

## **TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR**

## FIRST SELECTMAN JASON E. BOWSZA

October 14, 2020

Good evening. This is First Selectman Jason Bowsza reaching out to all town residents. A copy of this message can be found on the Town's website.

We have had no new cases of COVID-19 among East Windsor residents reported to us this week. As of yesterday, the Connecticut Department of Public Health is reporting a total of 208 confirmed cases in town since the onset of the pandemic. In Connecticut, there have been 61,697 cases as of yesterday. As good as our numbers in East Windsor have been, there is now a clear, unmistakable upward trend showing an increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations in Connecticut. Please stay vigilant.

The Town continues to partner with East Windsor Public Schools and with Priority Urgent Care to offer live virus testing and antibody testing at East Windsor High School every Wednesday from 10am to 3pm. This is open to anyone, all insurances are accepted, and copays are waived. Anyone interested is strongly encouraged to schedule appointments ahead of time by calling 860-454-0678. If Wednesday's aren't convenient for you, you can find an alternate testing site by visiting ct.gov/coronavirus.

East Windsor Parks and Recreation will be starting its afterschool programming on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Unlike past years, the afterschool programs will be conducted at Town Hall. For more information, or to sign up, please call 860-627-6222. Space is limited.

The Town's Energy Assistance Program is accepting applications for the 2020/2021 heating season. Anyone interested in determining their eligibility for the program or interested in applying should call the Social Services Department at 860-623-2430.

As of yesterday, the Town has issued more than 1,900 absentee ballot requests, and we've received back more than 40% of those. Everyone who has requested an absentee ballot has also received a document explaining the four additional questions on this year's ballot. Those questions are:

- 1. Shall the Town Charter be amended to make grammatical, technical changes and clarifications that do not affect the meaning of the Town Charter?
- 2. Shall section 6-6 of the Town Charter be amended to permit the Town Treasurer to be the Town Finance Director?
- 3. Shall section 8-4 of the Town Charter be amended to require the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education to each submit their initial budget recommendations to the Town Clerk at least five (5) days prior to the initial public hearings of each board?



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4. Shall the Town of East Windsor adopt the ordinance establishing the Town of East Windsor – Broad Brook Fire Department?

For anyone voting absentee, ballots can be returned by mail or by dropping it in the official ballot box outside the front entrance of Town Hall, at 11 Rye Street. In-person voting will be available on November 3<sup>rd</sup> between the hours of 6am to 8pm.

As Franklin Roosevelt said, "nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves, and the only way they could do this is by not voting."

I wish you continued good health,

Jason E. Bowsza First Selectman

