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Winter 2021

Despite the historic challenges of the past year, the Town of East Windsor is a community that is thriving. Long-time residents, new neighbors, and our growing business community all understand that our best days are still ahead of us because we support one another.

To support growth in East Windsor's business community and expand our Grand List (and thereby control our tax rate), the Board of Selectmen have utilized tax abatement provisions provided for in the Connecticut General Statutes. This gives the Town the opportunity to encourage economic development in areas most appropriate to support it, particularly along the Route 5 and Route 140 corridors. Successful projects over the last year include a stabilization agreement for Gravel Pit Solar, which is expected to be the largest grid-scale solar development in New England; an abatement for The Silverman Group, which is planning to develop a distribution facility on Route 5 that will be in excess of 150,000 square feet; and a modified abatement for Water Mill Landing, a 55+ retirement community. As of this writing, several other developments are in various stages of negotiations.

The Town is also expanding its relationships with local architects, engineering firms, developers and realtors to encourage additional development along those key economic corridors. We are always willing to make connections, help navigate the local approval process, and encourage development in those areas where it makes sense for the community.

It is not just large-scale development that is key to our collective success, East Windsor has sought to encourage growth among small businesses as well. In November 2020, we welcomed the Scandinavian Gift Shop to town. The gift shop is located on the intersection of Rockville Road and East Road, where the old East Windsor Gardens was located. During the pandemic, the Town was delighted to see the reopening of At the Dam Restaurant, a local favorite in the Broad Brook section of town.

The Town has also partnered with the East Windsor Chamber of Commerce to create incentives for residents to support other local restaurants during the pandemic, by enticing dining in or taking out. While we know it has been difficult for our local restaurants this year, they have proven to be resilient and have found creative ways to affect their business models and stay in business. After consultation with the Chamber, we are not aware of any local restaurant that has closed permanently due to the pandemic.

2020 has been remarkable, and it has been difficult, but I could not be prouder of how our community has continued to support one another in these harrowing times.

In East Windsor, our best days are always ahead!

Jason E. Bawza, First Selectman

East Windsor Parks & Recreation

Office Info & Hours:

25 School Street, East Windsor CT 06088

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

Thursday: 8:30am-7:00pm

Friday: 8:30am-1:00pm

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

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General Info

Age Requirement:

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

Inclement Weather:

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

Program Scholarships:

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

Registration Info

Mail-In:

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

Mail your completed form with payment to:

East Windsor Parks & Recreation

11 Rye Street

Broad Brook, CT 06016

Consider yourself registered if you do not hear from us.

Drop-Boxes:

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

Broad Brook School – Outside of Main Office

East Windsor Middle School – Outside of Main Office

Town Hall – Outside Main Entrance

Police Station – Inside Lobby

Online:

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

After registration, you will immediately receive an email confirmation.

Payment:

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

Refund Policy:

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

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

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

Check our website or Facebook page for updated programming.

Adopt a Child Program



This program is run through the Department of Social Services for the Town of East Windsor Children. Families approved for the program fill out a wish list for each child ages 2yr to 13yrs to receive three or more gifts. We try to limit the amount for each gift to \$25.00 each and only one gift card. If you wish to purchase or spend more on the children, you may do so. We will send you the information of each child and would like to have unwrapped gifts delivered to East Windsor Social Services Department, 25 School Street, East Windsor on or before December 13th. We need time to have the parent pick up the gifts and know in advance what the child will be getting for Christmas. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Social Services 860-623-2430.

The East Windsor Public Schools

East Windsor High School Students and Staff Continue to Excel

The percentage of East Windsor High School (EWS) students scoring a 3, 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement exams increased from 32% in 2019 to 45% in 2020. The college-level courses not only give high school students the academic rigor they need, but each exam successfully scored could earn students college credits toward a future degree, potentially saving money on college tuition.

Students in our district continue to thrive. Rebecca Syme is an example of that. This past summer, Rebecca enrolled in the UConn Conservation Ambassador Program, part of the National Resources Conservation Academy, where she learned about maps and topography, water quality, water usage, soils, ecology, biology, and a lot more. "I am teamed up with the American Heritage River Commission., They are doing important work on the Scantic River," Rebecca said, "and I am working with Dr. Kirsten Martin, who is an entomologist and is doing research on the river. Next year (winter of 2021) I will be presenting my project at UConn along with the other students who participated."

Students aren't the only ones shining. EWS English teacher Kimberly Hellerich is East Windsor Public Schools 2021 Teacher of the

Year. Dr. Hellerich spent 11 years teaching middle school students before jumping up to the high school for a new challenge. Colleagues describe Dr. Hellerich as "fiercely loyal to her students while also empowering them to make decisions that will improve their futures. She holds students accountable while pushing them to achieve high standards." In nominating Dr. Hellerich for the Teacher of the Year honors, another colleague wrote, "Even when she should be too busy to talk, Kim finds the time to speak with her students and colleagues or to just listen; all while offering her support. She is approachable and caring to everyone!"

East Windsor Middle School Has Some Award-Winning Students

At the Connecticut Invention Convention (CIC) State Finals in June, 8th-grade student Mark Feeney was the 3rd place winner for the Young Inventor of the Year Award with his invention, the Smart Stand.

Sixth grade student Peter Davis received the CIC Recognized Inventor Awards and moved on to the U.S. Invention Convention Finals with his Hot Cap invention.

Eighth Grader Ana-Lois Davis won the Petit Family Foundation: Promising Young Women Inventor Award; the CT Academy of Science and Engineering Award; the 3M Science Applied to Life: Best Invention Enhancing Business, Homes or Lives Award; the University of Connecticut Early College Experience Award;

and she moved on to the U.S. Invention Convention Finals with her invention the CPR Smart Gloves.

At the U.S. Invention Convention Finals, Ana-Lois received two awards: the Health and Medical Award by Danaher and the Best Engineering Award by Maxim Integrated. Ana-Lois has continued her work and recently presented her CPR Smart Gloves and her Car Signaler from last year's CIC competition to the Connecticut Science Center.

Broad Brook Elementary School Moving Forward

It is a different feel to the start of the year, but at Broad Brook Elementary School, students are reporting to teachers and their parents that they are having great days. Students are wearing masks and being very responsible with social distance guidelines.

Every student who needs a laptop has one for home use. Students are participating in online learning through Seesaw. There are thousands of posts as teachers and students communicate each other. Teachers are recording lessons following our curriculum. Students are recording themselves reading, responding to questions and submitting written work as they practice using the Seesaw tools and engage in review and community building activities during the first six weeks of school, following the Responsive Classroom model.

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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.

The Town of East Windsor will pick up Christmas Trees on Monday, Jan. 11, Tuesday Jan. 12 and Wednesday Jan. 13, 2021 on a pre-scheduled basis.



Do not place tree in a bag, remove all ornaments and lights.

Please call the Dept. of Public Works at (860) 292-7073 the week before, with your name and address, to schedule your pickup. If the Office is closed, leave your information on our voicemail and you will be added to the list.

Have your tree curbside no later than 7 a.m.

Note: No artificial trees will be picked up

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.

Wed., Jan. 1st, **New Years Day**
Mon., May 25th, **Memorial Day**
Mon., Sept. 7th, **Labor Day**

Thurs., Nov. 26th, **Thanksgiving**
Fri., Dec. 25th, **Christmas**
Fri., Jan. 1st, 2021, **New Years Day**

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East Windsor Mattress Recycling Program

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

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

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

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

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



East Windsor Electronic Waste Program

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

Computer Items

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

Office

Copiers
Scanners
Fax Machines
Printers
Toner & Inkjet Cartridges



Kitchen

Small appliances
Refrigerators & Freezers
Microwaves
Vacuum Cleaners

Entertainment

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

Other

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>

Mobile Foodshare Locations Around East Windsor 2020

	St. Catherine Church	Ellington LDS Church	Wapping Community Church	St. Robert Bellarmine Church
	6 Windsorville Road	2 Maple Street	1790 Ellington Rd	52 South Elm St
	Broad Brook	Ellington	South Windsor	Windsor Locks
	Every other Friday 1:00 – 1:30 P.M.	Every other Thursday 9:00 - 9:30 A.M.	Every other Thursday 11:30 A.M-12:00 P.M.	Every other Friday 9:00-9:30 A.M.
April	3, 17	9, 23	2, 16, 30	3, 17
May	1, 15, 29	7, 21	14, 28	1, 15, 29
June	12, 26	4, 18	11, 25	12, 26
July	10, 24	2, 16, 30	9, 23	10, 24
August	7, 21	13, 27	6, 20	7, 21
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October	2, 16, 30	8, 22	1, 15, 29	2, 16, 30
November	13	5, 19	12	13
December	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 – 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

East Windsor - Crossroads of North Central Connecticut

East Windsor has been the crossroads for North Central Connecticut for a long time. Even one of the villages, Warehouse Point, has been a distribution point for products and people from way back when barges went up the Connecticut River. Our unique location along a major interstate highway and several state roads serving as major thoroughfares throughout town, as well as our proximity to Bradley International Airport and the Metro Area of Hartford CT and Springfield MA provides East Windsor businesses with an abundance of possible consumers.

East Windsor has established commercial corridors along Interstate 91, Route 5, and Route 140 as part of our communities Plan of Conservation and Development.

In anticipation of assisting existing businesses and welcoming new one's to town, East Windsor boasts an active development team that includes our Planning & Zoning Commission, Economic Development Commission, Board of Selectmen, and others. We have worked to improve the permitting process and are actively providing incentives to the right projects for our community.

To know more about these opportunities, please contact East Windsor's First Selectman Jason Bowsza, who will be glad to assist with any questions you may have.

Speaking of the Town working with our business community, recently the Town and the East Windsor Chamber of Commerce acted to provide some direct support to the towns more than twenty-seven eateries and restaurants to encourage the community to eat out locally, whether dining in or taking out.

East Windsor continues to be a perfect example of "Home-town America" from our quaint "Main Street" district in the Broad Brook Village, which boasts two unique banquet venues and an art gallery, to the abundant farms of the Melrose and Windsorville villages, river trails on the Scantic River and a splash pad coming in 2021 to our old-fashioned town park.

Visit East Windsor Chamber of Commerce's website at www.eastwindsorchamber.com or contact the Chamber directly at jim@eastwindsorchamber.com for more information on how East Windsor CT is the Crossroads of North Central Connecticut.

Jim Richards, *East Windsor Chamber of Commerce*

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East Windsor Residents, Do You Need Help Paying Your Heating Bills - Electric, Gas or Deliverable Fuel

Get ready for the 2020/2021 Energy Season by gathering your necessary income and asset information for this year.

Documents needed:

1. Drivers Licenses or Birth Certificates for everyone in household
2. Social Security Cards for everyone in household
3. Current Utility Bill
4. Rent Receipt, Mortgage Statement or Lease
5. If you are paid weekly- copies of last 4 consecutive checks, if you get paid bi-weekly or semi-monthly- copies of last 2 consecutive checks, if you are paid monthly copy of last check
6. If you receive a monthly income (Social Security, SSI, Pension, AFDC, Rental, Child Support etc.) please submit proof of this. *Note: 1099 forms are acceptable for pensions only.*
7. All Pages of last bank statement (Transaction history are not accepted by CRT)

8. All pages of last statement for all online accounts (Venmo, PayPal, Cash Apps, Direct Express, Green dot etc.)

Income Guidelines:

Household Size:

1	\$37,645	2	\$49,228	3	\$60,811	4	\$72,394
5	\$83,977	6	\$95,560	7	\$97,732	8	\$99,904

Liquid Asset Test

Homeowners	\$15,000.00	Renters	\$12,000.00
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Please call the East Windsor Social Services at (860) 623-2430 to schedule an appointment.

For updates please look at our website at: <https://www.eastwindsor-ct.gov/> or like our page on Facebook at East Windsor Social Services.

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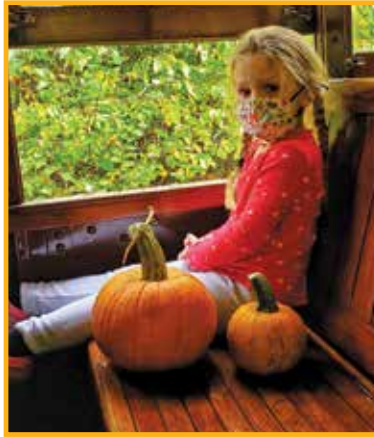
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News from the Connecticut Trolley Museum

In spite of the challenges that we have faced this year there are many positive things to report.

Thanks to our dedicated and hard working volunteers the Museum was finally able to open for the season in late July. The necessary protocols were put in place to ensure the safety of our visitors and we were open throughout the summer. As we had to limit the amount of guests at any given time we sold tickets in advance and online for reserved seating assignments. A new feature that we added this year was an outdoor Friday evening concert series. It was so well received that we plan to continue it next year.

The Museum's biggest revenue producing programs have always been held in the Fall and Winter. These multi-weekend events were the Pumpkin Patch adventure geared toward younger children, the Halloween period "Rails to the Darkside" and the holiday season Winterfest. All three events have been modified to adhere to the necessary safety procedures. We held our Pumpkin Patch, which had great reviews from our patrons. The Halloween event "Rails to the Darkside" was renamed "Ride the Darkside Electric Railway" instead. It was just as scary as ever! Winterfest is in the final planning stages and will include a Christmas Tree sale.



I encourage you to look over the Museum's website www.ct-trolley.org to learn more about these events and how to purchase tickets. We want you to visit!

We completed one of our major capital projects last year - the restoration of the historic 1913 Isle of Safety waiting station and shelter which is located at the entrance to the Museum's grounds.

We are about 65% along the way with the restoration of Trolley Car #3001 which is being returned to operating condition. Owned by the Connecticut Company, this trolley was built in Springfield and operated in Torrington-Winsted and later in New Haven from 1922-1948.

We expect to have it up and running by late next year in time for its 99th birthday. This will give visitors the chance to experience what trolley travel may have been like for their grandparents, great grandparents and great great grandparents!

Our current priorities are fund raising to make up for this year's major loss of admissions income; strengthening the Board of Directors to support the work of our volunteers and to prioritize and begin to work on our infrastructure needs. We receive support from numerous individuals, businesses and

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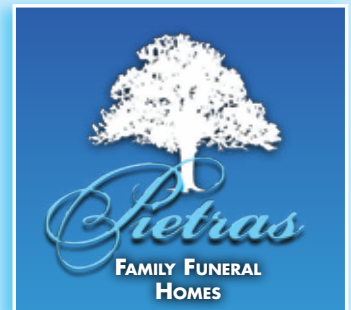
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of our licensed funeral directors at any time... Philip & Jessica Pietras, Jennifer A. West, Jacqueline L. Teske, Corrine M. Jones and Haley S. Bohadik.

We are here to help you with any questions you may have.

Email: pietrasfhs@att.net



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860-742-1255

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375 Merrow Rd., Tolland CT
860-875-1415



For the Parks & Recreation Department, summertime in East Windsor usually means pavilion rentals, swimming lessons and summer camp at the East Windsor Reservoir. However, this year due to COVID-19 Summer 2020 had a much different feel. Once the decision was made to keep the park closed this summer, we quickly put our thinking caps on for ways to keep the community engaged in safe and exciting ways while adhering to social distancing guidelines and keeping the health of East

Windsor at the forefront.

In lieu of our traditional Summer Fun Camp, we ultimately decided upon a "Camp in A Box" program, allowing parents to sign up for boxes filled with take home activities that would be supplemented with Zoom activities and small in-person activities. We decided on a total of three boxes, each filled with two weeks' worth of activities. Each week was given a different theme based on suggestions from past camp participants. Our six themes were All About Water, Crafty Creations, Minute to Win It Week, Creative Masterminds, Mad Scientists and Adventure is Out There! Each box contained packets of activities for their designated weeks as well as all the supplies for said activities.

We held a weekly Zoom with camp counselors Jeff and Maddie where they would lead the kids in various projects from the boxes. While it certainly wasn't the same experience as being at camp, we received a positive response from participants and enjoyed being able to put the boxes together for families. One highlight was a partnership with local bakery Bake Craft & Create, LLC, who created pre-packaged cookie decorating kits for our "Camp in A Box" participants. We were then able to have Jeff and Maddie lead the children in a Virtual Cookie Decorating Class via Zoom. The cookies came out looking great and it was one of the highlights of the "Camp in A Box" program.

We also took advantage of the warm and dry weather of Summer 2020 and hosted drop-in events every Thursday evening throughout the summer, beginning in July. Events included craft and popsicle nights, tie-dyeing, rock painting, Zoom bingo nights featuring pizza from Golden Irene's, and even a special Back-to-School Kick Off event featuring the Kona Ice Truck.

While most events were free, we did ask participants to sign up for time slots in advance to ensure we could properly socially distance and sanitize between families. This system worked out quite well and these events were a huge highlight to our summer, being able to see many of the families that would typically frequent East Windsor Park or attend our Summer Fun Camp. We plan to transition to virtual events and potential indoor events as fall turns to winter.

While COVID-19 has certainly caused our department to change the way we program, we are dedicated to continuing to provide innovative and engaging programs for members of the community of all ages. As we move into the holiday season and winter months, we look forward to seeing you at one of our events or programs!

Melissa Maltese, Director of Recreation and Community Services



Town of East Windsor Water Pollution Control Facility Energy Efficiency Upgrades.

The Town of East Windsor Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) has signed a letter of intent to enter into a partnership with Earth Core Energy Services, (ECES), to provide the WPCF comprehensive energy services in support of energy efficiency upgrades. This project will commence in phases, including:

- 1) Project Overview Report, project pricing, budgeted utility incentives
- 2) Secured utility incentives
- 3) Construction phase

The Project Overview (Phase I) is expected to take 4 weeks. The Project Overview will include a review of the building's Heating and Air-conditioning systems as well as specifying energy efficiency upgrades and improvements, along with estimated project costs, projected utility incentives and simple payback. A summary report will be prepared and presented by Earth Core Energy Services for the East Windsor Water Pollution Control Facility.

Included in Phase I

- 1) Existing equipment make model and capacity
- 2) Heat load calculation for each building to determine required heating and cooling capacity
- 3) Lighting audit
- 4) Replacement heating and cooling equipment
- 5) Project Cost
- 6) Budgeted utility incentives
- 7) Building automation system specifications and pricing

We are hoping that the WPCF will be able to upgrade the heating and cooling system of the Admin building, and the heating systems of the other six (6) buildings at the facility. We have identified 13 pieces of equipment that may be eligible for Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) Replacement. This equipment ranges in size from 39 Horsepower (HP) to 125 HP. The VFD's allow for the motors to start and run at a reduced load saving electricity and providing for longer life of the motors.

The lighting audit will look at the different types of lighting currently in use at the facility and a cost / benefit analysis will be performed to determine the return on investment.

Phase II (Design Build)

The development costs will be included in the project. The Design Build phase will include highly detailed equipment specifications, energy modeling, and quantified utility incentives and savings projections. It is expected each Energy Conservation Measure (ECM) will be recognized by Eversource for financial incentives. Each ECM will have a detailed scope, project cost, projected energy savings based on building modeling. It is important to identify a kW demand reduction.

Phase II will also include submission to the utility company to secure incentives. The estimated timeline to secure utility incentives is expected to be 4 to 6 weeks from executed contract.

E. Arthur Enderle III, Superintendent WPCF

The title from a 1940's Thomas Wolfe novel states, "You can never go home again". The saying is meant to infer how nostalgia causes us to view the past in an overly positive light, and how humans tend to remember people and places from our upbringing in static terms. This paragraph comes from a Google search to form the basis is this publication's article.

So many mornings of late, in this Covid-19 angst filled time, I've woken to the thought of how fortunate I have been to have worked for the Town of East Windsor over the last 19 years. Nineteen years of living and working in this community. I wonder where the time has gone. I reminisce about the wonderful people we have lost, the great friends I have been fortunate to make, and the wonderful people I work with. We share a bond, and though East Windsor is not my birthplace, it is the home of my children. Over the years I've noticed the changes in the small community in western Maine that I grew up in, and realize that in fact, I can never go home again. I am home. I work with many individuals that have grown up in East Windsor, married in East Windsor, raised their families in East Windsor, work for the Town of East Windsor, and over the years, have probably experienced a similar feeling that the Town is/has changed. Change can be difficult. Rapid change is even more so.

We find ourselves in a state of constant change. It is not a negative. Most of that change is intended to leave our community in a better place for those we will someday leave behind. I would like to believe that the citizens, volunteers, Town employees, businesses, committee members, moms and dads, along with those unrecognized, have contributed to our peaceful, scenic, and sometimes, bucolic community.

The most common refrain I hear out in the field is, "I had no idea East Windsor is so beautiful. I drove around this town and the surprises just kept coming." The next most common is, "The people of Town Hall and this community are so friendly and helpful, it was unbelievable."

An observation to anyone or any business that is seeking a new location for their home or business: consider East Windsor. We are big enough to provide you excellent services and opportunities while still offering a small-town atmosphere. You may not be able to go home again, according to Thomas Wolfe, but you will certainly be welcomed to a new home in coming to East Windsor. Stay well and prosper.

Rand D. Stanley, Building Official, East Windsor

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foundations but I would like to give out a shout to three of our business supporters in East Windsor. These are John Silva, Dunkin Donuts franchisee, Nick Vamvilis at The Maine Fish Market & Restaurant and Tony Savona at Sophia's Restaurant.

The Connecticut Trolley Museum is the oldest incorporated (1940) trolley museum in the U.S. It is a cultural and historic treasure and we want to ensure that it not only survives, but thrives well into the future for many generations to come!

Submitted by: **Gina Maria Alimberti**, *Business Manager*
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Quarantine has been difficult for many of us, but it was especially hard on our seniors. Being part of the most “vulnerable” population, friends who were used to seeing each other every day whether for lunch or activities now found themselves completely alone and isolated. Senior Center Staff made daily wellness calls to our seniors, making sure their basic needs were being met. Through those conversations we formed closer relationships with those we already knew and began new relationships with those we didn't see as often.

While speaking with our seniors was wonderful, we were so grateful when we were given the green light to begin a few outdoor activities. We held our first outdoor coffee hour on September 10th and filled the registration list immediately. We now hold coffee hour every Thursday at 10:00 and are often joined by First Selectman Jason Bowsza.

Yoga classes began on September 23rd under the Pavilion at East Windsor Park. Yoga was one of our most requested activities during quarantine and we are so happy that it is back on the calendar! Yoga is led by our wonderful teacher, Diana Gunther, who during quarantine offered free Yoga classes via the internet. When asked if she would be willing to teach our seniors outside, she didn't hesitate. Although the class hasn't been together since March, it was like they never missed a beat!

BINGO always drew a large crowd; therefore, we couldn't have outdoor activities without hosting a Parking Lot BINGO. We held one at the end of September and were able to safely host a little over 20 seniors. We gave out disposable BINGO cards and everyone brought something to write on and write with. It was a blast!

The Senior Center is excited to announce that our Book Club, facilitated by Book Club on the Go will start back up on October 19th. This



month we will be discussing *The Library* by Susan Orlean. Book club has been a successful program in our center for over six years, and our facilitator, Cynde has become a familiar face to many of our seniors. Her son Vaughn has volunteered in the past and recently has written notes to our homebound Meals on Wheels clients and to our Grab and Go meal clients. So far Vaughn has reached out to 37 of our seniors who now look forward to his notes.

October begins open enrollment season for Medicare. Our friends at Stateline Senior Services usually come to our center for the month of October and November to review old and new Medicare Plans for our seniors. Due to COVID restrictions, Stateline has offered to run their workshops via zoom. These workshops are very helpful for anyone new and currently enrolled in Medicare. We are thankful that our seniors will still be able to get this information under the current circumstances.

In other health news, we are finally able to offer foot-care again. This will be done inside our building (by appointment). One person is allowed at a time and everything is cleaned and sanitized between clients.

Lastly, we were unable to hold our Health Fair in October. Although this was unfortunate, we were still able to host a flu clinic with the North Central District Health Department. We held this at the Annex in order to safely accommodate more people.

While COVID-19 brought many changes to our department, we were fortunate enough to still be able to provide services to our clients such as meal deliveries, medical appointments and socialization. We are looking forward to when things go back to “normal” but are glad that we still have opportunities (though unconventional) to get everyone back together.

Melissa Maltese, Director of Recreation and Community Services

Senior Center- Transportation

The East Windsor Senior Center have certainly experienced a different kind of summer regarding our transportation program. We have been amazed at all that our drivers have done in order to make our clients' lives easier during the difficult time we are living through. Due to the pandemic, there are many limitations that we have had to adhere to for the sake of everyone's safety. Our drivers have been the key to making things work and run smoothly.

The drivers have been delivering Meal-on-Wheels and Grab-and-Go meals and have also picked up food from Mobile Food Share and the Food Pantry to deliver it to our clients' doorsteps. They have done this since March when the Center was forced to close. Our drivers are three of the kindest people, which was most evident to our clients as we all faced changes in the last several months.

One of the ways our staff was able to be involved was by making daily phone calls to do wellness checks with clients. During these phone calls the clients would comment on how hard the drivers were working to make sure they were having their necessary needs met. They often thanked us for all we were doing and expressed how much it meant to

them. Over the months our Director and Program Coordinator developed ways in which the seniors would know they were being thought of.

Our drivers delivered plants for Mother's Day and gift bags for Father's Day. The drivers delivered gift bags for Senior Citizen Day for those seniors who could not drive to the center where staff was handing them out.

Drivers also decorated Town vehicles when we did two “drive by” parades in order to say “hi” to our clients.

These are just a few examples of what our team has done in the Transportation Unit. All of this was done while making sure our vehicles were sanitized daily at the beginning of the day and throughout the day as clients used our transportation. Cleanliness and safety are our top priority even before Covid-19, but even more so today.

Our goal was to let our clients know they were not forgotten and that we were there for them from the start of the pandemic. From what so many of the clients have said we believe we were successful in our goal. We look forward to providing a quality transportation program and keeping our clients engaged during these times of need.

Melissa Maltese, Director of Recreation and Community Services

East Windsor Lions



In September the East Windsor Lions were notified that a truckload of produce was making its way to the Terryville Fair Grounds. This food was provided through a grant made by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Several Clubs had already claimed a good amount of the delivery. But there were several boxes left unclaimed.

The Lions quickly gathered volunteers to get the produce. We contacted Park Hill and Spring Village to see if the seniors would be interested in the produce. We were told they would be grateful for any help in stretching their budgets. The boxes of produce were sorted by food type, rather than giving any one person a 20-pound box of food which might be too much or not what they wanted.

Residents were then invited to go 'shopping' and take what they wanted. All the produce disappeared very quickly. Our contacts passed along the thanks of the residents.

When the Lions then heard of another truckload coming from the mid-West and the calls went out again. More volunteers went back to Terryville, trucks and trailers were loaded, and more produce was delivered. Again, the seniors were grateful and members of the East Windsor Lions Club were left with a good feeling of satisfaction that we were able to help. We fulfilled our motto, 'we serve'.



Members of the American Heritage River Commission (AHRC) participated in the Connecticut River Conservancy's "Source to Sea" cleanup throughout September. Six miles of the Scantic River in East Windsor were cleared of trash, 11 tires, plastics, glass, as well as few fallen

trees, all to make the river cleaner and more passable.

As stewards of the Scantic River, AHRC encourages you to contact your elected representatives who speak for you. Tell them to pass legislation that will keep our rivers free from trash. Encourage businesses to make and sell responsible products through the power of your purchases. Don't litter, use reusable items, and properly dispose of your waste. Be the change you want to see! Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Don't litter.

We sponsor our annual First Day Hike (January 1st) at the Scantic River State Park in Melrose; another Hike for CT Trails Day (first weekend in June), and a Cardboard Boat Race in the summer. Unfortunately, these summer activities were cancelled this year due to the pandemic. AHRC will have a booth at the East Windsor Park & Rec 'Haunted Highway' in October.

AHRC is a Town-appointed commission, but we are always seeking volunteers for river cleanup and trail clearing along the Scantic River. We meet on the third Thursday of every month. For more info, email: ahriver@sbcglobal.net



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Treasurer's Office

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic this spring put considerable pressure on the Town's financial resources as we were forced to quickly adapt to a new, uncertain set of circumstances. The Town's fiscal strength and well-funded Fund Balance allowed us to meet our rapidly evolving needs in real time. Once the immediate needs of the pandemic were under control, we pivoted to reimbursement opportunities provided by the State of Connecticut for those unforeseeable expenses.

The Treasurer's Office gathered information for the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Grant application for the Office of Policy Management at the State of Connecticut and was approved for \$166,000 in funding. The Treasurer's Office has also submitted requests to FEMA for expenditures of approximately \$80,000 relating to COVID-19 unbudgeted expenditures for items used during the beginning of the pandemic.

Once we have a determination from FEMA we will use that award to leverage the highest possible reimbursement from the CRF Grant for any unreimbursed costs. Our community's conservative budgeting history, matched with our constant efforts to maximize grant opportunities, allowed East Windsor to weather truly historic circumstances while preserving services critical to our town.

Amy O'Toole, Treasurer

Hello Everyone-

For those of you who are not familiar with Park Hill, we are a wonderful community in Broad Brook that is home to senior and non-elderly disabled residents living in a combination of 84 efficiencies and one-bedroom apartments. Park Hill is more than housing units with people living within four walls. It is a neighborhood with caring and kind individuals who truly care that their neighbors are well and safe. Their radar is up at all times and if anyone needs assistance; help is on the way. A call is made to management and/or 911.

For so many, tropical storm Isaias just added more distress on top of our battle with the pandemic. Here at Park Hill, we lost power for several days. Fortunately, we have a generator that provides power to our community hall where our residents were able to stay cool in the air conditioning and have access to bathrooms and a kitchen. Again, our residents were constantly looking out for each other and making sure that no one was forgotten. Congregating in the community hall meant that everyone needed to continue being vigilant with social distancing and wearing their masks. No problem! As always respecting each other's space was not an option. Residents pooled together their food that would have spoiled in their refrigerator and prepared delicious meals in the community hall for others. In addition to our amazing residents, the Park Hill maintenance and office staff is dedicated to serve our residents and provide a safe and sanitary place to live. During the aftermath of storm Isaias the entire staff worked tirelessly to ensure that all residents were safe and well. As Director, it is without a doubt that I can feel confident that my staff will always be available to do what needs to be done.

Park Hill's Board of Commissioners' compassion and commitment is a fundamental reason why Park Hill is a success. Not only do they volunteer their time, they are clearly invested in the well-being of the residents and stability of the operations of Park Hill. I am fortunate to be working with our Chairman, John Burnham and the other commissioners. They are such a dedicated group of people.

Park Hill is a community within a larger community; the Town of East Windsor. Many thanks to our First Selectman, Jason Bowsza and the entire Board of Selectmen for their continuous support and sincere concern for the welfare of our residents. Melissa Maltese and her staff associated with the Department of Social Services has always provided assistance and access to various programs for our residents at Park Hill and the entire community especially during the most difficult of times; such as the pandemic.

Over the years Police Chief Ed DeMarco and his Department and first responders have done a phenomenal job making sure that the Park Hill residents are safe and receive the medical treatment that they may need. Thank you!

Len Norton and Joe Sauerhoefer from Public Works have taken such good care of making sure that the road in and out of Park Hill is plowed and well maintained. The residents and staff appreciate the timeliness of keeping the road clear of snow and ice.

The success of Park Hill is a collaboration of so many wonderful people in East Windsor who truly care about our residents and that their home remains a decent, safe and affordable place to live. On behalf of the commissioners and staff, we thank you!

Linda Collins, Director of Park Hill

Installing a New Mailbox

Look for Postmaster General's Seal

Every new mailbox design should be reviewed and receive the Postmaster General's (PMG) seal of approval before it goes to market. If you opt to construct your own mailbox, it must meet the same standards as manufactured boxes, so show the plans to your local postmaster for approval.

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Placing the Mailbox

Here are some helpful guidelines to follow when installing your mailbox:

Position your mailbox 41" to 45" from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or point of mail entry.

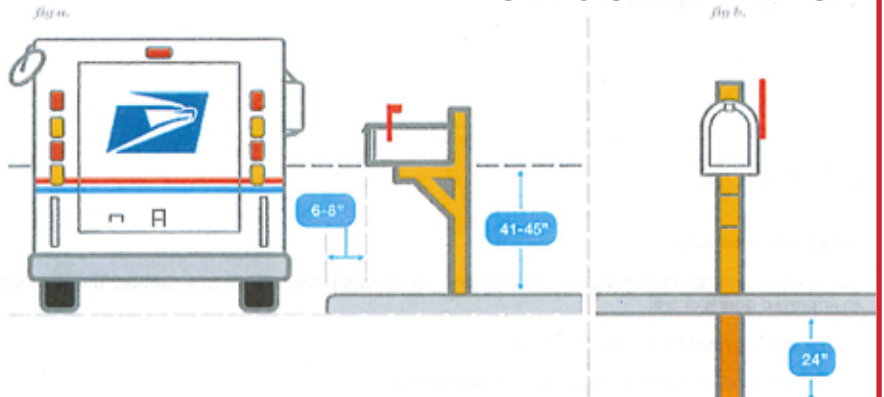
Place your mailbox 6" to 8" back from the curb. If you do not have a raised curb, contact your local postmaster for guidance.

Put your house or apartment number on the mailbox.

If your mailbox is on a different street from your house or apartment, put your full street address on the box.

If you are attaching the box to your house, make sure the postal carrier can reach it easily from your sidewalk, steps, or porch.

MAILBOX GUIDELINES



Installing the Post

The best mailbox supports are stable but bend or fall away if a car hits them. The Federal Highway Administration recommends:

A 4" x 4" wooden support or a 2"-diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe.

Avoid unyielding and potentially dangerous supports, like heavy metal pipes, concrete posts, and farm equipment (e.g., milk cans filled with concrete).

Bury your post no more than 24" deep.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY ADVISORY

The Centers for Disease Control recommends cleaning surfaces with disinfecting wipes to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Many people

are following the recommendations of public health officials to clean and sterilize countertops, doorknobs, faucets, and other

frequently touched surfaces. It is important to discard those items in the trash, not the toilet.

Don't use the Toilet as a Trash Can ONLY THE THREE P'S BELONG IN THE TOILET Pee, Poop, and Toilet Paper Period

Anything else – including WIPES is going to cause problems with your home plumbing and with the East Windsor sanitary sewer system and clog the pumps that convey the wastewater from the 10 sewage pump stations to the Water Pollution Control Facility at 192 South Water Street.

Coping with the Coronavirus is causing problems in the wastewater collection system. Sewage systems and toilets are backing up as consumers clean their homes and residences with disinfectant wipes and turn to paper towels, napkins, and baby wipes to cope with the lack of toilet paper.

Flushing wipes, paper towels and similar products down toilets will clog sewers and cause backups and overflows at wastewater treatment facilities, causing an additional public health risk in the midst of this Coronavirus pandemic.

Even wipes labeled “flushable” will clog pipes and interfere with the sewage collection and pumping systems. Most sewers are designed to flow by gravity and were not designed to convey paper towels napkins or wipes. These wipes and paper towels do not break down like toilet paper, and therefore clog systems very quickly. Wipes are among the leading cause of sewer system backups.



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SNOWFALL MAINTENANCE REMINDERS

Parking

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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.

Renter's Rebate Outside the Box

COVID-19 safety measures required that East Windsor Social Services process Renter's Rebate applications in a new but efficient way. The team at Social Services came up with a drive-through drop off model that in the end was found to be very successful. Everyone applying for the Renter's Rebate Program submitted their paperwork one of three ways: mailing them, putting them in the drop box

outside the office or faxing them. Completion of the applications was done over the phone at a preset date and time. The program went very well and East Windsor Social Services was able to process 148 applications from June to September with a total amount of \$82,805 being paid to qualifying residents. Most applicants were grateful to not have to appear in person and hoped we would con-

tinue to follow this procedure in the future. As we move onto energy and holiday season, we are confident in this model and will be utilizing it to continue to serve our clients with the utmost privacy and efficiency in order to meet strict deadlines given to us.

Melissa Maltese

Director of Recreation and Community Services

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