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Town Hall Grand Opening



Counterclockwise from the top:
VFW Post 5095 Color Guard,
front entrance to the new Town Hall,
High School Band Members play
music for the celebration while social
distancing and the 3rd Connecticut
Regiment Fife & Drum wait for their
moment to join in the festivities.



Above: Town Council Chairman Pete Brown cuts the ribbon, as former Chairpersons Patience Anderson and Melissa Engel look on along with Council Members, Town Facility Building Committee members, staff and the design and construction teams. All photography by Walt Jedziniak.

Town Manager's Corner

Hello East Hampton,

Here comes winter! It is a favorite time of year for many of us. Whether it's the idea of family and celebrations at the holidays, the thrill of winter sports or the quiet solitude of a snowfall, we all probably have something we like about winter. This year, those new twists to our favorite activities are really showing themselves now. Unfortunately, the pandemic has experienced a bit of a resurgence in East Hampton and in Connecticut, but, as I have learned in the last year and, certainly, in the last eight months or so, we are resilient and adaptable here. We carried on and we made things happen.

We managed to have a COVID-sensitive celebration of the Town's new Town Hall facility and officially dedicated it to the community. At the ceremony, we took time to thank all of those that were involved in bringing the building to completion including the members of the Town Facilities Building Committee and the design and construction teams. We even reburied a time capsule from the old Town Hall on East High Street that was originally placed by the Fourth Graders of Middle Haddam School in 1976! (May you all be there when it is officially opened in 2076 at our country's 300th birthday!) We also took time to honor a special resident, Robert "Red" McKinney, who passed away in 2019. A plaque remembering Red is in the Town Hall lobby along with the dedication plaques for the building. Come by and see them.



David E. Cox
Town Manager

In the last few months, the Town completed some projects that were put on pause last March. The Library Advisory Board and the Town Council approved a Strategic Plan for the Library, which was developed with major resident input and focused work by staff and other community members. The plan, which lays out the goals and vision for the next three years, is available at the library or on the library website. The Planning and Zoning Commission also adopted a significant update to the regulations that protect our watershed and water bodies including Lake Pocotopaug. Many residents invested lots of time to providing input to the Commission and Town staff as the Town worked toward a set of regulations that balance property owner needs with the protection of our greatest water resources. Information on these regulations is available at the Land Use Department or on the Town's website.

As this Events Magazine is distributed, the Town is hard at work on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Undoubtedly, we will face challenges as we prepare for the upcoming year and will have to make choices, but we will do so with a watchful eye to the future. The Town's financial plan will consider our people, our **continued on page 5**



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infrastructure, our growth and our stability. While we do not quite know what the approval process will be, we are hopeful that the community will again provide input to the Board of Finance and the Town Council as it prepares a budget. The voice of the community was strong this year and we hope it will be again.

As fall gives way to winter, we continue to work. We will also take

time to enjoy the season. We will take steps to protect ourselves, our families and our neighbors. We will find new ways to celebrate with each other. We will find ways to connect with each other and make new traditions that enhance the ones we have always known. Above all, we will forge ahead... as a community.

Stay well,
David Cox, Town Manager

Land Use Department

After nearly a year of work, several public workshops, and many months of public hearings, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the updated Section 3.1 - Lake Pocotopaug Protection Zone at their regular meeting on November 4, 2020. This update goes a long way to accomplishing stated goals found within the Plan of Conservation and Development and the Nine Elements Watershed Plan of protecting the watershed from development impacts. It requires additional site planning, buffer strips along the lake and tributaries, and increased

requirements regarding stormwater runoff from all properties within the watershed. It requires large clearing activities to be completed in a phased approach requiring stabilization before moving to another phase and prohibits the opening of vast amounts of land during the rainy season.

We would like to thank all of the residents and groups that joined together to help make the update a reality. This was a community driven process and will benefit the lake watershed for years to come.

We continue to ask that during these challenging times, you rely on our website and communicate through email and telephone calls as much as possible to limit the number of people in the building and ensure everyone's health and safety. We recognize that submitting information digitally and attending meetings virtually can be frustrating at times. Thank you to all Commission members for continuing to volunteer your time and to everyone in the community for your patience during this unprecedented time.

East Hampton Social Services

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Please contact Christine at: 860-267-9982, ext. 3208 to coordinate your 2020-21 winter energy assistance application to apply for this program. This year, due to COVID-19 precautions, the application process is being conducted mainly over the phone. Processing by CRT may take up to 45 business days, so please factor that in when planning. Please call/email (cwiesner@easthamptonct.gov) to acquire the list of required documents needed for this program. Do not wait until you are out of fuel!

Residents who are struggling financially, short-term or long-term are encouraged to contact Social Services to discuss resources and options that may be available. We recommend residents contact us

as soon as they feel a need. All information is handled in a confidential manner.

HOLIDAY GIVING

The season of giving is upon us! Contact Christine at: 860-267-9982, ext 3208, if you are interested in finding out how you may be able to help families in our community. There are endless opportunities to be charitable this season!

East Hampton Youth & Family Services

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Office of the Collector of Revenue

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PAYMENT OPTIONS INCLUDE

Paying by Mail:

Mail your tax payment to: Collector of Revenue, 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424.

Paying Online:

Pay online by visiting: www.easthamptonct.gov The Town is waiving the 50 cent fee associated with checking and savings account payments at this time.

Paying by Drop Box:

There is a drop box located in the front of the Town Hall at 1 Community Drive.

Also, there is a second drop box located inside the lobby.

Paying in Person:

When paying in person all taxpayers must adhere to the CDC guidelines. This includes wearing a mask upon entering the building and practicing social distancing.

If you cannot pay your bill in full you may communicate with the Tax Office and make partial payments.

Please do not ignore the bill completely.

East Hampton Economic Development Commission

OUR MISSION IS: *“To successfully attract new business, retain established business and improve the quality of life of East Hampton residents, visitors and tourists.”*

We congratulate the following business, Belltown Motors Tire & Service Center on being named “Belltown Spotlight on Business”

monthly honoree. Please contact any member of the Economic Development Commission (EDC) or the Town Manager to nominate a business for this award. Nomination forms are available on the EDC website at: <https://www.easthamptonct.gov/economic-development-commission>.

Current EDC members are Ted Turner, Tim Csere, Robyn Letourneau, Walt Jedziniak, Matthew Reich, Jase Doane and Christopher Ott. EDC meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. All are welcome and please remember: **“Shop local and put your money where your house is!”**



Pictured above: East Hampton EDC congratulates Belltown Motors Tire & Service Center owners Owen Flannery, (L) and Tony Flannery, (R) for being our most recent “Business of the Month” winner. EDC Chairman Ted Turner, (C) presents their plaque to them.

Belltown Motors Tire & Service Center is a full-service auto repair center that includes collision repair and emissions testing. Belltown’s state of the art facility is located at 80 East High Street. Reach them via telephone at: 860-267-7222 or view their website at: www.belltownmotors.com. Join the EDC in supporting Owen and Tony and crew and make an appointment. Great time to get your vehicle ready for the cold weather ahead.

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Simple Fire Safety Tip from the East Hampton Fire Marshal

Everyone knows about the importance of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms. But did you know that in addition to these excellent devices, there is a very low tech, zero cost fire prevention device you can use tonight to increase your chances of surviving in a fire? The East Hampton Fire Marshal's Office, during our numerous fire prevention presentations, has always touted the importance of sleeping with your bedroom doors shut. The door that a bedroom has will provide extra minutes of protection should a fire occur during the night, but only if it is closed. Right is a picture that demonstrates how important this simple act is to increase your chances of survival during a fire. The room on the right did not have the bedroom door shut.



The Fire Marshal's office urges you to seriously consider this simple act of fire prevention to increase your family's chance of survival if a fire should occur during the night.

The argument I hear from most people is that they will not be able to hear their children during the night. With modern technology there are numerous monitors on the market that will allow you to hear children in their rooms, and speaking from experience, they allow you to hear more clearly than if you had the bedroom doors open.

As always, our office is available to answer any of your fire prevention

questions, so please feel free to contact us. How will you sleep tonight?

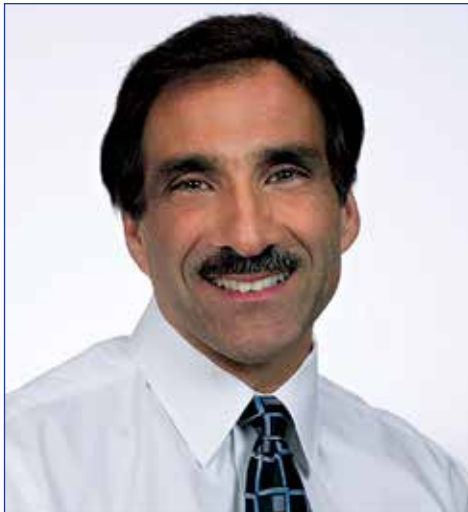
East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department - BUCKLE UP !!!

Quite often, firefighters respond to serious motor vehicle accidents involving cars or trucks that have been damaged so severely that they are hardly recognizable. As the apparatus arrives on scene, hearts sink as

the prospect for survivability appears to be non-existent, only to find the occupants in remarkably good shape. Conversely, victims can suffer serious or even fatal injuries in accidents that, comparatively speaking, may

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Over the years, automotive engineers have developed and extensively tested design concepts and devices that have had a significant impact on increasing vehicular safety and occupant survivability. Energy-absorbing crumple zones, structural components that convert roofs and side panels into roll cages, air bags and other physical enhancements have significantly reduced the risk of fatal or serious injury in motor vehicle accidents.

However, these enhancements are all based on a single premise - - - that the driver and passengers are securely fastened into the seat they are occupying. An unsecured occupant involved in an accident now becomes a projectile that continues to move at the same rate of speed as the vehicle was travelling at the time of impact. The occupant's body will then strike against interior features of the vehicle (steering columns, dashboards, side posts, etc.) or be completely ejected, causing

severe and potentially fatal blunt force trauma injuries.

It is vitally important that seat belts be properly secured for vehicular safety features to function as designed and members of the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department encourage all to Buckle Up, without exception, each time you venture out in your vehicle - - - we can meet you some other time, some other place . . .

Public Works

The 2020 construction season has been very busy and successful. Along with our normal road and fleet maintenance operations the Public Works Department has completed nearly 2.5 miles of pavement restoration, along with several drainage projects throughout the town including improvements on Lake Drive, Meeks Point, Walnut Avenue, Collie Brook Road, School House Lane, Holly Drive, Sunset Drive, and Dogwood Drive. The parking lots at the Community Center and Fire Company #1 on Barton Hill were also reconstructed and paved. Additionally, crews from Indus Inc. have completed crack sealing operations on Fernwood Drive, Crestwood Drive, Birchwood Drive, and Country Lane. Crack sealing is an important pavement preservation technique that prevents water from

seeping into the pavement structure causing premature failure.

As the construction season winds down winter preparation work for the Public Works Department is in full swing.

Traditionally the official winter season runs from November 15th through April 15th. We have already encountered our first snow event of the season on October 30th, and department staff is continuing to prepare and calibrate winter maintenance equipment to ensure it is ready when needed throughout the winter season. In the upcoming weeks we will be preparing for the winter months including filling of potholes, gravel road maintenance, tree work

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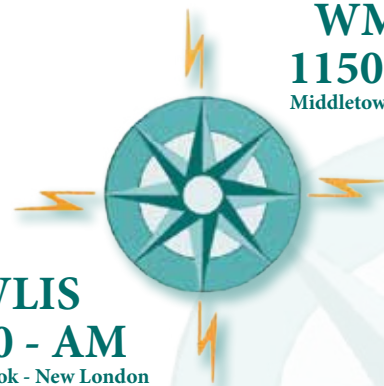
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East Hampton Senior Center

105 Main Street, East Hampton, CT | 860-267-4426

Email: seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov

THE DOORS OF THE SENIOR CENTER ARE OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

We will continue with the by appointment opening through January 2021. At that point we will re-assess and adjust our programming as warranted. We will not sponsor any in-person group activity at the Senior Center until mid-January and only then if it is deemed appropriate to do so. The Governor's executive order for people over the age 65 and high-risk individuals should continue to stay home and stay safe. If it is necessary for you be in public please wear a mask, socially distance and wash your hands frequently.

- **Senior Center Shopping Service:** The Center is still offering a shopping service where volunteers will shop for you and deliver your groceries to your door. You will reimburse the volunteer for the cost of the groceries, with a check payable to the Town of East Hampton. Your contact with the public remains limited and you can get food

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- **Grab & Go Meals:** The Community Renewal Team continues to provide Grab and Go meals at the Center. Pick up is on Tuesdays from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. CRT will provide up to 3 frozen meal entrees. The meals are provided through Title III federal funds and there is no charge for the meals. CRT does request a \$3.00 donation per meal to offset what the grant does not cover. If you are interested, please call the Center to obtain a Form 5- registration and schedule your meals. If you are not able to travel to the Center for pick up, we can arrange delivery for you.
- **Connecticut Energy Assistance Program:** The Community Renewal Team (CRT) administers the energy assistance program. The Senior Center takes appointments by phone to complete the applications. Call the Center for the eligibility requirements and to schedule an appointment.

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- **Bingo via Zoom: Tuesdays at 1:00 pm.** Play BINGO from your home via Zoom. You may pick up a card from the Center. Nelson will call the numbers, and someone will ring the bell when 66 is called. A wide variety of games are played. New members are welcome to join. Let us know and we will send you an invitation.
- **Writer's Workshop with Elizabeth via Zoom meeting: every**

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- **Yoga via Zoom: Wednesdays at 11:30 am.** This yoga class stretches your mind, body and soul. Call the Center for more information.
- **Lunch Bunch meeting: Mondays on December 7th and 21st, and January 4th at 12:30 pm.** It is a friendly time to gather and catch up with one another!
- **Creative Crafting virtually: Wednesday, December 9th at 1:00 pm.** Come get in the Holiday Spirit! Call us for more details and an invitation.

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- **Mahjongg Group meets virtually every two weeks.** This is a great way to re-connect if you have become disconnected! Call the Center and we can send you an invitation.
- **Therapy Sessions via Zoom.** Group therapy sessions, are via Zoom, Wednesdays 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Please contact the Senior Center at 860-267-4426 or at: seniorcenter@easthamptonct.gov. Individual therapy is also available by appointment 860-267-9982.

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Registration for fall takes place in June.

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REGISTRATION AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic our program offerings are ever changing based on local and state guidelines. Please check out www.easthamptonrec.com for the latest schedule and offerings. Our programs all follow in accordance with current CDC and OEC guidelines. Program enrollments are accepted online at: www.easthamptonrec.com. Registration forms are available online at: www.easthamptonrec.com or at the Parks and Recreation Office.

All registration forms must include payment. Payment is required at the time of registration. All registrations are taken on a first come, first served basis. We accept MasterCard and Visa. Please make checks payable to East Hampton Parks and Recreation. Cash payments should be made in the office only. Please do not try to register or pay program instructors unless indicated.

Registration confirmations are available by email if subscribed to on your main account page at www.easthamptonct.gov. No other confirmations are provided; however, if you have registered with us and paid, you will be on the final roster.

Program Refund Policy

If you are unable to attend a program you have registered for, please contact us. You must contact us 7 days before a program starts to receive a 100% refund. Cancellations inside of 7 days will receive a 50% refund or be issued an account credit for another activity. After the program starts no refunds will be issued. Our ability to refund money for trip cancellations depends on our contractual agreement with the travel companies.

In the event of inclement weather, all programs are cancelled if

school is closed or has an early dismissal. Cancellation information is posted on WFSB Channel 3 Early Warning Network. Households who have subscribed to the online registration site's email notifications will receive an email regarding the cancellation.

Program times are subject to change based on enrollment numbers. Programs will be cancelled if the minimum enrollment number is not reached.

Applications for reduced-tuition scholarships are available at the Parks and Recreation Office and Youth and Family Services. All information is strictly confidential. This is an application process. Only programs run directly by East Hampton Parks and Recreation qualify.

A portion of your enrollment fee may be put into your Special Revenue Program account for the East Hampton Parks & Recreation Department to maintain or enhance this program or other programs. This fund is not associated with the General Fund of the Town of East Hampton.

Youth Recreational Basketball

Registration is open now for these programs. We will be operating in accordance with CIAC guidelines for sports as related to COVID-19. All participants must fill out the attached waiver prior to the start of the program. We are awaiting more guidelines for attendance at games and practices and those will be posted prior to the start of the season.

YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Grade 1 Basketball:

The grade one program will begin on January 9 from 8:30 - 9:30 am at Memorial School and will meet each Saturday until February 6 (5 clinics.) This is a clinic format program that is limited to 16 participants.

Grade 2 and 3 Basketball:

Teams will meet on Saturdays starting January 9th at Memorial School and running until March 6th (no February 13th.) Teams will practice once a week for 45 minutes and have a game on Saturdays (game times depend on how many teams we have in each league.) Parents currently may not attend practices.

GRADE 4 AND 5 BASKETBALL:

Boys League and Girls League:

Teams will meet on Saturdays starting January 9th at Memorial

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School, East Hampton Middle School, or East Hampton High School and running until March 6th (no February 13th.) Teams will practice once a week for 45 minutes and have a game on Saturdays (game times depend on how many teams we have in each league.)
Parents currently may not attend practices.

GRADE 6,7 AND 8 BASKETBALL:

Boys League and Girls League:

Teams will meet on Saturdays starting January 9th at East Hampton Middle School, or East Hampton High School and running until March 6th (no February 13th.) Teams will practice once a week for 45 minutes and have a game on Saturdays (game times depend on how many teams we have in each league.)

Parents currently may not attend practices.

You may select ONE night of the week that doesn't work for practice and we will do our best to place you on a team that does not practice on that night (if you list more than one we will go off of the first selection.) This is not a guarantee as team placement relies on what night of the week teams meet and the need to create equal teams.

BASKETBALL COACHES

We are in need of coaches for each team in each age group if you are able to coach please register here and indicate coach, assistant coach and what age group your child is in. All coaches must pass a background check and complete an online coaches training course. Coaches will receive one free registration for their child.

Cost:

- Grade 1 Basketball: \$70
- Grades 2-8 Basketball: \$110

MORNING & AFTERNOON ADVENTURES BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Afternoon Adventures meets at Memorial Elementary School and Center School before and after school each day from 7:00 am - 8:30 am and 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Students in grades K-5 may attend the program. Due to current regulations we will not be offering a part time or daily rate for the program. Registration is done on a monthly basis, either online or at the Parks and Recreation office. You must enroll for the whole month.

Please send your child with a healthy snack each day. The children have time for play outside (weather permitting) every day or time in the gym. Everyone does homework or quiet reading; then they enjoy crafts, games, special guests and play with staff and their peers until pickup time. Care is provided on scheduled school half days from when school gets out until 6:00 pm for no additional charge. A discount is offered if doing both before and after school.

This program is operating in accordance with all COVID-19 regulations and guidelines. All participants must have the COVID-19 waiver on file with us before attending the program. Please visit: www.easthamptonrec.com or call the office at: 860-267-7300 in order to obtain the COVID-19 waiver. Students from Center School are bussed to Memorial School in the afternoon, and from Memorial School to Center School in the morning.

Location: Memorial Elementary School.
Dates: First day of school to last day of school.
Times: 7:00 am - 8:30 am and 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

If you are registering for both before and after care. Put the before care portion in your cart first, and the afterschool portion will be discounted 10% at checkout. For pricing please visit: www.easthamptonrec.com or call the office at 860-267-7300.

LET IT GLOW - 2020 JINGLE BELL PARADE

Together the East Hampton Parks and Recreation Department and East Hampton Library are getting into the Holiday Spirit and reimagining our annual Jingle Bell Parade into a holiday light competition! Get into the holiday spirit by decorating your house or business and registering to be part of the competition. Then, when December comes, download a map, load up your car and tour the community to check out the best holiday lighting and vote on your favorite. Prizes to winners! Plus! We'll still have our annual tree lighting in the Village Center!

Tree Lighting: December 11
Let it Glow Competition: December 11 - 23

Register Your House or Business!

Register your house or business to be on the official Let it Glow map on the East Hampton Parks and Recreation website. \$10 per house or business. Remember, prizes to the winner! Prize listings to come.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT - MONTHLY PROGRAM

Parents enjoy a night out on the town while the kids enjoy the evening at the new town hall!

Children will have a blast in a safe, caring, and fun environment. Age-appropriate activities will include arts and crafts, sports, games and movies. Each month has a special themed activity. A pizza dinner will be provided. It's a fun night out for everyone! Check online for a schedule of the activities.

Cost: \$35
Date: December 18
(check online for January and February dates)

Time: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: Town Hall, 1 Community Drive

Please send you child with a drink and any additional snacks that you wish.

East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission (EHACC) is accepting applications from East Hampton High School Juniors and Seniors for a \$200 grant to support an annual East Hampton High School Capstone Project.

The grant will help support one student's proposed Capstone Project, a multifaceted assignment that serves as a culminating academic and intellectual experience for students.

Capstone projects may take a wide variety of forms including a

long-term investigative project that culminates in a final product, presentation, or performance.

Applicants for the EHACC Capstone Grant will be invited to present his/her Capstone Project idea to commission members during an agreed upon commission meeting. Deadline to apply is February 1. Applications are available at www.artsforeasthamptonct.org and can be submitted to: arts@easthampton.org or can be mailed/dropped off at the Town Manager's office at the East Hampton Town Hall at 1 Community Drive.



The East Hampton Prevention Partnership will be looking for Middle School and High School students, as well as their parents to participate in focus groups prior to the end of 2020. Topics will include mental health and community substance use rates. Participants will be given gift cards

for their time. Contact jolsen@easthamptonct.gov to get involved. Information will also be disseminated via Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/easthamptonpp/>.

As a Local Prevention Council, the East Hampton Prevention Partnership is

dedicated to reducing substance abuse among young people. Our mission is to foster a culture that values the wellbeing of East Hampton's youth. We strive to instill self-acceptance, self-confidence and goal setting to promote healthy choices.

In collaboration with community stakeholders, we offer educational programs and outreach initiatives.

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For your convenience and safety, the Library offers curbside pickup. Call the Library with your requests or place your items on hold through our online catalog. When you're informed that your items are ready for pick up, just let a staff member know that you would like to pick up your items curbside. We'll put your items outside on our curbside pick-up rack for your quick pick up. Call us with questions: 860-267-6621.

Special Events for Families

LET IT GLOW: 2020 Jingle Bell Parade

TREE LIGHTING: December 11

LET IT GLOW COMPETITION: December 11-23

Alongside Parks and Recreation, we are reimagining the annual Jingle Bell Parade into a holiday lighting competition. Get into the holiday spirit by decorating your house or business and registering

to become a part of the competition. Then, download a map, load up your car and tour the community to check out the best holiday lighting and vote on your favorite. Prizes to winners! Plus! We'll still have our annual tree lighting in the Village Center.

NEW YEAR'S AT NOON: Take and Make Ages 3-18

Registration is required and opens on December 1 at 12:00 pm

Thursday December 31, 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

Ring in the New Year with East Hampton Public Library! At noon, we'll post a balloon drop video to our Facebook page. Count down with us and then drive down to the library to pick up your New Year's take and make celebration kit to help you ring in 2021 - balloon included! Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

SAVE THE DATE for virtual bingo! Saturday February 6

Take Your Child to the Library Day (TYCLD) is an international initiative that encourages families everywhere to take their children to their local library. Launched in 2011 in Connecticut by librarians Nadine Lipman (Waterford Public Library, retired) and Caitlin Augusta (Stratford Library) with artist Nancy Elizabeth Wallace,

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TYCLD raises community awareness about the importance of the library in the life of a child, and promotes library services and programs for children and families. Join the celebration!

Children's Online Programs

STORIES & SONGS: Ages 18 months-4 years **

Wednesdays 10:00 am

An early literacy program for child and caregiver that combines stories, songs and literacy activities to promote lifelong learning. Year-round. No registration required; just drop in!

MUSIC & MOVEMENT: Ages 3-8 **

Thursdays 10:00 am starting January 7, 2021

An early literacy program for child and caregiver that combines singing, dancing, and whole body movement to promote active involvement in a wealth of skills and concepts. Sing, stomp and dance with us! No registration required; just drop in.

AFTERSCHOOL FOOTPRINTS & FRIBRARY ONLINE**

Registration is required and opened on November 16 at 5:00 pm.

After school events for children and families in grades 2-5! See Teen Events for after school programs for grades 6-8.

Footprints Grades 2-3, 4:00 pm:

December 4, January 8, 29, February 19

Fribrary Grades 4-5, 4:00 pm:

December 18, January 22, February 5, 26

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

The library offers fun and educational after school programming for children in grades 2-5 on Fridays. We'll gather on Zoom to create and connect with local organizations like Epoch Arts, the Senior Center, and more. This year's after school events will take place at 4:00 pm. Register online at: EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

FAMILY BEDTIME STORIES: Ages 3-8 **

Select Mondays at 6:30 pm

December 7, 14, 21, 28

January 4, 11

The nights are getting long! Settle in for an early literacy program for families that combines stories, songs and literacy activities to promote a love of reading. No registration required; just drop in!

SILLY TIME ADVENTURES: Ages 3-6

Select Wednesdays at 4:00 pm

January 20, 27

February 3, 10

Children ages 3-6 and their favorite adult are invited to show their silly side at our latest after-school story time series! Explore a different silly story each week. This program includes grab and go craft kits that we make together on Zoom. Register online at EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at: 860-267-6621.

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Separate registration is required for each event.

TAKE & MAKES: Ages 3-11

Monthly Craft and Activity Kits

Whether your child is a little learner (5 and under,) school age (6-11) or a teen/tween (12+,) we've got an activity pack for your family filled with activities, crafts, and of course, 3-5 library books to help you keep exploring the month's theme. Call the library to learn more at: 860-267-6621, or visit our website at: EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org.

Online Teen Programs

TEEN ADVISORY: Tuesday - 8th-12th grade

The fourth Tuesday of the month! 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Come together to plan and create events and programs you want. Share your knowledge, creativity and interests to make the East Hampton Public Library a place you love to be. Earn community service hours. Applications are being taken now! We will meet via Zoom on Tuesday December 22, January 26 and February 23 at 3:00 pm. Register online at: EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at 860-267-6621.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FUNDAYS **

Registration is required and opened on November 1 at 5:00 pm. The library offers fun and educational after school programming for tweens and teens in grades 6-8 on Mondays. We'll gather on Zoom to create and connect with local organizations like Epoch Arts, the Senior Center, the Garden Club and more. To account for extra transportation and distance learning time, this year's after school events will take place at 4:00 pm. December 7, 21, January 11, 25, February 8, 22. Register online at: EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at: 860-267-6621.

NEW YEAR'S AT NOON - TAKE & MAKE: Ages 12-18

Registration is required and opens on December 1 at 12:00 pm. Thursday December 31, 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm

Ring in the New Year with East Hampton Public Library! At noon, we'll post a balloon drop video to our Facebook page. Count down with us and then drive down to the library to pick up your New Year's take and make celebration kit to help you ring in 2021 - balloon included! Register online at: EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at: 860-267-6621.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS! Grades 8-12

Students in grades 8-12 are invited to connect with veterans and seniors in the East Hampton area to learn and document history in a new and exciting way. Check our website for more details at: EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org.

TAKE & MAKES: Ages 12-18

Monthly Craft and Activity Kits for ages 12-18

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This program is hosted virtually and will come back in-person and through live streaming when we are able to. Check our website for the most up to date information.

Online Adult Programs

HOW TO GET ORGANIZED AND STAY THAT WAY

Tuesday, January 12th 6:30 pm

An introduction to getting organized, with a focus on what freedom from disorganization looks like. Explores the habits of highly effective organizers, what makes someone disorganized, and how organizational practices have grown and changed. Register online at: EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org or by calling us at: 860-267-6621.

BOOK CLUB

Third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm AND

Third Thursday of every month at 2:00 pm

Join us as we discuss a book live on Zoom. Copies available for checkout at the circulation desk.

December: *Mr. Dickens and His Carol* by Samantha Silva.

January: *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.

February: *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett.

March: *Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family* by Robert Kolker.

Register on our website to get the Zoom link: EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org

New Items for Checkout!

We've got a variety of library services to keep you curious.

HOTSPOTS NOW AVAILABLE - Check out the internet!

The Library has five hotspots available for checkout. A hotspot enables any wifi enabled device to connect to the internet. No data limits or overages! Any adult with a valid library card can check out a hotspot for a week. Call us to reserve yours.

NINTENDO SWITCH GAMES

We now have a small collection of games for the Nintendo Switch. Check our catalog for offerings and borrow a new game for a week.

SPROUT EARLY LEARNING BACKPACKS AVAILABLE FOR CHECK OUT: Ages 3-8

Need new toys and games to keep children occupied but don't have the space? Check out one of our 33 new early learning backpacks! Each backpack is themed and includes several picture books, two to four educational games or toys, and an activity guide showing how to use the items. For example, try out The Science of Sound, which

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contains books, musical instruments, and more! Families can check out one backpack at a time. Backpacks are available for ages 3-8 years old.

CHECK OUT AN EXPLORATION KIT!

Exploration kits are curated mystery boxes of library materials - books, movies, music and more - that help you discover something new and amazing.

- **Fairy Tales around the World - Limited edition - Available until December 11th:** Travel the world from your living room with fairy tales and folklore from around the world!
- **Vacation in a Box: Travel the world - no plane ticket required!** We'll pick out four to eight items - travel books, cookbooks, memoirs, foreign films and more - all about a unique world-wide destination.

- **The Hobby Enthusiast - Learn a new skill - just for fun!** We'll pick out four to eight items - how-to books, memoirs, instructional DVDs - to help you learn (or learn about!) a new hobby.
- **Let's Get Esoteric - Take a deep dive into a little known subject.** We'll pick out three to eight items that all take you deep into a topic that not many people know about.
- **New! Curious Kids** - Did your child finish their distance learning assignment before 9:00 am? Or are you feeling a little zoom fatigue? We'll create a supplemental learning kit with four to six tangible items related to a topic of your choice - or a surprise one created by our children's department!

Exploration Kits showcase the best materials the Library has to offer. Try one today by filling out the form on our website at: EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org.

Friends of the East Hampton Public Library Online Auction



The Friends of East Hampton Public Library (EHPL) will hold an online

auction November 28 through December 12, all proceeds of which will directly benefit the library. Items up for auction will be displayed in the library and on the Friends Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheEastHamptonPublicLibrary>.

Bidding will take place virtually until noon on December 12, 2020. Email your bids to EHPLFriendsAuction@gmail.com and visit our Facebook page or the library to read guidelines.

Happy bidding friends!

Lake-Smart Award Program for Lake Pocotopaug

CONSERVATION-LAKE COMMISSION LAKE-SMART AWARD PROGRAM

Congratulations to these six families in the Lake Pocotopaug

Watershed who have received the Lake-Smart Award: Pam Joslyn and Gary Greenwald of Hale Road, John Roche Family and Ellen Braun Family both on Raymond Road, Cap & Craig Nelson on Lakewood Road, Don Burr on Bay Road, and Lynn & Marty Podskoch on O'Neill Lane.

The East Hampton Conservation - Lake Commission (CLC) started the Lake-Smart Award Program for property owners living on Lake Pocotopaug or in the surrounding watershed. The purpose is to encourage property owners to improve the quality of Lake Pocotopaug by doing projects to prevent infiltration of phosphates, nitrates, pesticides, and other impurities from entering the lake. Those that achieve seven requirements will receive a Lake-Smart Award sign they can display on their property. It is hoped the program will not only improve the quality of the lake but also encourage neighbors to make improvements to their property.

Some of the seven criteria property owners will be evaluated on are do they have a "buffer zone," rain gardens, diversion ditches, etc. that contain stormwater runoff before it reaches the lake. Do owners refrain from using chemical fertilizers containing phosphates and nitrates or using pesticides and herbicides. In mowing their lawn do they maintain the level of their lawn at 2 ½-3" and use a mulching



John Roche of the East Hampton Conservation - Lake Commission presenting Ellen Braun of Raymond Road with the Lake-Smart Award for making improvements on her property to benefit Lake Pocotopaug. Photo by Podskoch.

blade instead of bagging grass clippings. Do they cover bare soil areas with mulch or plantings. Do they refrain from feeding water fowl and discourage them from coming onto their property. Finally, do they prevent leaves and grass clippings from entering the lake.

Those wishing to be evaluated for the award, should contact Jeremy Hall of the Parks & Recreation Department at: 860-267-7300 or jhall@easthamptonct.gov or Jeremy DeCarli of the Planning & Zoning Department at: 860-267-7450 or jdecarli@easthamptonct.gov. An appointment will be arranged for a CLC member(s) to visit the owners and help them evaluate their property. If there is a deficiency, owners will be given suggestions on improving their property. If they achieve all the goals, they will receive a Lake-Smart Award. We can all work together to have a cleaner lake.

Fall Home Projects To Boost Your Comfort and Energy Efficiency

By: Enoch Lenge

Fall is a great time to tackle those home improvement projects that have been put off because of the summer heat. In addition to landscaping, gutter cleaning, power washing, and deck repair, here are some home improvement projects to add to your list to boost your comfort while helping save you money and energy this winter:

- Upgrade Your Lighting – Did you know that the average household dedicates about 5% of its energy budget to lighting? Now that it's getting darker earlier and your lights are on longer, consider switching your current light bulbs with LEDs. According to Energy.gov, ENERGY STAR-certified residential LEDs use at least 75% less energy and last up to 25 times longer than incandescent lighting.
- Insulate Doors and Windows – Air sealing, especially in an old, drafty house, can save homeowners more than 20% on their heating and cooling costs. Installing weatherstripping around your doors and windows is an easy and low-cost way to improve your home's energy efficiency and keep the cold winter wind at bay.
- Check Your Attic for Air Leaks – An unfinished, poorly insulated attic is another common area where homeowners experience significant heat loss. Adding insulation to the attic floor and sealing any air leaks can help stabilize the temperature inside your home, prevent ice dams, and save on energy costs.
- Maintain Your Heating and Cooling Systems – Be sure to add scheduling a preventative tune-up with your local



- HVAC company to your list to keep that system running efficiently and preserving air flow. A clean system that is free of dirt and debris will run more efficiently and preserve airflow.
- Install Programmable Thermostats – You can save as much as 10% a year on heating and cooling by simply turning your thermostat back 7°-10°F for 8 hours a day from its typical setting. Programmable thermostats allow you to easily set your home's temperature in advance to avoid coming home to a freezing house. A smart thermostat takes that a step further by allowing you to set your temperature from your smart phone or tablet. Some even learn your habits and adjust accordingly – saving you even more.
- Window Replacement – While this may not be at the top of your list, replacing old windows, especially with high performance ones like triple-pane windows, can improve a home's energy efficiency and overall comfort.

Before researching various contractors or DIY-ing these improvements, take advantage of the limited time only, no-cost Home Energy Solutionssm program offered by Eversource. To get started, you can schedule an appointment with an Eversource-authorized energy expert to evaluate your home's energy efficiency needs. During in-person visits, energy experts, while following COVID-19 safety requirements, will also conduct important safety tests and install weatherization measures and energy-saving improvements, such as air sealing, LED lighting, and advanced power strips.

To help make these improvements more affordable, program participants can take advantage of 0% financing on approved energy-saving improvements, and up to 100% off of eligible insulation projects. Eversource has you covered with a wide range of energy-saving rebates and discounts, including a new triple-pane window rebate.

From now through December 31, Eversource is offering a \$100 rebate per window for each window replaced with an ENERGY STAR-certified triple-pane window.

Whether you're looking to improve the comfort of your home, save on your energy bill, or help save the environment, Eversource has several budget-friendly solutions to help you get started. To schedule your energy assessment, call 1-877-WISE-USE (877-947-3873), or visit Eversource.com to learn more about Eversource's residential offerings and additional ways to save.

Enoch Lenge is Eversource's energy efficiency spokesman and provides energy saving tips on the company's blog.

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Joan Joyce - Our Finest Athlete by Sigrid Kun

Many fondly remember going to Raybestos Memorial field in Stratford, CT. Amid chants of “Joanie, Joanie,” the softball phenom mowed down the competition. Joan Joyce dominated women’s fast pitch softball for decades - beginning her amateur career at age 13 with the Raybestos Brakettes. The Waterbury, CT native excelled at every sport she tried - a true competitor, a lifelong coach/mentor. Joyce combines an unbridled, remarkable talent with a matter of fact, humble personality. While she readily speaks about her success, there is no bragging.

Many consider her as “The Greatest Woman Athlete of All Time.” Her jaw-dropping achievements/honors take pages to list, including 20 Hall of Fame inductions, Connecticut Athlete of the Year (selected by the Connecticut Sports Writers Alliance), and a softball field renamed Joan Joyce Field (a part of Municipal Stadium in Waterbury).



Women’s softball coach at Florida Atlantic University.

A LIFETIME OF ASTOUNDING ACHIEVEMENTS

Joyce’s softball career covered 1954-1963 and 1967-1975 with the Brakettes and 1964-1966 with the Orange Lionettes. The slingshot pitcher notched 150 no-hitters and 50 perfect games with a lifetime earned run average of 0.09. An outstanding hitter, her career batting average is .327. In 1974, her Brakettes were the first American team to win the World Championships.

She co-founded the International Women’s Professional Softball Association, being the star player for

and part-owner of the Connecticut Falcons. The Falcons won every championship of the IWPSA’s existence (1976-1979).

She is a four-time Women’s Basketball Association All-American and three time AAU Basketball All-American. She played on the USA Women’s National Team in 1964 and 1965, setting a national tournament basketball single-game scoring record (67 points) in 1964.

She formed the Connecticut Clippers volleyball team in 1968, and competed as a player/coach. She was named to the All-East United States Volleyball Association Regional Team. Taking up golf at age 35, she spent 19 years on the LPGA tour (1977-1995). She still holds the LPGA and PGA record of just 17 putts in one round of golf.

Now 80, Joyce is the women’s softball coach at Florida Atlantic University. Starting the program from scratch in 1994, she has amassed 12 Conference Championships, participated in 11 NCCA Tournaments, and won 8 Coach-of-the Year Awards.

THE SECRET TO SUCCESS?

“I don’t know,” she says. “The only thing I can say about me is that I am very competitive. . . . I will beat you at just about everything. If you beat me, I’d shake hands. But I’d say to myself, you are not going to beat me a second time.”



Joan with her biggest fan - Dad (Joe Joyce).

Photo courtesy of Joan Joyce.

Her mother worked days. She, her father (above) and brother played sports all the time. “We would end up going to my father’s softball games,” she recalls. “We had no gloves. We’d run around everywhere while my father was playing. When they came in from the field, they’d put the gloves under the bench. We’d take them and start catching. When they went back in the field, they’d have to come and get the gloves back from us.” When her father played basketball, she and her brother would wait for the halftime buzzer and then fly onto the court to play.

SPECIAL MOMENTS - JOYCE SHARED A FEW



Striking Out Ted Williams/Hank Aaron. She calls striking out Ted Williams (left) and Hank Aaron her favorite moments. “It’s the easiest thing I’ve ever done in my life,” she relates. “They had no chance against a softball pitcher just because of the distance.” She faced Williams as part

of fundraisers in 1961 and 1966; Aaron in 1978 in a West Hartford exhibition. There were no radar guns then. A doctorate study from USC determined her pitching speed to be the equivalent of 119 mph in baseball.

Invited to China by the All-China Sports Federation (1979).

“It was the first team ever invited to China,” she recalls of the Connecticut Falcons. “When we played our last game sixty thousand people came to the game. I was looking out and it was like a flood of people just coming and coming and coming. And I’m thinking, ‘Oh, my God!’” The American team won all six games. In the final game, Joyce pitched a no-hitter to beat the Chinese all-star team.



Softball World Championships (1974).

Joyce pitched a no hitter against Australia. “Only one walk. And we picked her off,” notes Joyce. “It would have been a perfect game.” She also stymied Japan, giving up only two hits. No team wore helmets then. Japan showed up wearing them. Was it to distract her or out of fear of her? “It didn’t work,” she laughs. “You did not want to get me focused or to get my attention. Stare at me? Give me looks? I would say to myself,

keep doing that ‘cause you’re never going to beat me. I just didn’t like to lose.”

Photo of Joan coaching (far left) courtesy of FAU Athletics.

Photo of Joan pitching (left) and photo of Joan with Ted Williams (above left) courtesy of Joan Chandler.



East Hampton ALERTS Notification System for Residents & Business Owners

The Town of East Hampton encourages residents and businesses to sign up to find out about emergencies, weather warnings, town closings and road alerts.



East Hampton Alerts Notification System

Your safety is our main concern. Currently, all white page phone listings and the voter listing are automatically included in the Town's Notification System powered by Everbridge and you will be notified if there is an emergency. You can also choose to register cell numbers, emails and more.

If land lines are out, East Hampton Alerts will reach you via the alternate contact information you have provided.

Emergency and Community Alerts

East Hampton Alerts can notify thousands of residents and businesses in seconds.

What You Will Find Out

- Severe Weather Warnings
- Emergency Evacuations
- Road Closures
- Emergency Health Alerts
- Shelter/Convenience Center Openings
- Other emergencies

How Does It Work?

The process begins when the Town issues a message about a potential emergency concern. The East Hampton Alerts System dials your main contact number or sends an email, text message or fax.

If you don't confirm receipt of the message by following the prompts, the system will continue to try and reach you until it receives your confirmation.

Tell Us Your Special Needs

We also want to find out if you or any of your family have special needs:

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- Kidney Dialysis
- Power Dependent
- Oxygen Dependent
- Refrigeration for Medications
- Service Animals or Pets

How to Sign Up

The success of this Town service depends on you. You have the ability to select how you want to be contacted and where.

- Go to www.easthamptonct.gov and click on the East Hampton Alerts icon
- Create your online profile
- Include locations, cell phone numbers, emails, fax numbers and special needs.

How to Update Information

Your username and password allows you to update information at any time. If you choose to opt out of Community Alerts, you will still receive Emergency Alerts on your home phone if there is a threat of life safety or property damage.

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