



Above:  
Conservation  
Commission  
Volunteers help  
Eastford's  
Askew Trail (p5)



Above Center: Eastford Historical's  
*Did You Know: History of Postmasters*  
(Photo of Ruth Lewis & Nancy Mayhew  
story p7); Above: Scout Troop 92 member  
Jacob Murphy is voted Senior  
Patrol Leader (p5); Right: Volunteers  
from Eastford Independent Fire Co. at  
Eastford Elementary School (cont p9) &  
School News (p4).

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**Eastford Seniors by Linda SM dos Santos**

This is a very exciting year for The Eastford Senior Citizens (ESC). Their recent October Car Caravan to the Optical Heritage Museum in Southbridge Massachusetts and a relaxing lunch afterwards at the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store in Sturbridge was wonderful. Dick Whitney - whose father Donald worked at American Optical from 1947, and whom himself worked there since 1974 - gave the tour of the facility to the Seniors with lots of personal experiences. For those who were unable to attend, a virtual tour is available on the website, [www.opticalheritagemuseum.com](http://www.opticalheritagemuseum.com)

Eastford Seniors events call (860) 538-8868. Holiday Concert & Lunch Dec 16, 11:30am at Congregational Church (signup at <https://cceastford.org/events/> or call (860-538-8868.

The "2021 Healthy Aging Community Profile" lists Eastford Connecticut with its 438 residents over 60+ to have **better rates on some aging indicators, including cholesterol, diabetes, hypertension, strokes, osteoporosis, etc/ than other**

Connecticut communities. See:

[www.healthyagingdatareports.org/ct-community-profiles](http://www.healthyagingdatareports.org/ct-community-profiles)

**Photo Below: Amercian Optical retiree & ESC guide Dick Whitney with Eastford Seniors.**



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### Selectman's Snippets:

**Community** – Great things happen in our community! Please check our website for the upcoming Recreational activities and any news you could use. We welcome you to visit our website

for all updated events: [www.eastford.org/eastford](http://www.eastford.org/eastford).

**Thankful** – This time of year we embrace the many things we are grateful for - especially 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. Serving you these past four years have been transformative on many levels: the town has had to navigate through a global pandemic, hurricanes, and major flooding, among numerous other obstacles, all done without a guiding rule book. While it has been my greatest honor to serve you during this time, it has been my sincere goal and responsibility to represent the town through the lens of a fiscally responsible taxpayer and not a special interest. I am hopeful for what the future holds and thankful for the opportunity to serve you. 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!

**Transfer Station** – Thank you for recycling. If you are not sure what can be recycled go to [willi-waste.com](http://willi-waste.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 21 calls. These calls of service included Accidents: 0, Criminal Invest: 3, Burglaries: 0, Larcenies: 0, DUP'S: 0, Traffic Citations: 3, Written Warning: 3, and Non-Reportable Matters: 18.

Respectfully yours,  
Jacqueline Dubois, First Selectman

**EASTFORD'S INCOMING BOARD OF SELECTMEN (Below L-R):** Selectman Paul Torcellini (Republican), Selectman Ashlyn Ellsworth (Democrat), & First Selectman Deborah Richards (Republican). For Results of the Nov. 2 Municipal Election, see Page 6



**Of Special Note: CONGRATULATIONS EASTFORD SENIORS ON HEALTH EXCELLENCE (p2). HAPPENINGS (covers, p5, p10); Fire Co. (p9); History (p7); Food Pantry (p8); School News (p5); Scout Troop 92 Report (p5); Conservation (cover, p5); Emergency News (p6); Grove Cemetery (p11). Please consider donating to Eastford organizations (zip code in Eastford 06242). Eastford Independent Fire Co. (POB 333); Grove Cemetery Assn. (POB 284); American Legion Post 203 (POB 131); Eastford Historical Society (POB 350). \*Town of Eastford, 16 Westford Rd: Old Cemetery Preservation Committee; Crystal Park Pond; Food Pantry; Union Society Building.**

## Senior (60+) Community Christmas Dinner

FREE! (Caregivers are welcome)

Thursday, December 16 at 11:30 am

Hill Singers performing at 11:40 am - Dinner to follow



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**From the Principal** by Carole McCombe

I would like to extend a warm thank you to the Eastford Independent Fire Co. No.1 volunteers for once again providing fire safety instruction and materials to students during our Fire Prevention Week activities. The students were very excited to explore the fire trucks and learn about a firefighter's gear!

Eastford Elementary School has many avenues for communicating news about academics, homework, projects, events and activities. The School posts a monthly newsletter on the school website ([www.eastfordct.org](http://www.eastfordct.org)). Each newsletter provides curricular highlights and detailed descriptions of school events. Hover over the tab 'For Parents' and click on 'Newsletters' from the drop-down menu. I also communicate news and reminders via email so it is important that you let the school know if you are not receiving emails from me, or if your email address changes, so we can continue to provide you with necessary information. The website calendar is also another place to find information about school events, sports games, and after school activities.

Parent/teacher conferences will be held in the evening on December 9 and the afternoon on December 10. Teachers will be sending home more information about this so that you can schedule a time to meet with them to discuss your child's progress. We will also have a Scholastic Book Fair during the week of November 29 through December 3. More information will be shared in the November school newsletter.

We are looking for **substitutes!** If you are available during the week to substitute for a teacher or paraprofessional and you have the necessary qualifications please consider filling out an application. Please call the school office for further information.

**News and Notes from the Superintendent's Office**

by Donna Leake, Ph.D.

Nothing compares to hearing the voices of teachers and students learning together in our EES classrooms, except possibly the sounds of music emanating into the hallways and my office. A special "shout out" to Joseph Tomanelli for investing his time and creativity to incorporate experiences with a variety of musical instruments into our program for all our students.

I also need to extend a "shout out" to Senora DePercio whose efforts and expertise provide us with the ability to expand instruction in the Spanish language and culture to include grades K-2.

As some of you may know, this year we received a competitive grant award to offer an expanded aftercare program, Eastford CARES, to our students in grades K-8. We are hopeful that more families will consider enrolling their students in this program as we continue to add new offerings, such as those provided by Mystic Seaport staff, to the calendar.

A "shout out" to Mary Seguire for her enthusiastic assistance with organizing this program and to the volunteers from the Congregational Church of Eastford who offer weekly programs of interest to our students.

Keeping our families informed is important to us. We recently updated our student information system to include AP Notify. This application will allow us to send text, voice, and email communications to families. In addition to our delays or closures for weather-related events, this application will be very helpful to send families notice of unexpected delays or closures such as a bus delay or a mechanical issue at the school.

The Policy Committee of the BOE has been diligently keeping our policies current with all the changes in legislation that have increased because of the COVID pandemic. The Committee has also been slowly reviewing and revising existing outdated policies. At its meeting on October 14, the BOE revised, repealed, and adopted several policies based on the recommendations of the Policy Committee. Among these policies, consistent with its goal of encouraging public participation at its meetings, the BOE adopted a new Meeting Conduct bylaw that will allow the public to participate in person or virtually in all its meetings.

At this meeting the BOE also:

1. Approved the submission of Title I and II Grant applications.
2. Approved the School Safety and Security Plan which must be submitted to the State by November 1.
3. Approved the 2021-2022 Flexibilities option for teacher evaluation.
4. Approved the 2022 Board of Education Meeting Dates.

As we enter the month of November, we send a thankful "shout out" to the entire community of Eastford for all the support they provide for the students, staff, and families of Eastford Elementary School. As always, I value and encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas: [dleake@eastfordct.org](mailto:dleake@eastfordct.org).



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### Scout Troop 92 Newsletter

The Scout Troop elected Jacob Murphy from Eastford (see front cover photo) for the new Senior Patrol Leader. We wish him well in the important leadership position. Jacob Murphy is a graduate of Eastford Elementary and now is in Grade 9 at Harvard H. Ellis Technical School in exploratory pending a trade choice. Jacob enjoys hiking, camping, fishing, marksmanship, and ATVing. Jacob's parents are Chris Murphy and Amy Murphy.

The Troop turned out full force to help the Friends of Babcock group move the unsold books out. There were tons of books and a lot of heavy lifting. Cub Scouts hiked in the Natchaug forest and learned how to erect a tent all by themselves. Being in Scouts helps youth become more self-confident. They learn leadership, teamwork and communication skills as well as learning to live in harmony with nature and the importance of good citizenship. Information: nordy177@gmail.com  
Nord Yakovleff Ast Sct Mstr; Cory Blanchette Scout Master;  
Chris Murphy Ast Sct Mstr; Doug Nemeth, Committee Chairman;

### Eastford Baptist Oil Painting Class for all ages

On Oct. 15, Eastford Baptist Church hosted a free oil painting class.



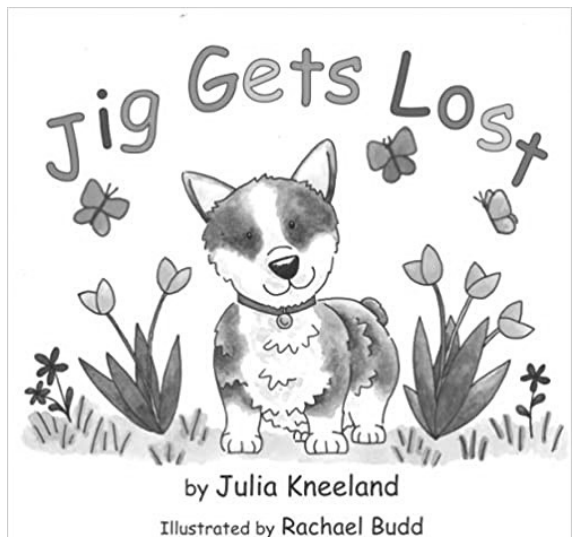
Led by Pastor Timothy R. Howard Jr., participants were guided through a painting using the "alla prima," or "wet-on-wet" technique made famous by the late Bob Ross, host on PBS' "The Joy of Painting." Fifteen painters were guided through how to use various brushes and knives to complete a nature scene. There were no mistakes — just happy accidents! Future classes are planned, so keep an eye on the church's website at [www.eastfordbaptist.com](http://www.eastfordbaptist.com) for more info, and check out the church's social media sites for future announcements. Photo: Pastor Howard instructs Aaron Minor, 10, on the finer points of creating water lines in a pond.

### From the Conservation and Historic Preservation Commission "True confessions" by Deb Lee, Co-Chair

It embarrasses me to think that I was once an enabler for my mother. What horrible thing did I encourage her to do? I brought her lengths of oriental bittersweet with their eye-catching orange fruits so that she could make a fall wreath for her front door! What were we thinking? I plead ignorance. It was decades ago and neither of us realized how invasive and destructive oriental bittersweet vines can be. Unfortunately, birds like to eat those orange berries and distribute the bitter-sweet seeds all over creation via their bird droppings. The birds will even feed on the bittersweet berries on your door wreath. And it's not just bittersweet wreaths! Other invasive plants with attractive fruits or seeds that you might have included in your outside seasonal decorations are Japanese barberry, burning bush, Japanese knotweed, and multiflora rose. Not sure what these plants look like? Check them out on Goggle. Dispose of these plants' seeds carefully. The seeds of any of these invasive plants that threaten our New England ecosystems should be tossed out in the trash and burned.

**Cover Photo:** In October, volunteers joined Conservation and Historic Preservation Commission Members to repair Eastford's Askew Trail. The trail honors Eastford Elementary School Science and Math Teacher George Askew, who inspired students with his enthusiasm for the natural world. Shown are (l-r): Steve Ribeiro, Bruce Barlow, Mary Ellen Ellsworth, Mike Moran, Lory Kneeland, Theresa Becker, Frank Castagna, Mary Belden, Tom Hughes, Dale Warren, David Budd, Daniel Budd, David Jakubowski, Seth Budd, Tom DeJohn, Roger Wolfe, and Deb Lee. Ellsworth and Lee Co-chair the Commission.

"Jig Gets Lost" is an adventure story book about a dog named Jig who lives in a big city and decides he wants to go exploring. Author Julie Kneeland and Illustrator Rachael Budd are locals. "Jig Gets Lost" is available from Amazon. Visit Julie's website: [juliakneeland.net](http://juliakneeland.net) contact her by email: [jsknee@yahoo.com](mailto:jsknee@yahoo.com).



**From the Editor - Consumer Alert! Many cars now being sold are coming from flooded areas. They look clean but have internal salt-water damage. While it's hard to find new cars, be careful. Our family has purchased used cars from Bowen's Garage for 30 years, usually driving them for 200,000+ miles. The Bowen family knows the history of their cars & are honest. Bowen's Garage is the oldest continuously family-owned Ford dealership in Connecticut (since the 1920s). They are neighbors. Carol Davidge**

## News You Can Use by Deb Richards – Emergency Management Director

**Get Familiar with the Cyber Basics**—At a time when we are more connected than ever, being “cyber smart” is of the utmost importance. This year has already seen more than a fair share of attacks and breaches. Furthermore cyber attacks are becoming more sophisticated with more evolved bad actors cropping up each day.

Here are a few quick tips:

**Enable MFA** -Multi-factor authentication (MFA) adds that necessary second check to verify your identity when logging in to one of your accounts. By requiring multiple methods of authentication, your account is further protected from being compromised, even if a bad actor hijacks your password.

**Use strong passphrases/password manager** -This may seem obvious, but all too often securing strong passphrases/password managers is overlooked. People spending more time online during the pandemic has certainly contributed to more bad actors prowling for accounts to attack. Using long, complex, and unique passwords is a good way to stop your account from being hacked, and an easy way of keeping track and remembering your passwords is by using a password manager.

**Perform software updates** -When a device prompts that it's time to update the software, it may be tempting to simply click postpone, and ignore the message. Don't wait - update.

**Do your research** -Common sense is a crucial part of maintaining good online hygiene, and an intuitive step to stay safe online is to do some research before downloading anything new you are downloading to your device, such as apps.

**Check your settings** -Be diligent to double check your privacy and security settings and be aware who can access your documents.

Eastford Nov. 2, 2021

### Municipal Election Results

Report from Town Clerk Melissa Vincent & Registrars of Voters

Laura Barlow & Kathleen Healey

Total Number of Voters-428

(including 11 Absentee Ballots)

Total Number of Registered Voters-1,316

**The Board of Selectmen will be:**

**First Selectman Deborah A. Richards (R)**

**Selectmen:**

**Paul A. Torcellini (R)**

**Ashlyn Ellsworth (D)**

### Election Results:

**First Selectman:**

Deborah A. Richards-399 (unopposed\*)

**Selectman:**

Paul T. Torcellini (R)-246

Ashlyn Ellsworth (D)-172

**Town Clerk:**

Johanna H. Wolfe-408 (unopposed\*)

**Treasurer:**

Martha I. Burgess (R)-340 (unopposed)

**Tax Collector:**

Christine E. Hustus (R)-404 (unopposed\*)

**Board of Education:**

Megan Calchera (D)-164

Terry C. Cote (D)-205

Lauren J. Barlow (R)-316

Stephen W. Bowen (R)-305

**Board of Assessment Appeals:**

Robert Johnson (D)-247

**Constables:**

Randal Chinnock (D)-143

Arvind Shaw (D)-158

Charles S. Bowen (R)-256

David M. Jakubowski (R)-257

**Library Director:**

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Stephanie Bulan (R)-317

Julia A. Torcellini (R)-294

(\*unopposed and endorsed by both Eastford Democratic & Republican Parties)

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### Board of Finance Exploratory Committee

Dear Eastford Residents,

In July of this year, the Eastford Board of Selectmen established and appointed six members of the Board of Finance Exploratory Committee. Members include Seth Budd, Christine Hustus, Bruce Lindemann, Arvind Shaw, Holly Singleton, and Bob Williams. The group was charged with research and exploration of a finance board for the town of Eastford, and with the drafting of ordinance language to be considered for adoption at a to-be-determined town meeting.

The BFEC is actively seeking community input and encourages all Eastford residents to share their thoughts, insight, concerns, criticisms, and compliments about the topic. The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2021, at 6:30 PM, in the Ivy Glenn Town Library meeting room. Correspondence can also be sent to the committee via [selectmen@townofeastford.com](mailto:selectmen@townofeastford.com) or [hsingleton@woodstockacademy.org](mailto:hsingleton@woodstockacademy.org).

We thank you in advance for your role in best serving the Town of Eastford.

Holly Singleton, Chairperson

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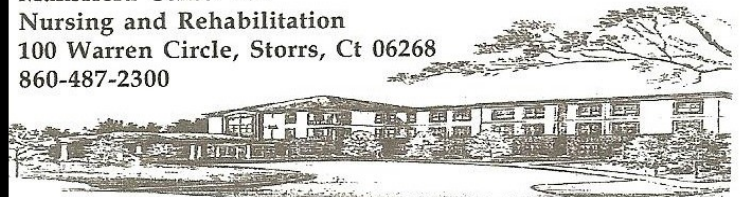
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**DID YOU KNOW?** Eastford Historical Society

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In 1775 the Continental Congress appointed Benjamin Franklin the first Postmaster General. Franklin had previously served in that post under the Crown. After George Washington was elected the first President of the United States of America in 1789, appointing the Postmaster General became the responsibility of the President. Local postmasters were usually appointed by the Postmaster General or, if they were to earn more than \$1,000, by the President with consent of the Senate. Women were eligible and were frequently appointed postmasters of small rural post offices, especially starting in the last quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Sometimes control of the post office was a family affair, with multiple generations serving as postmaster of the same post office. In 1971 the U.S. Post Office Department was reorganized into the U.S. Postal System. Since that time the Postmaster General has been named by the Board of Governors of the U.S Postal System.

Ruth Lewis, long time Eastford resident, was the last Eastford postmaster appointed by a President. Her appointment certificate reads in part:

**TO ALL TO WHOM PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS,**

**Know ye, That, reposing special trust and confidence in the intelligence, diligence, and discretion of Ruth Y. Lewis, I have nominated, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint her Postmaster at Eastford, in the County of Windham, State of Connecticut, and do authorize and empower her to execute and fulfill the duties of that office ... from the first day of April, 1954 ....**

*It is signed by Arthur E. Summerfield, Postmaster General and Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the*

*United States.*

Ruth first worked as a clerk for Eastford Postmaster Florence Latham. At that time the Post Office was in the ell of Florence's house (the house directly across from our current post office, currently owned by Barbara Aquila). Ruth was named acting postmaster on December 31, 1952, following Florence's retirement, and later appointed postmaster. Eastford women serving as clerks during Ruth's tenure were Ruth Tatem, Jane Budd, Rachael Brand, Sally Warren, Edith Aurilio Bates, Helen Harding, Pat Rhodes, Martha Clark, and Nancy Mayhew. Nancy, Ruth's daughter, had worked part-time for her mother since she was 18 years old. After Ruth's retirement on February 9, 1979, Nancy was named Eastford Postmaster and served the town until her retirement on October 31, 1992.

Donations of original writings, old photographs, and small historical items always appreciated. If you have items to donate, please call Tom Latham, 860-974-1610 or Linda Torgeson (860-933-0468). Kindly consider joining our organization and/or honoring us with a donation. Your support would be greatly appreciated. P.O. Box 350, Eastford, CT.

**Editor's Note:** Nancy Mayhew also served as Eastford's Republican Registrar of Voters for many years (2001-2007 and 2016-2020). We thank Nancy for her service to the voters of Eastford.



**From the Eastford Historical Society**

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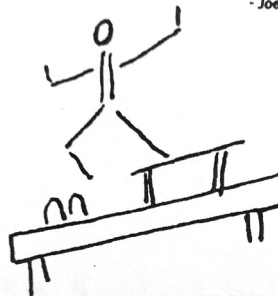
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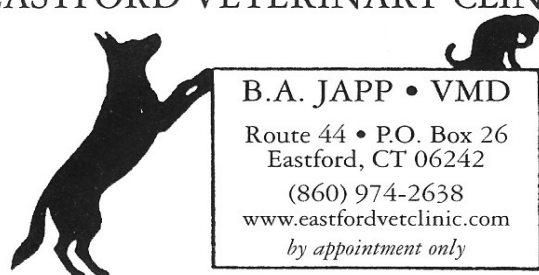
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Volunteers of the Eastford Independent Fire Co., No. 1 demonstrated the importance of fire safety at Eastford Elementary School in October. You can support this critical service—send donation to: EIFC, P.O. Box 333, Eastford, CT 06242. Photos by Liz Scranton (cover & below).



**EASTFORD INDEPENDENT FIRE CO. NO 1** by Jeannine Spink

**“READY TODAY – PREPARING FOR TOMORROW”**

**WHO ARE WE? – WHAT DO WE DO?**

The EIFC is a non-profit, 100% volunteer organization with a mission to provide emergency services to the town. They are men and women who have chosen to selflessly achieve community service for the safety of others.

Members maintain high-level credentials by attending out-of-department certification classes, drills, workshops, in addition to weekly in-house training to remain compliant with NFPA, OSHA and OEMS regulations and standards. Members contribute a minimum of 25 hours per month per member, more hours for officers.

Members are cross-trained annually in the areas of: ice/cold water rescue, CPR/AED, Hazmat Awareness/Operations, Airborne/Bloodborne Pathogens, ladder/pump hose/SCBA testing, monthly truck checks, EMS skills. EMS drills are environmental emergencies, injuries, extrication and home medical emergencies. All members are trained for “Q” endorsement authorizing them to drive all apparatus. Annual physicals are mandated to support member wellness and agility, and FIT tested to wear an SCBA. This testing assures members can do the job safely, perform skills more efficiently and maintain physical fitness.

The company was awarded a DEEP grant toward the purchase of six portable radios. Routine house maintenance included a new roof, gutters, furnace upkeep, chimney repair, new hose, reciprocating saw, AED Life pack100, and modernization of apparatus and office computers.

This last year has been difficult for the EIFC as a result of severe weather events, COVID-19 and budgetary limitations. All our public fundraisers have been cancelled which help subsidize an already lean budget. Donations are always appreciated.

In keeping with the shorter allotment of space, this is just skimming the surface of who we are and what we do. If you are interested in joining an organization that contributes to the safety and well-being of your town, contact any officer.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

**EASTFORD HAPPENINGS** (cont from back cover) Buell's Harvest Festival, Eastford Recreation Commission's Trunk or Treat,



Congregational Church's Pumpkin Carving (left), Buell's Orchard Trunk or Treat, Eastford Library Story Time and other activities brought families out for free fun for all.



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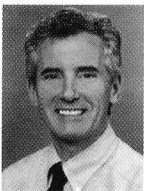
**Tips for Today-by Liz Ellsworth**

It's always nice to have a short list of key things to observe during each season of the year. Mass Audubon has a great monthly Outdoor Almanac. In November, listen for woodpeckers, sparrows, and Snowy Owls singing their songs. Look to the night's sky for a full moon on the 19<sup>th</sup> and from the 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> observe the Leonids' (meteor showers) peak just before sunrise. Investigate the lichens on trees now that most of the leaves have fallen. In the snowfall, look for the wildlife tracks of rabbits, wild turkeys, foxes, squirrels, coyotes, skunks, and fisher cats.

For the PDF version of November's Outdoor Almanac, go to this link: [https://www.massaudubon.org/content/download/49657/1317208/file/MA\\_almanac\\_NOV2021.pdf](https://www.massaudubon.org/content/download/49657/1317208/file/MA_almanac_NOV2021.pdf) For each month of the year, go here: <https://www.massaudubon.org/learn/nature-wildlife/outdoor-almanac> Enjoy being outside in nature and Happy Exploring!

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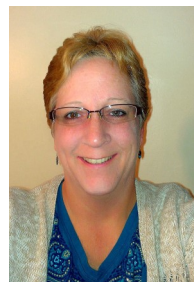
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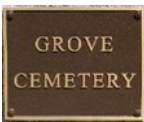
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# EASTFORD GROVE CEMETERY REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

Kindly consider assisting the Eastford Grove Cemetery Association in its pursuit of efficient perpetual care of the Grove Cemetery. We are a non-profit group that does not receive funding from the Town of Eastford. A tax deductible donation from you will help us meet present and future beautification and maintenance requirements. Contribution in any amount will allow us to continue to meet the goal of providing a well-maintained, respectable final resting place for your loved ones.

Additionally, you could leave a gift to the Eastford Grove Cemetery Association in your will or living trust, known as a bequest. This allows you to offer future support without giving up assets today. Or, you may also wish to consider making "The Grove Cemetery Association" the recipient of a memorial donation ("in lieu of flowers").

We appreciate your consideration of our appeal and welcome any questions or concerns regarding the cemetery operation. Questions? Call (860) 974-1349. You may also visit our website at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/eastfordgrovecemetery/>

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### EASTFORD GROVE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

#### Board of Trustees

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**Trustees Meeting**-Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 7pm, TOB

**Seasonal Decorations**-Artificial decorations **will be allowed** from **Thanksgiving, November 25, 2021, to March 15, 2022**. After March 15th, the seasonal decorations **will be removed**, and **only live plants** will be permitted.

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Board of Trustees: Alex Kowalchuk, Carolyn Hazard, David Barlow, Herman Barlow, Lauren Anderson, Linda Torgeson, Rick Torgeson, Scott Huri

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**Congregational Church Holiday Events**  
8 Church Rd, Eastford, CT 06242  
Nov 24, 7pm-Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie afterward  
Dec 5, 5pm: Hospice Tree of Life Tree Lighting, Reception  
Sat, Dec 11, 1-3pm Treats w Santa (signup needed),  
(raindate Dec18);  
Thurs, Dec. 16, 11:30am: Seniors (60+) Christmas Dinner  
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Dec 19, 4pm—All Church Caroling  
Dec 24, 7pm—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
Info: <https://ceastford.org/events/>

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