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Summer 2022

First Selectman

East Windsor's Fiscal Position Remains Strong

As was true in previous years, the Board of Selectmen's budget recommendation for Fiscal Year 22/23 limits new spending to a few needed items and reallocates some existing expenditures to new initiatives in different departments.

It should be noted that the Town's 2021 Grand List grew by 4.18% over last year. The Grand List is now above \$1 billion dollars and since I took office, it has grown by more than \$50 million.

Figure 1 (p.5) shows the 2021 changes in Grand Lists in surrounding communities. There are a few key points that should be highlighted. First, East Windsor's motor vehicle valuation increase was one of the most conservative amongst any surrounding town for which data is available. Nevertheless, increased values in motor vehicles, especially in used cars, are seeing historic increases across the state. These increases are being driven by a combination of higher demand and significantly reduced supply. Secondly, communities that have implemented property revaluations in the last year have seen tremendous growth in their respective overall Grand Lists. Thirdly, East Windsor saw the most robust Grand List growth of any town in the region not implementing a revaluation, and despite our conservative motor vehicle valuation estimates. In fact, our Grand List growth was 10% higher than any community in the region not implementing a property revaluation this year. The Grand List is broken into three categories: real estate, personal property, and motor vehicles. Of note is that, over the last three years, a consistent shift has emerged showing less of a reliance on real estate, as shown in **Figure 2**. When further examining the composition of real estate property valuation, we see a continued trend away from residential

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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.

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.

East Windsor Middle School

East Windsor Middle School (EWMS) staff has been sharing positive office referrals or, as EWMS calls them, the PAWSITIVITY Awards. Now, on a quarterly basis, students that have received a Pawsitivity Award will have breakfast. Forty-five students participated in the first breakfast and forty students for our second breakfast. Students were treated to donuts and hot chocolate. Student names are read during the morning announcement along with the reason for being awarded the honor.

We are very proud of our boys' and girls' basketball teams this year. Both teams improved and put in 100% this season. We are excited about baseball and softball which will start in April.

Thirty students are participating in the second 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.

EWMS has had three virtual pep rallies this year and will be holding an in-person pep rally at the end of March with our annual Student vs. Staff basketball game. Each grade level will get the chance to take on their teachers in this highly anticipated event.

EWMS participated in Read Across America Week during the first week of March with the following activities: Drop Everything and Read,



Hat Day for Cat and the Hat, students wore green and orange for the Lorax, silly socks for Fox in Sox, and wore red and blue for One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish. A great time was had by all! Pictures are up on the EWMS Facebook page.

Students have been participating in twelve after school clubs this year. These clubs have been created by students. The clubs are Beyblade Club, Book Club, Chess Club, Decoration Club, Harry Potter Club, Helping Hand Club, Homework Club, Improv Club, Invention Convention Club, Newspaper Club, Student Council, and Yearbook. Clubs meet at least twice a month, but some meet more frequently. It is great to see our kids exploring their interests.

East Windsor High School

The East Windsor High School (EWHs) had a successful Homecoming Weekend. All Class of 2023 students were recognized for their participation in fall sports. The school held an outdoor pep rally. The culminating event of the weekend was a Powder Puff game between the Class of 2023 and the underclassmen. All events were well attended by the community.

On November 22nd, 17 EWHs students were inducted at an in-person ceremony of the National Honors Society. The school recognized both last year's inductees and this year's inductees so they all could have an in-person experience.

On December 10th, students and staff at the high school participated in Pajama Day by making \$1 donations to help fight cancer.

Five EWHs seniors were able to take advantage of an opportunity through Rockville High School Adult Education to participate in two separate programs:

Dymotek – Students are given training and a manufacturing math class through Rockville High School and then conduct on-site training at Dymotek. This 12-week program will allow students the opportunity to learn the systems of Dymotek and to earn Pre-Apprentice hours.

CNA at MCC – Students attend a Zoom session offered by Rockville High School and then go to MCC to take a class. Students are also required to do clinical hours. The goal of this 10-week program is the students will earn their CNA license. The two students are Samantha Corrado and Vanessa Mitchell.

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Broad Brook School (BBS) celebrates the whole child. On a daily basis, students are engaged in rigorous learning. They are making great academic growth. Students work in small groups to complete problem-solving activities and share their learning with each other.

During the past few months, students have been challenged to demonstrate acts of kindness and engage in heart healthy activities. In January, students completed the Great Kindness Challenge. They completed acts of kindness towards mem-

Broad Brook School



Students moving deoxygenated blood through the heart obstacle course.

bers of the school community and at home. In February, they were challenged to complete

a daily heart healthy exercise. At the end of the month, they learned how the heart functions by participating in an obstacle course that represented the functions of the heart. During the month of March, BBS students and families participate in the annual One School, One Book celebration. Thanks to the generosity of the PTO, each family received a copy of The World According to Humphrey. They will read it together as a family, and students will engage in literacy activities focused on the book in school.

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Back-to-School Program

is More Than a New Backpack

As summer begins our thoughts turn to the enjoyment of warm evenings, swimming and picnics as school becomes a distant memory. However, East Windsor Social Services is already thinking ahead to the Fall season and the beginning of the school year. New backpacks filled with grade appropriate school supplies are available to income eligible families that are East Windsor residents. These families must have children in Preschool through High School that are registered in the East Windsor school system. Registration for the Back-to-School program begins in July and runs to the beginning of August. The Salvation Army also graciously provides shoe gift cards so each child can start the school year with a new pair of shoes. More information can be found via the website link <https://eastwindsor-ct.gov/human-services/pages/back-school>. Donations to this program are also welcome and the list is available on the website link referenced above.

Bridget Joy, Social Services Clerical Intake Assistant



May 10th Budget Information

The Board of Finance has completed their role in the budget-making process for Fiscal Year 22/23, and their recommendation heads to the voters on May 10th for consideration at a town-wide referendum. The referendum hours will be from 6am to 8pm at the established polling locations.

Under the final budget proposal, the mill rate would increase by 0.07 mills, from 34.5 mills to 34.57 mills. This equates to a 0.20% tax increase. The overall impact on the average taxpayer in East Windsor (assuming an average home value of \$216,000) would be \$11 for the year. This nearly flat increase in the tax rate is largely supported by very robust growth in our Grand List of 4.18%. The spending increase for Town government services is 2.45% and for the Board of Education is 2.37%. The total spending increase included in the final proposal is 2.4%, again leaving the tax rate effectively flat.

The proposal now going before the voters includes funding for retention of an economic development coordinator on a twelve-month basis, investment in debt service to free up additional bond capacity, reductions in employee benefits, plus additional funding for the popular summer concert series and local library associations.

Also, on the ballot on May 10th will be the budget request for the Broad Brook Fire Department. Their budget request, as reviewed and approved by the Boards of Selectmen and Finance, is a flat budget. That means it is a 0% increase, and a 0% tax increase over the current year.

Jason E. Bowsza, First Selectman

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Recreational Vehicles (RV) & Boat Storage

REGULATIONS

If stored indoors:

1. May not be stored in front or side yard.
2. May not be within 10 ft. of the property line.
3. No more than one type of these vehicles may be stored.
4. May not be parked in driveway for more than 48 hours.
5. Shall not be used for living, sleeping or housekeeping purposes.



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Figure 1 2021 Grand List Changes for Area Towns

TOWN	MV GRAND LIST % CHANGE	TOTAL GRAND LIST % CHANGE	COMMENTS
Bolton	24.60%	2.70%	
Coventry	36%	3.60%	
East Windsor	22.28%	4.18%	
Ellington	24.02%	3.67%	
Enfield	31%	22.76%	reval year
Manchester	24.70%	17.99%	reval year
South Windsor	23.60%	2.90%	
Somers	22.2%	3.48%	
Stafford	24.10%	3.60%	
Suffield	25.73%	2.74%	
Tolland	25.49%	3.8%	
Vernon	27.30%	19.70%	reval year
Windsor Locks	9.2%	2.45%	

property owners and onto commercial/ industrial property owners. This shows that homeowners are being relied on less to fund the workings of Town Government than they were in 2019.

The Town has taken steps to ensure

Figure 2

	2019 GL	2020 GL	2021 GL
Residential	50.69%	50%	49.05%
Commercial/Industrial	24.80%	24.40%	25.16%

unprecedented levels of transparency in terms of Town Government finances, through the integration of software that allows the taxpayer to view budget and expenditure history (current to within thirty days), understand where their specific tax dollars are spent, and do a deep dive of expenditures by department. Addition-

ally, a comprehensive budget book will be available to the public once the FY 22/23 budget is adopted by voters later this spring. Taxpayers can view all that information at <https://cleargov.com/connecticut/hartford/town/east-windsor>.

In the last year, the Town utilized a portion of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation to fund a small business and nonprofit grant program. More than one hundred and fifteen entities in East Windsor received local relief grants to help their businesses recover from the effects of the pandemic. This was the Town's good faith effort to show that it is sincere in its intentions to be a business-friendly community. Our debt capacity is now in a place where we could borrow \$10 million for needed infrastructure projects without increasing our Debt Service budget by more than the standard 2% per year. And our Pension Funded Ratio stands at 84.4% with expectations that it will crest 90% at the next valuation.

The fiscal position of the Town is strong, we are well positioned for good things to come, and our best days are still ahead!

Jason E. Bawzya, First Selectman

Assessor's Office

Elderly & Disabled Homeowner Benefit Deadline

The Assessor reminds any residents eligible for homeowner benefits that the deadline to apply is May 13th this year. Eligibility is determined by age (over 65 years old) or the existence of a permanent disability and income.

The maximum income limit for a single person is \$38,100 and for a married couple it is \$46,400. If an income tax return has been filed with the IRS, a copy must be presented at the time of application, 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 earnings, Railroad Retirement, veteran's payments, etc.

This is a two-year program, with refile applications, as well as new applications, due between Feb. 1 and May 15 each year, unless that deadline falls during a weekend. Existing applicants due to refile this year have been notified.

Information Regarding Values on Upcoming July Tax Bills

The Assessor would like to prepare motor vehicle owners who will be re-

ceiving tax bills in July for a bit of a "sticker shock". While the Town is still early in the budget process and a mill rate has not yet been set, the Grand List has been filed and the motor vehicle list is showing more than a whopping 22% increase. The assessor is mandated to value all property at 70% of the October 1 market value. The market for both new and used cars and other vehicles has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and values are at a nearly all time high. Tax bills will reflect these values and as a result, most vehicles will show an increase in value over last year. While the normal expectation is that cars and trucks will depreciate from year to year, this is not the case for the current year.

What effect this will have on your tax burden will not be apparent until the Town sets a mill rate in May. Your tax bills are derived by multiplying your assessment times the mill rate. As an example, the current mill rate (for last year's bills) of 34.50 mills times an assessed value of \$10,000 would equal a tax bill of \$345 (.03450 x \$10,000).

I am including a link to several market industry reports that help explain the current situation in the motor vehicle market for your review. Information can be found at: <https://caao.com/wp-content/uploads/Motor-vehicle-value-articles-Late-2021.pdf>

Helen Totz, Assessor

Food Resources Available within the Community and Beyond



Five Corner Cupboard Food Pantry offers East Windsor residents who are income eligible access to a variety of perishable and non-perishable food items based on household size. The pantry employs a client choice shopping model allowing residents to pick their grocery items based on personal preference and/or dietary needs. Dairy, meat, breads, pastries, fresh fruit, and vegetables may be available, and the stock can vary from week to week. There is a section of personal hygiene products as well as laundry detergent; selection may vary. Residents who qualify may visit the pantry once a month. An application can be filled out at the pantry or at East Windsor Social Services. The pantry follows every other Tuesday schedule and is open from 9 am to 11:45 am and 1 pm to 5:30 pm. The schedule can be found via the website link <https://eastwindsor-ct.gov/human-services/pages/>

food-fuel-clothes-assistance.

Mobile Connecticut Foodshare

An additional resource for food that many may not be aware of is the Mobile Connecticut Foodshare trucks. These trucks are a great way to supplement trips to the Five Corner Cupboard. Throughout the month the mobile trucks visit specific locations on designated days and times to distribute assorted food items. Any person 16 years old and older may participate. Perishable food items available may be fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy, meat, and bread. The Mobile CT Foodshare goes to the towns of Broad Brook, Ellington, Enfield, South Windsor, and Windsor Locks. A complete list of towns, schedules and specific locations are available via the link www.Foodshare.org/Mobile. Identification is not required and anyone who is age eligible can go to any of the local town locations to receive food (bring reusable bags). Mobile CT Foodshare follows the school cancellation guidelines for each town location and will also cancel. Smartphone users can text FOODSHARE to 85511 to receive the mobile schedule and cancellation alerts.

Bridget Joy, *Social Services Clerical Intake Assistant*

East Windsor WPCA - WPCF

The staff of the East Windsor Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) are looking forward to the spring weather and embarking on our planned projects.

- Replace Sludge Solids Tank / Digester Floor Valves
- (Waste Activated Sludge Tank Valves completed in February)
- (Thickened Activated Sludge Tank Scheduled for late summer / fall)
- Total Overhaul of the Septage Receiving Facility
- (Pumps, Valves, Controls, Lighting, HVAC, etc)
- Route 5 Pump Station Pump and Motor Replacement
- Newberry Road Upgrades to Valve Chamber / Wet Well
- West Oxidation Ditch Preparation to go "online" in 2022
- East Oxidation Ditch Preparation to go "offline" including cleaning in 2022.
- Mill Street & Scantic Road Pump and Motor Replacements
- (Four Pumps and Motors Replaced, Two at each Station)

- (Isolation Valves and Check Valves to be replaced)
- (Total Upgrade of Electrical and Controls within Pump Station Can.)

The Water Pollution Control Authority has adopted the 2022/2023 WPCF budget.

For each of the past two years, the WPCA decided to hold the sewer user fee at \$404.00 per unit. Due to the unprecedented rise in inflation, along with ever increasing cost of electrical energy, the facility is faced with increased costs of treating the wastewater. Our stated Mission is to ensure the continued proper operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the facility, pumping stations and sewer lines.

While the budget has been adopted, the rate will not be set until the May 2022 WPCA meeting. During the month of April, we will be compiling the CT Water Company commercial water meter readings, as well as the commercial well readings to assist us toward setting a rate. At this point in time, the WPCA believes there will be a rate increase, but is working hard to keep the increase in the single digits.

E. Arthur Enderle, III, *Superintendent*

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>

Community Garden

The East Windsor Agricultural Commission celebrates its 10th season of the East Windsor Community Garden! Each year, Commission members plow the field and till in composted manure before marking out individual plots. Individual 16' x 24' plots are made available and assigned to interested gardeners, for a fee of \$25, from March through May 1st.

Compost is supplied for all plots in the garden, while gardeners provide their own plants, tools, fencing, and other equipment. Both the Planning Department and Agricultural Commission collaborate in taking registrations, collecting rental fees, and keeping track of gardener information. They are also available to field all questions and concerns that may arise.

This year, in an effort to create a tidier and more efficient garden, the plot layout was reconfigured. In previous years, water for the garden was supplied by way of a large storage tank filled by the Broad Brook Fire Department, where it was gravity fed to a hydrant. This year a Town hydrant delivers water from a well at the East Windsor Town Park. Water travels under the street and services the thirsty garden.

The pandemic created greater interest and participation in the Community Garden. It's a way to spend time outside, grow produce as a pleasurable activity and create the comfort of feeling food security. Gardening is a grounding activity that can relieve stress in uncertain times. Organic food straight from the garden to the table is very healthy, fulfilling and satisfying. Past participants got to know

their neighboring gardeners, made friendships, and shared knowledge. Thus, not only is there a practical reason for growing one's own food, but it appears there is mental health aspect that is found to be equally as important.

Not only does East Windsor's Agricultural Commission dedicate itself to creating and maintaining the beautiful community garden, but it provides education and amusement for the community, as well. On April 6th the Commission hosted an informative presentation by West Granby author and educator Nigel Palmer at the Warehouse Point Library. The lecture taught attendees how to use materials from their own backyards to create amendments for their gardens that would increase the fertility of the soil, providing healthier, more nutritious plants.

Then, on April 16th the Commission presented a kickoff event with several teams of draft horses plowing the Community Garden field. This time-honored way of plowing provided an interesting and beautiful sight for the audience. The strong and elegant draft horses working quietly and efficiently in tandem with their drivers and nature, provided a nostalgic moment of local agrarian roots for many.

As interest in gardening grows, surplus space may be used to expand the garden in upcoming years. The garden is available for enjoyment through the end of September, unless an early frost calls for an untimely ending. So come and enjoy!

Donna Grant, Agricultural Commission Secretary

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Arts and Culture Commission

East Windsor now has an Arts and Culture (A&C) Commission! Established in October of 2021, the Arts and Culture's Commission's mission is to create a stronger sense of community pride by recognizing and celebrating local artists while enhancing the knowledge, enjoyment, and appreciation of arts and culture in East Windsor. The Commission, currently made up of 8 members, plans to create art installations in indoor and outdoor communal areas throughout East Windsor, hold community events showcasing one or more types of art, promote local businesses, and support artists of all kinds.

The Commission has planned several projects, both large and small. It is our hope that these projects will inspire public participation, promote creativity, celebrate East Windsor's history and diversity, and bring in tourism. The first project is a set of "Selfie Boards", a collaboration between A&C and other departments or commissions in town: one board highlights and advertises the Arts and Culture Commission, while the second attached board promotes the event of the collaborating group. To date, the boards have been showcased at the Broad Brook Fire Department and Parks and

Recreation's Torchlight Parade, the American Heritage River Commission's New Year's Day Hike, and Parks and Recreation's Easter Bunny Breakfast.

In March, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved for the A&C Commission to move forward with a large-scale mural project on the I-91 underpass on South Water Street. Due to impending construction on that bridge, the Department of Transportation (DOT) has delayed approval for that project until later this year. Once A&C gets the green light from DOT, local muralist Ben Keller will collaborate with East Windsor photographer Frank Dzedziak to sketch the mural. The theme will be the Flora and Fauna of East Windsor and the Connecticut River Area. Stay tuned for updates!

A&C will be holding an art fair during each of the concerts during Parks and Recreation's Summer Concert Series. Every week will have a different selection of artists selling their creations in various mediums. We are also in the beginning stages of planning a festival for the Summer of 2023. If you are a local artist that would like to be added to our Artist's Bank for an invitation to these event and others, please email us at ewartsandculture@gmail.com.

The Commission hopes to collaborate with as many organizations in East Windsor as possible. To date, we have started conversations about potential projects with Superintendent Tudryn, Police Chief DeMarco, the Historical Society, and the Diversity Council, as well as collaborations with the American Heritage River Commission, Broad Brook Fire Department, and Parks and Recreation. If you have an idea for a collaboration, event, or installation, please contact us.

As we finalize plans for each of our projects, we may be holding fundraisers to make the idea a reality. Individual and business contributions will help us realize our mission of aesthetically enhancing certain areas of East Windsor, promoting community identity and pride, and making East Windsor a destination town, which boosts the economy. **Remember:** Public Art is for EVERYONE. If you find value in what we are doing, donations can be made to the Arts and Culture Commission at 11 Rye Street in Broad Brook, 06016.

Please like us on Facebook: East Windsor Arts and Culture and follow us on Instagram: [ewartsandculture](https://www.instagram.com/ewartsandculture).

Debra Williams, Chairperson

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Pets can affect the health and well-being of the community. So, for everyone's protection, local or county governments regulate pet ownership. Annually, dogs who are over 6 months old should be licensed in the town that the dog is kept, between June 1st and June 30th, according to CT General Statute 22-338. The Cost is minimal, \$8 for a spayed/neutered dog, and \$19 for an intact dog. It helps municipalities keep track of how many pets they have; and that number can depend on zoning regulations in each town.

Licensing your pet has many benefits. Before a dog can be licensed with the town, it is required that the animal receive the rabies vaccine. This is because rabies is a disease that is potentially fatal to humans and other animals. Also, having a license can help reunite a family with their pet who may have taken themselves for an unauthorized walk away from home! It lets the animal control officer know that the pet has a home. So, when an ACO picks up your pet and sees they have a tag and are licensed, they can be at ease knowing that the dog is up to date on their rabies, which makes it less stressful to interact with the animal, and then they can proceed to find the owner.

Fines/fees associated with not having your pet licensed can be substantially more than just the license fee. There is a \$1 per month late fee charged if you do not register your dog on time. If your dog is picked up by the ACO, there can be a fee per day for keeping your dog. The failure to license fine is \$75.00. The fees go toward shelters, veterinary care, as well as to help pay the salaries of the animal control officers from the town to the state level.

A license is a lost dog's ticket home!

Amy R. Lam, *Town Clerk*

East Windsor Park 2022 Rates

Swimming Schedule:

June 11th-19th weekends only;
Tentative: 7 days a week beginning June 24th
Mondays-Fridays 11:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays 12:00 pm-6:45 pm
Splashpad Hours: 9 am to 6 pm



Gate Admission: (includes walk-ins)

Resident: \$2.00 per person
Non-resident:
Adults (ages 17-59) \$5.00 per person
Children (ages 3-16) \$3.00 per person
Children aged 2 and under and Seniors 60+ FREE



Season Passes

Residents: \$25 (individual) or \$50 (family)

NEW: Non-resident Family Weekday Pass \$100

(For up to six persons living at the same address & for weekday use ONLY)

Non-residents can still visit the park during the weekend- see Gate Admission above

Season passes can be purchased at the Parks and Rec office in the Town Hall Annex



Pavilion Rental Rates: (all prices are per pavilion)

Out of Season: (Labor Day to Memorial Day)

East Windsor Group \$175.00
Out-of-Town Group \$275.00
Clean-Up Fee \$ 50.00 (refundable)



In-Season: (Memorial Day to Labor Day)

East Windsor Group \$175.00 + \$2/pp gate fee (children under 2 FREE)
Out-of-Town Group \$225.00 + \$3/pp gate fee (children under 2 FREE)
Clean-Up Fee \$ 50.00 (refundable)

To rent a pavilion please visit www.EastWindsorRec.com

27 Reservoir Avenue, Broad Brook

Park Hill

Hello Everyone-

Park Hill is "Springing" into action now that the warmer weather is coming along and Covid cases have decreased. Residents are resuming their activities that include bingo, Wii bowling, coffee hour, chair exercise and game night in which they play cards and or board games. Recently the East Windsor Athletic Club donated two corn hole games. The boards and bean bags are handmade. The residents are currently playing inside, but once the weather really gets nice, we'll move them outside. Many thanks to Melissa Maltese Director of Community Services for coordinating this donation.

Our Resident Services Coordinator, Carolyn, has been busy organizing various educational programs for our residents. She has arranged for a four series nutritional presentation sponsored by the UCONN extension SNAP-Ed department. Topics will include shopping for healthy foods

on a tight budget, smart food choices for people who have specific dietary needs such as diabetes and heart conditions and tips for cooking foods using less salt and fats. SNAP-Ed is doing a great job with making their presentations colorful and interesting with handouts and give aways.

On Monday, February 14th, and Tuesday, February 15th, 2022 a mobile dental clinic from First Choice Health Center provided exams, cleanings and X-rays to our Park Hill residents. Seniors from the senior center were also invited. If someone needed additional dental work, they were referred to one of the local clinics. The mobile clinic will return in September.

Approximately, two years ago we were approved to be the sub-recipient for the Connecticut Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The actual grant was awarded to the Town of East Windsor. Many thanks to the First Selectman and the entire Board for their support. The funds were

approved to convert fifty apartment tubs to accessible showers. With delays due to Covid and material shortages, the project finally came to fruition in November 2021. Forty nine of the fifty showers have been installed. Due to an unanticipated change of plans, we have one remaining shower and all the materials necessary to do another installation. We received approval from the funding source, the Department of Housing, to install the shower in one of the Park Hill community hall bathrooms. Since the community hall has a generator, many of our residents use the community hall if we lose electricity. Having a shower is a huge plus.

The residents, staff and commissioners continue to be appreciative of the generosity and support that Park Hill receives from the entire East Windsor community.

Thank you,

Linda Collins, *Executive Director*

New Addition to the Senior Center Team

Let me start by introducing myself; my name is Debra Nordell-Austin, and I am the new Nutritional Site Coordinator at the Senior Center. I grew up in East Windsor, graduated from EW High School and most of my family still lives in town. I now live right over the town line in Enfield, but close enough to feel like I'm still in town. I am very excited to be working at the Senior Center. I have already met so many wonderful people and reunited with ones from my past.

We have a lot of great activities going on in the kitchen. Our Meals on Wheels program services over 30 residents in East Windsor and I'm happy to say that we have enough volunteers right now to cover each side of town five days a week. If you are interested in receiving Meals On Wheels, please contact me at 860-292-8279. Our Congregate Lunch from CRT is very

popular, and we welcome anyone who is 60 and over to come and join us for lunch served every weekday at noon; suggested donation is \$3/meal. Reservations are required by 11am the day before, please call (860)292-8279.

Last month featured the return of our 'Food for Thought' program. Once a month I pick a food(s) and go over the benefits and have a sample for everyone to try. Last month we did strawberry yogurt parfaits. In March we highlighted the benefits of water and how much we should be drinking. I made a refreshing pitcher of nectarine, basil, and clementine infused water to sample. April's 'Food for Thought' will be the benefits of dark chocolate and peanuts.

Please call the Senior Center to sign up for meals and activities. We look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces!

Debra Nordell-Austin,
Nutrition Site Manager

Senior Center TRANSPORTATION

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I report that the Town of East Windsor has been awarded a grant for the purchase of a 20 passenger, handicap accessible bus. The grant was offered through the Department of Transportation, and East Windsor was fortunate to have received the funds as many towns in Connecticut had applied. This grant saves the Town from having to purchase a new vehicle with town funds. It is important that the Senior Center vehicles are replaced every five years or 100,000 miles to keep them in top running condition and prevents the need for costly repairs. The new vehicle was recently ordered but it may take up to a year to arrive as some of the parts, such as computer chips, are delayed. We look forward to its arrival.

Teresa Hil, *Senior Transportation Coordinator*



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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).

RABIES CLINIC JUNE 25th 10am-12pm
Town Hall back parking lot • 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT
Look for the flyer!

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).

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

License Fees Support Many Local Animal Shelters

Typically, the annual fee that you pay to license your dog helps to keep shelters running and supports the work of your local animal control. By paying to properly ID your dog, you are helping to feed and house stray dogs found on the streets within your town.

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

Vitals Information

A Connecticut birth certificate is available from the Town Clerk of the hospital town and 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".

Hunting and Fishing



Fishing season is around the corner! We offer hunting and fishing licenses in office. 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.

Fishing books will not be available this year. For any information, please visit the DEEP

website at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/CT-Fishing>

Important Budget Dates

May 10, 2022 - 1st Budget Referendum/Broad Brook Fire Department Board of Fire Commissioners Special Election

May 11, 2022 - Public Hearing, if needed, or BOF to set mill rate

May 24, 2022 - 2nd Budget Referendum (if needed)

May 25, 2022 - Public Hearing, if needed, or BOF to set mill rate

June 14, 2022 - 3rd Budget Referendum (if needed)

June 15, 2022 - BOF to set mill rate



LOW COST RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC FOR DOGS AND CATS

SATURDAY: JUNE 25, 2022
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
EAST WINDSOR TOWN HALL
11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT

ALL DOGS MUST BE LEASHED
CATS MUST BE IN CARRIERS

- Rabies vaccinations are required for all dogs, cats, and ferrets in the State of Connecticut
- A ONE YEAR certificate will be issued unless you provide proof of previous rabies vaccination IN HAND, tags are NOT ACCEPTABLE.
- Town Licensing will be offered to save you time- Located inside the Town Hall



All dogs six months and older must be licensed each year during the month of June. 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). Anyone acquiring a new dog, must license their dog within 30 days of acquiring the dog.

- Spayed/Neutered Dog is \$8.00
- Unaltered Dog is \$19.00
- Kennel (10 tags) is \$51.00
- Guide Dogs- Free
- Transfer from another CT town is \$.50
- Transfer of ownership within town is \$1.00
- **There is a late penalty fee of \$1.00 per month starting July 1st of this year.**

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