resident of East Windsor. **A valid driver's license and valid registration with an East Windsor Address will be necessary to gain access to the facility.** There will also be a sign-in sheet with name, address and vehicle registration that will be turned into the Town to show the residents who participated in the drop off program.

For East Windsor property owners who do not reside in town, please contact the Public Works Dept. for alternate method of proof.

For more information, call  
The EW Public Works Department at (860) 292-7073  
Or  
Visit [Town of East Windsor, CT](https://www.townofeastwindsor.com)  
Or visit the Town Hall at 11 Rye Street for flyers.

The Planning and Development Department in East Windsor continues to experience a high level of activity despite being in the heart of winter. With the recent hiring of a new Director of Planning and Community Development/Town Planner and the late summer hiring of a Zoning and Wetlands Compliance Official/Assistant Planner, the department is fully staffed and helping residents with issues ranging from planning and zoning to agriculture and economic development. Responsibilities also include staffing six different boards and commissions – the Agricultural Commission, the Conservation Commission, the Economic Development Commission (EDC), the Inland Wetlands Watercourse Agency (IWWA), the

Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC), and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

There continues to be no shortage of PZC applications for commercial and residential development as well as proposed amendments to the Zoning Regulations and/or Zoning Map:

On the department's long list of things to do is to update the Town's zoning map since there have been numerous zone changes since the last time the map was published. The map can be found online at:

<https://www.eastwindsor-ct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4381f/uploads/zoning2018.pdf>

Another priority for the department is to coordinate the review and implementation of rec-

ommendations outlined in the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). The POCD, last updated in 2016, describes a POCD as a 'planning tool for guiding the future development of a community. It is essentially the road map and guidebook to our future growth. The POCD influences how we establish development patterns in our town, how we write our land use regulations and offers guidance for the overall conservation, preservation, and growth of our town.'

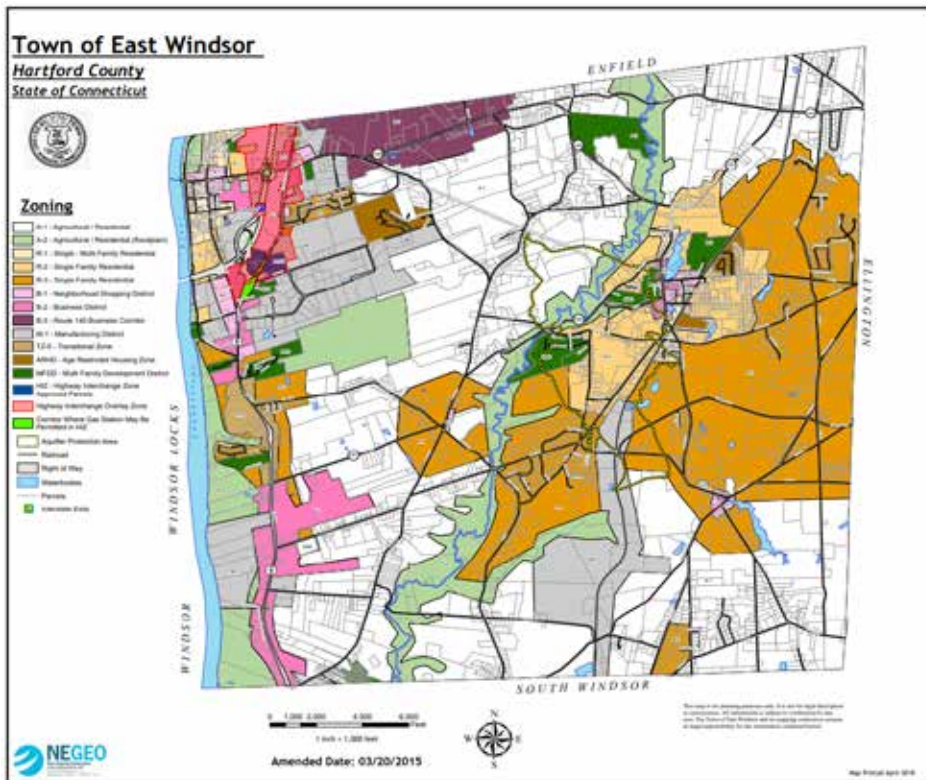
State law requires that each town's POCD be updated every ten years, so East Windsor is about halfway through the ten-year cycle – a perfect time to jumpstart a review of those action items that have not been addressed.

Another project under the umbrella of planning is the recently completed Warehouse Point Planning Study. This multi-year study, which was primarily funded through a Responsible Growth and Transit-Oriented Development Grant from the State of CT's Department of Economic and Community Development, is a 'master plan for Warehouse Point to address stormwater as both a potential obstacle and an opportunity for the planning of the future of Warehouse Point'. The final report contains a number of recommendations that will need to be reviewed and considered for implementation.

As the Planning and Development Department continues to serve East Windsor residents and property owners, we welcome suggestions on how we can improve our services. Suggestions may be submitted by either emailing Clark at [cchapin@eastwindsorct.com](mailto:cchapin@eastwindsorct.com) or calling the office at (860) 623-6030.

*Clark J. Chapin*

Director of Planning and Community Development/Town Planner



## Registration Info, continued from page 2

### 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 prevents 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!***

**Summer Fun Camp** – Open to Campers Ages 4-13; Regular and Extended Day Options Available

**Swim Lessons** – Morning & Evening Options Available

**Counselor-In-Training Program** – Open to Teens Ages 14-16

We are also now hiring for Summer Positions at East Windsor Park! Visit [www.EastWindsorRec.com](http://www.EastWindsorRec.com) for more information or to print an application today.

# Town of East Windsor: Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Calendar

CHARTER DATE	ACTUAL DATE		TIMES	NOTES
Sept 15, 2020	Sept 5, 2020	CIP Budget requests due		
Nov 1, 2020	Nov 1, 2020	Submit CIP recommendations to Board of Selectmen		
Dec 1, 2020	Dec 1, 2020	Distribution of Budget Request Spreadsheets to Departments		
	Dec 18, 2020	Budget Requests to First Selectman- Final Deadline		
Discretion of Board of Selectmen & Treasurer	Jan 5, 2021 to Jan 15, 2021	First Selectman to meet with Department Heads- Finalize budget requests		
	Jan 27, 2021	First Selectman to file Town budget proposal with Town Clerk, notice public hearing		
	Feb 1, 2021	Board of Selectmen to receive Town budget proposal		
	Feb 1, 2021	Budget Packets ready for Board Members		
	Feb 2, 2021	Board of Selectmen/Board of Education Public Hearing	Time and location to be posted	Budget available online and in Town Clerk's Office
	Feb 8, 2021	Budget Workshop Schedule	Time and location to be posted	
	Feb 16, 2021			
	Feb 18, 2021			
	Feb 24, 2021			
	Mar 4, 2021			
	Mar 17, 2021	Board of Selectmen and Board of Education presents budget to Board of Finance	7:00 p.m.	
	Mar 24, 2021	Board of Finance Budget Public Hearing		
	Mar 24, 2021	Board of Finance to hold Budget Workshops	7:00 p.m.	
	Mar 25, 2021			
	Mar 30, 2021			
Apr 1, 2021				
Apr 7, 2021				
Apr 12, 2021				
On our before April 14, 2021	Board of Finance approve final budget for Referendum	7:00 p.m.		
	Budget to Town Clerk for processing ballots			
Second Tuesday by Charter, sec. 8-5 a.	May 11, 2021	First Budget Referendum	6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	Town Hall and Annex
Per Charter, sec. 8.5 b.1.	May 12, 2021	Public Hearing, if needed, or Board of Finance to set mill rate Budget to Town Clerk for processing ballots	Time and location to be posted	
Fourth Tuesday by Charter, sec. 8-5 b.3.	May 25, 2021	Second Budget Referendum (if needed)	6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	Town Hall and Annex
Per charter, sec. 8.5 b.2.	May 26, 2021	Public Hearing, if needed, or Board of Finance to set mill rate Budget to Town Clerk for processing ballots	Time and location to be posted	
Per charter, sec. 8.5 b.3.	June 8, 2021	Third Budget Referendum (if needed)	6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	Town Hall and Annex
Per charter, sec. 8.5 b.4. budget & mil rate has to be adopted no later than June 15, 2021.	June 9, 2021	Board of Finance to set mill rate	After Budget Referendum results	

## Assessor's Office

### Homeowner Benefit and Additional Exemption Programs



The Assessor of the Town of East Windsor will be accepting applications for homeowner, veterans', blind or totally disabled benefit programs

starting February 1.

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 \$37,600 and for a married couple it is \$45,800. 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 May 15 for elderly homeowners and by October 1 for the exemption programs.

Public access to Town Hall is currently limited to the lobby. We encourage applicants to call for information on procedures in place to apply for these programs.

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



## Department of Public Works & Engineering



As I write this, The Department of Public Works (DPW) has just completed 29.5 hours clearing and treating the more than 70 miles of roads in Town to facilitate safe travel for the motoring public. We spent another 7.5 hours pushing back shoulders, cleaning up intersections and cul-de-sacs, for a total of 37 hours. The DPW basically worked a full week in two days. This is the type of event that most residents associate to the DPW. The DPW is far more than this.

The DPW crews are First Responders when disaster strikes. We are the first out working with the utility company to clear and make roads safe during major wind events. The utility company cuts the power and we cut and remove the trees from the roads. It is important to get the roads open as quickly as possible to ensure that emergency vehicles can respond to calls. We are "First In, Last Out".

Summer months are spent maintaining 70± miles of Town roads and drainage. From fixing potholes, paving roads, repairing, or replacing catch basins and culverts, the DPW is busy all summer. Please obey all work zone patterns and signage to ensure the safety of our crews and yourselves. We also maintain all Parks and Grounds with mowing and field preparation, as well as all BOE fields and ground. You may also notice our employees on tractors mowing and maintaining all Town roadsides.

Aside from the obvious, the Department is responsible for many other aspects within the Town. We manage the trash and recycling program in Town with both contracted roadside pickup and containers at our facil-

ity for electronics, mattresses and freon unit recycling. The Department also manages the maintenance of all Town owned facilities, overseeing both minor and major repairs and renovation. We manage the company that cleans all buildings, as well as, check and process invoices from all utility companies for every building.

A less common task for the DPW is the management of the Information Technology (IT) needs of the Town and associated budget. Since taking over this task, the Department has saved thousands of dollars for the Town by minimizing the need for our IT Consultant.

The Engineering Division manages the design of Town Projects, enlisting the assistance of subcontractors when necessary, and reviews plans and projects for the Planning & Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands Commission and Water Pollution Control Authority. We are also the inspection arm for all Town Projects.

The Department consists of a Director of Public Works/Town Engineer/Tree Warden, Operations Manager/Deputy Tree Warden, Working Foreman, Crew Leader, Mechanic, Equipment Operator, Facilities Maintainer, Parks & Grounds Maintainer, 4 Highway Maintainers and an Administrative Assistant.

*Leonard J. Norton*

Leonard J. Norton, P.E.  
Director of Public Works/Town Engineer/Tree Warden

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## Success in a Time of Uncertainty

March 2020 started us all on a journey of uncertainty. The short-term feeling was, we will see you in two weeks. So, we buttoned up a few things, sent home staff that could work from home and said, “see you soon!”. Fast forward almost a year, things are still uncertain but with a different type of feel. Yet, the operation of the Community Services team, comprised of Social Services, Senior Services and Parks and Recreation, has not skipped a beat. In fact, the staff have stepped up their game, thought outside the box and have far surpassed my expectations in so many ways. During the most uncertain times, my staff took over meal delivery and transportation to necessary appointments to protect our vulnerable clients and volunteers from exposure. Despite the extra work, they continued to be our eyes and ears in

our community. For this I am in awe of their commitment and dedication to our community.

Our support staff, while not in the office, were there for daily phone calls, connections to resources and in all honesty the connective piece our residents had to other people when they needed it the most. Upon returning to the offices they found ways to engage and assist others in outdoor activities, customized programs, and events on the go. They furthered their efforts by making phone calls to check on the health and wellbeing of our residents all while prepping programs, events, and buildings for their anticipated return. The teamwork and commitment to our residents is a testament to the type of people they are and the huge hearts that they house within.

I would like to take this opportunity to

thank them for being them! The positive energy they bring to the offices makes everyone’s day brighter. Operating outside the box for almost a year is not an easy task, but my staff never wavered or hesitated to help. They never said, “I don’t think I can do that,” but consistently asked what more they could do to help. This makes me proud to say we have some of the most amazing people on staff and that their efforts and compassion have not gone unnoticed.

Thank you for being a part of our team. We at East Windsor Community Services appreciate your efforts in doing such a great job during this time of uncertainty.

Keep up the good work!

*Melissa Maltese*

Director of Recreation and Community Services

## 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
	<b>Broad Brook</b>	<b>Ellington</b>	<b>South Windsor</b>	<b>Windsor Locks</b>
	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.
<b>April</b>	3, 17	9, 23	2, 16, 30	3, 17
<b>May</b>	1, 15, 29	7, 21	14, 28	1, 15, 29
<b>June</b>	12, 26	4, 18	11, 25	12, 26
<b>July</b>	10, 24	2, 16, 30	9, 23	10, 24
<b>August</b>	7, 21	13, 27	6, 20	7, 21
<b>September</b>	4, 18	10, 24	3, 17	4, 18
<b>October</b>	2, 16, 30	8, 22	1, 15, 29	2, 16, 30
<b>November</b>	13	5, 19	12	13
<b>December</b>	11	3, 17, 31	10, 24	11

### 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](http://www.Foodshare.org) – Find Help – Mobile Foodshare To check for cancelations 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 cancelations alerts directly on your phone.

Created by the East Windsor Hunger Action Team January 2020

The East Windsor WPCF has engaged the services of Eversource and EverCore regarding an Energy Savings program. Ed Alibozek, Chief Operator at the WPCF is heading up this initiative.

To date, over a half dozen in house meetings have taken place. In addition to these meetings, walk arounds and diagnostics have been performed and evaluated. The focus has come down to six specific project areas:

- New, Improved, More Energy Efficient Lighting in Five Buildings.
- Replacement of Twelve (12) currently installed Variable Frequency Drives (VFD's) controlling motors between 7.5 HP to 125 H.P.

- Installation of One Additional 125 H.P VFD for the East Aerator.
- Installation of two a Two Stage Heating/Air Conditioning system (Mini Split) for the Preliminary Building and the Solids Handling building.
- An Updated Gas Heating System installed in the Clarifier Building to replace the Two (2) existing 25-year-old heaters.
- Multiple areas of Outdoor Lighting to be added to increase visibility and safety throughout the facility.

Much of the above work was being planned for, as the facility has reached 25 years of service. Most of the above was already in the planning stage for replacement, and in some instances, we were about to commence work on the VFD's and certain heating units when we became aware of the Energy Savings Program.

The materials and labor will be paid for through savings on the Eversource Electric and Gas utility bills. This will allow the WPCF to receive tens of thousands of dollars in upgrades with no out of pocket up front costs.

Eversource funds these projects by reducing the electrical needs of its customers as it lessens the need to build more energy producing facilities.

*E.Arthur Enderle III, Superintendent WPCF*

*Edward Alibozek, Chief Operator WPCF*

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- May 11, 2021** - 1st Budget Referendum
- May 12, 2021** - Public Hearing, if needed, or BOF to set mill rate
- May 25, 2021** - 2nd Budget Referendum (if needed)
- May 26, 2021** - Public Hearing, if needed, or BOF to set mill rate
- June 8, 2021** - 3rd Budget Referendum (if needed)
- June 9, 2021** - BOF to set mill rate

## LAND RECORDS

Our Land Records provider New Visions is now online. Please go to <https://www.eastwindsor-ct.gov/> on the left hand side and click on the link "Land Records Online Access".

## FISHING & HUNTING



Springtime is in the air and that means fishing! Please be advised to still use social distancing when you are out. We are currently still waiting on the 2021 Fishing Guide, but we have the 2021 Hunting Guides in office, and it can also be found online at <https://portal.ct.gov/deep>. The Trout and Salmon Stamp is now required for fishing in any waters where they stock trout and salmon. The cost is \$5.00. You

can contact DEEP by phone (860) 424-3105 with any additional questions. Any Connecticut Residents 65 years of age or older are entitled to a free license.

If you have any questions, please call our office 860-292-8255.

- Amy R. Lam, Town Clerk
- Lynn K. Lemieux, Assistant Town Clerk
- Larissa Hiti, Assistant Town Clerk

## Tax Office

As the pandemic continues, so does the Governor's Executive Order to extend the due date for taxes due January 1, 2021. Taxes are now due in the office by April 1, 2021. This does not apply to delinquent taxes. If the January 2021 installment is not paid by the April 1, 2021 date, the interest will revert back to the January 1, 2021 date. This deferral is available to everyone **EXCEPT** landlords or escrowed accounts who must apply at the tax office.

When visiting the tax office, please sign into the welcome desk and you will be directed to the tax office. Debit/credit card payments are received as a form of payment for delinquent motor vehicles whereas in the past only cash, bank check or money orders were accepted.

The Tax Office has extended the use of their secure drop box to other town departments for licensing, permitting, assessment prorations, and other forms of payments. There is also a new ATM in the Town Hall that has better security options for taxpayers.

*Patricia Kratochvil*  
Tax Collector



## 2021 DOG LICENSE INFORMATION

**Dog licenses are due from June 1st through June 30th for all dogs six months old or older.**

Licenses may be obtained in person, or by mail. Per Connecticut General Statutes 22-338(b) and 22-338, you must provide us with a current valid rabies certificate and a spay/neuter certificate (if applicable).

If you want to license your dog through the mail, please mail the following items to: Town Clerk, 11 Rye St., Broad Brook, CT 06016.

1. Check made out to: "Town of East Windsor" for the applicable fee.
2. Late fees included in check (if applicable).
3. Current valid rabies certificate.
4. Spay/Neuter certificate (if applicable).
5. Self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of the dog license, dog tag, rabies certificate and spay/neuter certificate.

The Town Clerk's office hours are Mon.-Wed. 8:30-4:30, Thurs. 8:30-7:00 and Fri. 8:30-1:00. For more information about dog licenses, call the Town Clerk's Office at (860) 292-8255.

### Dog License Fees:

Neutered Male or Spayed Female .....	\$8.00
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Kennel (10 tags) .....	\$51.00
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The hustle and bustle. The busyness. The time constraints. And finally, the never-ending list(s). This doesn't describe the life of a building inspector; it describes most of our lives. We seemingly run and scurry about in a sometimes not so organized fashion, reacting to, not acting on, the cause du jour. Add onto that the stress of a building project, regardless of size, and sometimes the odds seem insurmountable. Now, couple the "ordinariness" of the above paragraph with the added constraints of the last year..... I won't say the word, you get it, and we have compounded the equation.

Many times, I am privy to the dreams and aspirations of people's wants and desires regarding their plans and hopes of their properties. I am always honored to be included in this process as I have always considered it to be a very personal moment of sharing of ones' mind-thoughts. It is always an exciting time for anyone embarking on a building project. Ahhh, the planning stage.

Not to dash anyone's hopes and dreams, but I have witnessed the Zeppelin crash and burn on a few occasions. Sometimes the ship sinks before it leaves the dock. The parachute does not open. You get the picture.

I equate the entire building project timeline to that of a couple hoping to start a family.

First the planning.... how do we plan for this, how do we

plan for that, what are we gonna need to do, what if this, what if that? You get the talking part done and determine the commitment required.

Next we will need to research contractors/pediatricians. Is the "hired hand" capable of delivering the services in a timely manner in line with the agreed upon contract? All agree, move on.

Now, we all understand the fundamentals of starting a family, an exciting and exhilarating, (mostly) fun time. And we are now committed to the end result. A hopefully successful and sustainable beginning/ending. But there is a time lapse we have also agreed to. Much like the news on that special day parents confirm the pregnancy, the contractor finally arrives with a truckload of raw materials. The tools and machinery arrive, additional workers within the respective trades, and we proceed.

(Can equate the previous paragraph to getting the nursery and house ready for a newborn. Kind of "rearranges" schedules and habits, the nuances we've acquired with our partner in the dance of life.)

We now witness the changes taking place in our surroundings and begin to notice the not so subtle effect it is having in our usually docile, predictable lives....hehe. (This could be a contractor who forgets to "button" up the opening upstairs at the end of the day, or the spouse with the upset stomach and swollen ankles seeking the consolation and empathy of the partner at the end of the day. Whichever it is, go with it, just go with it.)

Time seems to speed up with all the activity and extra, unplanned for expenses. Oh my, how could we have overlooked this item, it is so much more than we expected. This is where you are almost, I said almost, at the end of the gestation period. Now things appear testier than not. Some surprises, some disappointments, but still optimistic.... almost there. The end is in sight. We have a projected delivery date. (This could be equated to the final inspection for the project as well.)

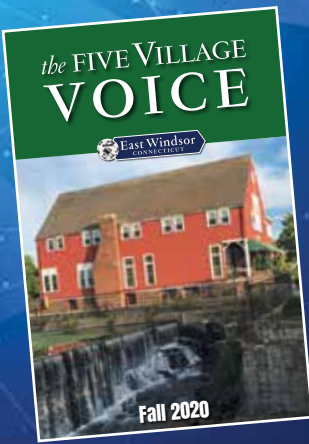
The tension builds, the spilled tears, the raised voices, the hushed tones. The full spectrum of emotions on display. We have gone into labor. The birth is imminent. The pain and anguish on full display.

It's a Girl! It's a Boy! The Inspector is here! IT'S FINIALLY OVER.

So, we settle back in with our newborn, or in some cases our addition, the sunroom, pool, outbuilding, discussing the pitfalls of a process we have just experienced that, in many cases, isn't exactly what we had imagined. But, time has a way of glossing over the bad and in a year of two, you start to discuss the possibility of starting the process ALL OVER AGAIN!

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**Phone:** 860-623-5482 | **Fax:** 860-627-6823 | [www.warehousepointlibrary.info](http://www.warehousepointlibrary.info)



The Library has been opened to the public since last summer, six days a week with reduced hours and offering curbside service for those who were prefer not to enter the building. We continue to offer virtual programming monthly during the pandemic, some favorite programs from last year and new programming for everyone in the family!

The popular on-demand film streaming service, **hoopla digital** is now available for free with your Warehouse Point Library card with up to 4 downloads per month. Card holders can access over 950,000 titles (audiobooks, eBooks, comics, music, movies and TV). Content can be streamed immediately or downloaded for offline enjoyment later to any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the hoopla digital app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku. We continue to offer the following online accessible resources: resume/job search resources through **JobNow** and **Job and Career Accelerator**; 500+ on-line courses via **Universal Class**; streaming and downloadable music through **Freemusic**; ebooks, audiobooks and magazines through the **Libby** and **SimplyE** app. We added a new database of children's books this past summer, **TumbleBooks**, available to everyone online, where several children can access the same book at once.

Register your child online for a monthly **Crafty Craze**, a grab and go craft for children ages 3 and up, then collect the packet or ask for curbside pickup the week they are available. **What's in the Bag?** is a new monthly craft for children ages 8-13. Discover the adventure while you learn an interesting technique in creative crafting and build an awesome project! An instructional video will be posted the week of pickup on the library's website, register in advance, then pick up your "Mystery Bag".

**Discovery Book Club on ZOOM**, for adults, led by library director Lois Hiller, is held the third Wednesday each month at 1 p.m. The titles are selected by the participants and copies of the book are available at the circulation desk. A book discussion for children ages 7-11, **Club READ on ZOOM** continues one Monday a month at 4 p.m. Mrs. K will choose a book title, everyone reads, then discusses with Club members. A special craft will be available each month.

**Story Times on ZOOM** for ages 4-7 is held on Thursdays at 4 p.m. Vote for your favorite story; guess what is in Mrs. M memory box. **Story Times on ZOOM** for ages 2-5 runs on Fridays with Mrs. M at 11 a.m. Stories, songs, finger plays and fun will happen! A craft will be available to pick up during library hours or call for curbside each week before both Zoom Story Times.

Registration is online at [www.warehousepointlibrary.info](http://www.warehousepointlibrary.info) for all virtual programs.

We received a state PEGPETIA grant for capital funds to increase technological equipment in the library last summer. A new copier for public use provides scanning, color and black and white copies, and fax service is now available. More computers and monitors for patrons and new computers for some staff, two children's computers and two learning stations on a new counter provide access to the internet and essential digital

library resources for East Windsor residents and new opportunities to increase digital literacy. Children will now have access to an Early Literacy Station™ for our youngest patrons that features over 4,000 localized learning activities and the AfterSchool Edge™, designed for elementary school children ages 6-12 that is ideal for enrichment, intervention, homework help and skill reinforcement. Once the library is able to have

meetings and programs again, a new projector with USB ports and wireless connections and new chairs will enable the library to present more and better audio and visual programs in a more comfortable community room. In the small meeting room, a screen is available to Zoom with others or record meetings.

We also received an Everybody Learns Grant from Connecticut's Coronavirus Relief Funds to support public libraries as they continue to make health and safety improvements and offer more services to residents amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This grant provided Warehouse Point Library improvements to our Wi-Fi, install air purification units, provide touchless lavatory fixtures, provide PPE, touchless self-checkout, and socially distanced seating and computers. During COVID restrictions Warehouse Point Library is doing everything it can to provide a safe and sanitary environment with valuable resources for the citizens of East Windsor.

Please stop in, use our website or request curbside to find some interesting materials and activities the library is offering to all Warehouse Point Library card holders.

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- 2) Gutter & roof area repairs (water running into basement) - (\$6,000)
- 3) Repoint brick in various places around building - (\$4,500)
- 4) Painting of building - (\$7,000)
- 5) Recover floor - (\$5,000)

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## For more information:

Contact Irene Mosher at East Windsor Parks and Recreation, 860-698-1511, [imosher@eastwindsorct.com](mailto: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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