



The Eastford Communicator

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May, 2014 Calendar

- 2 Yoga, TOB, 8:00am-9:00am
EES K & 8 Maypole Celebration, EES, 2:15pm
- 3 Nahaco Volunteer Day, Camp Nahaco, 9am-2pm
- 5 Hatha Yoga, Nahaco, 6:30pm-7:30pm
BOS, TOB, 7:00pm
- 6 T-Ball for Grades K-3, Bowens Field, 3:30pm-4:30pm
EES Drama: "How To Eat Like a Child," EES, 6:00pm
Conservation & Historic Comm, TOB, 7:00pm
Democratic Town Committee, Library, 7:30pm
- 7 Nahaco Commission, Camp Nahaco, 7:00pm
- 8 Gentle Yoga, TOB, 11:00am-12:00pm
BOE, EES, 7:00pm
Agriculture Committee, Selectmen's Office, 7:00pm
Republican Town Comm, Judge of Probate Repub.
Convention, TOB, 7:00pm
- 9 Yoga, TOB, 8:00am-9:00am
- 12 Hatha Yoga, Nahaco, 6:30pm-7:30pm
School Readiness Council, EES, 6:00pm
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Planning Commission, TOB, 7:00pm
- 14 **Communicator Deadline**
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Electrical Safety Workshop by CL&P, EES, 6:00pm
- 15 Gentle Yoga, TOB, 11:00am-12:00pm
- 16 Yoga, TOB, 8:00am-9:00am
- 18 Town-Wide Tag Sale
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BUDGET TOWN MEETING, EES, 7:00pm
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Library Board, Library, 7:00pm
Inland Wetlands Commission, TOB, 7:00pm
- 23 Yoga, TOB, 8:00am-9:00am
Historical Soc/Library Talk "Family Genealogy,"
TOB, 7:00pm
- 26 **Memorial Day Parade, EES-Ivy Glenn, 10:00am**
Hatha Yoga, Nahaco, 6:30pm-7:30pm
- 27 Spring Concert, Pre-K-Grade 4, EES, 9:15am
Transfer Station Committee, TOB, 1:00pm
T-Ball for Grades K-3, Bowens Field, 3:30pm-4:30pm
- 28 Registrars of Voters, TOB, 5:00pm – 7:00pm
- 29 Gentle Yoga, TOB, 11:00am-12:00pm
- 30 Bike-to-School Day (see EES website)
Yoga, TOB, 8:00am-9:00am

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: Vale atque Ave/Farewell and Hail, Enforcement and Enhancement]

One of the most familiar faces in Eastford is no longer among us. The United States Postal Service, in mid-April, transferred Debbie Johnson from our Post Office to the one in Mansfield Center. I extended to Debbie, on behalf of all of us in Eastford, our thanks for some 19 years of service to the Town. During those many years she was one of the primary individuals interfacing on a daily basis with members of the community. And she did that in a cordial and most helpful manner. You might say that she definitely left a stamp on our Town [Get it!]. We are all grateful to Debbie for having been one of the most important members of our community for so many years. We wish her the best as she embarks on a new phase in her postal career. I told her that even though she is moving to Mansfield Center professionally that we hope she will always remember that, for many of us, the true Center of the Universe remains here in Eastford.

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Save the Dates!
May 3 - Nahaco Volunteer Clean-up Day
May 26 - Eastford Memorial Day Parade
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**The Eastford Communicator
URGENTLY needs your donations.**

At its monthly meeting on April 7, 2014, the Board of Selectmen appointed Robert Williams as Eastford's Municipal Agent for the Elderly. As Agent for the Elderly, Bob will work with all of Eastford's elderly, those who participate in already constituted Senior Citizen groups and those who function individually as seniors. His charge is to assist elders in maximizing benefits, services, and programs beneficial to the well-being of all of Eastford's seniors. The Elderly Agent appointment and that of Jennifer Willich as Veterans Contact Service Person, while both State-mandated, are also attempts by Town Government to enhance the services available to two key constituencies in Eastford who are worthy and needing of such an increased level of service and programming.

There has been a significant change in State Police Consolidated Dispatch which positively impacts those of us who live within the policing jurisdiction of Troop D in Danielson. Changes in the consolidation of dispatch at Troop C in Tolland were announced in late March by the new Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Dora Schriro. According to Troop D Commander, Lt. Scott Smith, the Local Patrol/Administrative Trooper is now assigned to the Desk on a 24-hour basis, seven days a week as in the past, prior to consolidated dispatch being instituted. And, at no time, will the doors at Troop D ever be locked. This reversion to former staffing bodes well for coverage of Eastford and other Northeastern Connecticut towns by the State Police.

And speaking of enforcement, wouldn't it be nice if:

- Everyone put their Transfer Station stickers on the inside lower driver's side of their windshields as required. Stickers in little baggies, in an assortment of papers on the dash, in glove compartments, or displayed on side windows

behind tinted glass are not the required location for sticker placement and, therefore, Transfer Station access.

- People read the sign stating that the Bowen baseball field is a "No Dog Zone" and not let their animals run loose and foul the outfield and environs with canine leavings.


The Board of Selectmen has authorized me to enter into a managed services agreement with the Information Technology firm of Savage Systems of Putnam, a firm with experience in municipal IT support, to upgrade Town Government's information technology infrastructure and support mechanisms. This entails replacing the Town's administrative server and computers and revamping ongoing support procedures and installing a new e-mail methodology and system. The Town's government IT has reached a very critical stage, in part because of aging equipment, particularly the server, and also because all Town Government computers are on the Windows XP program which has been phased out by Microsoft. We are on the verge of being unable to communicate electronically or to conduct Town business. Hence, the upgrade which is proceeding ahead rapidly.

Further on the technology front, the Board of Selectmen has authorized Tax Collector Christine Hustus to proceed to implement an online viewing and payment of taxes system. The system, whose implementation is underway, will offer Eastford taxpayers an easy and secure way to view, print, and pay their real estate, personal property and motor vehicle tax bills online. The benefits of the new system are that it is convenient, saves time, reduces errors, allows you to receive bills anywhere at anytime and helps the environment by saving paper. Paying online with a credit card or electronic check saves time, gives you the flexibility to pay how and when desired, and saves money. There is a small fee, appropriately called a "convenience fee", for online transactions. You will hear more details from the Tax Collector as full implementation is effected.

The Annual Budget Town Meeting to consider the Board of Education and Town Government budgets is scheduled for Monday, May 19 at 7p.m. in the Eastford Elementary School.

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EASTFORD ARTISANS WANTED

Heritage Day – June 14th

Artisans wanted to display their crafts at Heritage Day.

Please call Claire – (860) 974-0049

Eastford Green Team

By Ken Andersen

C-PACE Can Finance and Defer Your Major Energy Improvements Connecticut Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) is an innovative program that is helping commercial, industrial and multi-family property owners access affordable, longterm financing for smart energy upgrades to their buildings. C-PACE allows Eastford's building owners to finance qualifying energy efficiency and clean energy improvements through placing a voluntary assessment on their property tax bill.

Eastford property owners pay for the improvements over time through this additional charge on their property tax bill and the repayment obligation transfers automatically to the next owner if the property is sold. Similar to a sewer tax assessment, capital provided under the C-PACE program is secured by a lien on the property, so low-interest capital can be raised from the private sector with no government financing required. PACE financing offers a broad range of benefits to Eastford's building owners, municipalities, mortgage holders, lenders and energy efficiency/renewable energy contractors.

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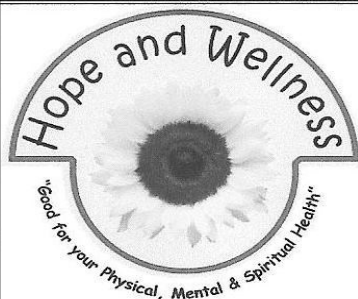
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HERITAGE DAY JUNE 14, 2014

Eastford Heritage Day will be held on **Saturday, June 14, 2014** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Eastford Elementary School. The event is free and will be held rain or shine. Heritage Day will include games, children's activities, a moonbounce, a mini-Olympics, karaoke, music, food, displays, a silent auction, a flag retirement ceremony, a scavenger hunt, vendors, and much more. Also on that day, the Eastford Independent Fire Company will hold an open house, Bowen's Garage will host a vintage/antique car show, Coriander Cafe will host a craft's fair, and Eastford Building Supply will have a Sawmill demonstration by Wood'n Horse Farm. In the evening, from 5 to 8 p.m., there will be an Appreciation Potluck Dinner at Camp Nahaco to honor the members of the Eastford Independent Fire Company. During the Annual Heritage Day Celebration, you will find something for all ages, so bring your friends and family, and come check it out.

Recreation Commission News

by Valerie Katkavick

Egg Hunt. What a great day April 19th turned out to be! This year's turnout for the big Easter Egg Hunt was the biggest I've ever seen! Thank You to all the Bunnies who hopped over to help set up the fun.

It's time to start Spring Cleaning!

Townwide yard sale in Eastford on Sunday May 18th!

Sign up to have your yard sale put on a (free) map by calling Sally at 974-2563 or email sallybillkat@charter.net. A short line of info can be added to your address, preferred hours, or special items to attract customers if you wish. The Rec Commission will have tents set up in the TOB lower level parking lot for a children's clothing and sports equipment swap/fund raiser for the Union Society Building Fund! We will be **accepting donations on Saturday May 17th from 10-1** for this. These donations will be sold, traded, or given away to people in need. If you donate items Saturday we will give you a ticket you can cash in on Sunday. This is a "rain or shine" one day Town Event, so don't miss out.

Spring means baseball season!

We are offering a chance for kids K-3 to get together to play T-Ball. Tuesdays, May 6 - June 17, 3:30 - 4:30 at Bowen's field. No sign up necessary, just show up, sign in and have some fun!

If anyone has some skills they would like to share, wants to help out, or just suggest an idea, the next Recreation Commission meeting is May 21 at 2:00 pm in the town hall building, lower level. Hope to see you there!

Nahaco News

by Mary Ellen Ellsworth

SPRING VOLUNTEER DAY: MAY 3, 2014, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Rain date: May 4, 2014

Please join us as we prepare our community park for the summer months. Lunch will be provided for all who pitch in!

THE DAY CAMP AT CRYSTAL POND: JULY 7 through AUGUST 8, 2014

Five weeks of fun and learning for area youngsters—Red Cross Swimming Instruction, Arts and Crafts, Group Games, Special Events. Contact: daycampatcrystalpond@gmail.com.

HATHA YOGA: 8 weeks, beginning MAY 5, 2014. MONDAYS, 6:30 TO 7:30 p.m.

The Nahaco Dining Hall. Pay as you go---\$5 per class. Questions? sogo618@charter.net

EASTFORD HERITAGE DAY: JUNE 14, 2014. Pot Luck Dinner--5:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

At the Nahaco Dining Hall, in honor of Eastford's Volunteer Fire Company.

Bring a dish to share, and join family and friends to say "thank you" to our Fire and Rescue volunteers!

EASTFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION "WALK AND TALK" AT NAHACO PARK: JUNE 21, 2014

"AQUATIC ORGANISMS." Led by Deb Lee and Ralph Yulo. Join us for fun and learning.

Rain date: June 22, 2014.

Check out the Nahaco Park link on the Eastford and Woodstock Town Web Pages!

Become a Nahaco Park Commission affiliate! If you love walking and hiking, picnicking, canoeing, swimming or just being in the woods, or at Crystal Pond, please let your Select Board and your Nahaco Commission members know. Your enthusiasm and support, and your ideas, will help improve our Park. We have one Commission vacancy for a Woodstock member now, and we are always looking for additional individuals to join us in our work. Thanks!

Tips for Today

by Liz Ellsworth

Happy Spring!

May is National Bike Month. Take some time to get outside for a ride on your bike. You'll be enjoying the great spring weather and getting some exercise. For more information on Connecticut's Bike Month celebration, visit: www.bikewalkct.org/about

Report of the Union Society Building Committee

By Carol Davidge, Chair

The USBC will participate in the town-wide tag sale on Sunday, May 18, and will hold its Annual Silent Auction on Heritage Day on June 14. The Union Society of Phoenixville Building, located at the junction of Routes 44 and 198, is owned by the Town of Eastford. The USBC assesses its needs and raises funds for improving the building. We thank Jean Trepel Barlow for her important donation. For donations of \$100 or more, a memorial plaque will acknowledge the donor and list the names of individuals being honored. The plaque contains names of corporate, foundation and private donors, and is displayed at Heritage Day and other events. All proceeds go to the Town of Eastford for the building. If you would like to make a financial donation, please make your 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, call Carol Davidge (860) 974-0756 or E-mail: carol.davidge@snet.net with "Union Society" in subject line.

Members of the Community

In recognition of Mrs. Linda Loretz, Eastford Elementary School's administrator since 2002 who will be retiring as Principal, a gathering at Camp Nahaco is planned for Thursday, June 5 from 4-7 pm. Members of the community are invited to attend the event which will be catered at the camp pavilion. A six dollar per-person fee will be charged and RSVPs are recommended. If you plan on attending, please e-mail Joan Muller at jmuller@eastfordct.org. You may pay at the door, but it would be appreciated if you could send your remittance to the attention of "Sunshine Committee" at P.O. 158, Eastford 06242 or drop it off at the school office.

News You Can Use

Deb Richards – Emergency Management Director

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Tornado Facts

Quick facts you should know about tornadoes:

- To begin preparing, you should build an emergency kit and make a family communications plan.
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or to WINY 1350 AM radio or television newscasts for the latest information. Be alert to changing weather conditions. Look for approaching storms.
- Look for the following danger signs:
 - Dark, often greenish sky
 - Large hail
 - A large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating)
 - Loud roar, similar to a freight train.
- If you see approaching storms or any of the danger signs, be prepared to take shelter immediately.
- They may strike quickly, with little or no warning.
- They may appear nearly transparent until dust and debris are picked up or a cloud forms in the funnel.
- The average tornado moves Southwest to Northeast, but tornadoes have been known to move in any direction.
- The average forward speed of a tornado is 30 mph, but may vary from stationary to 70 mph.
- Tornadoes can accompany tropical storms and hurricanes as they move onto land.
- Waterspouts are tornadoes that form over water.
- Peak tornado season is late spring through early summer.
- Tornadoes are most likely to occur between 3 pm and 9 pm, but can occur at any time.

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Inside Profile - Brenda Willis

by Sue Orcutt

If you've ever walked into the Selectmen's Office, you may have noticed music playing in the background. That's because the Selectmen's secretary loves music. Meet Brenda Willis. Brenda is smart, efficient, and competent at what she does, but you will never meet a more humble person. As each new selectman is elected and takes his seat at the desk in the same room as Brenda's, she starts assisting the new official through the process of being a selectman.

While Brenda was a single mom, she worked at Spencer Engineering where she "did everything". Since the company was extremely small, she acquired knowledge about the different jobs in the company so that she was "able to bounce around the company", filling in where she was needed—customer service, computer cabling, field technician, receptionist, payroll. As the Company began to grow, Brenda felt comfortable in payroll. She has always been "a math girl".

Brenda and her husband, Bob Willis, (no relation to the Eastford Willis') have lived in Eastford for only ten years, but Brenda seems like a life-long resident. She grew up in Spencer, MA which used to be a lot like Eastford. She wanted to find a place like her childhood town, and decided to look around the NE corner, thinking that maybe she and Bob would buy some land in Union. However, fate had other plans for them. As they drove by their present home, they noticed a "for sale" sign. One step into the kitchen was all it took. They knew it was home.

Nancy Mayhew married Brenda and Bob in their front yard by the rose bushes on a Thursday morning. They didn't tell anyone else (except Melissa Vincent at the town clerk office) because they didn't want any fuss, any presents. After the ceremony they rode in their green Honda CRV around town and through Massachusetts to tell friends and family about the event. Flag Day, June 14th is their anniversary. Because Bob is patriotic, he thought this date would be a good reminder for him.

Music has been a part of Brenda's life. As her son (Russ, now 36 years old) entered his teen years, Brenda's friend started a karaoke jockey/disc jockey business, and wanted Brenda working with her. As Brenda's popularity grew, she decided to start her

own business. She had regular gigs and many private parties. Many patrons would follow Brenda's gigs, one of them being Bob Willis. They became friends. Their friendship went on for a few years, when, out of the blue, Bob asked Brenda if they could have dinner together—it was their first date. On that date, Brenda considered the possibility of a more serious relationship with Bob—she could visualize herself and Bob together. What better way to start than as friends?

These days she'll occasionally drag the karaoke equipment out—for family gatherings and on Heritage Day. If you have attended Heritage Day, you have probably heard Brenda sing, starting the karaoke event. Brenda took voice lessons as an adult, and was part of a singing group called *Rhapsody*. "It was a blast, fun." They sang in churches and at fund-raisers. She loved it, and was sad to see the group members go their separate ways when the director had to leave. She sang at her son's wedding. Brenda loves music, and when no music is playing, she is humming a tune.

I asked Brenda what her passion is. She replied, "Hopping in the car and driving." Sometimes their destination is planned, other times completely spontaneous. They often end up down by the shoreline. Eating "foodies" at a good restaurant is always on the agenda. Suddenly Brenda's eyes lit up and she said, "There's my passion! The ocean!" Every summer, she and Bob rent a cottage on the Cape.

Brenda is grateful that there are a lot of great people in Eastford, and that she gets to meet most of them. Some give good hugs; others offer kind words. "Positive people in your life is a good thing." She says that they bring her back to where she needs to be. It seems to me, though, that Brenda is always where she needs to be—living the simple life—a house just big enough for two, a quiet wedding, summer rides to an unknown destination, a passion for the ocean, a love for music, two adored grandchildren, and a husband who is also Brenda's best friend.



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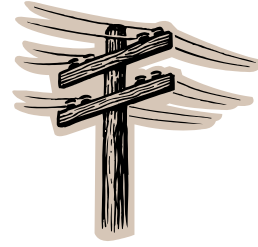
Plot Diagrams Available: plot owners, or a family member may obtain a picture of their plot by writing to: EGCA, INC. P.O. Box 284 Eastford, 06242. (Electronic versions available). Diagrams will also be made available at the cemetery on Memorial Day and at Heritage Day.

Mowing Season: between March 15th and November 1st **live flowers only** may be planted or placed in plastic pots(which may be placed in the ground for stability and moisture) at the base of the monument (**within 12"**); artificial flowers, ornaments, and other objects will be removed because they are a risk to the groundskeepers and their machines.

Memorial Donations Appreciated: if you would like to contribute to the beautification of the cemetery and future projects, please send your tax deductible donation, payable to the *Eastford Grove Cemetery Association, Inc.*, to: P.O. Box 284 Eastford, CT 06242 (Note: Grove Cemetery does not receive funding from the town.)

Veterans Flag Holders: a reminder that the deadline for your order is **May 2nd**; see the April issue of the *Communicator* for the order form.

For more information, contact a member of the Board of Corporators: Joe Andert, Bill Bibault, Howard Budd, Audrey Carabeau, Carol Day, Jim Ellis, Tom Fabian, Faye Logee, Lincoln Phillips, Ed Staveski, Linda Torgeson, Jim Vaida, Or, Board of Trustees: Lauren Anderson, Herman Barlow, Dean Bunnell, Ken Grube, Bev Lindemann, Rick Torgeson, Ruth Yulo



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WHERE: 12 WESTFORD RD EASTFORD SCHOOL

WHEN: WEDNESDAY MAY 14 2014 @ 6PM

Safety Supervisor Warren Rogers will present a workshop on electrical safety, hazards involving power lines and service wires.

**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, May 20, 2014 at 7:30 PM in the Eastford Public Library for the purpose of endorsing a candidate for Registrar of Voters for the election to be held

on

November 4, 2014.

Attest: Dean E. Bunnell

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Eastford Independent Fire Co

From: Jeannine Spink, President

WELCOME to Nick Ahnberg and Cody Goodwin as junior members.

Visit us on the Town of Eastford website: www.townofeastford.org. Click the tab: Depts & Services; Click on Eastford Independent Fire Company. You can read updated information on the fire department and view pictures.

Thank you to patrons who supported our “sell-out” Steak Supper on April 19th.

During March, members responded to 15 emergency calls.

In addition to the regular monthly business meeting and truck check, training included: Confined space rescues, mandatory Airborne/Bloodborne Pathogens, H-I-P-A-A, Harassment, FIT TESTING for those members who wear an SCBA to do interior fire suppression and those exposed to smoke on the fire scene.

Other drills and classes was a workshop at Day Kimball Hospital entitled “Darkness to Light” - recognizing and reporting child abuse, HAZMAT Awareness and Swift Water Rescues. Chief Spink represented the company at a meeting at the Eastford School’s newly established Safety Committee.

In another area of the Communicator, there is a flyer inviting all Eastford residents to a workshop pertaining to “what to do in case of an electrical emergency” sponsored by the EIFC. See flyer for details.

TIP OF THE MONTH

SPRING IS HERE! Walking is an inexpensive way to get your daily exercise. However, along with fun of walking comes danger. With more children and adults walking, **“Wise Walking” needs to be the rule.**

DRIVERS: Before you “slide” through the STOP sign, or “cut” a corner, be aware that there may be a walker on the side of the road.

WALKERS: Be visible by wearing proper attire and pick your walking paths carefully. You can’t always be seen as the sun is rising or setting. Don’t presume that the driver will see you when they crest a hill or round a sharp corner.

Statistics show that nearly half of traffic-related pedestrian deaths occur between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The rest are at dusk and dawn. Driver/pedestrian death rates are twice as high in rural areas than urban areas due to hills and curves. Children especially are often in circumstances that exceed their ability to make safe walking decisions. Parents often overestimate their children’s pedestrian skills, so teach them wisely. Using our common sense, following the driving laws of the road, being considerate of each other, we should be able to keep the walkers of Eastford safe all year long.

EVERYONE IN TOWN IS INVITED TO

THE EIFC’s APPRECIATION DINNER

THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO SAY



“THANK YOU”

June 14th—Heritage Day @ Camp Nahaco

from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner: Bring your favorite main dish, salad, side dish or dessert! RSVP by May 28 @ 817-5329 or 974-0049 or via emails listed below. *It is important to RSVP so we have an idea of how many townspeople will attend.*

Donations: If you want to make a monetary donation to the fire dept, please write a check to *Town of Eastford* and in the left hand corner write *EIFC* and mail to *Town of Eastford, PO Box 98, Eastford, CT 06242.*

We are looking for volunteers to help us set up the dining hall on Friday, June 13th.

We are also looking for canopies for the day of the event in case of rain.

Please contact sogo618@charter.net or jennifernorman1983@gmail.com

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SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014

Rain Date Sunday May 4

Come between 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Pitch in with friends and neighbors whether for five hours or just one.

Important Information to Make this Event a Success:

- **Come properly dressed for outdoor maintenance work.**
- **Bring water and consider sun screen, tick preventatives, or other personal necessities.**
- **We also NEED extra tools, including rakes, shovels, tarps, hammers...**
PLEASE mark them appropriately to be sure they get back to you at the end of the day.

A morning snack & a lunch will be provided!

If you have carpentry, electrical, or plumbing skills we can use your expertise! Please contact Tom at 860-418-9537 for more information.

All Volunteers feel free to contact Tom if you have any questions.

**This is community service at its best –
Stewardship of Eastford's and Woodstock's beautiful park!
We hope you can find the time to pitch in.**

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Request Park and/or Dining Hall Rental Info at NahacoReservations@charter.net

Celebrate Spring with a
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Sunday
May 18

one day only! No rain date

Kids clothing and sports equipment swap
in the Town Hall parking lot.

(donations will be accepted May 17th from 10-1)

Respond by May 8th to get on the map
We will post your desired hours and address!

call Sally at 974-2563
email sallybillkat@charter.net

location maps will be available for free by May 10th
at Coriander Café, the Post Office, the Town Hall
The Corner Market and at Whitehouse Package Store

If you prefer a map can be emailed to you - think green!



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Eastford Seniors

By Linda SM dos Santos

At the April 8 Senior Potluck Dinner, seniors enjoyed the conversation of friends, sharing fabulous homemade treats, and anticipating the FREE door prize drawings. WINY Osbrey Broadcasting Co. (1350 AM) provided the grand prize, four tickets to the May 18 Pawtucket Red Socks game in Rhode Island. Second prize was a hair cut & service at Moxie's Hair Studio in Putnam. The Sunshine Shop in Dayville, TEEG in Thompson, and Rite Aid in Putnam provided other prizes. In addition, all enjoyed artisan breads and pastries provided by Soleil & Suns Bakery, LLC in Woodstock.

The Eastford Senior Car Caravan is on May 7, at 11 AM. Seniors will participate in Putnam Rite Aid's Senior Discount Day. Each will receive FREE health information & product samples, and a FREE special drawing raffle ticket. Those 65 and older, who enroll in Rite Aid's Wellness 65+ program, are entitled to a medication consultation with a pharmacist, and 20% discount on special purchases the first Wednesday of each month. At 12:20 PM, seniors will travel on to Bill's Bread & Breakfast to enjoy lunch with special guest, Jennifer Kelly, Eastford First Niagara Branch Manager. Call 860-928-9177 or 860-538-8868 to RSVP by May 5.

Rite Aid's immunization-certified pharmacists can administer vaccinations, including Shingles and Pneumonia vaccines upon request. Call Rite Aid Wellness Ambassadors, Ashlee or Jillian, to answer your insurance coverage questions: 860-928-3813. Remember to bring your insurance card, any necessary co-pay, and your Rite Aid Wellness Reward card.

Save the Date: June 12, 2014, enjoy the Eastford Senior Swedish Luncheon beginning at 12Noon in the Eastford Town Office Building.

The First Community Summer Musical Dinner Event is on May 8 at the Mansfield Senior Ctr, 303 Maple Rd, Storrs/Mansfield, CT 06268. Enjoy musician Frank Pendola of Rhode Island and a pasta dinner, cost \$5. Call 860-429-0262 to register, \$5 by mail or in person, must be received by May 5, 2014.

Renters' Rebate applications for the Elderly/Disabled Eastford residents are available at the Town Assessor's Office, 860-974-0133. State law requires single person's total income under \$34,100, married people under \$41,600. The rebate is 35% of rent & utilities (not including phone) minus 5% of total income for 2013, amounts range from \$50-\$900. The application period ends October 1, 2014. There is no fee to apply.

Call Mansfield Senior Ctr travel desk immediately ,860-429-0262, ext 6, or Kay Warren 860-487-3744 to join May 21 Jimmy Sturr and Four Aces Bus Tour to Grand Oak Villa in Oakville, \$84. One of 3 bus stops is Ashford Senior Center.



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Library News

By: Susan Shead

The Library Board welcomes new member Barbara Aquila and thanks Karen Broderick for her service on the Board.

The Eastford Public Library and the Eastford Historical Society are sponsoring a lecture by Beverly Brazael at the Town Office Building on Friday May 27th at 7:00PM. The topic will be Family Genealogy.

The Fiber Arts group meets on the 3rd Saturday (May 17th) of the month at 10:00AM. If you want to knit, crochet or do rug hooking or spinning or any other fiber arts craft please join us!

There are discount passes available for Mystic Aquarium, Roger Williams Park Zoo, The New England Air Museum and free admission passes to The Wadsworth Atheneum, and Connecticut's Old State House. We also have State Parks and Forests Day Pass. This pass can be used to cover the cost of parking at state parks and forests where there is an established parking charge. We also have coupons for 20% off admission to the Connecticut Science Center.

Some new DVD's at the library: Season 4 Downton Abbey, Gravity, The Book Thief, & Yoga over 50.

The library will be closed on Monday May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.

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

From the Principal:

There are many wonderful events being held during the month of May. Following is information about some of them. Please check our website (www.eastfordct.org) for up-to-date information.

On May 2 at 2:15 pm, the kindergarteners and eighth graders will have their annual Maypole celebration. The community is welcome to join us.

The Drama Club will perform **HOW TO EAT LIKE CHILD** (and other lessons in not being Grown-up) by Delia Ephron on May 6 at 6:00 pm.

May 6 is Staff Appreciation Day. This day gives us a great opportunity to say thank you to teachers and support staff.

Please join our band and chorus students for their annual spring concert on May 20 at 7:00 p.m.

On May 27, at 9:15 am, there will be a morning concert performed by students in grades PK through four. This is always delightful...so mark your calendars.

The PTO is sponsoring a *Bike to School Day* on May 30. Details will be in the school newsletter and on the website.

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**Eastford Memorial Day
Celebration
Monday, May 26th**



Memorial Services and Military Salutes:

8:30 a.m. General Lyon Cemetery

9:00 a.m. Grove Cemetery

Memorial Day Parade

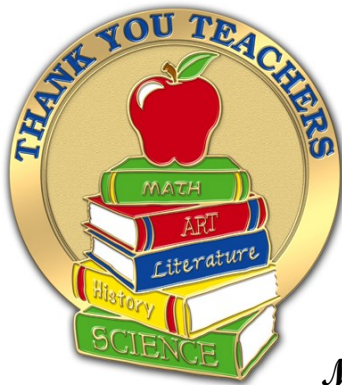
**9:30 a.m. Parade begins at the Eastford Elementary School
Community members are invited to participate in the parade.**

Memorial Day Ceremony

Immediately following the parade

A Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at the Ivy Glenn Memorial. The ceremony includes an invocation, the recognition of an Eastford Veteran, the laying of a memorial wreath by the scouts, a Military Salute, and musical presentations by the Eastford Singers, the Woodstock Coronet Band, and Eastford Elementary School Students.

All are welcome to attend!



May 6, 2014

Easy Delish!

Melinda's Mexican "Mess" Casserole

For 9x13 casserole - serves 4-6 people

Prep time: 15 minutes, Cook time: 1 hour

Ingredients:

2 packages (20-24) corn tortillas

3 cans cream of chicken soup plus 3 half-cans of water

1 package frozen peas or 2 cans black beans (drained)

1/2 to 1 pound grated Jack or Cheddar cheese (more if you like)

1 bottle Salsa

Optional: 2 skinless, boneless rotisserie or left-over cooked boneless chicken breasts and dark meat, cut into 1 inch pieces.

In a large bowl mix, cream of chicken soup with half cans of water. Then start layering the tortillas and other ingredients (**like lasagna**). First cover the bottom of the baking dish with enough chicken soup to cover and swirl in a little salsa, then spread as many tortillas as will cover the bottom of the casserole dish with a single layer. Onto the tortillas spread, chicken soup to cover them well, swirl a bit of salsa across the chicken soup, scatter peas (& optional chicken), plus you can scatter a little cheese across if you have 1 pound of cheese. Then **repeat**: a layer of tortillas, then soup/salsa, then peas & chicken (&cheese), then repeat until you fill the casserole,. Stopping 2 inches below the top. Finish with layer of tortillas & soup/salsa making sure that all is covered generously with the soup/salsa. Cover tightly with foil. Bake for 40 minutes in 350 degree oven. Remove foil, top with a generous layer of cheese, and bake uncovered till bubbly. You can adapt this recipe by adding more or additional veggie ingredients to the top or between layers of tortillas.

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Submitted by Carol Davidge

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May 11, 2014

Free Learning Opportunity
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 A talk by Beverly Brazeal
 May 23, 7 pm
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 Eastford Historical Society &
 Eastford Public Library
 Beverly is the local Green family's genealogist. She has done extensive research on genealogy and will share what she's learned.



May 16
 Today Is
 'Love a Tree Day'

JOSHUA'S TRUST WALKS

Joshua's Trust, which conserves land in 14 towns in northeastern Connecticut (including Eastford), offers weekend and weekday walks at its preserves. All are invited. You need not attend all walks in order to be part of the weekday group. See website: www.joshuaslandtrust.org. Schedule changes due to weather will be carried on the Joshua's Trust voicemail system (860) 429-9023.

Eastford Preschool News

Submitted by Christine Kopplin, Preschool Teacher

The Eastford Elementary School preschoolers are busy bees! We have begun a study of spring through taking nature walks, planting seeds and growing grass in small containers that will transform into "Grass Creatures." Our philosophy encourages active engagement in play experiences as an important tool in developing a child's cognitive, social-emotional, physical, creative, and personal skill areas. Upon entering the classroom, you may discover the children in any one of our many centers: building block structures, playing in the sand table, making unique art creations, enjoying books in the library, observing the growth of our plants in science, or learning about letters and words in the writing center.

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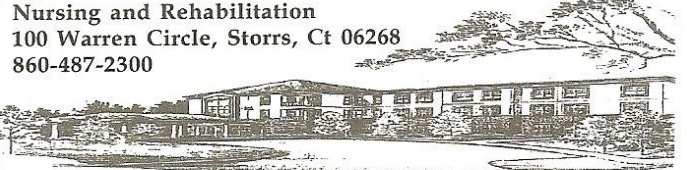
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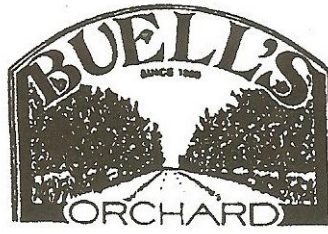
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