



# The Eastford Communicator

## July, 2017 Calendar

- 1 AA Meeting, TOB, 7:30pm  
Town Taxes Due
- 3 Yoga, TOB, 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- 5 Yoga, Nahaco, 5:30pm - 6:30pm  
Nahaco Commission, Nahaco, 7pm  
Recreation Commission, TOB, 7pm
- 6 Agriculture Committee, TOB, 7pm
- 7 Yoga, TOB, 8:15 - 9:15am
- 8 **Experience Eastford/Heritage Day**  
AA Meeting, TOB, 7:30pm
- 10 Yoga, TOB, 8:15 - 9:15am
- 11 Planning Commission, TOB, 7pm  
Conservation Commission, Library, 7pm
- 12 **Communicator Deadline**  
Registrar of Voters, TOB, 5pm – 7pm  
Yoga, Nahaco, 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- 14 Yoga, TOB, 8:15 - 9:15am
- 15 AA Meeting, TOB, 7:30pm
- 17 **Public Hearing on Ordinances, EES, 7pm**  
BOS meeting following Public Hearing, EES  
Clean Energy, TOB, 7pm
- 18 Republican Town Committee, Library, 7pm  
Democratic Town Committee, TOB, 7:30pm
- 19 Yoga, Nahaco, 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- 21 Yoga, TOB, 8:15 - 9:15am
- 22 AA Meeting, TOB, 7:30pm
- 24 Yoga, TOB, 5:30 – 6:30pm
- 25 Republican Town Comm Caucus, TOB, 7pm  
Democratic Town Comm Caucus, Library, 7:30pm
- 26 Registrar of Voters, TOB, 5pm – 7pm  
Yoga, Nahaco, 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- 27 Inland Wetlands Commission, TOB, 7pm
- 28 Yoga, TOB, 8:15 - 9:15am

## BRODEURBITS

[Brodeurbits is a regular compilation of writings and ramblings from the First Selectman and others and elsewhere, some profound, others mundane; all hopefully of interest and import, aimed at communicating and informing.]

[This month: Mill Rate and Hearing Date, Stickers and Snickers, Saving and Paving]

I want to thank the citizens of Eastford for their unanimous support for, and passage of, the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Town Government and Board of Education budgets at the  
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**EXPERIENCE EASTFORD ON JULY 8**  
**Town-wide free family fun!**  
**The Eastford Public Library has**  
**Free/Discount Passes to Museums**  
**Summer Reading Program—Grades 6+**  
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annual Budget Town Meeting on June 5. The unanimity of approval was indeed gratifying, particularly in light of the vagaries and volatility of the State Budget process this year. Town Meeting approved a Town Government budget of \$1,574,075 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and a Board of Education budget of \$3,818,151. It also appropriated \$499,460 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to finance a portion of the General Fund Operating Budget for the coming fiscal year and approved the FY 2017-2018 Municipal Reserve Budget of \$468,462 and accepted the Town's Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan which includes the Town's capital spending plan for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year. Also Town Meeting authorized the expenditure of \$145,000 from the Municipal Reserve Fund for the Eastford Elementary School Energy Project, specifically replacement of the gymnasium roof, and it authorized the Board of Selectmen to proceed on purchasing a new fire truck for the Eastford Independent Fire Company #1 for a total amount not to exceed \$500,000 in equipment and interest.

The bottom line of all these budget machinations is that the mill rate for the upcoming fiscal year increases to 26.11, up one mill from 25.11. The mill rate is determined by dividing the total of taxes to be raised [\$3,693,719] by the net grand list [\$141, 467,581]. In this context, one mill equals \$141,468. One mill produces one dollar for each \$1,000 of property assessment. For the Eastford taxpayer the one mill increase translates to a four percent tax increase.

Factoids: During the month of May, the Connecticut State Police [Troop D] issued nine traffic citations in Eastford and gave out six written warnings. There were a total of 47 calls for service in Town that month. In April, there were 32 traffic citations and 12 written warnings and a total of 72 calls for service.

The total value of construction for which building permits were issued in May in Eastford was \$212,601. Some 550

Eastford residents have signed up to receive emergency notifications via the Connecticut Emergency Alerting and Notification System [CTAlert ENS]. For more details on how you can sign up for alerts on your mobile phones, by text message, e-mail, or a variety of other methods, go to [www.ctalert.gov](http://www.ctalert.gov)

The Board of Selectmen, at its regular June meeting on June 7, set the mill rate for FY2017-2018 at 26.11, made its annual appointments to boards, committees and commissions; and awarded the contract for paving at the Transfer Station to P. Willis Construction, Inc. of Eastford. It also heard a report from the First Selectman on the Town Garage Energy Lighting Project which the Town has undertaken along with Eversource and Lantern Energy to retrofit lighting at the Town Garage, the garage exterior lighting, and lighting at the Salt Shed. Total annual estimated energy savings in dollars is \$1,232.68 and in kilowatt hours is 4,372 kWh per year.

The date and site of the July meeting of the Board of Selectmen have been changed, to Monday, July 17 at the Eastford Elementary School. The changes were made to accommodate a public hearing prior to the meeting on two ordinances which will be coming before the Board. These are an ordinance providing for the continuation of a joint park commission and an ordinance pertaining to the prohibition of fracking waste. The hearing begins at 7 p.m.

Sale of Transfer Station stickers for the 2017-2018 year will begin on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 and be conducted at the Transfer Station/Town Garage on those days and during those hours that the Transfer station is open during July. [Transfer Stations hours are Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.] Sales end on Sunday, July 30 and stickers must be on vehicles starting Wednesday, August 2. When purchasing a sticker, the cost of which will be \$50 this year, you must present the vehicle *continued on next page*



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Wouldn't It Be Nice If:

- Folks realize that the Town, and therefore, you have expended some \$2 million in Federal, State, and Town funds to build a new bridge on Mill Bridge Road and to repave the road rather than to lay rubber with vehicles and ATVs on the new road and bridge surfaces and to damage nearby private property.

Folks realize that the Transfer Station is just that, a transfer station, and not a dump for all the excess items which cannot, or are not, sold at various tag sales. Following the recent Town-wide Tag Sale there was an inundation of left-over items, much of which were not placed in containers, buildings, or compactors. With rain following closely that Sunday, much of the items left outside became junk and created a major problem for Transfer Station and Public Works staff.

Verizon Wireless has submitted a proposal to the Connecticut Siting Council to construct a wireless telecommunications facility at 72 Ragged Hill Road in Pomfret Center, a site that is located within 2,500 feet of the Town of Eastford. The proposed Pomfret Center Facility would fill existing gaps in wireless service in the existing network in Pomfret, Eastford, and Woodstock and provide service along portions of Routes 198, 44, and 244 as well as local roads in the vicinity of the site. It will interact with existing cell sites in the area, including a major site on Pumpkin Hill in Ashford, overlooking Hall's Pond. The proposed Pomfret Center Facility will consist of a

150-foot monopole tower and related equipment located within a 50' by 50' fenced compound. There will be nine panel-type antennae at the top of the tower and equipment cabinets and a generator near the tower's base.

## Library News

By Susan Shead, Librarian

Come on down to the fully air-conditioned library this summer and cool off!

The summer reading program began on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Build a better World is the theme of our program this year. Children who sign up and come to the library each week are eligible for prize drawings that are held throughout the summer. Special events this summer include Read to the Dogs at the end of July (date to be announced soon), and Magically Christina on Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM.

We have some new Children's books at the library including The Wimpy Kid Movie Diary by Jeff Kinney, Roller Girl a graphic novel by Victoria Jamisen, Cool Outdoor Activities for Kids by Alex Kuskowski, Frazzled by Booki Vivat, Hilo the Boy Who Crashed to Earth by Judd Winick another graphic novel, The Magician's Elephant by Kate DiCamillo, They all saw a cat by Brendan Wenzel and The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill.

The Library Board will hold a small book sale at the school for Experience Eastford Day on Sat. July 8<sup>th</sup>. However, no book donations are needed at this time.

**There are discount passes at the library** for Mystic Aquarium, Roger Williams Park Zoo, The New England Air Museum, and free admission passes to the New Britain Museum of American Art, Wadsworth Atheneum, and Connecticut's Old State House. We also have coupons for 20% off general admission for The Connecticut Science Center.

**Please note:**

**The library hours are Monday 3-8pm, Tuesday 10am to 8pm, Thursday 3-8pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm.**

**The Eastford Public Library  
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**Board of Education**

By Linda Loretz

At its June meeting, the Eastford Board of Education made a slight change in the bell schedule for school, beginning in August 2017. The first bell at Eastford Elementary School will ring at 8:20 AM. Students will be on time as long as they arrive by 8:45 AM. In the afternoon, the dismissal bell will ring at 3:20 PM.

The 2017 eighth grade class historian, Amanda Hair, class secretary, Emily Hull and class president, Clayton Singleton, narrated a slide show of the eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C. They thanked the Board for allowing the class the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C.

The Eastford Board of Education presented an Outstanding Service Award to Dr. Paul Torcellini for all of his attention to the school's HVAC, energy efficiency and other facilities projects.

The Eastford Board of Education received the resignation of Heather Tamsin, principal. A search committee is being formed for a new principal. The Board of Education hopes to appoint a new principal at its August meeting. Carole McCombe will be the acting principal for the summer of 2017.

Also at the June meeting, the Eastford Board of Education approved raises for employees who are not part of collective bargaining and the tuition rate for the 2017-18 school year.

**IN APPRECIATION**

The Eastford Grove Cemetery Association would like to thank the following donors for their support of perpetual care:

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**Eastford Seniors**

By Linda SM dos Santos

**July is an exciting month for Eastford seniors.** Enjoy fun-filled **Experience Eastford on Saturday, July 8** with Heritage Day at EES, Bowen's Vintage Car Show, the Grand Opening of the Florence Warren Latham Museum and more. **Volunteers are needed at the senior tables** - there is lots to be done from set-up, staffing the tables, to clean-up, **please call 860-538-8868.**

**SUMMER PICNIC RESCHEDULED: Seniors, Friends, & Family will find lots to eat on Saturday, July 15, 12 Noon - 3 PM at the Ashford Senior Center-** Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Kielbasa & more. The Ashford Senior Center is located at 25 Tremko Lane, Ashford, CT. **To reserve a spot, sign up by July 9** either at the Ashford Senior Center weekdays or at EE's Heritage Day senior tables: \$3/person, payment must be received by July 9th. This is a combined event by Eastford and Ashford Senior Citizens.

On June 8, seniors left Eastford's TOB to enjoy burgers and ice cream at Frog Rock Rest Stop enroute to the Prudence Crandall Museum in Canterbury. At the Museum, a National Landmark and State Archeological Preserve, Docent Deb Loser gave a one-hour tour. Museum Curator Kaz Kozlowski presented each guest a FREE ticket for a return trip to state-owned Museums (Prudence Crandall, Henry Whitfield and Eric Sloane Museum & Kent Iron Furnace). Each also received a discount admission to Roseland Cottage and other handouts. William "Bill" S. Hopkins, former Librarian, read description plates mounted around the rooms. In the CPTV series, CT's Cultural Treasures, the Crandall is one of the 50 most notable cultural resources in the state with a 6-minute movie about the museum: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Ewb26bFMpg>. Museum Hours: May through October, Wed.-Sun. 10 AM-4 PM, 860-546-7800.

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**Report of the Union Society Building Committee**  
**Thank You for Legacy Construction Donations**  
**Come to the Silent Auction during Experience Eastford**  
By Carol Davidge, Chair

We thank recent Legacy Construction Donors who've provided a rapid response to the need to match a grant by June 30 from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation: Lauren Anderson, Janet Bellamy, Arthur and Lennox Brodeur, Susan Burns and Robert Williams, Betsy DiQuattro in Memory of Bob DiQuattro, Mary Ellen Ellsworth, MaryBeth Gorke-Felice, Carolyn Hazard, Virginia and Bob Montgomery, Arvind and Margherita Shaw and Barbara Urban. Additional donations are welcomed and needed.

A Silent Auction to benefit the Union Society Building will be held on July 8 at EES during Experience Eastford (10 am - 12:30 pm when winners will be announced). (Items below.)

The 1806 Union Society Building, located at the junction of Routes 198 and 44, is on the National Register of Historic Places. For 200 years it was a place where people gathered for tax protests, voting rights, family games, holiday parties, social and spiritual activities, and everyone was welcome regardless of ethnic origin, spiritual belief, gender or age.

**Donations and Legacy Memorials are needed to move the project forward.** For donations of \$100 or more, a legacy memorial plaque acknowledges the donors and individuals being honored. **All proceeds from fundraisers and donations go to the Town of Eastford,** which owns this important historic building. To make a donation of any size, please make checks payable to: Town of Eastford (write Union Society in the memo line), and mail to Union Society Fund, Town of Eastford, P.O. Box 98, Eastford, CT 06242. For information, E-mail: carol.davidge@snet.net. Your donations are matching grants from other places, doubling what you donate. Thank you.

- Union Society Silent Auction**
- 10-12:30 at EES**
- at Experience Eastford, July 8**
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- Cat Gift Basket by PAWS**
- Collectibles - Art - Jewelry**
- Gift Certificates from:**
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- Pilates 111 by Margherita Nichols-Shaw**
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**THANK YOU TOWN OF EASTFORD**

At the town Budget Meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>, the tax payers and/or registered voters approved the building of a new Engine Tanker 271. Upon completion of the project, the EIFC will be fire apparatus compliant according to NFPA Regulations and Standards for the next 20 years. We realize, and appreciate the stress this adds to the town's economic condition, but are assured your town will be protected, as it deserves to be for fire and medical emergencies.

**COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST** - With that in mind, the EIFC will be hosting an Open House on July 8<sup>th</sup> – Experience Eastford Day from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. To show our appreciation, we will provide a COMPLIMENTARY Pancake Breakfast between 8 a.m. -10 a.m. to any Eastford resident and family. Come for breakfast, view the fleet of trucks and equipment, demonstrations and meet the membership you have supported over the years.

**Congratulations**

To the following members who successfully completed their EMS refresher class: Lexi Lathrop, Ryan Yakis, Silas Bunnell, Nick Ahnberg, and Nathan Hull. To Jason Szemrelyo as an active member of the EIFC.

The BIGGEST CONGRATULATIONS of all is to the Eastford Independent Fire Company #1, Inc.

At our annual meeting on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, the EIFC celebrated it 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of VOLUNTEER SERVICE to the Town of Eastford. And I quote:

“Following a regular town meeting on March 7, 1938, a special town meeting was held at which time First Selectman Mr. Lewin Newth spoke of a desire to provide adequate fire protection for the town. It was voted that the Chair appoint a committee to make an investigation and report its findings at the next regular meeting. The Committee consisting of Lewin Newth, Chairman, Alfred Warren and Harry Tatem were appointed.”

The name of the fire department was established as the “Eastford Independent Fire Company #1”

At the May 5, 1942 meeting, 39 men were designated CHARTER MEMBERS.

FAST FORWARD to May 1, 1951 when the first formal meeting took place at the current site of the EIFC.

FAST FORWARD to May 3, 1955 when the Ladies Auxiliary was formed. FAST FORWARD to 1965, when the Fire Police squad was created. FAST FORWARD to 1972 when 27 members received Red Cross Certification in Basic First Aid with 18 certified in Advanced First Aid.

FAST FORWARD to 1982, when it was evident that medical emergencies were as important a response as was fire-fighting. The EIFC Rescue Squad was official.

FAST FORWARD to 2017, where the EIFC excels with programs on all levels. A good organization just doesn't happen. It takes time and commitment with most members spending 30 plus hrs. per month to keep us responding second to none. All members are competent in meeting the physical and mental demands of the job to keep Eastford safe. As we round out our 75<sup>th</sup> year of operation, we as

VOLUNTEERS are proud that we are an outstanding team of dedicated and well-trained firefighters and medical technicians that are ready and willing to respond without hesitation any time of the day or night, in good weather or bad, where and when we are needed.

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, election of officers of the fire department took place at the annual dinner and celebration of our 75<sup>th</sup> year in service.

Chief: Gordon Spink, Jr. Deputy Chief: Doug Beaudoin  
Fire Captain: James Roy Fire Lieutenants: Ryan Yakis, Nate Fabian, Matt Yakis, John Paquin  
EMS Captain: Jeannine Spink  
EMS Lieutenant: Silas Bunnell  
President: James Roy Vice President: Doug Beaudoin  
Secretary: Jeannine Spink  
Board of Directors: Dwain McNeal, Jim Rivard, Jason Szemrelyo

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**Legal Notice  
Town of Eastford  
Republican Caucus**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a caucus of all enrolled members of the Republican Party in Eastford on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 7:30PM in the Town Office Building basement for the purpose of endorsing candidates for municipal offices for the election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

Attest:  
Jennifer Page, Chairman  
Eastford Republican Town Committee  
June 12, 2017

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**Invitation  
Eastford Republican Town Committee**

On Tuesday, November 7, 2017 the Town of Eastford will be conducting its municipal election. The Eastford Republican Town Committee is actively seeking individuals willing to run for elective office.

Remember this is your town, your local government, and this is your opportunity to serve. If you are interested in serving your community please contact Jennifer Page, Chairman, ERTC at 860-974-2533 or any committee member.

**News You Can Use**

By Deb Richards – EMD

In case there was a widescale emergency affecting Eastford, notification would be given through several different venues:

- WILI – 1400 AM
- WINY – 1350 AM

CT Alert – more than 60% of Eastford residents have signed up through CTAlert. If you haven't signed up for this invaluable alert system please go to <http://www.ct.gov/ctalert>. You may sign up for multiple towns--i.e Eastford and the city where you work.

The Eastford town website: <https://www.eastfordct.org>

The email distribution list through EES and the superintendent. Contact [Lloretz@EastfordCT.org](mailto:Lloretz@EastfordCT.org) to add your name to the distribution list – you do not have to have a child in school to sign up. This opportunity is open to all Eastford residents.

If you are notified of an impending emergency – please share this information with your neighbors.

If there is an emergency impacting the children in EES, when possible, teachers will contact parents via telephone.

An Everbridge alert may be sent at the request of the EMD.

It is hurricane season – be prepared!

- <http://www.weather.gov>
- <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>
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**General Lyon Cemetery Tour & Talk**

**“The Incredible Story of Eastford’s Famous General”**

By Ed Parry

July 8, 2:30 pm

As part of Experience Eastford, Ed Parry will present a talk about General Nathaniel Lyon and the General Lyon Cemetery, 35 General Lyon Road, where the Civil War hero is buried. Eastford’s most famous citizen, Nathaniel Lyon (July 14, 1818 – August 10, 1861), was the first Union general killed in the conflict during the Battle of Wilson’s Creek in Missouri. Some 15,000 people attended his funeral in Eastford, including Congressmen. Ed Parry is a member of the Eastford Conservation and Historic Preservation Commission and is the curator of our cemeteries.



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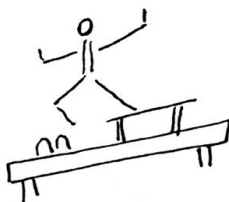
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**Eastford Readiness Initiative**

AKA Eastford's Preschool Program  
Jennifer Barlow

**Update**

Preschool has been busy. They have gone to the Library, Southwick Zoo, and a trip to Bakerwoods in Ashford. The Bakerwoods trip was also open to next year's preschool students that have already registered. The Preschool class also performed in the Spring concert. The current 4 year olds are busy and excited with all the transition activities to get them acquainted with what Kindergarten has in store. We had a great year and hope you all have a fun safe Summer! **Look for us at Experience Eastford!**

For more information on the program please look on-line at the Readiness Handbook or by contacting the Head Teacher, Christine Kopplin at [ckopplin@eastfordct.org](mailto:ckopplin@eastfordct.org) or the Readiness Council Liaison, Jen Barlow, at [jbarlow@eastfordct.org](mailto:jbarlow@eastfordct.org)

**REGISTER TO VOTE AT**

**EXPERIENCE EASTFORD, July 8**

**If you are an Eastford resident**

**If you turn 18 before November 7, 2017**

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**OR CHANGE PARTIES**

**At EES during Experience Eastford Day**

**Notice of Democratic Caucus**

To enrolled members of the Eastford, CT Democratic Party pursuant to the rules of the Democratic Party and State election laws, you are hereby notified that a caucus will be held on: July 25, 2017, at 7:30pm at the Eastford Public Library in the Ivy Glen Memorial, Eastford, CT, to endorse candidates for the upcoming Municiple Election and to transact other business as may be proper to come before said caucus.

Megan Calchera, Chair  
Eastford, CT  
July 1, 2017

**Invitation**

**Eastford Democratic Town Committee**

The EDTC would like to invite all who are interested to attend our July activities:

**July 8, 10 am - 1 pm, Pie & Baked Goods Booth at Experience Eastford in EES - We need donations of baked goods!**

**July 18, 7:30 pm, EDTC Meeting, TOB**

**July 25, 7:30 pm, EDTC Caucus to nominate Municipal Officials, Eastford Public Library, Ivy Glenn Memorial.**

**Also, check out the Eastford Democratic Town Committee facebook page!**

We are planning Fall activities, including a Pot Luck Supper and other events. Please let me know if you are interested or just come - join us. We need you! If you are interested in running for local office on November 7, if you would like to provide a pie or other baked item for our Experience Eastford booth, if you have questions about the EDTC, or for more information about our activities, please contact me.

Megan Calchera, Chair  
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PUBLIC HEARING**

**Monday, July 17, 2017 7:00 pm**

**EASTFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, July 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Eastford Elementary School Gymnasium for an Ordinance Providing for the Continuation of a Joint Park Commission and an Ordinance Pertaining to Prohibition of Fracking Waste.

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Eastford

**LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF EASTFORD**

The Town of Eastford having legally voted to lay a tax rate of 26.11 mills on the Grand List of October 1, 2016 hereby warns those persons liable for taxes to said town that said taxes become due and payable on July 1, 2017.

All Motor Vehicle taxes and all other taxes of One Hundred Dollars or less are payable in one installment, on or before August 1, 2017. August 1, 2017 postmarks are accepted as being on time. All other taxes may be paid in two installments, the second installment becoming due on January 1, 2018.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

By the Eastford Historical Society

Did you know that when Beatrice Kennedy bought the Eastford House from Aaron Bowen on November 2, 1918, she was only 28 years old. On the suggestion of Judge J.M. Tatem, she changed its name to the General Lyon Inn in honor of Eastford resident and Civil War general, Nathaniel Lyon. She operated the Inn and served many delicious meals there for over 50 years. In 1947, a Sunday dinner of chicken or roast beef could be purchased for \$1.75!

Want to learn more about the General Lyon Inn?

Visit the Florence Warren Latham Museum of Eastford History on its opening day, July 8, 2017, from 11am to 2pm. Our first exhibit will feature Mrs. Kennedy's General Lyon Inn. Refreshments will be served. The museum will also be open the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month from 2 to 4pm, from Memorial Day weekend to Columbus Day weekend

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Interest will be charged from due date on any tax or part thereof not paid on or before August 1, 2017 at a rate of 1.5% per month from due date of July 1, 2017. Minimum penalty is \$2.00. All Motor Vehicle taxes not paid by August 1, 2017 will be reported as delinquent to the Motor Vehicle Department and registrations will be denied.

If you receive a tax bill from a town you did not reside in on October 1, 2016, please contact the assessor. If you do not receive a tax bill for your real estate, motor vehicle or personal property please contact my office at (860) 974-1885 Ext. 6 for a duplicate bill. **Per Connecticut General Statutes, failure to receive a bill does not relieve you of obligation to pay any tax or interest that is due.**

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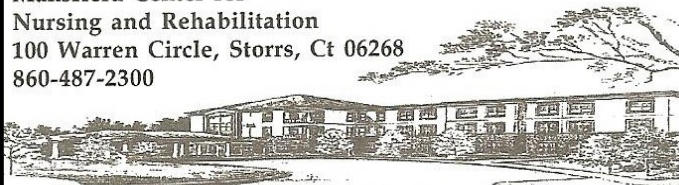
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Tips for Today

by Liz Ellsworth

Summer is here and school is out for the year! It's a good time to take on one new eco-activity. Choose one from the following list, or design one of your own: Become a bee/butterfly/bird expert; a recycling guru; a farmers' market fanatic; a flora maven; a climate science activist; a community eco-leader; a sustainable living specialist; a local nature trails explorer; a clean water advocate. Thanks for all you do to protect our planet!

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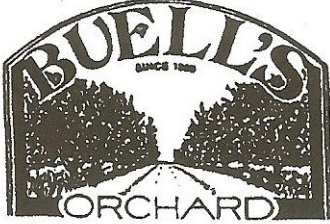
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