



EAST GRANBY'S TOWN NEWSLETTER

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Exit 2005

Well, another year is almost over and the decade's almost half done. Before we leave 2005, though, a few community updates are appropriate.

Police Sgt. Mark Dysart Retires

It's with mixed emotions that I report Sgt. Mark Dysart's retirement after 26 years of dedicated service. Mark began work with the East Granby Police Department on July 1, 1979, the second full time officer hired by the town. During his time with us he displayed his dedication to our community in many ways: he consistently used his strong interpersonal and investigative skills to our advantage and served in a number of training roles. Although not an East Granby resident, Mark was instrumental in development of the Police Explorers program, serving as post advisor and committee chair, and saw more than 20 of the young men and women who passed through the program under his guidance move on to careers in law enforcement. He also served as our emergency management director for several years.

This is a great move for Mark, who's moving on to supervise a newly-formed investigative unit for the state Department of Mental Retardation. We here in East Granby, though, will miss him and the contributions he made to our community. Please join me in thanking Mark for his service to our town and wishing him well in his new career!

Election Results

The November 8 town election is now in the books: there's a list of the winning candidates in this edition of "Let's Talk Turkey." While many folks return to positions in Town Hall and on our boards and commissions, come January there will be new faces in the Tax Collector's office and on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Please join me in congratulating the winners on their success – and all the candidates for their willingness to serve our town.

The Town Charter

The Selectmen have completed their review of the proposed town charter and have returned a draft to the Charter Commission for their consideration. This action follows a public hearing held on November 2 at which about 75 citizens heard about the charter and provided their input. The draft the Selectmen sent to the Commission includes consideration of the comments received at the hearing. There's more information about the charter and the next steps in the process in this edition of "Let's Talk Turkey." The text of the proposed draft is available through our website, for loan from the East Granby Public Library and for review at the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall.

Community Access Television

The towns of East Granby, Granby and Hartland are joining together to support a cable "drop" centered at Granby's Community Television (GCTV) facilities. Starting early next year Cox cable channel 16 will become more focused on our three towns, allowing us to have more local programming and, over the next year or so, to begin televising meetings on a more routine basis. GCTV has helped us with this in the past – they were instrumental in recording and broadcasting the September 28 hearing on the charter, for example. We're now looking for folks in East Granby who would like to get involved in the production side of programming, to work behind the scenes running the equipment, editing, etc. GCTV has graciously offered to train interested folks, who could work in both towns and the need and interest arise. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact the Selectmen's office at 653-2576 and we'll put you in touch with GCTV.

This is our last edition of "Let's Talk Turkey" before the new year. All the best from all of us here at the Town Hall for a safe and happy holiday season – we'll be back in 2006!

Dave Kilbon
First Selectman

*The next edition of "Let's Talk Turkey" will be delivered on January 21, 2006
The deadline for submissions is January 9*

**** Be Sure to Visit Us on the Web at www.eastgranby.net ****

HOLIDAY HOURS FOR TOWN OFFICES

Town offices will observe special hours during the upcoming holidays.

For Thanksgiving the schedule for town offices will be

- Wednesday, November 23 - offices close at 1 PM
- Thursday, November 24 – closed
- Friday, November 25 – closed

The Transfer Station and Recycling Center (RCC) will be open on Saturday, November 26.

At the end of December the schedule will be

- Thursday, December 22 – offices close at 1 PM
- Friday, December 23 – closed
- Monday, December 26 – closed
- Friday, December 30 – offices close at 1 PM
- Monday, January 2 – closed

The RCC will be closed on Saturday, December 24 and will open on Tuesday, December 27. It will also be closed on Saturday, December 31 and will open on Tuesday, January 3.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE CHARTER

About 75 residents attended the Selectmen's public hearing on the proposed town charter on November 2 at the High School. Following a presentation by First Selectman Dave Kilbon outlining what a charter is and the key elements of the draft, several members of the public asked questions and expressed their thoughts about various aspects of the proposed document. The three Selectmen closed the evening with their perspectives on the charter.

Following the hearing the Board revised the charter to include a conflict of interest provision and mandate a charter review at least every five years. Other revisions include requiring four votes on the five-member Board of Selectmen to hire a town administrator and three of five votes to dismiss him or her, and reducing the amount that could be allocated without town meeting action to \$50,000 for any single item. The latest version of the draft is available on line at the town's web site, www.eastgranby.net. Copies are also available for loan from the East Granby Public Library and for review at the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall.

What's Next?

On November 8 the Board voted to return the draft to the Charter Commission for their review and comment. Under state law the Commission has up to 30 days to respond to the Selectmen. The Selectmen then have 15 days to decide whether or not to present all or part of the charter to the public. If the Selectmen vote to present the charter for a public vote, the vote must be scheduled within 15 months, perhaps at the November 2006 general election.

How Can You Stay Involved?

Assuming the Selectmen approve taking the charter to a public vote, we can expect that there will be more hearings and discussions about the proposal during 2006. These will be advertised in advance, as the September 28 and November 2 hearings were, and will give people the chance to learn more about the charter. In addition there will be articles in "Let's Talk Turkey" and in our local papers, detailing the elements of the proposal. Copies of the final draft of the charter will be made available through the East Granby Public Library and Town Hall offices, as well as on the town's web site and questions on the charter draft and on the process can always be referred to the Selectmen's office at 653-2576.

EAST GRANBY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TREE AND WREATH SALE

The East Granby Volunteer Fire Department will again be selling Christmas Trees and Wreaths beginning Saturday, November 26 and going through Sunday, December 18. The location is the Center Fire House on Memorial Drive.

Weekdays: 5:00 – 9:00 PM

Saturdays: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Sundays: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Trees – Starting at \$30.00

Wreaths – Starting at \$15.00

Thank you for your help and support of this fundraiser!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Historical Society barn is expected to arrive for assembly at the site on North Main Street and construction started before this issue of Let's Talk Turkey goes to press. It is being built by Country Carpenters of Hebron, Connecticut. The barn is a one and a half story, post and beam, three-season structure. It measures 42 by 36 feet and is designed to house the society's coach and other artifacts.

The barn, which has been a major society project, will be open during spring, fall and summer months. Society members plan to paint it in the spring of 2006. The official opening will occur this coming spring but the actual date has not yet been established.

EMERGENCY AID TO RESIDENTS

The Town is again updating the list of residents who may require emergency aid during a power failure so that assistance may be prearranged. Residents with medical conditions and who could be affected by an extended power failure are encouraged to contact Diane Mucha in the First Selectman's Office at 653-2576 to be added to the list.

IT'S SNOW SEASON AGAIN

Our Public Works Department, with four full-time employees, maintains over 35 miles of roads, more than half of which are cul-de-sacs, and several public buildings. In order for the crew to plow and sand our roads safely and quickly, we need your help. Please observe the following reminders when it precipitates this winter:

- **Overnight parking is prohibited during the winter months.** Our plows need to be able to clear the full width of the street and can't if a car is in the way.
- **Don't put your garbage barrels in the street on collection day.** Please put them in the mouth of your driveway, where they'll be accessible to the collection truck but not in the way of the plow.
- **Pushing snow from a driveway into the street is a violation of town ordinance.** A property owner can be fined if this happens.
- **Directing water from your property into the street through a pipe, hose or other means is illegal and dangerous.** It can create a serious icing condition and cause an accident.
- **Don't let children play in snow banks along the road.**

The town will pay for replacement of a mailbox only if the box is directly hit by a plow. If the force of snow breaks the post or box, the town is not responsible. Our Public Works crew does excellent work with a small number of professionals – East Granby's roads are invariably clearer than our neighbors'. With your help, they can keep up the good work.

PLEASE CLEAR THE ROAD!

It's very important to make sure our streets are clear of any obstructions so that our snow plows will be able to get through unimpeded. Throughout the winter, please make sure you don't put anything in or on the edge of the road. A plow can damage – or be damaged by - objects in their path. This is especially true of portable basketball hoops and other equipment in or near roads and cul-de-sacs. The hoops are great in warm weather but can freeze in place if they're left out in the cold weather. If you have a hoop in your yard, make sure it's moved well away from the road – remember we need room to put the snow along the road's edge. Please don't cause an accident or lose something that's important to you because you forgot to move it out of harm's way. Thanks!

**EAST GRANBY CENTER CEMETERY
ASSOCIATION**

Fall is the perfect time to take a walk through the Center Cemetery. Notice the ancient gravestones, which are both personal and varied. They often give an intimate insight into the lives and customs of the people. They sometimes tell a sad story of how someone died, as in death from a plague or from childbirth.

The finest workmanship can be seen in the cities, where the stonecutters were from England. But, the most interesting and original headstones can be seen in small towns like East Granby. They were often carved by a family member or someone in the town who possessed the necessary tools. Hence, you might encounter poor spelling and poor spacing! New England gravestones provide an endless source of study, which can be both fascinating and rewarding!

The next meeting of the Cemetery Association will be on Monday, November 28 at 1:00 PM at the East Granby Library. Feel free to join us. We will be discussing ongoing headstone and monument restoration and maintenance of the cemetery, among other topics. If you would like information about the Association or would like to make a donation toward the repair of a headstone, please contact E. G. Cemetery Association, c/o Carol Mathis, 129 Kimberly Rd., E. Granby, CT. 06026 or 653-7995.

METACOMET HOMES

Metacomet Homes Inc (MHI) is a private non-profit provider of 72 units of affordable senior housing at two East Granby locations. Metacomet Village with 28 units is located on North Main Street while the 44-unit Higley Village is situated on South Main Street.

The following officers were elected at the MHI Board of Directors Meeting held on September 14, 2005.

President	Jim Hayden
Vice-President	Cliff Gibson
Treasurer	Tom Henry
Secretary	Joan Froschio
Past President	Frank Pinney

MHI is an equal opportunity provider of affordable housing. For more information regarding either Metacomet or Higley Village, please feel free to contact MHI at 860-653-5123 or TDD # 800-833-8134

EGHS BOOSTER CLUB

The East Granby High School Booster Club would like to thank members of the community who attended and supported the night soccer game "Under the Lights" on Oct. 1st. This first annual event drew approximately 500 people from the East Granby and Enfield communities. Special thanks go to the East Granby Soccer Association and the East Granby Fire Department as well as individuals and businesses who contributed with monetary or merchandise donations. The list includes, State Line Oil, Pepperidge Farms, The First National Bank of Suffield, Geissler's Supermarket, Northwest Community Bank, East Granby Summer Theater, Delta Industries, Granger Homes, National Conveyors Company, Contractors Home Appliances, Inc., Nemeth Appraisals, McKenna Orthodontics, AFS Construction, Honda of Enfield, Birmingham Family, Asres Family and Drs. Ron and Eileen Kirschbaum.

Our next event to be held at EGHS on Dec. 28, 2005 will be the Alumni Basketball Game. Former EGHS players are encouraged to contact AD Bob Paskiewicz if you are interested in playing. The cost is \$10 for alumni enrolled in postsecondary education and \$20 for others. The price includes a t-shirt and ticket to a reception following the game. Community members who would like to purchase tickets for the reception in advance may do so at home basketball games. Reception tickets will not be available on the evening of the game. Alumni Game will start at 6:30 PM. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$2 for students. Come support EGHS Athletics!

Season passes to home basketball games are now on sale through the Booster Club. Cost is \$15 for students, \$25 for adults, \$50 family four pack. Passes are good at both girls' and boys' home games. Proceeds for preseason ticket sales benefit the High School Booster Club. Contact Bob Paskiewicz or Karen Boscarino (651-0725) for tickets or information.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO/ PARENT ADVISORY FORUM

At the Oct. 12 meeting, the MS PTO approved the following requests:

- \$30 for tennis balls for the after school, co-ed tennis program;
- \$200 for an assortment of white dry-erase boards for grade 7; and
- \$25 for Red Ribbon Week prizes for the health program.

Membership:

The PTO welcomes 50 families and 4 teachers. There's still time to join, call Cindy at 651-1044 or visit <http://www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us/ms.htm>, to print a membership form online. Annual membership dues are \$5 and gain you a vote on any issue or staff request.

Fundraisers:

- **Gift wrap:** We "wrapped up" the fall gift wrap fundraiser with approximately a \$3,000 profit. Thank you Carol Lindberg for coordinating this successful effort, and thank you to all supporters. We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate this fundraiser next year.
- **Premier Family Calendar:** This is a new fundraiser. The Premier Family Calendar is a custom wall calendar with your photographs, events and family's birth dates. It's big, full-color and best of all – each calendar benefits EGMS. It's a great holiday gift for family and friends. Watch for more information.
- **Pledge Letter:** Very soon, all Middle School families will receive our annual pledge letter. 100 percent of your tax-deductible, monetary donation is directed to helping our kids. Please consider this as an option to support the PTO.
- **BigY:** The Middle School PTO participates in the BigY Education Express Program. Help us earn points toward educational products for our school, while grocery shopping. Register at www.bigy.com, and designate EGMS.

Parent Advisory Forum (PAF)

- **Student Agendas:** Principal Linda Carlson stressed the importance for students to be organized and good time managers. A student's agenda is a great tool to help them focus, by ensuring time for all of life's important moments. Recently, MS students attended an assembly, where they learned important time management tips. Help your child balance their school and personal activities by reviewing their student agenda each day and stressing the importance of keeping it updated.
- **Parent Expertise:** Our school community possesses a great many job skills or other talents that would benefit our students. We would like to invite you to become involved in our school activities and to share your special hobby, interest or occupation with our students. If you can help, please contact Linda Carlson at 653-7113.
- **EGMS Website:** We encourage you to frequently check our website at <http://www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us/ms.htm> to keep current on school happenings and stay connected with the school community. We're adding new items daily (e.g., student of the month announcements, PTO agenda & meeting minutes, teacher pages, school calendar, hot lunch, sports schedules and much more). You'll want to make this site one of your favorites.

There's a lot happening at the EG Middle School. Don't miss out! Join us at our upcoming meetings – 11/9 (with an early adolescence presentation by high school students) and 12/14 at 6:30 PM in the Middle School library.

EAST GRANBY LAND TRUST

Andy Watterlund Overlook

One year ago, friend, neighbor, and East Granby Land Trust board member Andy Watterlund departed this life. On October 29, EGLT invited the Watterlund family and the community to Holcomb Pond where a bench at the Andy Watterlund Overlook was installed and dedicated in his honor and memory. The bench is on the levy under a willow tree, and it is a great spot to bird watch, picnic, or contemplate the view of the pond, marsh and Metacomet Ridge, and of course, remember Andy. Park in the space provided on Ezekial Way, off Holcomb Street.

Fire In the Hills

On November 17, EGLT sponsored "Fire in the Hills - How Charcoal Forests Changed the Landscape of North Central & Northwestern Connecticut", presented by Walt Landgraf of Barkhamsted. He talked about the charcoal makers, a fascinating story about Yankee ingenuity and entrepreneurship in the 18th and 19th centuries. Walt told about the conditions that brought these ambitious people to our forests and how we can still see evidence of the work they did.

Planning to Protect East Granby

The purpose of EGLT is to conserve the natural resources of our town – water resources, marshes, farmland, woodlands, ridge tops, unique natural and historic sites – by acquisition or easements. For this purpose, EGLT has written a Strategic Plan that identifies 8 natural resource priorities: Metacomet Trail and Ridgeline; Pickerel Cove; Beaver Dam and Great Marshes; Marsh Pond; Farmington River Gorge; National Champion Black Oak; Salmon Brook; Agricultural Lands.

Metacomet Trail and Ridgeline. The Metacomet Trail, which runs through East Granby, is part of a trail system running from Long Island Sound to Mount Monadnock in New Hampshire. The trail runs along the ridgelines in East Granby, from Tarrifville to Peak Mountain, elevation 672 feet, which is one of the most scenic spots on the Metacomet Trail. The Farmington Valley Biodiversity Project identified the Metacomet traprock ecoregion as a "primary core habitat area" for biodiversity. This means that the Metacomet corridor is rich in natural communities, such as the riverside ledge system at Tariffville Gorge that supports some rare plant species.

And it is *7.4 miles of great hiking in East Granby*, part of Connecticut's system of blue trails, maintained by the Connecticut Forest and Park Association.

Preservation Alert! Most of the 3.6 mile portion of the trail from Route 20 to the Suffield town line is protected, with much of it owned by the Town of East Granby and the East Granby Land Trust. The land trust owns 17 acres along the trail corridor, and an additional 13 acres acquisition is pending. But much of the trail to the south is still in private hands, making trail preservation a priority for EGLT. EGLT seeks to be a partner with the town and landowners along the trail to help protect this valuable natural resource.

Our New Website

Go to www.eastgranby.com and follow the link to the East Granby Land Trust, under civic groups. Membership forms and a lot more information may be found at the EGLT web site. Land Trust memberships are \$25, individual or \$30, family, or \$250 for Life membership. Dues and donations are fully tax deductible. Renewal checks can be sent directly to East Granby Land Trust, P. O. Box 39, East Granby, CT 06026. We have changed our fiscal year, so when you join or renew, it will be good until December 2006! So please join or renew today.

Get EGLT News by Email

The EGLT email includes information on upcoming programs and Land Trust activities. If you are not on our email list and would like to be, email Tom Howard, President, EGLT, at tvhowsearch@snet.net.

WOMEN'S CLUB

We are so proud to have raised an amazing \$500+ with all proceeds benefiting East Granby preschool & high school scholarships. Thank you to all who lent a hand in making this fundraiser such a success, especially Women's Club members and residences who donated items to be sold & the Friend to Friend Thrift Shop and the Salvation Army which picked up the remaining items. A big "thank you" to those who shopped our tag sale and went home with special treasures.

This event was concurrent with East Granby Safety Day activities and we thank the E.G.P.D., Ambulance workers & volunteers for their crowd/traffic control. It was a wonderful day in the community and I am sure all those who attended would agree.

PROJECT GRADUATION 2005

The Project Graduation Committee for the Class of 2005 thanks the ongoing generosity of the following contributors to the Class of 2005's Substance-Free Graduation Party. Due to an editing error on our part, the following contributors were not included in our original list which appeared in the late summer issue of "Let's Talk Turkey." We sincerely apologize for this error.

Because of the generous help of all who contributed monetary donations or goods and services, we were able to provide the graduating class of 2005 a safe and substance-free graduation party. We appreciate all you have done to make their graduation night safe and memorable.

East Granby Parks and Recreation
East Granby Republican Town Committee
Law Offices of Bruce Bergman
Lindberg and Ripple
Mark's Auto Parts
Northwest Community Bank
Paine's Inc.
Quality Handyman Services, Inc.
St. Bernard's Church
T. W. Henry Real Estate Appraisals
Thomas Nigro Plumbing Contractors
Tilcon Connecticut, Inc.
Tobacco Valley Realty
U.M.W. Copper Hill United Methodist Church
Valley Barber Shop
Valley Fish
W. H. Wilson Co. Builders

ROCKBESTOS-SUPRENANT CABLE COMPANY MAKES CONTRIBUTION TO EAST GRANBY SCHOOLS

Since 1998, the Rockbestos Surprenant Cable Corporation (R-SCC), located at 20 Bradley Park Road in East Granby, has made generous annual contributions to the East Granby school system as part of its overall commitment to the town and local school system.

Once again, Rockbestos-Suprenant has contributed \$5,000 to be used to support mini-grant programs within the school district. Dr. Robert Kozaczka, Superintendent of Schools noted that past mini-grant awards included purchasing a digital camcorder and software for a video production class, extensive guided reading materials for the Allgrove Elementary School and supplementary materials for the advanced placement calculus curriculum. This initiative and effort by Rockbestos-Suprenant is part of its overall "Scholarship Fund" directed at the dependents of its full-time employees and families. To date, R-SCC has made generous scholarship contributions to over 300 of its employees' dependents going on to advanced education beyond high school.

As noted by Philip Borgia, Director of Human Resources and Fred Schwelm, Company President, Rockbestos-Suprenant is proud of its relationship and commitment to local education, as well as the East Granby Community and this is certainly one financial gesture that is not only valued, but helps individual students in the process. Mr. Schwelm emphasized the on-going support his Company has received over the years from First Selectman, Dave Kilbon and his team. As stressed by Mr. Schwelm, "it really makes a big difference with respect to the future direction of the Company's business plans".

PROJECT GRADUATION CLASS OF 2006

By the time this issue goes to print we will have completed our Grandma's Gourmet Country Pie Sale. Thanks to all who supported this successful fundraiser. There are still a few pies available for sale. If interested please call R.B. Curtis at 658-9912.

The committee will be selling candles from Freedom Candle. We will have two sizes; 15 ounces for \$16 and 9 ounces for \$13 (tax free) available in six scents - Vanilla Cream, Christmas Bliss, Christmas Eve, Cinnella, Granberry and Hartland Lace. Also we will be selling scented Teddy Bears; real stuffed teddy bears that are 8" in height and are covered in scented wax. These are for display only and will scent whatever room they sit in. Teddy Bear "Quint" is available in Cinnella and "Sophia" in Vanilla Cream. They sell for \$28 and would make a unique gift. Orders will be due by December 2, 2005 and will be ready for delivery no later than December 22, 2005 in time for Christmas. Order sheets will be coming home with students. You can drop orders off at the High School office or you can order by calling R.B. Curtis at 658-9912. You can also mail orders to P.O. Box 234, East Granby, CT.

We also will have basketball, soccer, and baseball-shaped car magnets. These will be available for sale at all basketball games for \$5 and can be purchased with or without East Granby printed on them. What a great stocking stuffer!

And...Look for Uncle Augie's New York Pizza sales in January just in time for Super Bowl!

On behalf of the Senior Class and the Project Graduation Committee, we extend our deepest appreciation in advance for any support you can give to our fundraising efforts. You will help to make graduation night a safe and wonderful night to remember! Our upcoming meeting schedule is as follows: November 16, December 21, January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, and May 17 at 7:00 PM in the High School Library. Any questions please call Barbara Juselis at 653-6704.

RIVER VALLEY YOUTH THEATER COLLECTIVE

River Valley Youth Theater Collective wants to thank all of the families from East Granby and all other surrounding towns that participated in and volunteered endless hours to make our past summer production of "42ND STREET" a wonderful show. We had over 20 families from the town of East Granby participate in the show and a total of 11 families from towns in the Greater Hartford region who also participated in the production as Cast, Crew, and the Orchestra. All of our four shows were nearly sold out and we were happy to get some incredible feedback regarding the quality of the show and the outstanding commitment of the student participants. We also want to thank the Metropolitan Learning Center who opened their doors to us and allowed us to have all of our auditions, rehearsals, and of course our shows in their awesome auditorium.

River Valley Youth Theater Collective is proud to have secured the license to present for our **Summer 2006 Musical production, "PETER PAN."** A wonderful family adventure into a land where no one ever grows up. All of you pirates out there, here is your opportunity to be in a large chorus with your shipmates and share adventures under the command of "Captain Hook." Tinker Bell is a mischievous delight and of course Peter Pan will teach Wendy, Michael, and John to fly. Let's not forget the Indians who make this adventure into Neverland even more fun and exciting. Please contact us for more information regarding the show and upcoming dates for auditions. More information will be available as we get closer to the holidays. Feel free to contact us anytime at the following email address: DOLLYMAG@AOL.COM or by telephone at 651-5208.

We look forward to continue serving the needs of East Granby residents who enjoy the true community theater experience with students from numerous surrounding towns who also share the desire for the community theater model, as ours was originated by EG Youth Service Director Nikki Huggard in 1991.

River Valley Youth Theater Collective was very excited to reduce their participations fees for our second season and hope to further reduce participation fees for this upcoming 2006 season too.

It was a pleasure to have alumni EGHS students, Stefanie Mosher and Cara Babich return to our theater group and contribute their now professional roles in the performing arts in our production as assistant Choreographer and Assistant Director.

SENIOR SERVICES



The holiday season is quickly approaching and Senior Services has some very special programs planned. On Friday, December 2, 2005 we will have a delicious & scrumptious luncheon followed by the return of New England's favorite—*The Heartbeat Jazz Band*. People still rave about last years' performance, so you definitely won't want to miss this one. On Wednesday, December 7th we'll take a jaunt down to the Wadsworth Atheneum to view the *Festival of Trees*. There's nothing like it to get you in the spirit of the season! And, by popular demand, the Out-to-Lunch Bunch will go to the Simsbury Inn--always decked out beautifully-- for a wonderful holiday buffet luncheon. All the details will be in your *Senior Moments* newsletter and in your mailboxes very soon!! You can always call **653-4371** for more information.

EAST GRANBY SENIOR CLUB

The Senior Club will hold a holiday party on Friday, December 9, at 12:30 PM. It will be a pot luck luncheon – bring a favorite dish. We will be having a grab-bag exchange. Please bring a wrapped \$4.00 gift for this.

At the January 13 (Friday) at 12:30, we will again be doing our soup and sandwich luncheon – cost is \$4.00. After lunch we will play energy bingo.

All meetings are held in the Community Center. If you need a ride, call the Mini-Bus at 653-6418. In case of inclement weather, an announcement will be made on WFSB-TV (Channel 3) and WTIC-AM (1080) if the meeting is to be cancelled. It will not be rescheduled to another date.

For questions regarding the Senior Club, call Betty Waterman at 658-9127.

SOCIAL SERVICE

The East Granby Social Service Department has been designated as an official intake site for residents wishing to apply for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program. The program is available to assist households in paying for bills incurred after November 1 for primary heating services.

This fuel assistance program is for households whose income falls below 150 percent of the federal poverty level or 200 percent for elderly or disabled households. A liquid asset limit of \$10,000 for homeowners and \$7,000 for renters will be an additional eligibility requirement.

You may call the Social Service Department at 653-4371 to schedule an appointment to apply for this program. Documentation will be needed.

NEWS FROM THE TAX OFFICE

Property taxes on Supplemental Motor Vehicles and second installment on Real Estate become due January 1, 2006 to the Town of East Granby. Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax bills will be mailed to property owners the week of December 12th. These bills are for vehicles that were not owned on October 1, 2004 but were owned prior to September 30, 2005. Anyone expecting a tax bill that has not received one by January 1, 2006 should call the tax office at 653-2004 to obtain a duplicate copy of the bill. Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax or any interest or penalty that may accrue.

If you have concerns that you are being billed for a car that you believe you should not be, please address your questions to the assessor's office @ 653-2852 as soon as possible.

The last day to pay property taxes without penalty or interest is Wednesday, February 1, 2006. The tax office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8 AM to 4 PM and Friday from 8 AM to 1 PM on regular business days.

Please note that the tax office will be closed on Friday, December 23, 2005, Monday, December 26, 2005, and Monday, January 16, 2006.

If you have any questions regarding your tax bill, please call 653-2004.

Credit Card Payment Option

Payments may be made by credit card either by phone or by Internet by contacting our service provider, Official Payments. Please be aware that there are fees associated with this method of payment that are payable to the service provider, not the town.

To use this payment option, you may reach Official Payments through the link provided on the town website, www.eastgranby.net, or go to Official Payments directly via their website at www.officialpayments.com. When going to Official Payments site directly you will need to have your bill available as well as the Jurisdiction Code "1705" to have your payment properly credited to your account.

If you need information concerning the amount of taxes you paid in 2005, please look on www.eastgranby.net / Town Administration / Tax Collector / Tax Payment Information. This information is also in the tax office for your convenience. Telephone requests for this information will be answered within 48 hours.

NEW ENGLAND AIR MUSEUM

On Saturday evening December 7, America's best known aviation artist, Keith Ferris, will make a presentation at the New England Air Museum.

Mr. Ferris' presentation is titled: "Life, Flight and Art, Eyewitness to Seventy- Five Years of Air Force History." Following the talk, a number of prints will be available for autograph and purchase. Keith Ferris' aviation art career has been truly remarkable; and to learn more about him and his art, visit his website at www.keithferrisart.com

Tickets for the presentation are \$15 each. The Museum's exhibit hangars will not be open that night and the presentation will be held in the Museum's Education Center, just off the lobby. Tickets must be purchased in advance and can be ordered by phone (860) 623-3305. The doors will open at 6:30 PM and the program starts at 7:00.

The New England Air Museum is conveniently located adjacent to Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, CT, (exit 40 off I-91, north or south and follow the signs).

WINTER HOLIDAY VACATION PROGRAMS

The New England Air Museum will feature five days of children's programs between Christmas and New Years. All programs are hands on and offer a variety of activities.

Monday, December 26: LEGO Competition – come and build your favorite object

Tuesday, December 27: Open Cockpit Day – come and play pilot for a day. Please wear rubber soled shoes.

Wednesday, December 28: Aero Modeling Workshop – build and fly your own model from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. \$10 per person charge includes admission

Thursday, December 29: Scavenger Hunt – Ercoupe Flight Simulator open

Friday, December 30: Plastic Scale Model Workshop – 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. \$10 per person charge includes admission

The Museum is open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily (Closed Christmas & New Years). Admission is \$8.50 for ages 12 and up, \$7.50 for seniors and \$4.50 for ages 6 to 11. Children under 6 will be admitted free. The New England Air Museum is conveniently located adjacent to Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks (exit 40 off I-91 north or south and follow the signs). Additional information may be obtained by calling the Museum at 860-623-3305 or visiting the web site at www.neam.org.

EAST GRANBY MS AND HS MUSIC

On Sunday, October 9th, the High School Marching Band and Color Guard performed at the **New Haven Columbus Day Parade** in Hamden, CT. The band came home with a 2nd place trophy for the competition!

On October 14th, the Middle School and High School bands made their annual trip to UMASS to see their **Multiband Pops Concert**. The students listen to the many different ensembles, both instrumental and choral, that UMASS offers. The grand finale featuring the UMASS Marching Band is always a favorite.

Members of the Middle School Chorus and Band traveled to **New York City** on October 26th. They toured various theatres at Lincoln Center and attended a program called "Young Legends of Hip-Hop", which was part of their "Meet the Artists" series. Students also attended the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" starring Harvey Feldstein and Rosie O'Donnell. It was a day filled with music, dance, and laughter!

On October 29th, members of the East Granby Middle School Chorus and High School Chorus participated in the Connecticut chapter of the **American Choral Director's Association's Annual Conference**. Singing in the Women's Honor Chorus were Alyssa Cardello and Sarah Miller. In the Middle School Honor Chorus were Danielle Black, Joey Cardello, Brittany Furnari, Kelsey Hansen, and Nick Mollica. Mrs. Crete Kochanek is the conductor of the Middle School Chorus and the High School Chorus. Congratulations!

The East Granby High School Crusaders Marching Band and Color Guard performed in the **CT Veteran's Day Parade** in Hartford, CT on November 6th. The parade's largest crowd of more than 50,000 people was in attendance!

The annual **NCCC High School Music Festival** began on Monday, November 7th. This year's festival is hosted by Ellington High School. The pre-fest rehearsal was held on Monday, November 7. Additional rehearsals are November 15 and November 18. The festival will conclude with a concert at Ellington High School on Friday, November 18 at 7:30 PM. Holly Bowers, Young Kim, Rebecca McCabe, and Kevin Morey will perform with the NCCC Band. Alyssa Cardello, Daniel Juselis, Ashley Knight, Matthew Lallman, Sarah Miller, and Samantha Morris will perform with the NCCC Chorus. Congratulations to all!

The Middle School and High School bands, chorus and jazz band are all working hard for the upcoming **Holiday Concerts** scheduled for December. The public is welcome to come and enjoy an evening or two of holiday music performed by the students!

December 8th 7:00PM Middle School Bands, Chorus, & Jazz Band

December 14th 7:00PM High School Band, Chorus, & Jazz Band

Fruit Sale Update

Unfortunately our fruit fundraiser had to be cancelled due to the damage to the citrus crop caused by Hurricane Wilma. We will announce any future fundraisers if they become scheduled.

Attention Former Band Families

The Music Department is looking for used instruments in working condition as well as marching band items (Spats, marching shoes, lyres, flip books and gloves). Remember, donations are also tax deductible. Please contact Alison Young, Director at 653-2541 X623

**** We are also looking for missing uniform jackets and pants! ****

The next meetings of the **East Granby Band Parents** will be:

Wednesday, December 7th

Wednesday, January 4th, 2006

6:30 PM in the MS/HS Band Room

Please come join us!

Also for more information, visit

www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us

for the MS and HS Music Department

COOKIES BY THE POUND SALE

The East Granby Congregational Church will hold its annual Cookies by the Pound Sale on Saturday, December 10, from 9 AM until 12 noon, in Fellowship Hall. Save time on your Holiday baking and buy our homemade Christmas cookies and fudge. Make your own selection and pay \$6.50 per pound. See you there!

2005 MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

The November 8th municipal election drew 1,018 of East Granby's 3,192 eligible voters, a turnout of about 32%. The following candidates won positions:

First Selectman	David K. Kilbon
Selectmen	David R. Barnes
	Mary Ellen Brown
Town Clerk	Elisabeth W. Birmingham
Treasurer	Suzanne B. Lazar
Tax Collector	June T. Cameron
Board of Finance – 6-Year Term	Gordon F. Granger, Jr.
	William R. Zenga
Board of Finance – 4-Year Term	Karen M. Short
Board of Education	Ralph S. Blanchard III
	Joseph L. Tardif
	William A. Ullmann
Board of Assessment Appeals	John H. Welsh
Planning & Zoning Commission	Toby Krantz
	Daniel Velcofsky
Planning & Zoning Alternate	Robert F. Hansen
	Michael S. Malloy
	Christine J. Paul
	Frederick A. Webster
Zoning Board of Appeals (Term Begins in 2006)	
Zoning Board of Appeals (Term Begins in 2007)	Robert C. Lindberg
Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate	Kirby C. Huget
	Matthew T. Short
	Andrea Y. Ullmann

It takes a strong interest in our community to put your name forward for election and a willingness to work hard if elected. Thanks to all the candidates for demonstrating their desire to serve.

REGISTER TO VOTE

With the municipal elections just over, this may seem an odd time to write about voter registration. The election results, however, point out how important each vote is. This year several races were decided by fewer than 50 votes out of about 1,000 cast; in past years that margin has been as small as two votes. Only about 32% of registered voters came to the polls on Election Day, meaning that almost seven in ten eligible East Granby residents missed the chance to have their say in this important decision for our town.

These registered voters made the choice not to vote. Experience tells us, though, that in addition to the residents who are registered but did not vote there's a significant number of otherwise eligible individuals in East Granby who are not registered to vote. Many people don't register to vote because they feel disconnected from government. Not registering, however, simply reinforces that disconnection. At a time when decisions made at the federal, state and local levels play an increasing role in everyday life participating in the process by registering and voting is ever more important.

The registrars of voters urge all residents to "Arise ye citizens and mark your place, be a beacon in the sky" (from McCrae's "In Flanders Fields). Get a Voter Registration Card, register and secure a place as an active voter at our next election.

**HOLIDAY DECORATIONS
SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM YOUR
LOCAL FIRE MARSHAL**

1. Before natural trees are set up, the trunk should be sawed above the original cut, set in a stand and tap water added. This initial fresh cut opens up the sap channels in the tree so that it can take up water. Keep your tree stand water level above the cut in the trunk to prevent the tree from forming a sap seal. A sap sealed tree trunk will not draw water, which is needed for it to remain fresh.
2. All trees should be held upright in sturdy stands having a base that is sufficiently broad enough to effectively support the tree. Guy wires may be needed to steady oversized trees.
3. Natural trees having root balls should be moistened daily and cut natural trees should be placed in containers of water sufficient to provide at least a one day supply. A container holding at least 1 quart per inch in stem diameter is recommended.
4. Natural trees should remain indoors only as long a period of time as they are fresh. Cut trees are thirsty! Depending on tree size, they may use from two pints to one and one half gallons or more per day – so make sure to check the water level daily and supply fresh water as needed. Remove any tree that shows evidence of drying or severe shedding.
5. All trees and decorations should be located a safe distance from sources of heat such as heaters, fireplaces, stoves, television sets, candles and the like. **NEVER DECORATE YOUR TREE WITH CANDLES!!!**
6. Overloaded electrical outlets and faulty wires are a common cause of holiday-related accidents. Worn-out electrical cords and plugs should be replaced. Avoid too many plugs in one outlet. Use multi-outlet power strips when running many applications or decorative light screens.
7. All sources of electrical lighting, both direct and indirect, should be in good condition and consist of equipment that has been tested and labeled or listed for the specific purpose by a recognized testing laboratory. All lighting should be turned off or better yet disconnected, when the area is unattended. This is especially important in residential occupancies when the occupants are asleep.

EAST GRANBY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Music Committee of the East Granby Congregational Church is pleased to announce the next concert in our 7th Anniversary year of:

Music Series of Fine Performances.

Sunday November 20, 2005

3:00 to 4:00 P.M.

FEATURING

Gordon Swift - Fiddle

Jon Swift - Guitar

The brothers, Gordon and Jon Swift, have over 50 years' combined musical experience performing in a wide variety of musical traditions. Their rich instrumental and vocal style is colored by the many musics they have worked with over the years. Jon's vocal and instrumental styles include old English and Appalachian ballads, country blues and songs by contemporary writers like John Prine, Steve Goodman, Bill Staines and Bob Dylan. Gordon's musical training is in Western classical violin and South Indian Classical violin style. He won a Fulbright grant and holds a Ph.D. in ethnomusicology from Wesleyan University. Joining the technical skill of a classical player with the creative power of a seasoned improviser, Gordon blends musical influences from around the world into a distinctly American fiddle sound.

Their program, this day, will be selected from their repertoire of American Spirituals, Irish Jigs, Mexican Waltzes, New England Reels and polkas, Scottish Airs, Appalachian breakdowns, Spanish-flavored waltzes from New Mexico, contemporary favorites and music of Gordon's composition. The concert will be held at the East Granby Congregational Church, at the intersection of Rtes 20 & 187 in East Granby, CT. A free will offering will be accepted and refreshments will follow.

Please mark your calendars now and join us for this wonderful concert!!!!!!!

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members since September:

Juice Plus+	Laurie Escudero	860-653-2664
Merrigan & Le Febvre, realtors	Pete Marsele	860-651-7333
SunBlink.com	Doug Comstock	860-653-4655

East Granby Chamber of Commerce Partners on Pilot Program to assist local businesses

The East Granby Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Connecticut Economic Gardening Group and the University of Hartford, is conducting an Entrepreneurial Mentoring & Business Needs Assessment Pilot Project in East Granby over the September thru December timeframe. Students from the University of Hartford's entrepreneurial studies program are working with twelve businesses in East Granby to conduct a needs assessment, offer recommendations and prepare a detailed report of their findings. The end result is to help these businesses improve their marketing position and further grow their customer base. Final presentations and recommendations by the student teams will be made on Friday, December 16th from 2:15 to 3:30 PM at East Granby Town Hall.

Reminder on East Granby Chamber of Commerce 2006 Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars for June 21, 2006 for the 11th annual Golf tournament which will again be held at Wintonbury Hills. Please plan on participating in this important Chamber event which serves as a source of funds for our scholarships that we award to two graduating East Granby high school seniors.

Calendar of Events

The schedule for upcoming Chamber of Commerce Board meetings is below listed. The meetings are scheduled every second Wednesday of the month, except July and August, from 8 to 9 AM at the East Granby Town Hall. Those that want to attend these meetings are most welcome.

<u>Remaining 2005</u>	<u>Thru June 2006</u>	
December 14	January 11	April 12
	February 8	May 10

EAST GRANBY PUBLIC LIBRARY

www.egpl.org

On behalf of the Library we would like to thank **Al Lederman** for his nine years as President of the Library Board. He was instrumental in making the dream of a new library come true. We wish to thank him for all of his years of dedication and leadership.

A Message from the new President of the East Granby Public Library

This letter is an invitation to all in our town to visit the East Granby Public Library. I have just been elected President of the Library's Board of Directors. This is a privilege. One of the early things I would like most to do is encourage use of the Library by the largest possible number of East Granby people. Many of us are already using the Library a great deal. This is terrific. For those of you who are not, please come to the Library soon. We think you will be impressed. We have a new Library building offering books, computer services, DVD's, CD's, books on tape, a State-wide acclaimed Children's Room...and much more. All in a beautiful setting, just south of Town Hall. We would be happy to arrange a tour of the Library if you would like. Just contact me (653-3821) or our Library Director Lisa Salazar (653-3002). For those of you already using the Library, thank you--and please use it even more.

Our Board extends its special thanks to Al Lederman, President of the Board for the last nine years. Al has done a splendid job and East Granby is a better place because of that.

Norm Hausmann
President, East Granby Library Board of Directors.

Historical Room

Today elderly housing is a valued addition to our town, but when it was proposed in 1970 and for the next two years, it was vigorously opposed by some people in the community. In their history of Metacomet Homes, Mary Pelletier and Frank Pinney show that only the persistence and hard work of a small group of dedicated East Granby citizens brought their dream to a successful conclusion. A copy of this interesting story about an important part of the town's history can be borrowed at the library. Just ask for it at the checkout counter.

Did you know that the Historical Room is open to the public the fourth Tuesday of every month, 10:00am – 12:00pm.

It is a wonderful opportunity to explore our town's history and talk to Betty Guinan.

RaeJean Spears Talks About Her Experience in the Peace Corps.

RaeJean Spears will present a slide show as well as artifacts, traditional cloths, art, books, etc. as she talks about Ukrainian history, economics, culture and the recent "Orange Revolution." She will also answer questions about the Peace Corps.

Wednesday, December 7th, at 7:00pm

Scholastic Book Fair to Benefit Children's Library

East Granby Public Library's annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held November 26 through December 3, during open hours at the library. All proceeds are used to purchase books for the Children's Room. Give the gift of reading this holiday and share your generosity with the community at the same time! A variety of great gift ideas for all ages will be available. A giving tree offers patrons the opportunity to give a book to a young person in town whose family is served by Friend to Friend.

Juried Art Show

Mark the Date: The popular Juried Art Show will open with a reception on Saturday, January 28. Don't miss one of East Granby's most elegant events!

Afternoon at the Movies for Seniors

Enjoy an afternoon at the library with friends, neighbors, a good movie and of course popcorn.

Wednesday, December 14th – "March of the Penguins"

Show Time is at 1:30pm

Prints of the Library

Artist **Jonathon Basil** has created a pastel painting of the East Granby Public Library.

To view the original painting visit www.basilgallery.com.

For more information and to order prints call the library.

**24 Center St. P.O. Box G
653-3002**

**Library Hours: Monday – Thursday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Saturday: 9:30 am – 1:30 pm, Friday & Sunday: closed**

COMING HOME

By: RaeJean Spears
US Peace Corps Volunteer
Ukraine 2003-2005

Twenty six months overseas are coming to a close. When I first heard that number, back in the spring of 2003, it seemed like an eternity. Two birthdays. Two Christmases. Three Halloweens. When I came home I'd be almost 26. And now, here I am, approaching my 26th birthday, not to mention my wedding. A lot has happened, a lot has changed, and it has all happened so quickly.

Sixteen months seems like a long time at the onset. But at the end it all fits neatly into one square photo album. I find myself now torn between emotions. I am excited to go back the States, to apply for graduate school, to have my wedding, to see my friends and family. But I am also a tad remorseful; it takes so long to build relationships and truly master the local language that only in the last nine months have the kinds of projects I dreamt about when I applied to Peace Corps become realistic. I know that if I stayed, I could accomplish much more in an additional year than I accomplished in the previous two. But in my heart of hearts, I know it is time to move on and open the next chapter in my life. One could, after all, stay in the developing world for a lifetime and never be at loss for worthwhile projects.

Personal reflection has marked the last few weeks. Since October 2003, people have asked my how much more time I had in Ukraine. My response always seemed like a big number – to me and to the inquiring party. Two years, one year, eight months. Now it seems so pitifully small. Upon hearing, “Only six more weeks,” I am often questioned about my plans for returning to Ukraine and met with a sad smile. I often heard that Ukrainians did not show how they felt about a person until she left, and now I am starting to feel it. Hugs last a little longer. More kids are coming to my door with requests to play. And no one, including me, can believe it is almost over.

I have accomplished a lot during my time in Pidvolochysk, and have no regrets. I have taught upwards of 250 different students, modernized a resource center, organized summer camps, acquired much needed resources, and celebrated American holidays at school. I have seen individual students excel at the English language, and I have seen amazing personal and professional growth in some of my colleagues. But most important, for me anyway, have been the relationships and the cultural exchange. Learning to speak Ukrainian at an advanced level was a feat I never thought I would accomplish, especially back during training when I could not pronounce numbers correctly, let alone dissect the differences in the American and Ukrainian educational systems. By speaking the language, I have met and been able to understand previously unreachable portions of the population. Imagine a scenario like the one that happened this past Sunday night on the train I was taking home from Kyiv: Three American girls are sitting, chatting loudly in what the surrounding passengers can only imagine is English. But why are there Americans on the train? What are they doing here? The passengers have so many questions, so many things they have heard about the USA and want answered. An old man is seated with the girls and is afraid to speak. He thinks they do not – or cannot – speak the local language. However, when he hears one ask the conductor a question, he breaks the ice and takes a chance. That chance results in a two-hour conversation, and the first interaction he has ever had with an American. Moments like those have peppered my service. I have enjoyed sharing my story with the local people, and I have also enjoyed hearing what they themselves have had to say. I have heard some pretty interesting things about the US on late-night trains. Becoming aware of how the world at large views the United States has been invaluable; it is not always a pretty picture and it is often times distorted. If nothing else, those conversations fueled my work with Peace Corps, acting as hard evidence for why English language instruction and the sharing of cultures was and is still desperately needed.

The last two years have been amazing and will undoubtedly stay with me forever. They have already shaped my ideas about life in general, but in particular the direction I want mine to take. None of this would have been possible, however, without your help. If I made a mark on this small community in western Ukraine, it is because you helped me to do so; a small corner of Ukraine is now inextricably linked to a small corner of Connecticut. Who would have imagined that a little over two years ago? So, as I end this final letter from Ukraine, I end with a note of appreciation: appreciation for my experience and appreciation for the support and generosity that made it possible. Thank you.

PARKS & RECREATION

Ceramic Plate for Santa

Tuesday, November 29th - 10:00am – 11:00am Community Center

This 8-inch plate will be decorated for the holidays using your child's handprint. This program is for children ages 3 and up but younger children are welcome if accompanied by a caregiver. The dinnerware must be fired & can be pick-up the following Tuesday. Cost: \$8.00 per child.

East Granby Days at the International Skating Center

Stop by the Parks & Recreation office, located at the Community Center to pick-up your discount coupon. This coupon may be used on Sunday, January 21st or Sunday, February 11th from 4:30pm –5:30pm. The discount price to skate will be \$4.00.

Family Ski Trips

Both trips include; round trip motor coach, all day lift ticket, and \$10.00 food voucher.

Wednesday, December 28th **Okemo Mountain** – Cost is \$75.00 ages 13 –18, \$71.00 ages 6 –12, \$81.00 adult. Equipment rental is \$28.00 per person (ski or snowboard).

Sunday, January 29th - **Ascutney** – Cost is \$66.00 per person, all ages. Equipment rental is \$20.00 per person (ski or snowboard rental)

Edgar Degas: Six Friends at Dieppe

Friday, January 13th This international exhibit contains more than 70 works (50 paintings, drawings, prints, photographs & books) that explore the relationship between Degas and the artists who assembled on the Normandy coast during the summer of 1885. Trip includes motor coach transportation to Providence, admission to the exhibit, & lunch at the Abbey a century-old Congregational Church, that is now owned & operated by the International Culinary Institute. Cost: \$53/ adults, \$50/ seniors

Foxwood Casino

Wednesday, February 15th - Cost is \$17.00

American Museum of Natural History

Tuesday, February 21st - Price includes transportation, admission to the museum and tickets to the IMAX movie. We will be departing the Community Center at 7:15am & leaving NYC at 4:00pm.

Cost: Adults: \$43.00, Seniors & Students with school ID's \$38.00, Children: ages 2 –12: \$35.50

Boston Flower Show

Saturday, March 11th - Cost: flower show & shopping \$46.00, shopping only \$26.00

Mini Hoop

This is an instructional, co-ed program that teaches the fundamentals of basketball to kindergartners, using a variety of fun drills and activities designed to develop basketball skills. Nine consecutive Saturday mornings, 9am -10am, beginning January 14th. Allgrove gym. Registration deadline is Friday, December 2nd. Cost: \$30.00

Midget Basketball

Program begins Saturday, January 14th and will run for 10 Saturday mornings. 1st & 2nd graders will meet mornings at Seymour School. Playing times will vary. Parent coaches needed. Registration deadline is Friday, December 2nd. Cost: \$35.00.

Youth Basketball

Program begins Saturday, January 14th and will run for 10 Saturdays. Games will be on Saturdays with a practice during the week. 3rd & 4th grader's games will be at the Middle School. 5th & 6th (combined with Granby youths) and 7th & 8th (combined with Granby youths) at the High School Gym. Playing times will vary. Participants must list any practice night conflicts at the time of registration, to assist in team placement. Parent coaches needed. Separate teams for girls and boys. Cost: \$40.00

For more information or to register for these programs call the recreation office at 653-7660

MEETING SCHEDULES

Town Hall (TH)

Community Center (CC)

November

- 22 Planning & Zoning 7:30 TH
- 22 Board of Selectman *TH
- 28 Board of Ed 7:30 Allgrove
- 28 Economic Development 7:30 TH

December

- 01 Park & Rec 7:30 TH
- 05 Planning & Zoning 7:30 TH
- 06 Commission on Aging 6:30 CC
- 07 Wetlands 7:30 TH
- 12 Board of Ed 7:30 Allgrove
- 13 Board of Selectmen *TH

December – Cont.

- 19 Economic Development 7:30 TH
- 20 Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 TH
- 20 Board of Finance 7:30 TH
- 27 Board of Selectmen *TH

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and be of general interest to the public. The name of the submitter and a phone number must accompany the article. Thank you.

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