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Eastford Seniors by Linda SM dos Santos

The Eastford Senior Citizens (ESC) on September 21 resumed meeting at the Eastford Town Office Building after a long Covid intermission. Guest speaker Deb Richards described "Animal Assisted Therapy". She informed the group of her 26 years' experience in training therapy dogs (Comfort Dogs). Therapy dogs receive different training than service dogs. Service dogs perform tasks that ease their Handler's disabilities. Therapy dogs have stable temperaments and friendly personalities in order to visit hospitals, schools, hospices, nursing homes, daycares, group homes, and rehabilitation centers. Unlike "no petting allowed" service dogs, therapy dogs interact with people, including petting. Some therapy dogs become Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.), a program that improves children's reading and communication skills by reading to a trained, tested, registered, liability-insured therapy dog. Richards brought her beautiful, therapy trained, adorable Bernese Mountain Dog, Cora, who is taking her therapy dog test the end of September. Volunteers such as Deb Richards dedicate years of training and care for their dogs with no reimbursement. There was a lively question and answer discussion following Richards talk. Information re: ESC: call 860-538-8868.



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Selectman's Snippets

Ordinances – On September 21, 2021, the residents of Eastford passed two Ordinances: first, prohibiting the sale of cannabis, and second, prohibiting recreational use of cannabis on town properties.

Fire Prevention – During the month of October we are reminded to change batteries on our smoke detectors or replace them if outdated. I would like to thank our Fire Department and all their volunteers for their dedication to our community.

Community – **Great things happen in our community!**

Scarecrow Fest- Residence and Businesses are asked to participate in displaying a scarecrow visible for the community to enjoy during the month of October.

Trunk-or-Treat – Eastford Town Office Building parking lot. This event is scheduled for October 29, 2021. We welcome you to visit our website for all updated events www.eastford.org/eastford .

Volunteers – It is so clear that volunteers are the heartbeat of our small rural town. We are indeed blessed to have such dedicated volunteers. Without them our town would not be what it is today. We encourage you to “Get Involved” in your community.

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.”

~ Coretta Scott King~

Transfer Station – Thank you for recycling. If you are not sure what can be recycled go to 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 to those who remember to wear your mask.

Police Services – During the month of August, Troop D responded to 22 calls. These calls of service included Accidents: 1, Burglaries: 0, Larcenies: 0, DUI'S: 0, Traffic Citations: 0, Written Warning: 0, and Non-Reportable Matters: 21.

Respectfully yours, Jacqueline Dubois, First Selectman



Of Special Note: VOTER INFO (P.9): Absentee Ballots, Voter Registration Dates, Election; Eastford Historical (p7); Veterans (p10); Food Pantry (p8); School News (p5); Scout Troop 92 Report (p4); Conservation & Historic Preservation Commission (p4); Seniors (p2); Grove Cemetery (p11); Eastford Independent Fire Co. (p6). Please consider donating to Eastford organizations—addresses in Eastford 06242, all Town of Eastford groups new mailing address: 16 Westford Rd. * 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: Old Cemetery Preservation Committee; Food Pantry; Union Society Building.



Eastford Senior Citizens met Sept. 21 & learned about therapy animals from Deb Richards and Cora, Deb's Bernese Mountain Dog, shown here with ESC treasurer Mary Ann Lally (story.2)



Dale & Joanne Warren, David Jakubowski, Theresa Becker removed MILLIONS of seeds of the invasive Purple Loosestrife (not shown are Lisa Jakubowski & Rebecca Gurland who assisted. Story p4)

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Eastford Conservation & Historic Preservation Commission Report
by Mary Ellen Ellsworth

During September, enthusiastic and hearty Eastford volunteers gathered to tackle the spread of the beautiful but highly invasive purple loosestrife, which has been advancing each year on both sides of CT Route 198 near the baseball field. Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum Salicaria*) invades wet lands, pushing out our native species; each mature plant can contain as many as 2.7 million tiny seeds. Unfortunately, it does not provide any food or habitat for our insects or wildlife. A loud “Thank you!” Shout Out to Joanne and Dale Warren, David Jakubowski, Lisa Jakubowski, Theresa Becker, and Rebecca Gurland who gathered a truckload of plants and seed pods—plus 11 huge bags. This clean out effort is very important, and very timely. The Purple Loosestrife Brigade will continue their work, supplementing work by the Eastford Conservation and Historic Preservation Commission, which, for almost two decades, has worked to remove invasive water chestnut from a local pond. Those efforts—every July—have been highly successful, and no plants at all were located this year. ECHPC members include Ralph Yulo, Frank Castagna, Tom DeJohn, Tom Hughes, Steve Broderick, Michelle Poudrette, and Mary Belden, as well as Deb Lee and Mary Ellen Ellsworth, co-chairs. The ECHPC also maintains the Town Pound, and 3 hiking trails, including the Boston Turnpike Trail, the Askew Trail, and the Old Connecticut Path. This year we are reaching out to the public asking their help in maintenance. Thanks to all individuals working to protect our beautiful local environment—by removing trash along roadsides, by curtailing invasives, and by planting native pollinator plants. Together we shall keep Eastford’s ranking as “A Connecticut Best Small Town.

Millions of Purple Loosestrife seeds were incinerated during September by the Conservation Team led by Joanne Warren.
Photo: truck bearing seedheads on Sept 12.

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Scout Troop 92 Newsletter

September start up went well. The Troop now has 19 Scouts from Ashford, Eastford and Pomfret. Scouts held a Court of Honor at the end of September to award merit badges earned at summer camp and to advance Scouts to the next rank that they have earned. We will expect to see a new Senior Patrol Leader. We thank Cody Blanchette for doing a good job at that position. Our Troop has changed a lot since he has been the SPL! Cub Scout Pack 92 had their first meeting with all the Dens on Sept 24. Scout Troop 92 BSA Ashford/Eastford and Pomfret. Nord Yakovleff Assistant Scout Master, Cory Blanchette Scout Master, Chris Murphy Assistant Scout Master, Kurt van Heiningen Cubmaster

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From the Principal by Carole McCombe

What a beautiful time of year it is here in the *Quiet Corner*! Students have settled nicely into their daily routines at school and are busy with their academic learning. I would like to extend another formal welcome to the many new staff members who have joined the Eastford School Community. We are happy you here! This month, we will also welcome Mrs. Heather Volpe to our team as one of our special education teachers. One of our school-wide goals this year is to build stronger and more respectful classroom communities. Many students start their day with class meetings, and our middle school students are scheduled for advisory time twice per week so they have a forum to discuss issues and effect change.

Fall sports are underway. Our coed soccer team, under the direction of coach Tyler Bridgewater, is working hard to develop skills and stamina. They are looking forward to their scrimmages with local towns. The schedule for these scrimmages has been posted on the calendar section of the school website:

www.eastfordct.org.

October is Fire Prevention month. Eastford Elementary School, in conjunction with the Eastford Volunteer Fire Department, will provide a modified program for students in Preschool through grade 3 to bring awareness about fire safety and prevention. Students will have an opportunity to explore the fire trucks and see the fire-fighters in full gear. All students will participate in a fire drill with the fire company present.

The Annual Goods and Services Auction will be held on February or March this school year. At this time we are planning to go ahead with our annual trip for our eighth graders to Washington, D.C. and the auction is our primary fundraiser. As always, we appreciate the community's continued support of this event through both attendance and donations. More information will be shared as we move closer to the auction event.

Please check our school website calendar for information on upcoming events and meetings. Our school Readiness group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm and our PTO meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00. Both Readiness and PTO meet via Zoom at this time and are always looking for new members. Please feel free to join us. The PTO is planning for the fall bulb fundraiser, the school sign contest, and the Scholastic Book Fair that will align with parent-teacher conferences.

I would like to extend a big thank you to all of our parent organizations and volunteers. Without your time and efforts, we would not be able to sustain many of our traditions that support and enhance education in Eastford!

News and Notes from the Superintendent's Office

by Donna Leake, Ph.D.

Keeping up with the changing guidance and continued updates regarding immunizations, vaccinations, and testing requirements continues to be a focus for my attention and the attention of our nurse, Catherine Roto. However, although we are still operating in the ever-fluctuating world of COVID-19, our staff remains enthusiastically committed to providing a positive school climate that promotes the social, academic, and emotional development of all our students. Essential to the establishment of a positive climate is the need to recognize the special efforts and contributions of students, families, and colleagues. Consistent with that spirit, I extend a special "shout out" to:

- Carole McCombe, for a very smooth and positive opening to the 2021-22 school year.
- Charles Kernan, for his leadership efforts during the Professional Development Days (and for passing the State Administration test)
- Lori Crocker-Lincoln and Charles Kernan, for their work this summer on the MTSS (Multi-tiered system of supports) processes
- Dale Lundy and Chris Pittman, for all the work they did to make our hallways sparkle
- Mary Jo Chretien, for organizing the mandated training requirements for our staff
- Kymerli Gaylor, for completing all (and there are many) the end of year expenditure reports and the intensive Education Financial System report.

At its meeting on September 9 the BOE:

- did a first reading of several new and revised policies.
- moved the approval of the purchasing policies to the October BOE meeting.
- accepted with regret the resignation of Special Education teacher Steven Guilbault.
- approved the BOE/Leadership goals and reviewed the EES Strategic Plan. The BOE discussed the need for the newly formed Board to review the goals in January. The Strategic plan will be reviewed this fall by the Curriculum Committee. Both documents are on the school webpage.

As with previous years, there are several facility projects in progress at EES. By the time you are reading this article, we are hopeful that all components of the upgraded boiler system are fully operational. Availability of parts and the needs for additional IT cabling delayed the completion of the boiler project in September. The Roof Committee met on September 13 to discuss the hiring of an architect to move forward an application for a State Construction grant which will help fund the capital roof project. Our new keyless entry system was installed.

As you can see, EES continues to move forward in a positive direction. If you have any ideas, questions and/or concerns, please contact me: dleake@eastfordct.org.

Child Find Notice:

In accordance with state and federal law, Eastford School staff can conduct Child Developmental

Screenings for children ages 3-5 years old. Areas of screening include health, vision, speech, hearing, growth, development, physical-motor, learning/cognitive skills, and social-emotional/behavioral skills. If you have a child who is not currently enrolled in our school and you have concerns about your child's development, please email me or call 860-974-1130 to make an appointment.

Mary Jo Chretien, Director of Pupil Services, Eastford School, mchretien@eastfordct.org



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REMEMBER AND HONOR – WHAT IS VETERANS DAY?

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Veterans Day words to remember: Commemorate, commitment, courageous, heroism, meritorious, patriotism, tribute, and respect.

The U.S. Senate, on 8/4/2001 designated the week of 11/11 through 11/17 as “National Veterans Awareness Week”. Visit your local cemeteries to acknowledge the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. Veterans. Say “thank you” to the Veterans who are with us by honoring living veterans who served honorably in the military in wartime or peacetime.

Weather surges continue to hamper the work the EIFC does, in addition to “911” calls, monthly meetings and drills. Thank you to residents who are generously donating to support our cause that the budget does not cover.

There were 12 calls during the month of August. Annual testing of all hose and pumps were done on Saturdays. During October, members are mandated to have a physical exam by an OSHA approved physician. This mandate is so members can perform at their peak of agility and wellness.

ONLY THE MID 90’S – WE’RE ON A ROLL!

In order to maintain Active Membership status, new protocols were put in place for the number of drills, meetings, public events a member is mandated to attend.

More equipment was purchased in the form of radios, backpack pumps, generator for the house, Forestry truck 171, top mounted commercial pumper to be named ET271. A new retaining wall was erected, outside flag with illumination, plumbing for the rest rooms, 50 gallons of Class “A” foam.

DNR – Do Not Resuscitate enters the scene of medical protocol, another code of medical ethics for the Rescue Squad to be familiar with.

Sounding the siren at the station and in Phoenixville became a debatable issue. Concern was being expressed by Phoenixville residents as to the use of the siren. Silencing the siren became a legal issue. Pagers were purchased to announce the location and description of the call and carried by all members. A preliminary motion was made to shut off the siren for responses, but continue the daily test period at noon for a period of six months at which time the department response times will be evaluated.

Memorial Day was approaching. Through generous donations, all trucks were donning new American flags on their antennas. New t-shirts were worn as part of the dress uniform code. As usual, the Ladies Auxiliary sold coffee and doughnuts at the Ivy Glenn.

The Chicken B-B-Q was becoming increasingly popular, held in August prior to the Woodstock Fair. The fair was extended to include Friday afternoon from the usual Saturday, Sunday and Monday. A crew was always at the station “just in case”.

The Rescue Squad increased their equipment by purchasing two light-weight backboards, head immobilizers, and an Evacu-Splint. The once-a-month EMS drill was put on the routine calendar.

Overhead doors were constructed, Standard Operating Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures were established. The old fuel tank for the firehouse was becoming a problem. Bids were received to replace.

Spend, spend, spend and work, work, work. A reel, hose, accessories were purchased for the new ET271.

The purchase of new turnout gear for the rescue squad was investigated. Ambulance coverage and protocols for the town were developed. Due to the number of medicals increasing in Eastford and other towns, mutual aid assignments were created. #1 would be Ashford, #2 would be Mansfield, #3 would be Hampton/Chaplin.

NEXT ARTICLE – ARE WE THERE YET?

Tips for Today -by Liz Ellsworth The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day will be held again on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 10:00AM – 2:00PM. This initiative seeks to provide a safe, easy, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) hopes to educate the general public about the dangers of abusing prescription drugs. For more information, visit the DEA’s website: https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/

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Did you know that a house that once stood on Abington Road in Eastford for 250 years is now located on Vinalhaven Island in Penobscot Bay?

Felix and Mathilde Klee and their son Emil moved to Eastford from New York City in 1925. The farm they purchased was advertised as having one horse and a cow, but when they got here there was only a horse. Felix purchased a cow from Mr. King who lived at the top of Piffershire Road on King Road. It took him two hours to walk the cow home, and she calved a few hours later. "So, we had milk right away!" They moved into a farmhouse that was much different from their comfortable tenement in Queens. There was no electricity or indoor plumbing. Water had to be drawn from the well in a bucket! In 1999 William Gould, an architectural preservationist from Pomfret, arranged for the house to be dismantled, moved, and rebuilt in Maine. The house is thought to have been built between 1746 and 1751 by William Cheney.

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.



Former Klee house now on Vinalhaven Island, Penobscot Bay, Maine photo by Les Fossel

From the Eastford Historical Society
The EHS publishes four issues of the Quarterly each year in an effort to bring articles of historic interest to its readers. The cost of its publishing is the largest expense we face each year. The support of our members and readers is now more important than ever. If you enjoy reading the Quarterlies and have thought about becoming a member or sending a donation, please consider doing so today. We thank all of our members for your continued support! Donations are appreciated & are tax deductible.

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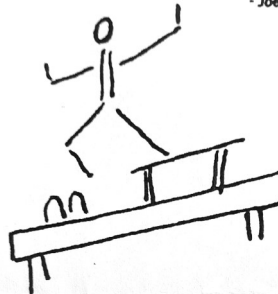
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Recreation Commission Report by Paige Burgess

Hello October! We are so excited to be rolling into the fall season! We will be bringing back multiple events over the next few months. The Scarecrow Contest registration is due October 21st with judging on October 22nd-24th. Announcement of winner will follow on October 25th. Trunk or Treat will follow October 29th 6:30pm-7:30pm with rain date October 30th. Please be on the lookout for our flyers with all information available on them. Please understand all events will be continuing to follow the appropriate COVID guidelines. It is very important in order to continue our events we all remain as safe as possible for our community. We thank the community and all those hands involved making these events possible. Any question or concerns can be emailed to the recofeastfordct@gmail.com

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Once again, we would like to thank the many residents of Eastford who have helped replenish our pantry shelves. Many folks think of us around the holidays, but hunger is a year-round concern. So, the next time you are at the grocery store please remember your neighbors in need. We continue to be humbled by the generosity of so many. A special thank you to David & Christine Hustus and Roger & Judith Boisvert for their very generous monthly donations. Thank you to Lynn Nelson for her weekly donation of nonperishables. Thanks to Dorothy Bressette for her gift card donation. We also want to thank the Eastford Rec Commission and the following cash donations from the Fun Run - Katelyn & Holly Desmarais; Nicholas & Catherine Depercio; Lynn Bourque; Jeremy & Lauren Barlow; and Jason & Aubrey Hines. And a special thank you to Adam Minor and the Eastford Baptist Church Vacation Bible School for their generous donation. 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 and mailed to the Selectmen's Office, 16 Westford Road, Eastford 06242. Just write Food Pantry on the memo line. 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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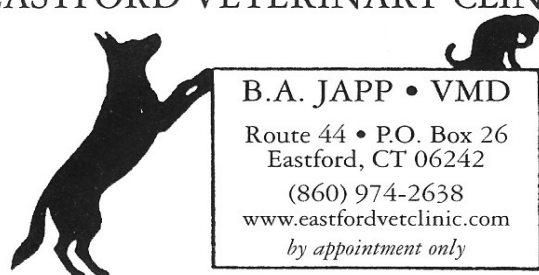
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14		14A	14B	14C
13		13A JODY BLANCHETTE	13B JULIA A. TORCELLINI	13C
12	11 CONSTABLES VOTE FOR UP TO TWO	12A RANDAL B CHINNOCK	12B DAVID M JAKUBOWSKI	12C
11		11A ARVIND SHAW	11B CHARLES S BOWEN	11C
10	10 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS VOTE FOR ONE	10A ROBERT G JOHNSON	10B	10C
9	8 BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTE FOR UP TO FOUR	9A	9B	9C
8		8A	8B	8C
7		7A TERRY L COTE	7B STEPHEN W BOWEN	7C
6	6A MEGAN L CALCHERA	6B LAUREN J BARLOW	6C	
5	5 TAX COLLECTOR VOTE FOR ONE	5A CHRISTINE E HUSTUS	5B CHRISTINE E HUSTUS	5C
4	4 TOWN TREASURER VOTE FOR ONE	4A	4B MARTHA L BURGESS	4C
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2	2 SELECTMAN VOTE FOR ONE	2A ASHLYN ELSWORTH	2B PAUL A TORCELLINI	2C
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The Eastford Municipal Election will be held:
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 (SEE left column for SAMPLE BALLOT)

For On-Line Voter Registration, to check or update your voter registration, or to apply online for an absentee ballot, go to the CT Secretary of State's website and *click on* Elections & Voting at: <https://portal.ct.gov/sots>

Local Dates of Importance:

October 13 & 27, 6-8pm - Regular Registration to vote Enrollment Sessions, Eastford Town Hall, Lower Level
Oct. 26, 9am-8pm: Special Enrollment Session
 Eastford Town Hall, Lower Level

Note: at 8pm testing of voting machines will be open to public viewing.
November 1, 2021, 9am-5pm, Eastford Town Hall, Lower Level
 Registration session for those who wish to vote whose qualification as to age, citizenship, or residence was attained since October 26th.

All Voter Information & Absentee Ballot Applications may be found and/or downloaded from Connecticut's Official State Website under Elections and Voting: <https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS>.

Absentee ballot applications may also be obtained in person at the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours. Completed Absentee Ballots can be returned either in person to the Town Clerk, mailed, or dropped in the secured Absentee Ballot Dropbox located outside the doors to the lower level of the Town Office building. The Dropbox will be open between the dates of: October 4, 2021 to November 2, 2021 at 8pm.

Please note Covid-19 safe-practices will be in place for the duration of the open polls, including social distancing and face masks. We will assist you in these areas to ensure the safety of all our voters and poll workers.
 Laura Barlow and Kathleen Healey, Registrars of Voters, Eastford

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Eastford—HONOR OUR VETERANS ON NOV. 11

Donations are requested for a bench in memory of Joseph E. Phaneuf, II, KIA, December 15, 2006 in Afghanistan. A stone bench in memory of Joe has been installed in Eastford's Veterans Memorial. 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, send your check payable to: American Legion Post 203, mail to Post Office Box 131, Eastford, CT 06242. Thank you to those who have donated.

Veterans Information & Assistance - American Legion Soldiers' Sailors' & Marines' Fund, 844-454-8900 or <http://www.alctsmf.org/> - Includes Energy Assistance. Honorably Discharged Veterans who served during specified periods and their families may be eligible for emergency assistance that may include utility or energy bills.

Vietnam Veterans - Congress has directed the Veterans Administration to add three illnesses to the Agent Orange presumptive disease list. If you served in Vietnam and have a diagnosis of bladder cancer, Parkinson-like symptoms, or hypothyroidism, you may be eligible for VA health and disability benefits. There is now automatic renewal for those currently insured.

Veterans Base Camp - Community Training Center -Assistance & Informaton (Food Pantry, wellness, education, training, employment support), 108 English Road, Chaplin, CT 06235, phone: 860-786-7163, Website: info@veteransbasecampinc.org

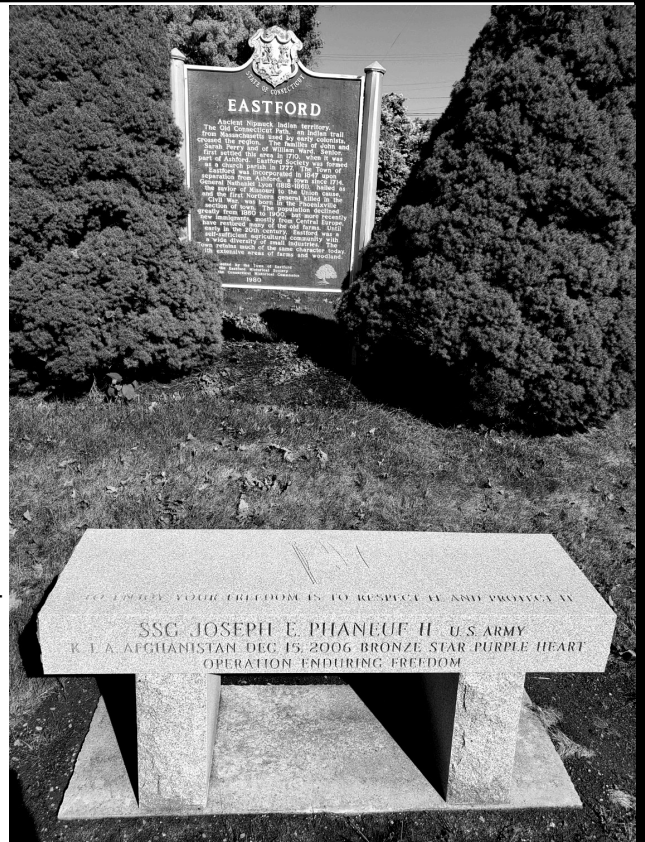
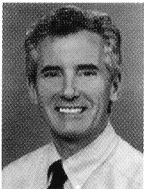


Photo above shows the memorial bench installed by Eastford's American Legion Post 203 in honor of SSgt Joseph E. Phaneuf, II, KIA December 15, 2006. Visit Eastford's Veterans Memorial in Eastford Center opposite the Ivy Glenn Memorial.

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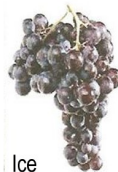


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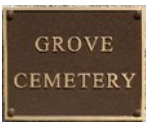
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EASTFORD GROVE CEMETERY REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

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/>

Donations are appreciated and are tax deductible:

Yes, I would like to help with the beautification of the cemetery.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

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Send to: Eastford Grove Cemetery Assoc., Inc.
P.O. Box 284, Eastford, CT 06242

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
Board of Trustees**

Flags: American flags and fire department flags will be removed after Veterans Day, Thursday, 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 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.

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.

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

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"Scarecrow Fest" will take place during the entire month of October.

Decorate your very own scarecrow and place it on your lawn or bring it to the lawn of the town hall in the center of town for display!

To enter the optional competition, simply fill out the Google form on the town recreation website: <https://www.eastfordct.org/domain/1154>.

Please note all entries will have photos taken of scarecrows, and address details posted on a map for the public to tour.

REGISTRATION DUE OCTOBER 21ST, 2021.

Judging: 10-22-2021 and 10-24-2021

Winners Announced: 10-25-2021

Judges: Rec Commission members

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

OCTOBER 29, 2021 // 6:30-7:30PM

(Rain Date: October 30, 2021; 6:30-7:30pm)

EASTFORD TOWN HALL PARKING LOT

Eastford Fire Department will bring a truck!

Residents are invited to safely participate celebrating Halloween via our annual Trunk-or-Treat event!

Please register your name by October 24th if you would like to decorate a trunk and pass out candy. (recofeastfordct@gmail.com) Trunk set up at 6:00pm.

ALL participants must be accompanied by an adult, regardless of age.



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HOW TO REGISTER
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