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East Windsor
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Spring 2022



Since I took office, we have been working hard to re-establish East Windsor as a business-friendly community. This was most clearly demonstrated through the ERASE Grant, a program intended to assist small businesses and nonprofits in the community through direct payment grants. I've also tried to interact in a meaningful way with one business or nonprofit per week through personal visits and highlighting those entities in subsequent posts on our social media and web pages.

These initiatives demonstrated that we appreciate and support entities doing business in our town. Our local economy supports our local tax base, which helps us keep our taxes reasonable as we maintain necessary services in the community.

East Windsor is ideally suited for future economic expansion given its proximity to Hartford and Springfield, the heart of New England's Knowledge Corridor. We are equidistant to New York City and Boston, have two highway exits and we are less than ten minutes from an international airport. The ingredients are here for meaningful development and economic growth.

To foster that growth, over the last few months we have hosted Metro Hartford Alliance and AdvanceCT (two regional economic development partners) on driving tours through East Windsor to showcase more than fifty potentially developable or redevelopable properties predominantly along the Route 5 and Route 140 corridors. We have also incorporated those parcels into the Town's Developable Properties List located on the Town website. We have had encouraging conversations with businesses looking for site locations because of these collaborations with the Alliance and AdvanceCT.

We are continuing to look for ways to make our community more attractive to prospective businesses. In recent years, the Town has started using tax abatements as an economic development tool. Through conversations with economic development professionals, we know that tax abatements help finish discussions around new development, but they do not start those conversations. What we do hear repeatedly is that businesses are looking for someplace where they can build quickly.

To increase the speed of the permitting process while still ensuring we are meeting our statutory and regulatory requirements, we are trying to identify property owners who own property that could be developed in concert with the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development. We will then run those developable parcels through the zoning and wetlands processes on a

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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:

Melissa Maltese, mmaltese@eastwindsorct.com

Recreation Lead: Samantha Charette, scharette@eastwindsorct.com

Administrative Assistant: 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 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. 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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Groundwater Protection

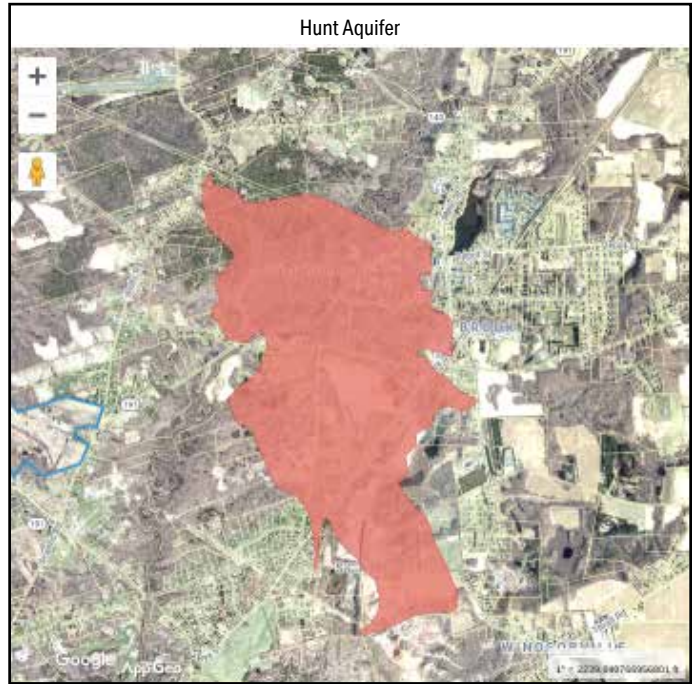
Have you ever stopped to think, when you turn on your faucet, where the water comes from? How do you know it is safe to drink? If you have your own well you are likely very aware that the water you drink, bathe in, cook and clean with comes from the ground. The same is true for most public water sources.

Groundwater is just that, water that is stored beneath the ground in the void spaces in soil and bedrock fractures. It flows at varying rates dictated by the type of substrate (soil, sand, gravel, rock, etc.) through which it travels. The easier the flow the higher the yield a well will generate.

Groundwater feeds our rivers, streams, ponds, and our wells. It is out of sight and can be out of mind. Therefore, it's important to consider that groundwater is replenished locally by rain and snow that seeps into the ground. This leaves the quality of our groundwater susceptible to contamination caused by mismanagement of certain activities and land uses involving hazardous materials.

The State of Connecticut has put in place regulations for the protection of groundwater aquifers that are being used for public water supplies or are suitable for future use. Towns that have such resources are required to protect them through local regulation. In East Windsor, the Hunt Aquifer, located in Broad Brook Village, is a resource for private and public water supply wells. The boundaries of this aquifer have been mapped and adopted as an Aquifer Protection Area.

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Snowfall Maintenance Reminders

Parking



Residents are reminded that the Ordinance to Regulate General Parking in the Town of East Windsor prohibits street parking during and after any period of snowfall or icy condition in order that the Department of Public Works will be able to safely and efficiently remove the hazards of snow and ice from the roads.

Snow Removal from Sidewalks



The Sidewalk Ordinance Regarding Snow & Ice Removal requires the owner, tenant, occupant, or person having the care, maintenance or rental of the land, building or premises adjoining or fronting upon a sidewalk to remove snow, sleet or ice within 24 hours following the cessation of the fall of snow or sleet. Failure to do so could result in a fine.

Snow Removal from Fire Hydrants



Residents are asked to clear any snow from fire hydrants on your property or nearby. Open a path to the hydrant and clear an area of at least 2 to 3 feet around the hydrant for easy access in case of an emergency.

Your Mailbox



Residents are reminded to make sure their mailboxes are secured and sturdy before the winter begins. Mailboxes that are damaged by the snow load will not be repaired by the Town. Please see Policy Concerning Mailboxes and Mailbox Damage Form. If you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works at (860) 292-7073 or email Lnorton@eastwindsorct.com.

Sand is available to residents throughout the winter months. The pile is located next to the Town Garage located at 6 Woolam Road, near the Scantic Road intersection.

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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 for more information or to print an application today.

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 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.

Mon, May 30, **Memorial Day**

Mon, July 4, **Independence Day**

Mon, Sept. 5, **Labor Day**

Thurs, Nov. 24, **Thanksgiving**

No delay in collection for Christmas week, December 25, 2022

No delay in collection for New Years week, January 1, 2023

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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>

The **MS4 Annual Report** for the Town of East Windsor will be available for review on February 15, 2022, on the Public Works/Engineering Department page of the Town's Website. There will also be a hard copy available in the Town Clerk's Office and the Public Works Facility located at 6 Woolam Road. Comments should be sent to Inorton@eastwindsorct.com.

ATTENTION EAST WINDSOR RESIDENTS

Spring 2022
YARD Waste Collection



Will be held on:
Monday May 16, 2022



Please call the Department of Public Works (860) 292-7073 **the week before** to schedule pickup, if no answer or after hours, please leave message with your street address.

Items (including bagged grass clippings, and bagged leaves, bundled tree limbs, brush, sticks, and branches) **must be left curbside by 7:00 a.m. Monday morning.**

Yard Waste

Yard Waste - Grass clippings, and leaves must be in biodegradable paper bags. **(No Plastic Bags). Please Do not place sticks in bags. Sticks in bags will NOT be picked up.**

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

Alternative:

If you miss this collection, you have the option of bringing 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

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"concept" basis to determine what type of development works best on those parcels, a potential building footprint, impervious surface coverage, wetlands setbacks, etc. Once that is done, a prospective developer will be able to overlay their plans on top of the concept plan, and if they find it to be a good fit, will expedite the permitting process, while still satisfying all the statutory and regulatory processes that the Town requires.

We are constantly looking for ways to improve the customer experience of constituents – and potential constituents – during their interaction with Town government. The Town has a regulatory role that it must adhere to, at the same time we continue to find ways to better embrace the promotional opportunities that are available to us. Grand List growth is the surest way to provide a stable tax base and lessen the burden on residents, while providing the services to keep East Windsor a great place to live, work, and do business.

Jason E. Bazyza
First Selectman

Bell Ringing at its Best



During the height of Covid and the holiday season of 2020 we were not able to Ring the Bell with Salvation Army at the East Windsor Walmart. Fast forward to this year and the Transition Learning students from East Windsor High School jumped at the chance to get back at it. Not only were they able to ring but they were so excited to interact with the communi-

ty and help us to help our residents in their time of need. This commitment to our community is just an instance of support that this amazing group of students and staff have provided to us over the years. In ringing the bells, the students are able to collect monetary donations. These donations are then tallied and submitted to the Salvation Army Northern Chapter. The Town of East Windsor is then awarded ninety percent of what is collected in the weeks that they ring. To date they have collected \$728.20 with one more day remaining. These funds are used for emergency support of our residents when they arise throughout the year. We are so grateful to this dedicated group as well as the community of shoppers that support this effort. We know that they look forward to ringing again in 2022!

Melissa Maltese, Director of Recreation and Community Services

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Parks & Recreation



A Spooky Good Time was had by all...

On Thursday, October 28th East Windsor Parks and Recreation hosted its 2nd Annual Haunted Highway Drive-Through Event at East Windsor Park. This event started in 2020 after pivoting from our normal Halloween festivities, to create a safe

experience for all in light of the current pandemic.

Town departments, organizations and businesses answered the call and showed up with the Halloween spirit to create a wonderfully "spooky" event for the East Windsor Community. From 5:00-7:00pm a steady stream of cars winded through East Windsor Park, visiting 24 decorated booths which varied from Harry Potter to Ghostbusters and everything in between! Each booth was responsible for decorating their booth as well as providing the treats that they handed out. We are incredibly grateful for the support of the organizations and businesses in making this event possible.

When all was said and done, approximately 117 cars and 220 kids drove through East Windsor Park with their families. It was wonderful to see the cars decorated to get in the spirit and the unique costumes everyone picked out!

This year, we also introduced a Best Booth Award, where each car could vote for their favorite booth! East Windsor Police Department overwhelmingly took the top spot with their Paw Patrol theme. I mean, who doesn't love Paw Patrol?!

We look forward to making this event bigger and better in 2022...if you are an East Windsor business, organization or department start brainstorming your booth idea now and be on the lookout for our announcement to register at the end of the summer!

Melissa Maltese, Director of Recreation and Community Services

East Windsor Department of Public Works & Engineering

At this writing, the Department of Public Works is preparing for the winter season and that four-letter word, SNOW. Materials for de-icing have been delivered, plows have been hung on trucks and routes are being finalized. By the time this reaches the printer, we will be well into the snow season and hopefully winding down toward March. Snowfall Maintenance Reminders have been added to this publication for the public's use.

That being said, the spring and summer construction season is right around the corner. Several construction projects are planned for this season. We hope to start the replacement of the box culvert under Highland Avenue starting mid to late winter, finishing by spring. There is also a drainage and road reconstruction project proposed for a portion Wells Road. There will always be the smaller drainage and road repair projects, as well as, roadside mowing throughout the spring, summer and fall.

Please remember when you come upon a work zone where contractors or DPW Staff are working to obey all traffic patterns and proceed through with caution. We all want to go home safely to our families at the end of the day. "Obey The Orange".

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

Town of East Windsor: Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Calendar

CHARTER DATE	ACTUAL DATE		TIMES	NOTES
9/15	9/5	CIP Budget requests due		
11/1	10/18	Submit CIP recommendations to BOS		
12/1	11/19	Distribution of Budget Request Spreadsheets to Departments		
	12/17	Budget Requests to First Selectman- Final Deadline		
Discretion of First Selectman & Treasurer		Jason to meet with Department Heads- Finalize budget requests		
	On or before 1/27/22	First Selectman to file Town budget proposal with Town Clerk, notice public hearing. Superintendent of Schools to file Board of Education budget with Town Clerk, notice public hearing		
	2/2	Board of Selectmen to receive Town budget proposal		
	2/2	Budget Packets ready for Board Members		
	2/3	BOS/BOE First Budget Public Hearing	Time and location to be posted	Budget available online and in Town Clerk's Office
	2/15, 2/16, 2/17, 3/3	Budget Workshops schedule	Time and location to be posted	
	3/15	BOS and BOE to submit Budget Message to Town Clerk, BOF		
	3/16	BOS and BOE presents budget to BOF	7:00 p.m.	
	3/23	BOF Budget Public Hearing	7pm	
	3/24, 3/29, 4/4, 4/6, 4/11, 4/13	BOF to hold Budget Workshops on Town and BOE budget submissions	7:00 p.m.	
	on our before 4/13	BOF approve final budget for Referendum	7:00 p.m.	
	4/14	Budget question to Town Clerk for processing ballots		
2nd Tues. by Charter, sec. 8-5 a.	5/10	1st Budget Referendum	6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	Town Hall & Annex
Per Charter, sec. 8.5 b.1.	5/11	Public Hearing, if needed, or BOF to set mill rate Budget to Town Clerk for processing ballots	Time and location to be posted	
4th Tues. by Charter, sec. 8-5 b.3.	5/24	2nd Budget Referendum (if needed)	6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	Town Hall & Annex
Per charter, sec. 8.5 b.2.	5/25	Public Hearing, if needed, or BOF to set mill rate Budget to Town Clerk for processing ballots	Time and location to be posted	
Per charter, sec. 8.5 b.3.	6/14	3rd Budget Referendum (if needed)	6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	Town Hall & Annex
Per charter, sec. 8.5 b.4. budget & mil rate has to be adopted no later than 6/15.	6/15	BOF to set mill rate	After Budget Referendum results	

The Town of East Windsor Begins the 2022 Revaluation

The Town of East Windsor has selected Vision Government Solutions to assist with the statutorily mandated 2022 revaluation project. Vision's Appraisal division will be working closely with the Assessing Department to make the process successful for the Town.

Connecticut state law requires towns to revalue every five years. A revaluation will determine the fair market value of every property in town and equalizes the values of all properties for the purpose of a fair distribution of the tax burden.

The major phases of a municipal revaluation are:

- Data Collection
- Market Analysis
- Valuation
- Field Review
- Informal Hearings

You can visit the Vision Government Solutions website for information explaining each stage of the revaluation process as well as answers to Frequently Asked Questions by going to:

<https://www.vgsi.com/taxpayer-revaluation-information/>

Beginning Phase 1 of the Revaluation

Data Collection began in November. Vision personnel will proceed with

exterior data collection of all commercial properties, as well as properties which have sold, and current open permits. This data collection is critical, as it enables us to ensure accurate measurements both on main structures and outbuildings and to visually verify exterior characteristics of the property and condition. This is the most time-intensive phase of the project, but the most critical for data accuracy and integrity.

The Town of East Windsor continues to actively monitor the evolving health situation regarding COVID-19 (coronavirus) and is deeply committed to the continued health and safety of our residents. This approach accomplishes the goal of ensuring the utmost safety of our residents and data collectors by aligning with the social distancing protocols that are recommended at a federal and state level.

To ensure continued accuracy in data, data collectors will physically inspect the exterior only, to verify the measurements of each building as needed. The data collector will note a building's size, condition, quality of construction, improvements, topography, utilities, and numerous other characteristics. At this time, data collectors will not enter any structure, but will ask for information at your door. All data collectors will be wearing reflective clothing, carry an identification badge and a letter of introduction, have an "Assessor's Office" sign posted in the vehicle window, and their cars will be registered with the Police as well as the Assessor's and First Selectman's Offices in the Town Hall.

Helen Totz, Assessor

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

The staff of the East Windsor WPCF have been busy since the fall. Our project with Eversource and Evercore is wrapping up. Over 300 lighting fixtures were replaced with new energy efficient LED lighting. Lighting is now able to be controlled wirelessly, allowing staff to control when certain lighting is on or off. In addition, we can control the intensity of the lighting. Mini split heating / air conditioning units were installed in three locations within the facility. Thirteen Variable Frequency Drives were replaced as part of this project. The pump replacement project we completed at the Mill Street pump station has worked out very well. We recently ordered an additional pump for the Mill Street station and ordered two complete pump assemblies for the Scantic Road pump station.



Staff recently completed a long-awaited replacement of the diffusers in the thickened sludge storage tank. This project had been delayed due to safety concerns with staff working 25 feet down in a storage tank. We were able to perform the work following Confined Space Entry protocol and were successful in upgrading the old diffusers with a much-improved system.

Staff also replaced the access hatch into the thickened sludge tank as part of the diffuser replacement project as access is only able through the hatch. Again, what appeared to be an almost impossible task was completed by staff. This required some creative welding and fabrication by WPCF staff.

Work has continued with the replacement of the pinch valves for the isolation of tankage and pumps. This work involves maneuvering large, bulky 650-pound valves into very tight areas. Staff continues to plug away on the valve replacements as time permits. We typically change over many of the processes during the spring and fall so we were able to complete all the maintenance and repairs this fall.

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection recently transferred responsibility for the General Permit for Miscellaneous Industrial Users (GP MIU) to the individual Water Pollution Control Facilities. While many WPCA's imposed fees for record keeping and inspections the East Windsor Water Pollution Control Authority has decided not to impose any fees associated with this program.

This program requires registration and annual inspection for oil water separators. Existing staff will take on these additional responsibilities and duties.

We have seen an uptick in sewer inspections for new sewer connections. This has been a pleasant surprise. We have seen a number of new connections along North Road/Bassdale Plaza and just finished the installation of sanitary sewer lines for the rear building and the adjacent pad site. The Noble Gas station is planning to build a car wash to the east of the gas station. This will connect to the sanitary sewer as well. We have also seen a number of residences connect to the North Road sewer as well.

E. Arthur Enderle III, Superintendent WPCF

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Highlights from the Senior Center

The Senior Center is back in action! We have been offering daily hot lunches, educational programs, coffee hours, BINGO, fitness programs, tech time, monthly birthday socials and more.

We had many things to celebrate over the past few months, including Pumpkin Pie Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. We also had a very special celebration in September in honor of National Senior Center Month. Senator Anwar, First Selectman Jason Bowsza and Deputy Selectman Marie DeSousa joined us and helped serve the meals to our seniors! For our December Social, CRT was closed so lunch was sponsored by Stonebrook Village and desert was sponsored by Riverside Health and Rehab. We are so thankful for the generosity of the community and surrounding communities.

Our seniors were also very generous during the past few months. We held a food drive for the Five Corner Cupboard, and we also collected supplies for our soldiers and some of our own veteran's helped us pack up the boxes.

We are very thankful that we have been able to be back together in person. We are still being very cautious and limiting people at tables and certain activities where there is more contact. We have been following the health department guidelines to keep all our seniors safe



while still giving them the opportunity to get together with friends and avoid isolation. We are hoping that the spring brings lower Covid numbers, and we can bring back even more activities, including trips. Until then, we are thankful that we can still be together under these trying times.

Shawna Tustin, Senior Center Lead/Program Assistant



Senior Center Transportation

Our Senior Service transportation program has been very busy since the re-opening of our center in June. We are now transporting for all the things we did during Covid, including medical appointments, grocery shopping, helping with the delivery of Meals on Wheels, Mobil Foodshare and any other necessary trip required by our seniors. Since our re-opening we have added transporting for lunch at the center daily, plus any programs listed on our monthly calendar. We have had several new registrations for service which has been wonderful. Seniors are told the safety pre-cautions that we take at the time of registration, and they feel comfortable knowing they can be transported with their safety being our top priority. On a wonderful note, we have been awarded a grant through the Department of Transportation after putting in an application last Spring for a new bus. We have applied each year for the grant as it pays 80% of the cost of a new bus, this year however we received notice that not only did we receive the grant, but it will be 100% funded with no match required. It is important to keep the vehicles in a regular rotation as it saves our town so much on maintenance costs. We will be

ordering the new bus in the months to come and then looking forward to its arrival.

Teresa Hill, Senior Transportation Coordinator

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Broad Brook Elementary School

During the months of November and December Broad Brook Elementary School (BBS) celebrated staff and students while connecting to the East Windsor community.

On Veteran's Day, students learned about the meaning of the day and honored our veterans. A "white table" – a table set for one that honors the men and women who served in America's armed forces and are missing from our ranks — was set up in the cafeteria at lunch, and students made cards for local veterans. Staff and students brought in pictures of veterans who are part of their lives for us to display on an honor board.

BBS also supported our community by holding a food drive. Grade levels competed to see which could bring in the most food and over one thousand items were donated to the East Windsor Food Pantry.

At the end of each quarter, BBS honors an outstanding staff member and student. For the first quarter, Mrs. Gretchen Slack was awarded the Crystal Apple Award, sponsored by Dave Mosher and Horace Mann Insurance. Mrs. Slack is a special education paraprofessional who goes above and beyond to support all of our students and assist teachers to ensure students meet with success.

Emma Congelosi is a second grader in Ms. Donais' class is our student honoree. She was nominated for going above and beyond to help a student feel comfortable and start her day in a positive way.

The EW Family Resource Center (FRC) held its first Book Buddy celebration of the year. The FRC facilitates matching community members

with Kindergarteners. Then, the book buddy purchases a book for their matched student three times over the course of the year. The Kindergarteners respond with a handwritten/drawn thank you note.

East Windsor Middle School

East Windsor Middle School (EWMS) staff continues to make positive office referrals or, as EWMS calls them, the PAWSITIVITY Awards. Referrals are in the form of an actual paw with the student's name on it which are displayed on the main foyer bulletin board for all to see. In addition to seeing the awards each week, the students' names and why they were nominated for a PAWSITIVITY Award are read during the Friday morning announcements.

The middle school co-ed soccer team is up and running. The team closed out their season on October 30 with a 3-team jamboree at East Windsor High School. We're all looking forward to next season already!

Twenty-five students participated in the first session of the Empower Leadership program. Empower Leadership is an afterschool program that meets once a week to provide fun, productive, and accessible leadership adventures and team building activities for students. The goal is to help students find the leaders within themselves through challenging adventure experiences and team building-activities.

Other leadership opportunities were also recognized at the middle school when EWMS held their 2021-2021 student council elections. Willard Davis is this year's president, with Elizabeth Romel as vice-president, Mikilana Vong as secretary and Ella Marschall as treasurer. Each grade level also selected class representatives. The Student Council worked on a fall pep rally and other activities for EWMS students.

East Windsor High School

It has been a busy autumn at East Windsor High School. On October 29, the high school held a pep rally to promote school spirit and honor seniors who played soccer and ran cross country. The boys football team was honored similarly the follow weekend on November 6 at the powderpuff game.

EWHS named William Rouleau as the Outstanding Student for Quarter 1, with teacher Shawn Couture earning EWHS's Crystal Apple award. In addition, EWHS teacher Dr. Kimberly Hellerich had a feature article entitled "High-School Students Help Their English Teacher Fine-Tune Instruction" published in The Marshall Memo, a well-regarded weekly education research publication.

The high school also inducted 17 students into the National Honor Society on Monday, November 22. Students who were inducted in a virtual ceremony last year were able to celebrate their accomplishment with this year's inductees at an in-person ceremony.

East Windsor High School applied for and received a grant to promote completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students who fill out the FAFSA will be eligible for raffle prizes, including as bedding for dorm rooms, microwaves, and refrigerators, as well as financial assistance for college in the form of scholarships. The school helped students with two FAFSA working sessions for families on the evenings of Wednesday, November 17, and Wednesday, December 15.

Patrick Tudryn, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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VITALS INFORMATION

A Connecticut birth certificate is available from the Town Clerk of the hospital town & in the town in which the child's mother was living at the time. Birth certificates from 2003-present are on a statewide database which allows you to go to any town to get a certified copy. If you are living in town and need your child's birth certificate but you moved from a different town, we will be able to help you in the office here!

A Connecticut death certificate is available certified from the Town Clerk of the town in which the death occurred and in the town in which the individual resided at the time of death.

A Connecticut marriage certificate is available from the Town Clerk of the town in which the marriage occurred and the in the town in which the individuals resided in at the time of marriage.

All vital records requests must be made in person or by postal mail. The cost of a certified copy is \$20.00. The Town Clerk accepts cash or check.

LAND RECORDS

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

We have recorded 237 Documents in October, 207 Documents in November, and currently at 116 in December so far!

HUNTING AND FISHING

Fishing season is around the corner! We offer hunting and fishing licenses in office. Please be advised to still use social distancing when you are out. 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.

IMPORTANT BUDGET DATES

May 10, 2021 – 1st Budget Referendum

May 11, 2021 – Public Hearing, if needed, or BOF to set mill rate

May 24, 2021 – 2nd Budget Referendum (if needed)

May 25, 2021 – Public Hearing, if needed, or BOF to set mill rate

June 14, 2021 – 3rd Budget Referendum (if needed)

June 15, 2021 – BOF to set mill rate

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New activities proposed within the boundaries of the Aquifer Protection Area must be reviewed by the Aquifer Protection Agency. Members of the East Windsor Planning and Zoning Commission serve on the Aquifer Protection Agency. The regulations restrict development of certain new land use activities that use, store, handle or dispose of hazardous materials. Existing regulated land uses are required to register and follow best management practices.

Clean and plentiful groundwater is important for our quality of life. Below are some preventative measures you can take at home to protect groundwater quality.

- Dispose of waste properly, don't dump chemicals down the drain or on the ground
- Maintain your septic system (pumping and inspections)
- Safely store hazardous chemicals and fuels to prevent spills and leaks
- Always follow directions when applying fertilizers or pesticides
- Have underground fuel oil tanks tested for leaks

Ruthanne Calabrese, Director of Planning and Development/Town Planner



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
Male or Female (not spayed or neutered)	\$19.00
Kennel (10 tags)	\$51.00
Guide Dogs	FREE
Lost Tags	\$.50
Transfer from another CT town	\$.50
Transfer of ownership within town (if already licensed)	\$1.00
Late Penalty	\$1.00 per month or fraction thereof- starting in July

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

Amy R. Lam, *Town Clerk* | Lynn K. Lemieux, *Assistant Town Clerk*
Larisa Hiti, *Assistant Town Clerk*

Tax Office

The Tax Office has just completed the second installment of collection which includes the supplemental motor vehicle bills. Soon the delinquent bills will go out to those who may have forgotten to pay their bills. The Tax Office is also currently working on preparing our budget for next year. The staff in the Tax Office is working on obtaining their state mandated CEU's to continue to maintain their state certifications. The tax collector has obtained the certification of CCMO (Certified Connecticut Municipal Officer). This program focuses on teaching to "work collaboratively, solve problems, build partnerships, and work across political and organizational boundaries".

Patricia Kratochvil, Tax Collector

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