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**Thankful**–This time of year we embrace the many things we are grateful for. We are especially grateful for the men and women who serve America. Also, the many volunteers that give their time and so much more to keep our community strong. Let us all be grateful for family, community and country. Sharing your blessings and looking out for each other can bring us unity, and together we build a stronger community. I am thankful to serve you as First Selectman. I am thankful for the chance to do my part, as together we

make a brighter future. From both Town Government and my family to yours, we would like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving! Many thanks to Steve & Karen Broderick and Deb Richards for their volunteer efforts in assisting to distribute the boxes of food to those in need from the Farm to Table program!

**Transfer Station**–Thank you for recycling. If you are not sure what can be recycled go to [williwaste.com](http://williwaste.com) click Recycling, scroll down to the question; Can I recycle it? After you type in an item the instructions are provided. We have a list available on our website as well. Stickers are to be affixed to windshield’s lower left-hand corner. Limit: 2 cubic yards per week – roughly one level pickup load. We will be enforcing residents to comply with rules concerning the Transfer Station. Please secure rubbish pails as you travel to Transfer Station. Thank you for wearing your mask!

**Police Services**–During the month of September, Troop D responded to 37 calls. These calls of service included Accidents:3, Criminal Invest: , Burglaries:0, Larcenies:0, DUI’s:0, Traffic Citations:12, Written Warning:2, and Non-Reportable Matters:31.

Respectfully yours, Jacqueline Dubois, First Selectman



**Of Special Note: ELECTION NOV 3: SAMPLE BALLOT & VOTING**  
 (Below, Back Cover & p11) **ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY TOWN CLERK BY 8PM ON NOV. 3 (Info p11)**  
**VETERANS DAY, Wed, Nov 11, 10am-12: Poppy Fundraiser for bench honoring Joseph Phaneuf (KIA) (photo opposite, see p3)**  
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**Legal Notice**  
**WARNING**  
**TOWN OF EASTFORD**  
**STATE ELECTION**  
**November 3, 2020**

The Electors of the Town of Eastford are hereby warned to meet at their polling place in said town on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 for the following purpose:

- 1. To cast their vote for Presidential and Vice-Presidential Electors, Representative in Congress, State Senator and State Representative.**

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling place is as follows:

**Eastford Elementary School-12 Westford Road-Eastford, CT 06242**

Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.)

Dated at Eastford, Connecticut, this 19th day of October, 2020.

Melissa M. Vincent  
 Town Clerk  
 Town of Eastford

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**Report of the Union Society Building Committee** by Carol Davidge

The Union Society of Phoenixville building is owned by the Town of Eastford. One of only two Union Society buildings still standing in Connecticut, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Union Societies formed in the early 1800s as protests for the right to vote. Until 1817 in Connecticut, the only persons who could vote were property-owning men who were members of the local Congregational Church and who paid their taxes to that church. (The Congregational Church was the governing body for each town.) In 1817, Connecticut passed a law separating church from state. The Union Society in Phoenixville met in homes for social and spiritual gatherings. It welcomed all regardless of spiritual belief, gender, ethnic background. The Union Society taught children to read on Sundays because on other days, everyone including children might work from 12 - 18 hours a day on farms or in factories. Currently rehabilitation is underway, but donations are needed. **The USB Legacy Project** is a major fundraiser in support of the building. For donations of \$100 or more, a memorial plaque will acknowledge the donor and list the names of individuals being honored. We thank all who have donated. If you would like to make a financial donation, in any amount, 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. Thank you to Barbara Urban and Marge Hoskin for their legacy donations.



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## Library News by Susan Shead

**The Eastford Public library is now open by appointment only.** Come on down for a brief visit after scheduling an appointment by calling the library at 860-974-0125. Perhaps you would prefer curbside. It is still available. The library hours are listed below. We require that you wear a mask and use the disposable gloves that we have provided in the lobby while visiting the library.

**Curbside pickup at the Eastford Public Library.** Curbside pickup continues at the library. Patrons call the library at 860-974-0125 between the hours listed below to request material. We will give you a pickup time over the phone. Items will be retrieved after the phone call is completed. Bags will be labeled with your name and placed on the front steps of the library.

For your safety all items returned to the library via the book drop (now open) are quarantined for 3 days.

Please note: The library hours for scheduling an appointment/curbside pickup are Monday 1:30-5:30pm, Tuesday 1:30-5:30pm, and Thursday 1:30-5:30pm

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**Veterans Day, November 11, 10-12 Drive-thru Poppy sale / fundraiser, Veterans Memorial at the Ivy Glenn library.**

**Donations may be made at that time (or by mail) for the bench that has been installed at the Veterans Memorial in Memory of Staff Sergeant Joseph E. Phaneuf, II.** American Legion Post 203 members will maintain social distancing in accepting donations and handing out poppies. Joe served with the Connecticut Army National Guard from 1987-1997 and 2001-2006 in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was killed in Action December 15, 2006 while serving with the 1st Battalion 102nd Infantry Unit. **To make a donation to this memorial, bring your check to the Poppy Sale on Veterans Day** or send your check payable to: American Legion Post 203, and mailed to Post Office Box 131, Eastford, CT 06242. Thank you to those who have donated.

### History of Veterans Day

**Veterans Day honors all who serve and have served in the U.S. military.**

Veterans Day is always held on November 11. Originally, November 11th honored "Armistice Day" in remembrance that the end of World War I was on the 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month in 1919. The name was changed from "Armistice Day" to "Veterans Day" on June 1, 1954, with the signing of a new law by President Dwight Eisenhower. The change was to honor the bravery of all those who have served in the military. By 1954, two more wars had occurred, World War II and the Korean War. Since then, U.S. men and women have served in the Vietnam War, other military engagements, and the ongoing Persian Gulf Wars. Thank you.

### For information about Veterans Day:

<https://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp>

**To learn more about the symbolism of the poppy:**

<https://www.legion.org/popyday/history>

**"In Flanders Field, the poppies blow,  
between the crosses, row on row..."**

**by John McRae, Dec 15, 1918**

## Food Pantry

For our neighbors at risk of hunger, the feeling of not having enough can be felt even more acutely during the holidays. Can you help us make sure all our neighbors have enough to eat this holiday season? The need to donate is year-round and especially critical during the holidays. Because of your generosity, we've been able to supply 179 food packages so far to local families. We are thankful for all donations, from the one small bag that appears in the TOB to the food drives by local organizations, clubs, churches, businesses, and the annual Eastford School food drive. Thank you! Thank you to Lynn Nelson for her weekly donation of nonperishables and to Adam Minor & the Eastford Baptist Church VBS for their generous cash and nonperishable food donations. Financial donations allow us to purchase essential items that are missing from our shelves. Grocery store gift cards are always welcome. Checks can be made out to the Town of Eastford with Food Pantry on the memo line and mailed to the Selectmen's Office, PO Box 98, Eastford 06242. If you are in need and would like assistance from the Eastford food pantry, call Steve or Karen at 860-974-1618 or contact the Selectmen's office.

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## Eastford Seniors by Linda SM dos Santos

The Coriander Café & Country Store in Eastford, CT was a casualty of the Covid crisis. The owner, Brett Laffert, a truly unique person, served not just gourmet meals, but also the community for ten years. Grace's cakes & soaps shared shelf space with local artists & photographers. In addition, Brett was a generous supporter of the Eastford Senior Citizen (ESC). The closing of the Coriander was a new beginning. Brett took the community out of their homes during lockdown (with his daily walks) through photographs of our local parks & nature areas, inspiring the community with sunrises, sunsets, forests & streams, plants in bloom, butterflies & animals. Encouraging others to keep a "social distance", & share their photos on facebook. Brett has begun creating glorious stained glass windows, which can be viewed at "Pieces" gallery in Old Saybrook, CT and online. Other 2019-2020 ESC supporters included: Town of Eastford, Key Bank, Congregational Church of Eastford, Basto Flooring, Buell's Orchard, Bowen's Garage, Eastford Building Supply, The Publick House in Sturbridge, MA, Soleil & Suns Bakery, LLC in Woodstock, & Oliver's Restaurant in N. Windham. We are grateful for their generosity & service.



**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING!**

## Eastford Conservation and Historic Preservation Commission

by Deb Lee, Co-Chair

Tidier ≠ Better: a more environmentally sound approach to fall yard/garden tasks. Don't waste your leaves. Pile them up in an out-of-the-way corner of your yard to let them break down over the winter. Next spring/summer use that leaf mold as free mulch and fertilizer. Its nutrients and organic matter will feed the soil and improve soil water and nutrient retention.

Rake your leaves, if you're up to it (or get someone else to rake). It's good outdoor exercise. Do a little at a time. Avoid using noise- and air-polluting leaf blowers.

Let some leaves stay on your lawn and mulch them in with a lawn mower. Decayed leaf bits enrich soil and make your lawn more drought-proof.

Think your lawn or garden needs "something"? Get a soil test done (UConn Soil Testing Lab), but wait until the spring to fertilize as it will just wash away over the winter while the plants are dormant. The exception to this is lime. If your soil pH is too low, limestone should be added now as it moves down to the plants' root zone very slowly.

Garden beds – Old Way: cut back all perennials to just above ground level and remove all leaf litter. New Way: leave plant stalks with seed heads for birds and other wildlife; leave some fallen leaves to protect plant roots, soil, and beneficial garden creatures from harsh winter conditions. Exceptions: remove seed heads of plants that are too spready and toss old vegetable garden plants in the garbage.

Relax. Save pruning shrubs until winter sets in. Pruning before dormancy encourages new growth that dies off in a freeze, plus you might be cutting off spring flower buds.

Read more at: [savvygardening.com](http://savvygardening.com)

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## **EASTFORD INDEPENDENT FIRE COMPANY #1, INC by Jeannine Spink**

The Company responded to 14 emergencies in September. At this time, we would have had our October Steak Supper at this time, a key fundraiser needed to supplement an already very lean operating budget. Tax-deductible donations are always appreciated that are applied to mandated testing and operations. Your donation can be sent to: EIFC, PO Box 333, Eastford, CT. 06242 Thank you for your continued support since we can longer, at this time, sponsor any fundraising events.

Following the rules for COVID virus protection, the EIFC did a limited version of Fire Prevention to the school. Students were treated to an outdoor tour of all our fire and rescue apparatus, presentation of fire safety by members in gear, and our distribution of "goodie" bags for the students. Hopefully, in 2021, we will be able to go back to what we've always done. In the meantime, our message is "Plan and Practice Your Escape". Remember: When you change the time on your clocks, test and replace the batteries in your smoke / CO detectors.

As reported in September, the Communicator article will take a different twist. It was a documented, tough start for the EIFC, with little or no support in the 30's from the town, but we became and are "EIFC Strong" in 2020. Most Eastford residents are not aware as to how the Company came to be. In the next few issues, there will be history lessons of who we are, what we are about, and what we have accomplished.

### **THE POST WAR YEARS**

Things started to happen to build a firehouse, as we see it today, in 1945, brush was cleared and on November, 1945, excavation began. The cost of preparation equipment on the proposed site was \$25.00, excavating at \$6.00/hour. The concrete block foundation cost \$600.00, A special meeting was scheduled to stake out the ground and take measurements, the all-volunteer company, independent of town funding, voted to empower the committee to spend the sum of \$100.00 for excavation and to use their judgement as to the building's dimensions.

The Company joined the Connecticut State Firemen's Association for an annual fee of \$15.00. Benefits earned included doctor's care valued at \$7.00 per week with a fatal injury settlement of \$400.00, plus \$150 for funeral expenses. Collaborating with the Bungay Fire Brigade to learn about fire suppression equipment, it was determined that the Chief should start learning more about firefighting, then schedule regular drills to teach other Eastford members. Continued collaboration with the Putnam Fire Chief was held to discuss an improved fire alarm system in conjunction with the Telephone Company. The signal for fire would be one long blast on the siren to assemble volunteers. The Civil Defense Department would also use the siren to alert the townspeople in case of enemy attack during war-time.

With a very limited budget, the Company was actively purchasing and building truck chassis suitable for suppression. During the winter of 1946, the building project was put on hold. Meanwhile, the company received money and pledges from townspeople towards the building fund including fundraising efforts.

Floor plans were received from the State Trade School, banks contacted to borrow money at a 4% interest, but required signers of the loan to be personally held responsible, not the Town. On May 3, 1949, the building plans were approved. Bids were received by two companies. One for \$10,439.60 and the other for \$9,447.00. The award went to Trepal & Sanga. Layout and interior design were included. The ceiling was erected for \$335.52, the firehouse doors painted red, a hot air system installed for \$752.35, along with miscellaneous electrical and plumbing requirements. The final cost of the firehouse was \$8,947.00. All other start-up expenses were subsidized by the volunteers with money and their time.

The first formal meeting was held on May 1, 1951. At all meetings, it was the responsibility of members to bring their own chairs. Civil Defense installed a telephone. A new truck needed to be purchased. A complete unit, a GMC and LaFrance were purchased for \$12,835.00. The Tatem siren was moved to the firehouse where it sits today. Approval from the Office of Civil Defense was received for the use of 2-way radios.

New fundraisers were added to the ones already being held. They were: Barber Shop Quartet, Sales of Waste Fat, Box Social Suppers, Motion Picture shows, Ham and Bean suppers, raffles, sale of fire extinguishers, down home shows, firemen's fairs, hayloft jamborees, plays, telephone whist's, John Deer Days and car storage area rentals occasionally in the firehouse.

The Army Air Force approached the Company regarding the need for aircraft spotters. A film was shown on how enemy bombers could easily invade the radar screen and penetrate the interior. The Air Force wanted to establish an aircraft spotting post in Eastford. Dangers of communism were discussed and the need for civil defense. The request approved.

In addition to knowing where the natural water sources were, there was extensive discussion about the existing ones and digging new ones. Property owners were contacted and asked for their cooperation.

**NEXT ARTICLE: FORMATION OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY**



One thing 2020 has taught us it to be prepared! For more information on each topic see the following resources:

**Hurricanes/severe weather** - [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or [www.FEMA.gov](http://www.FEMA.gov), [www.redcross](http://www.redcross)

**Drought** - as of this writing northeast CT is in a serious Stage 3 drought. [www.drought.gov](http://www.drought.gov) or [www.nddh.org](http://www.nddh.org)

**Food Insecurity** - during the month of October Eastford was part of a Farm to Food distribution of boxes of food. No questions asked - residents just needed to contact the First Selectman or the EMD to receive a 30 pound box of free food.

**Eastford's Food Pantry** has been a big part of the Farm to Table food distribution. If you ever find yourself in need of food, please call Karen or Steve at 860-974-1618 for confidential food support.

If you lose power call **Eversource 1-800-286-2000** to report your outage. DO NOT assume it was already reported. For updates see <https://outagemap.eversource.com>. You can click on our Eastford to see numbers of outages and general locations where power is out.

COVID (SARS coV-2) Call 2-1-1 for information and to find testing sites near Eastford or online [www.211.org](http://www.211.org) or [www.ct.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ct.gov/coronavirus)

Upcoming drive through free flu clinics:

November 11, 2020 - Eastern Highlands Dept of Health, Mansfield

November 15, 2020 - Killingly Intermediate School

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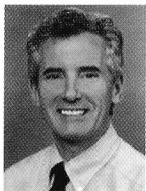
### Scout Troop 92 Report

Three Cub Scout Webelos crossed over into Scouts at the end of October. The ceremony was held at JN Webster Scout Reservation observing all virus safety protocols. At Scout meetings in October instruction topics included knife and tool sharpening and First Aid. Hopefully no one gets hurt sharpening and needs First Aid! Senior Patrol leader Cody Blachette from Eastford was the instructor. Scouts enjoyed a canoe fishing trip on Zulick's pond. To learn about upcoming events, contact Nord Yakovlef at: [nordyl77@gmail.com](mailto:nordyl77@gmail.com) or 860-429-8762. Scouts learn the importance of citizenship. Scouts have three citizenship merit badges; Town, Country, and the World. Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

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News and Notes from the Superintendent's Office  
by Donna P. Leake, PhD

I continue to be impressed by the positive response of our students to the additional safety precautions that were put in place by COVID-19. Our staff continues to do an amazing job providing high quality instruction to our students learning at school as well as those whose families opted for the temporary "learning at home" option. As of October 19, the students at EES began to attend in-school instruction 5 days a week, with Mondays following an early release day schedule. The Reopening Committee met on October 1 to discuss the status of our reopening as well as the move to early release Mondays. Overall, the feedback received was positive. The committee will meet again in November.

Although meeting remotely, our Board of Education has been diligent in passing the policies and protocols that continue to provide for a safe and secure learning environment for the students at EES. At its October meeting, the BOE voted to approve the:

- Bullying Prevention and Intervention policy and the Safe School Climate Plan;
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972: Prohibition of Sexual Discrimination and Sexual Harassment policy;
- Revisions to the COVID-19 Policy C16, Use of Face Coverings in School;
- Submission of the Safety and Security Plan to the State (special thanks to the School Safety Committee for their work on this plan); and
- Submission of the Coronavirus reimbursement grant application.

At its meeting, the BOE also:

- ratified the 2021-2024 contract with the Eastford Teacher's Association;
- approved adoption of the 2020-21 flexibilities option for teacher evaluation;
- approved the 2021 BOE meeting dates; and
- approved a revised 2020-21 school calendar reflecting the early release Mondays.

All of these items are posted on the school website.

In these stressful times, a bit of humor is appreciated, so I share with you an experience that gave me reason to smile. Mrs. Roto was helping a primary grade student who was experiencing trouble keeping his mask on because the elastic had stretched. After several very patient attempts to fit him with a mask, Mrs. Roto commented: "You just don't have enough ear."

Eastford Elementary School Report  
Hello from the Nursing Office.

As I shared with you in our October school newsletter, the cold and FLU season will be especially complicated for illness management this year. We have had many students already exhibiting upper respiratory symptoms and absent with "colds".

For all that we know about COVID-19 to this day, we still don't have a standardized picture of the illness. It can manifest differently in each individual. Of course fever is a sign of acute illness, potentially COVID, but any other combinations of the COVID symptoms listed in our protocol can be suspect of the illness as well.

Our protocol mirrors the CDC guidance for schools as well as the Department of Public Health and Connecticut State Department of Education's guidance. With the "up tick" in cases in the area, we need to be extra vigilant to keep our students and staff healthy so that we are able stay open for in-person learning. Our protocol can be found on the school website ([www.eastfordct.org](http://www.eastfordct.org)) by clicking 'Reopening and COVID Related Information' right on the homepage. Then, use the menu on the left side and select 'Health Related Information.'

If your child is ill and you have any question about whether they should stay home, please keep your child home and call your provider. Your provider will decide if the illness needs evaluating with tests or a visit. I cannot diagnose nor execute a plan of care on behalf of your provider.

If your child will have difficulty participating in class, wearing a mask or containing their secretions, they should not be in school. Families are sending their students to school with the confidence we are providing the safest environment we can.

If you have any questions about the Home Screening tool or the actual protocol for keeping your child out with illness, feel free to reach out to me with your questions.

Respectfully  
Cassie Roto R.N.,

Catherine Roto R.N., B.S.N. C.C.R.N.  
Nursing Office  
Eastford Elementary School

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**The Woodstock Academy Academic Convocation 2020**

Five Eastford students received awards for academic accomplishments during the 2019-2020 school year. Congratulations to all!

**William Gaug:** *Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 3*

**Marco Maluf:** *AP Scholar with Distinction*

**Emme Miglietta:** *Outstanding Achievement in Spanish 4 & High Achievement in Ceramics*

**Tavian Santos:** *High Achievement in Biology*

**Clayton Singleton:** *High Achievement in Music Technology 1*

## DID YOU KNOW?

Eastford Historical Society

Did you know that a run-off election was needed in 1951 to determine who would become Eastford's third Selectman.

In the election held on October 1, Harold Carpenter (D) and Robert MacFarlane (D) each received 13 votes. The run-off was held on October 8, and Carpenter emerged the victor by a vote of 110 to 6.

This election marked the last time the voting box pictured here was used in Eastford elections.

It still contains the paper ballots cast that day and is sealed with a white strip of paper signed by Registrars, Henry A. Lawton and Alfred E. Warren, and Moderator, John H. Smith. The box was donated to the Historical Society in 1997 by Kris Karlsen. He purchased it at auction when the town moved their office from the Ivy Glenn basement into the new Town Office Building in 1971.

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### Tips for Today-by Liz Ellsworth

We love to grow our own and/or to pick out pumpkins for Halloween and Thanksgiving. It's fun to decorate for the harvest celebrations. Once you're done with your festivities, you can fashion a bird feeder out of the leftover pumpkins. Here's a how-to guide from the National Audubon Society: <https://www.audubon.org/news/pumpkin-bird-feeder-makes-happy-harvest-birds>

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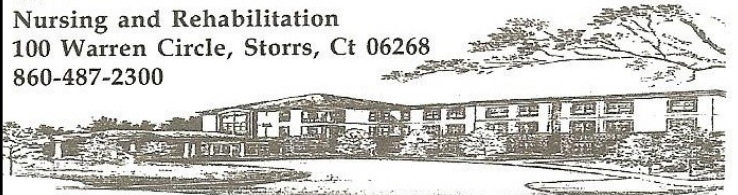
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**Message From the Board of Trustees**

The Eastford Grove Cemetery Association is committed to helping families with their decisions regarding plot purchase and size of plot as it pertains to burial wishes. It is with this in mind that the Association is offering its assistance to you whether you are making plans for yourself or for a loved one. The decisions you may face are more complex than most people realize and are usually not done easily when people are grieving. Our board can confidentially aid you in considering various plot options for full and cremation burials, memorial (flush) markers and monuments. Feel free to call for an appointment with Lauren Anderson, President of the Grove Cemetery Association, at 860-974-1349. The E.G.C.A. is a non-profit organization.

**NOTICE**

**Flags:** American flags and fire department flags will be removed after Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11th. Plot owners who remove their military markers for the winter are reminded to reset them the week prior to Memorial Day.

**Seasonal Decorations:** Artificial flowers will be allowed from **Thanksgiving, November 26, 2020 to March 15, 2021**. After March 15th, the seasonal decorations will be removed and only **live plants** will be permitted.

**Plot/Space Purchase:** Appointments can be made to view the cemetery grounds and to select a plot for purchase. To make an appointment, call 860-974-1349.

**Donations Appreciated:** If you would like to contribute in any amount to the beautification of the cemetery and future projects, please use the form below for your tax deductible donation.

(Note: **Grove Cemetery does not receive funding from the town.**)  
For more information, contact a member of the Board of Corporators: Joe Andert, Audrey Carabeau, Carol Day, Jim Ellis, Tom Fabian, Ken Grube, Bev Lindemann, Faye Logee

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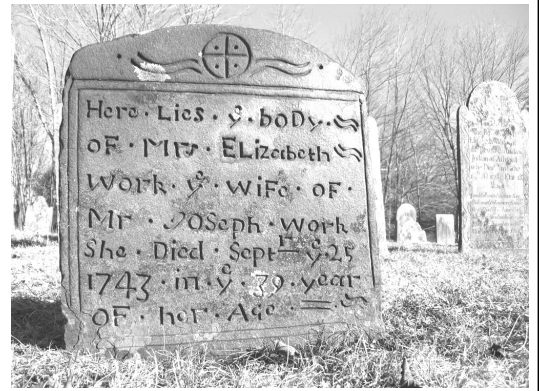
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## From the Secretary of the State

To learn if you are registered to vote or check if your absentee ballot has been received by the town clerk, go to: <https://portaldir.ct.gov/sots/LookUp.aspx>

### Election Day Registration Connecticut also has Election Day Registration on Election Day for voters who need it.

Election Day Registration permits anyone to register and vote in person on Election Day who meets the **eligibility requirements** for voting in this state and is not already registered, OR is registered in one town but has moved to another town. By law, a person is eligible to register and vote if he or she is (1) a US citizen, (2) age 18 or older, (3) a bona fide resident of the town in which he or she applies for admission, and (4) has completed confinement and parole if previously convicted of a disfranchising felony. polling place, but is available at a designated EDR location in each town, beginning at 6 am and ending at 8 pm. You will register and vote at the designated EDR location in your town. Please plan to arrive early in the day as there may be long lines. You must be registered by 8 pm in order to vote. You will need to provide proof of identity and residency.

### Provisional Ballots.

Voters in Connecticut rarely need provisional ballots on election day because of online voter registration, automatic voter registration, same day voter registration, and a generous restoration statute (9-42: [https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap\\_143.htm#sec\\_9-42](https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_143.htm#sec_9-42)).

**If a person appears at the polls and is not on the registrar's list or their name appears on a list elsewhere or is challenged due to other factors, that person may request to cast a provisional ballot to vote on election day.** The registrars of voters have six days following the election to determine the validity of any provisional ballots. For **information about provisional ballots, links below provide details.**

Provisional ballots by Federal Law (the Help America Vote Act): <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/52/21082>

Connecticut's application: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sots/ElectionServices/HAVA/HavaPDF/ProvisionalBallot3pdf.pdf?la=en>

## Voting & Voting by Absentee Ballot for the Nov. 3 Election

**Election will be Nov 3 from 6am-8pm at Eastford Elementary School**

**(SAMPLE BALLOT & Voting & Registering Info from Registrars of Voters: Back Cover). Also see Legal Notice of the Election from Eastford Town Clerk, front cover.**

**All absentee ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by Nov. 3 at 8pm.**

Each **registered voter** in Connecticut has been mailed an **absentee ballot APPLICATION by the Secretary of the State. Watch for your application in your mail. THEN** (in order to receive your absentee BALLOT), first it is necessary to fill out the **absentee ballot application** and place in its envelopes, carefully following all instructions, and place it into the secure drop box at Eastford's Town Hall, by the lower level door, or mail to the town clerk.

This year, all **voters may check the COVID-19 item on the application**, according to Secretary of the State Denise Merrill. The Secretary of State recommends placing your application in the secure ballot drop box rather than in the mail, although mailing the application is an option.

**The Eastford Town Clerk mailed ballots to Eastford's registered voters on October 2. Please return your application early to be sure the Town Clerk receives your application in time to mail your ballot to you.** Once you receive your ballot, you can fill it out, again carefully following instructions, and place the ballot in its envelopes and in the secure ballot drop box. If you mail it, the Secretary of State recommends mailing it as early as possible.

**All absentee ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by Nov. 3 at 8pm. In person voting will be Nov. 3 from 6am to 8pm. Information can be found at [myvote.ct.gov](http://myvote.ct.gov).**

Voters can check their registration status at [myvote.ct.gov/lookup](http://myvote.ct.gov/lookup). Although absentee ballot applications will be mailed to every eligible voter, they are also available online in English and Spanish at [myvote.ct.gov/absentee](http://myvote.ct.gov/absentee).

**To register to vote: you can go online to: <https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do>.** Or in person, by Eastford's Registrars of Voters (see back cover).  
**To check if your absentee ballot has been received by the town clerk, go to: <https://portaldir.ct.gov/sots/LookUp.aspx>**



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**From the Registrars of Voters**  
**The Presidential Election will be held: November 3, 2020**  
**Hours of Voting: 6am-8pm**  
**Location of Polling Place:**  
**Eastford Elementary School**  
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**In-person voting:** Enter through the main school entrance, voting will take place in the gymnasium and exit will be through the side gymnasium door. COVID-safe practices will be in place but we will not/can not infringe on the American right to vote and will make accommodations for those who cannot, for any reason, abide by the COVID mandates. The 25 person social gathering rule does not apply to essential government functions including elections, so the decision was made to use the gymnasium in order to maintain proper distancing and safety precautions. All registered voters in the State of Connecticut received an application for an absentee ballot which includes the option to vote absentee due to the current Covid-19 pandemic. Absentee ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by 8pm on election day, November 3. Absentee ballots may be mailed or deposited in person in the Secure Voting Dropbox located outside the doors to the lower level of the Town Office building. If you did not receive your absentee application, please confirm your address with the Registrar of Voters during their office hours.

**Dates of Importance:**

**Oct 27, 9am-8pm:** Enrollment session will be held at the Eastford Town Hall, Lower Level  
**Oct 27:** Deadline for in-person and online voter registration. Deadline for mail-in applications must be postmarked for all new voters.

**November 2, 9am-12pm:**

Enrollment session will be held for voters who have turned 18 or moved to town since October 27.  
 Laura Barlow and Joyce Merlo  
 Registrars of Voters, Eastford  
**(Editor's Note: Info re: November 3 Election Day Registration, see p. 11)**

**SAMPLE BALLOT-EASTFORD, CT STATE ELECTION**  
**Congressional District 2, State Senatorial District 35,**  
**State Representative/Assembly District 50**

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