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Town Manager's Corner

Hello East Hampton,

The last time I wrote a letter for the East Hampton Events Magazine, we were coming into spring and looking forward to the warm weather and moving into the new Town Hall. Well, what a crazy few months it has been! The weather warmed up and then cooled right back down, we have moved into the new Town Hall and in the middle of it all, we came face-to-face with a new issue: COVID-19. The pandemic and its impact on us has been surprising. Our lives have been turned upside down as we learn to do everything a bit differently, which, for many of us, means doing it from home and without the usual social interactions we desire. It has been hard, but as this edition is produced, we are looking toward opening more of our businesses and municipal services and preparing for summer.

Work continues in Town. The Council has approved a plan for in-lake treatment of Lake Pocotopaug, and that project is well underway. Aeration will be used to improve the lake conditions so that we can anticipate a full season of recreational use. To address the long-term health of the lake, the Council approved a Conservation-Lake-Commission recommended contract for improvements in the lake watershed that will help filter runoff to prevent sediment and pollutants from reaching the lake. The work, which continues to implement the 2017 Nine Elements

Watershed Plan for Lake Pocotopaug, is largely funded by grants and is expected to be complete in early summer.

Last time, I talked about budget preparation. Well, that work continues but is heavily influenced by the economic conditions brought about by the closure of businesses in response to the pandemic. The original budget process was halted, and a new process undertaken that puts a pause on many planned changes and enhancements in order to present a budget with minimal increase. While residents will not be voting on this budget, the Town is working hard to prepare a plan that puts as little new burden on the community as possible. To further help taxpayers that may be struggling, interest rates on late payments have been slashed for three months allowing residents who need to postpone their payments the ability to do so with very little impact.

So, while lots of our daily lives has been changed, we are looking forward. Forward to the opening of our favorite local businesses and to stopping in at the new ones that opened in last few weeks. Forward to getting into summer recreation and summer programs, which, although they will be different, will still provide **continued on page 5**



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Town Manager



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Publisher's Note

As of press time, our country is still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. These are, indeed, difficult times for all. Included in this issue of East Hampton Events Magazines is information regarding various programs and activities that span the upcoming quarter. Given the circumstances, some dates and times are subject to change. Please check with the applicable organizations for any potential changes and/or cancellations.

We hope that the situation resolves as quickly as possible and that we can all get back to some sense of normalcy! Please also take note of our The Last Word feature (on page 26). The array of pictures celebrates the strength of our community as we persevere through hard times. Thank you to all!

We are pleased to be able to continue to provide you with East Hampton Events Magazines. Please stay safe and healthy. We look forward to celebrating better times ahead!

William McMinn,
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great activities and fun for our youth and families. Forward to celebrating the opening of the new Town Hall. Forward to being together as a community. Forward to normalcy.

Stay well.

David Cox, Town Manager

Town Facilities Building Committee

East Hampton's new municipal building project has been completed. The building is located at 1 Community Drive. The Town Hall, Police Department, Board of Education, Parks and Recreation and Youth & Family Services departments, previously located in 3 separate locations, are now in one building. (See images at right.)

Functions at the old locations ceased at noon on May 7 so that the move to the new building could be completed over the weekend. Unfortunately, due to coronavirus restrictions, the building is not immediately open to the general public.

A grand opening and dedication will be planned at a later date.



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Per the State of CT Office of Policy and Management for the

2019 calendar year, the maximum income for a single taxpayer was set at \$37,000. The maximum income for a married couple was set at \$45,100. Additionally, the applicant must have lived in CT for one year.

The Assessor's Office is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Tuesday 8:00 am to 6:30 pm and Friday 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. We can be reached at: 860-267-2510 or at: assessor@easthamptonct.gov.

Office of the Collector of Revenue

The Town Council voted to adopt the "Lower Interest Rate Program" on April 13, 2020, per Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 7S.

The "Lower Interest Rate Program" will allow interest to be charged at a rate of .25% per month from April 1, 2020 through July 1, 2020. This will provide a window of approximately 90 days where the taxpayers can pay their

delinquent bills at a reduced interest rate. On July 2, 2020 the interest will revert back to 1.5% per month from the original due date of the tax.

This program will also apply to new tax bills becoming due and payable on July 1, 2020 with the last day on which to pay being August 3, 2020. If a taxpayer pays on August 4th or later interest will be charged at a rate of .25% per month,

instead of the normal rate of 1.5% per month. The program will remain in effect through October 1, 2020. On October 2, 2020 the interest will revert back to 1.5% per month from the original due date of the tax.

The "Lower Interest Rate Program" applies to real estate, personal property and motor vehicle taxes.



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IMPORTANT DATES:

June is dog license renewal month. All dogs over six months must be licensed by the 30th of June of each year. A current rabies certificate is required to license your dog. **Absentee Ballots** become available for

the Presidential Preference Primary - July 21, 2020
Presidential Preference Primary - August 11, 2020

Please visit our website for more information or call us at: 860-267-2519.

Public Works

The Department of Public Works has begun our routine spring maintenance program. Even though the winter was a milder one than normal, the cold weather still managed to produce many potholes with our roadways. Public Works crews have begun to address these along other routine spring maintenance items such as curbing replacement, guardrail and sign maintenance. Winter equipment is being examined and evaluated, necessary repairs made and routine maintenance items are being performed.

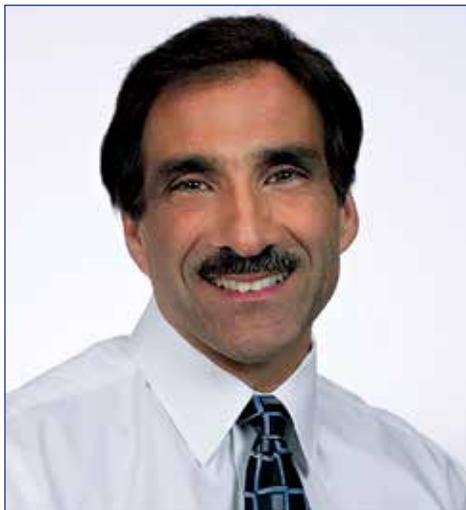
The early spring weather this year has allowed the department to get a jump on our spring maintenance and also complete some much needed drainage projects around town in preparation for paving. Asphalt plants have opened and road paving projects have begun on Meeks Point Road and Lake Drive.

These two projects are anticipated to be complete before Memorial Day

Public works crews have also begun regrading and addressing drainage issues on the 8 miles of gravel roads within the towns road network. Road sweeping has also begun and will continue until the town's entire paved road network has been addressed.

Cemetery clean-up and mowing will begin shortly and be completed prior to Memorial Day. Roadside mowing will begin in May and continue through summer and fall.

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Old Home Days



It is with great regret and a heavy heart that the East Hampton Old Home Days Committee announces that the 2020 East Hampton Old Home Days Glorious Celebration has been cancelled. This announcement is especially painful, given this year's theme, "Paint the Town Red!", in honor of one of our founding, most respected and most beloved members, Red McKinney, who passed away late last year. However, after thoughtful deliberation among the entire Old Home Days Committee on Monday, April 6, our members agreed that information gathered from federal, state and local officials indicate that this is the wisest decision.

The notion of postponing instead of cancelling was discussed, but due to the fact that nobody knows when the pandemic will end, and considering the planning and preparations required by so many organizations and individuals to make Old Home Days a success, cancelling, again, seemed the wisest course of action. In the end, we would much rather be safe than sorry, and we hope that sharing this decision right away will provide those affected with a little certainty in these uncertain times.

We want everyone to know that we expect the 2021 Old

Home Days Glorious Celebration to take place on its regularly scheduled weekend (July 8-10, 2021,) that it will be more glorious and more grand than ever, and that "Paint the Town Red!" will, again, be the theme. We thank you for understanding and share our wishes that you all be safe and stay well.



ORDER YOUR 2020 OLD HOME DAYS T-SHIRTS SOON!

Even though our 2020 East Hampton Old Home Days Glorious Celebration is cancelled for this year, you can still support East Hampton Old Home Days by purchasing a 2020 Commemorative T-Shirt of the The Glorious Celebration (that wasn't) designed by Teri Prestash from Red Barn Studios. Follow and Like us on Facebook for further information on how to order once they are released. They are sure to be a collector's item!

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or email the Prevention Coordinator, James Olsen at: 860-267-7300 ext 207 or jolsen@easthamptonct.gov for more information.

As a Local Prevention Council, the East Hampton Prevention Partnership is dedicated to reducing substance abuse among young people. Our mission is to foster a culture that values the wellbeing of East Hampton's youth. We strive to instill self-acceptance, self-confidence and goal-setting to promote healthy choices. In collaboration with community stakeholders, we offer educational programs and outreach initiatives.



East Hampton/Marlborough Rotary Golf Tournament & Car Raffle

The Rotary Club will host its 27th annual golf tournament on October 7, 2020 at Blackledge Country Club in Hebron, CT. It will be a scramble format tournament, open to anyone and everyone. After the tournament there will be a "tee" cup raffle and live auction while enjoying a fabulous dinner and fellowship. The tournament highlights (other than the fun of course) a Million Dollar Hole-In-One contest!

Our Rotary Club also sponsors an annual car raffle. First prize is a BMW car. The funds that are raised from the car raffle and golf tournament represent the clubs largest fund raisers for the year. 100% of monies raised are given back to the community in the form of scholarships and community service. This year due to COVID-19 many are not working, and we are socially distancing to help prevent the spread of the virus.

We have decided that this year it is even more important to move forward with the car raffle and have funds available as the needs of our community may be greater than ever. Therefore, we will be selling car raffle tickets starting in August and the drawing will be at our Golf Tournament. Those who purchased tickets last year will be offered first right of refusal as we have done in the past. Questions about the raffle contact Sharon Hull captmnm@gmail.com. Questions about the golf tournament contact Pam Joslyn pjoslyngreenwald@gmail.com.

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Youth and Family Services

860-267-9982

Sears Park

FACILITIES: All rental request forms are available online at: www.easthamptonrec.com

PAVILION: Residents of East Hampton can rent the Pavilion for events for full or half-day rentals. The fees are \$75/half-day or \$125/full day. All reservations require a security deposit of \$125.

LION'S PICNIC SHELTER: Sears Park patrons may use this shelter when it is not reserved. Reservations are posted daily on the small kiosk next to the shelter with the specific reservations for that day. There is no cost to reserve the shelter; however, a completed reservation form is required.

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REGISTRATION AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

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All registration forms must include payment. Payment is required at the time of registration. All registrations are taken on a first come, first served basis. We accept MasterCard and Visa. Please make checks payable to East Hampton Parks and Recreation. Cash payments should be made in the office only. Please do not try to register or pay program instructors unless indicated. Registration confirmations are available by email if subscribed to on your main account page at www.easthamptonct.gov. No other confirmations are provided; however, if you have registered with us and paid, you will be on the final roster.

Program Refund Policy as of September 1, 2018

If you are unable to attend a program you have registered for, please contact us. You must contact us 7 days before a program starts to receive a 100% refund. Cancellations inside of 7 days will receive a 50% refund or be issued an account credit for another activity. After the program starts no refunds will be issued. Our ability to refund money for trip cancellations depends on our contractual agreement with the travel companies.

In the event of inclement weather, all programs are cancelled if school is closed or has an early dismissal. Cancellation information is posted on WFSB Channel 3 Early Warning Network. Households who have subscribed to the online registration site's email notifications will receive an email regarding the cancellation. Program times are subject to change based on enrollment numbers. Programs will be cancelled if the minimum enrollment number is not reached.

Applications for reduced-tuition scholarships are available at the Parks and Recreation Office and Youth and Family Services. All information is strictly confidential. This is an application

process. Only programs run directly by East Hampton Parks and Recreation qualify. A portion of your enrollment fee may be put into your Special Revenue Program account for the East Hampton Parks & Recreation Department to maintain or enhance this program or other programs. This fund is not associated with the General Fund of the Town of East Hampton.

SIX FLAGS & LAKE COMPOUNCE DISCOUNTED TICKETS

We offer good any day discounted Six Flags and Lake Compounce tickets. Tickets are available for pickup at the Parks and Recreation Office. There is a one-time fee of \$5 per household to purchase these good any day tickets.

Six Flags: \$41

Lake Compounce: \$29.50

SEAMSTER PARK FUNDRAISER GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 24 – 10:00 am Shotgun Start

We are raising money for the final phase of the Seamster Park Playground, which is the ROPES COURSE! Join us for an awesome day of Golf at Blackledge Country Club. Register your 4-some now at www.easthamptonrec.com or sign up as an event sponsor. The tournament is a scramble format and includes lunch, dinner and two drink coupons for each registered golfer. There will be raffle items as well as prizes for the winners.

SEARS PARK FAMILY FUN NIGHT – July 16

Join us for a fun filled evening in Sears Park. We will have games, prizes and a bounce house setup starting at 5:00 pm followed by popcorn, refreshments and a movie at 8:30 pm (refreshments available for a small fee.)

AFTERNOON ADVENTURES – After-School Program

Afternoon Adventures meets at Memorial Elementary School before and after school each day from 7:00 am - 8:30 am and 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm, and at Center School from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Students in grades K-5 can attend the program on a full time or part time basis. Registration is done on a monthly basis, either online or at the Parks and Recreation Office. You must enroll for the whole month and may register for two days per week, three days per week, or full time. Your daily schedule must be provided to the Parks and Recreation Office upon sign up (example: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.)

We emphasize healthy snacks, activities, and habits. Please send your child with a healthy snack each day. The children have time for play outside (weather permitting) every day or time in the gym. Everyone does homework or quiet reading; then they enjoy crafts, games, special guests and play with staff and their peers until pick-up time.

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Care is provided on scheduled school half days from when school gets out until 6:00 pm for no additional charge. Registration for 2020-2021 school year will start in July of 2020.

Location: Memorial Elementary School, Cafeteria;
Center School, Cafeteria

Dates: Monday-Friday of school days
First day of school - last day of school

Times: 7:00 am - 8:30 am and 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Cost: Monthly Registration – Cost depends on number of days attending. Visit www.easthamptonrec.com for rates

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Location: Memorial School Cafeteria / Sears Park Pavilion after June 3rd

Dates: Monday and Wednesday 6:30 - 7:20 pm

Notes: Wear sneakers or Zumba shoes, bring a water and towel

Class Prices: CARDS - \$75 for 10 classes.
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This class runs online via the Zoom platform as well. For more information visit www.easthamptonrec.com.

SEARS PARK SUMMER CAMP

Camp Director: Heather Holbrook

Field Trips and Themes are posted online at www.easthamptonrec.com with more details. Sears Park Camp is an eight-week day camp held at Sears Park. The campers have a blast! Each day offers activities such as crafts, sports, and games. The entire camp goes swimming and has sandcastle contests most afternoons. Each week there will be a special theme and field trip. Swimming is fully supervised by our ARC Certified Lifeguards and camp staff. The camp staff is CPR/First Aid Certified. Participants can sign up for one week at a time or for all eight sessions. Campers should bring a lunch, snacks, drinks, water bottle, sunblock, swimsuit, and towel. Everything should be labeled with the camper's name. A backpack is recommended. Please leave all electronics at home.

For: Boys and Girls entering grades K-8 in the fall of 2020 (some field trips and activities will be different for grades 6-8)

Camp Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Weekly tuition: \$155 first child, \$135 per sibling
Week of June 29 – July 2 (no camp July 3) - \$130 first child, \$110 per sibling

Payment for the first week of camp, plus a \$25 per child per week non-refundable deposit is required to enroll. You will not be enrolled in camp until these deposits are received. Tuition is due by Wednesday for the following week. Field trip costs are included with tuition.

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EXTENDED CARE

Kat Robinson

Many of the programs that we offer at Memorial School during the summer are half day programs or they end early in the afternoon. Do you work all day and need something to bridge those gaps? This summer we will be offering an extended day option each week including morning care and afternoon care. Kids will have options for sports games, crafts and other activities. We will make sure your kids all get to the camps they are registered for. There is not a daily option for this program. You must register for the whole week of programing.

For: Grades K-5

Dates, Times and Prices:

Monday - Friday, June 29 - July 31

AM Extra Care

7:30 am - 9:00 am - \$30 per week

PM Extra Care

11:00 am - 2:45 pm - \$60 per week

EXPLORING & EXPERIMENTING

Heather Vigue

Do you like being outdoors, exploring and having fun doing hands on science experiments? Then this is the camp for you! This week is full of messy experiments and outdoor water adventures!

For: Entering Grades 1 and 2

Location: Memorial School

Dates and Times: Monday - Friday, June 29 – July 2
from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Cost: \$110

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LITTLE PEOPLE'S CAMP

Laurie Wosleger

Our Little People sure feel like big kids when they go to camp. They will do crafts, play indoors and outdoors, and enjoy a story and snack under a shady tree with their buddies. Participants should bring a snack and a drink daily. Don't forget to apply sunblock before coming.

For: Ages 3 - 6
Location: Memorial School Cafeteria
Dates and Times: Monday - Thursday, June 29 - July 2
from 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Cost: \$65 per week

NERF BLASTER CAMP

Jaime and Patrick Sullivan

You will have loads of FUN playing Nerf blaster games in this camp! Each day different interactive Nerf blaster games and competitions will be played in the school gymnasium and outside on the athletic fields. For example, we will play nerf blaster capture the flag, last man standing and protect the President. Each child will need to bring their own Nerf blaster. Nerf darts and safety goggles will be provided daily. If your child would like to participate in both sessions they can remain with us and eat lunch during the intermission.

For: Grades K-3
Location: Memorial School
Date: Monday - Friday, July 6 - July 10
Session I: 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Session II: 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Cost: \$110 per session

TEA PARTIES & PAPER DOLLS

Stacey Gibson and Keri Evans

In this camp, your child will create paper dolls to play with and decorate. They will get to make houses and scenes for the dolls too. Your child will also craft, bake, and create tea party fun together. We will make teacup crafts and enjoy tasty treats. Your child will even be able to get fancy one day for a celebration! Join the fun!

For: Ages 4-9
Location: Memorial School
Date: Monday - Friday, July 20 - July 24
from 8:00am - 11:00am
Cost: \$110

DISNEY DAYS

Elizabeth Pezzi

Celebrate the "Wonderful World of Disney" with a week of fun! Each day we will create crafts, listen to songs, have snacks and play games centered around a different Disney movie! This is a fun camp for any girl or boy who loves all things Disney! We will have a Toy Story Day, Finding Nemo Day, Moana Day, Frozen

Day and Mickey and Minnie Day! Hope to see you there!

For: Entering Grades K-3
Location: Memorial School
Date: Monday - Friday, July 20 - July 24
from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Cost: \$100 (includes snack and craft each day)

JUST BEING ME

Stacey Gibson

A camp for kids ages 9-14 to exercise, craft, and bake. In this camp your child will be able to do a variety of things! Come hang out with other kids your age and have a week of fun! Your child will be walking, baking, crafting, and making memories!

Throughout the week, your child will:

- Walk the airline trail from the school and check out the exercise park
- Paint/make kindness rocks for others
- Craft daily including decoupage, canvas crafts, card making, and more!
- Walk to Main Street pizza for lunch
- Get a manicure at Creative Nails
- Have our hair styled for fun
- Baking fun
- Walk to ice cream shop
- Walk to the art studio

We will meet daily in a classroom at Memorial School.

For: Ages 9 - 14
Location: Memorial School
Date: Monday - Friday, July 6 - July 10
from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Cost: \$180

SUPER SECRET SPY CAMP

Molly Clark and Stephanie Hoffman

Do you enjoy solving mysteries? Have you ever wanted to become a secret agent? Then this is the camp for you! If you want to undergo spy training to become a secret agent join us! Activities will include daily missions, learning how to read and create your own secret messages, dusting for fingerprints, creating a spy name and disguises, obstacle courses, putting together a spy toolkit and of course having FUN!

For: Ages 5 - 12
Location: Memorial School
Date: Monday - Friday, July 6 - July 10
from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm or
Half Day 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Cost: \$175 - Full Day; \$110 - Half Day

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SOCCER SKILLS CLINIC / CAMP

Michele DeSanti and Meghan Ryczek

Come to our Soccer Skills Clinic Camp to improve your touch and game. We will have technical and tactical skill practices and don't forget a side of fun and competition! We will be outside for most of the day so make sure you are dressed appropriately and ready to play. Bring your own soccer ball if you have one and wear your cleats and shin guards. Water bottles and sunscreen are a must! If you choose to join us for a full day, please be sure to pack a lunch and snacks each day.

For: Entering Grades 6 - 9
 Location: East Hampton Middle School
 Date and Time: Monday - Friday, June 29 - July 3
 8:30 am - 11:30 am (Half Day)
 8:30 am - 2:30 pm (Full Day)
 Cost: \$250 - Full Day; \$150 - Half Day

FANDOM CAMP

Ken Landry

Anime! Video Games! Movies! Comics! Hobbies and more! A "fandom" is a subculture of fans who share a common and unique interest. At Fandom Camp, we'll explore the origins of cartoon/anime themes, dissect the development of a hero through movies and books, and compete for prizes in gaming and cosplay challenges. Come for the morning or the whole day! If you choose to join us for a full day, please be sure to pack a lunch.

For: Entering Grades 6 - 9
 Location: East Hampton Middle School
 Date and Time: Monday - Friday, July 6 - July 10
 8:30 am - 11:30 am (Half Day)
 8:30 am - 2:30 pm (Full Day)
 Cost: \$215 - Full Day; \$120 - Half Day

TRACK & FIELD CLINIC / CAMP

Ken Landry and Michele DeSanti

Run faster, jump higher and throw farther! Welcome to track and field camp. Come spend a week with us at East Hampton High School's track and field complex, learning and competing in various events. Throw the metal shot-put into the sky, soar over the hurdles on the track, get dirty in the long jump sand pit and race against competitors with your relay team! If you choose to join us for our full day, please be sure to pack a lunch each day and water bottle. Also be sure to apply sunscreen before camp each day since we will be going outside!

For: Entering Grades 6 - 9
 Location: East Hampton High School Track
 Date and Time: Monday - Friday, July 13 - July 17
 8:30 am - 11:30 am (Half Day)
 8:30 am - 2:30 pm (Full Day)
 Cost: \$250 - Full Day; \$150 - Half Day

SURVIVOR GAMES CAMP

Ken Landry and Michele DeSanti

The tribe has spoken. With new challenges every day, come compete with friends in unique obstacles and cooperative games to bring home the title of sole-survivor and earn prizes. Be sure to apply sunscreen before camp each day since we will be outside!

For: Entering Grades 6 - 9
 Location: East Hampton High School Track
 Date and Time: Monday - Friday, July 20 - July 24
 8:30 am - 11:30 am (Half Day)
 8:30 am - 2:30 pm (Full Day)
 Cost: \$250 - Full Day; \$150 - Half Day

FIVE TOOL ALL STAR BASEBALL CAMP

Scott Wosleger

This clinic features age appropriate, comprehensive instruction from high school, college and professional coaches and players. Hitting, fielding, pitching, and mental training are all covered

For: Ages 7-10
 Location: East Hampton Middle School Baseball Field
 Date and Time: Monday - Thursday, June 29 - July 2
 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Cost: \$95

FAIRYTALE LAND

Lisa Forcellina and Meghan Ryczek

Live in a fairytale for the week with Cinderella, Belle, Rapunzel, and more! Join us for a week of arts and crafts, STEM activities, story inspired snacks, and lots of fun! You're welcome to choose what works best for your schedule: half day or full day at Fairytale Land! If you choose to join us for our full day adventures, please be sure to pack a lunch each day and water bottle each day. Also be sure to apply sunscreen before camp each day for fairytale fun outside!

For: Grades K-5
 Location: Memorial School
 Date and Time: Monday - Friday, July 6 - July 10
 8:30am - 11:30 am (Half Day)
 8:30am - 2:30 pm (Full Day)
 Cost: \$120 (Half Day); \$215 (Full Day)

SUMMER SOCCER WEEK

Combination program with Ray Reid's Young Stars program in the morning and futsal in the afternoons!

MORNING - Ray Reid's Young Stars Camp

Led by Coach Ray Reid's first-class coaching staff this program seeks to develop and improve each player's technique, skills and creativity with the ball. Players will be exposed to dribbling, passing, receiving, shooting, and small-sided games emphasizing touches on the ball and possession. The training focus for younger players

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ages will be to improve their skills in a fun-filled environment and players will work on technical refinement and receive an introduction to the tactical side of the game. The East Hampton Young Stars Camp features a strong coach-to-player ratio and a certified trainer will be on duty throughout camp. The Ray Reid Soccer School's Young Stars Camp will challenge players to keep improving their skills in a fun-filled environment while instilling a passion for the game. Players will receive a Ray Reid Soccer School camp t-shirt and a Young Stars Certificate; all players should BRING their own soccer ball to camp.

All participants should bring a soccer ball, water bottle, shin guards and lunch if staying all day. Lunch will be supervised by EHPR Staff.

AFTERNOON - Futsal

The aim of this program is to increase the players personal skills to the next level. Using futsal (Futbol de Salao - Soccer in a Room) as a platform for high speed, high volume ball touches and maneuvering in tight spaces. A typical futsal game allows the player to touch the ball up to 600% more than traditional soccer thereby increasing the player's decision-making skills and comfort with the ball. A futsal ball is smaller and heavier, which allows the player to easily command the ball and in return increase confidence that seamlessly transforms to a soccer game. This process produces skillful players.

For: Entering Grades 1-8
Location: East Hampton High School Fields and Gym
Date: Monday - Friday, July 13 - July 17
Time: Young Stars and Futsal - 8:30 am - 2:45 pm
Time: Young Stars Only - 8:30 am - 11:30 am
Lunch Time: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Lunch Hour
staffed by Parks and Recreation
Time: Futsal Only - 12:30 pm - 2:45 pm
Cost: \$250 - Young Stars and Futsal; \$170 - Young Stars Only; \$100 - Futsal Only

SUMMER RUNNING CAMP

Kevin Radavich

This 8 week program introduces students in grades 6-9 to the world of running. Each week has a new running topic such as stretching, running form and goal setting. The program focuses on developing these runners to compete in the Rails to Trails 5K and the CFA Society 5K races.

For: Grades 6-9
Location: East Hampton High School Track
Dates and Time: Wednesdays, June 10 - August 6
from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Cost: \$80

WET & MESSY CAMP

Stacey Gibson and Keri Evans

This camp is for children ages 4-8 years who are ready to get wet and messy! Each day the children will painting, gluing, having water fun, making slime, playdoh, and having hands on FUN! Dress your child for mess each day! Please send your child to camp each day with a snack and a water bottle. We will meet your child in the lobby each day for drop off and dismissal. Bring a smock!

For: Ages 4-8
Location: Memorial School
Date: Monday - Friday, July 13 - July 17
from 8:00 am - 11:00 am
Cost: \$110

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Stacey Gibson and Keri Evans

This camp is for children entering Kindergarten in fall of 2020. In this camp, your child will get to explore and see Memorial school. They will be able to craft, read, and play alongside of peers their age. Each day in kindergarten camp has a theme! The daily themes are: Letter Fun, Clifford, Rainbow Fish, Elephant and Piggy, and Pete the Cat!

For: Entering Kindergarten
Location: Memorial School
Date and Time: Monday - Friday, July 13 - July 17
from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm
Cost: \$110

2020 OLYMPICS

Lisa Forcellina and Meghan Ryczek

Go for the gold and join us for a week of learning about the the Olympics, playing different sports that you'll see on TV, and creating different crafts for celebrations like your own medals, gym bag, and more! You pick what's best for your schedule: half day or full day! If you will be joining us for a full day of Olympic excitement, please bring a water bottle and lunch each day. Half day campers should bring a snack each day. All campers should come each day with sun screen already applied!

For: Grades K-5
Location: Memorial School
Date and Time: Monday - Friday, July 20 - July 24
8:30 am - 11:30 am (Half Day)
8:30 am - 2:30 pm (Full Day)
Cost: \$120 (Half Day); \$215 (Full Day)

EXPLORING PRE-K

Stacey Gibson

In this camp your child will be able to explore and play in a pre-k classroom. The children will have a daily theme. Each day the

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children will be involved in an art project, sensory play, dramatic play, and read-alouds related to the theme! We will have snack together each day and play outside too! Come and have fun!

Themes included will be: castles, space, farm, zoo, and camping!

For: Ages 3 and 4

Location: Memorial School

Date and Time: Monday - Friday, July 27 - July 31
from 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Cost: \$110

ALL SPORTS CAMP

Greg Ruel

All Sports Camp features several sports and recreation activities that campers can choose from, with both specific sports and team options as well as more relaxed, recreational options. Our fees are more than reasonable and have not increased in several years, our goal is to offer a summer camp that is affordable to any child that would like to attend and experience a fun and memorable summer camp. Families that have more than one child at camp always receive a discount.

The camp is directed by Coach Ruel (Memorial Elementary School PE Teacher,) as well as local college graduates, local college student-athletes, and current high school student-athletes from area towns. The camp runs July 27-31 at East Hampton HS from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, with options to stay the whole day or parts of the day, there are 4 sessions daily with session 4 at Sears Park (*transportation included in camp fee!*)

The camp offers a great experience where all campers get personal attention and leave each day with great memories of fun, play, competition, and friendship! The camp director knows all the children that attend and whose goal is to make the week the best summer camp experience they have ever had! Registration is through the East Hampton Park and Recreation Department and children from any town are more than welcome! Contact Coach Ruel at Memorial Elementary School with any questions at all.

For: Entering Grades 1 - 8

Location: East Hampton High School and Sears Park

Date and Time: Monday - Friday, July 27 - July 31
from 8:15 am - 5:00 pm

Cost: Varies by session and activities see www.easthamptonrec.com for more information.

ANIMAL EXPLORATION

Stacey Gibson and Keri Evans

In this camp your child will be able to explore a variety of animals with hands-on activities, crafts, cooking projects, and movement. They will be zoo keepers, paleontologists, safari leaders, and even farmers. If your children loves animals this may be the camp for them.

For: Ages 4 - 9

Location: Memorial School

Date and Time: Monday - Friday, July 20 - July 24
from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Cost: \$110

BAKING CAMP

Lisa Forcellina and Meghan Ryczek

Grab your aprons, it's time to get messy and creative in the kitchen! We'll spend the week making new, delicious recipes that you can then teach your family at home! At the end of each day you'll get to take home yummy treats and crafts we make while the food is in the oven! Please bring a snack and water bottle to camp each day!

For: Grades K-5

Location: Memorial School

Date and Time: Monday - Friday, July 27 - July 31
from 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Cost: \$120

UNDER THE SEA

Lisa Forcellina and Meghan Ryczek

Who doesn't love a week at the beach in the summer?! Join us for a week of sea shell and sand art, decorating beach gear, splish-splashing in the water, and so much more! Please apply sun screen before camp each day, bring a snack and water bottle, and pack a bathing suit and towel!

For: Entering Grades K-5

Location: Memorial School

Date and Time: Monday - Friday, July 13 - July 17
from 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Cost: \$120

ALL ABOUT NATURE

Beth Haydu and Katrina Messerschmidt

Nature walks, crafts and scavenger hunts are just a few of the activities that campers will participate in. Each day will revolve around a theme such as bugs, plants, and birds with fun activities each day. We will also be headed to the Airline Trail as well as explore the nature trail behind Memorial School. Be sure to pack a snack, lunch and water bottle each day. Campers should plan on applying sunscreen prior to camp.

For: Grades 1-5

Location: Memorial School

Date and Time: Monday - Friday, July 27 - July 31
from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Cost: \$160

LET'S CELEBRATE

Beth Haydu and Jamie Haydu

Are holidays your favorite time of the year? This summer we'll celebrate Christmas, Halloween, St. Patrick's Day, Fourth of July

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and more all in one week. Each day will include crafts, games and a tasty treat or two revolving around the holiday of the day. Of course, you will need to dress for each occasion too! Be sure to pack a snack, lunch and water bottle each day.

For: Grades 1-5
Location: Memorial School
Date and Time: Monday - Friday, July 20 - July 24
from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Cost: \$160

BRING ON THE SPORTS & CRAFTS

Beth Haydu and Jamie Haydu

Do you prefer sports or crafts? How about both? You can choose! Each day campers start their day in a whole group activity such as a scavenger hunt. Campers can then design the rest of their day. Choose between sports activities like home run derby, kickball or knock-out. OR perhaps a craft interests you such as painted rocks, tie dye or beading. You can even mix it up and choose both! Be sure to pack a snack, lunch and water bottle each day. Campers should plan on applying sunscreen prior to camp.

For: Grades 1-5
Location: Memorial School
Date and Time: Monday - Thursday, June 29 - July 2
from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Cost: \$140

VOLLEYBALL CLINICS with Matthew Warner

Program Details:

Session 1: Foundation Building Clinic

(girls entering grades 6 through 12)

Location: Middle School Gymnasium
Date: Monday - Friday, July 6-10
Time: 8:00 - 11:00 am
Cost: \$115
Participants: capped at 30

Session 2: Pre-Season Camp

(girls entering grade 10 through 12**)

Location: High School Gymnasium
Date: Monday - Friday, August 17-21
Time: 8:00 - 11:00 am
(Wed. August 19: 3:00pm - 6:00pm)
Cost: \$115.00 (\$165.00 if attending both camps)
Participants: capped at 20

****PLEASE NOTE:** Any 9th grade participant seeking enrollment in Session 2: Pre-Season Camp must start in the Session 1: Foundation Building Clinic so that the clinic director can assess each 9th grade participant's level of volleyball skill and technique to recommend if Session 2 would be appropriate. Experience beyond Middle School volleyball can help with skill development and knowledge for Session 2.

Program Curriculum:

- Participants will be instructed in the volleyball skills: passing, serving, attacking, and team defense. As athletes improve their skills, they will be taught more challenging volleyball skills and techniques.
- Athletes will be placed into groups based on athleticism and ability so that each participant can grow appropriately in their current skill set. The end goal of the clinic is to teach the skill and technique of volleyball so that athletes can play in groups and team settings.
- Sportsmanship and teamwork are concepts that will be emphasized throughout the clinic.
- The clinic seeks to foster a love of the sport and encourage athletes to continue their volleyball training to build East Hampton into a competitive program in Connecticut.

The East Hampton P&R Volleyball Clinic offers 2 sessions:

Session 1: The most effective way to introduce volleyball to younger aged athletes is to introduce the fundamental skills and techniques specific to volleyball that players must master overtime. This session takes the energy and excitement of this great team sport and puts it all together into one fun-filled camp. All aspects of the game are taught through drills and exercises that focus on passing, setting, hitting and serving. This program is designed for all experience levels (beginner to advanced) and will incorporate essential life-lessons such as teamwork and sportsmanship. Athletes will develop and enhance fundamental skills of the game through game-based drills and scrimmages.

Session 2: Designed for the more experienced player, this session pushes participants to extend their learning and ability to compete at their highest level. Session 2 is open to high school students only and will focus on positional skill development and team offense/defense strategies that are utilized in high school programs. This session will emphasize specific positional skills development and incorporate learning into small, task-driven games and 6 on 6 scrimmages. Furthermore, participants will be expected to apply their learning into offensive and defensive schemes that emphasize volleyball concepts in teams and systems. Grade 9 students participating in Session 2 will be by invitation by camp Director only.

AMERICAN RED CROSS SWIM LESSONS

All swim lessons are taught at Sears Park by certified Lifeguards. American Red Cross Swimming Lessons Level 1-6

LEVEL 1-Introduction to Water Skills

Objective: To help students feel comfortable in the water and to enjoy the water safely

Requirements: None

Skills Covered: Entering and exiting the water safely, learning to
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submerge mouth, nose and eyes and breath control, front and back float and recovering to a stand, changing direction in the water, swimming 5 feet on front and back.

LEVEL 2-Fundamental Aquatic Skills

Objective: To give students success with fundamental skills
Requirements: Students entering this level must possess a Level 1 certificate or demonstrate all the Level 1 skills
Skills Covered: Entering water by stepping or jumping in from the side, submerging entire head, blowing bubbles, open eyes underwater, front and back glide, swim 15 feet on front and 10 feet on back, swim on side, life jacket use

LEVEL 3-Stroke Development

Objective: To build on skills in Level 2 through additional guided practice
Requirements: Students entering this level must possess a Level 2 certificate or demonstrate all the Level 2 skills
Skills Covered: Jump into deep water, head first entry from sitting or kneeling, submerging and retrieving an object, bobbing, survival float for 30 seconds, treading water for 30 seconds, front crawl 15 yards, butterfly 15 feet, back crawl 15 yards, elementary rescues, safe diving, check-c all-care

LEVEL 4-Stroke Improvement

Objective: To develop confidence in the strokes learned thus far and to improve other aquatic skills by increasing endurance through swimming greater distances
Requirements: Students entering this level must possess a Level 3 certificate or demonstrate all the Level 3 skills
Skills Covered: diving, underwater swimming, feet-first surface dive, 1 minute of survival floating, treading and back floating, 25 yards of front crawl, breast stroke and back crawl, 15 yards of butterfly and elementary backstroke and sidestroke, compact jump from height in a lifejacket, throwing assists and caring for conscious choking victim.

LEVEL 5-Stroke Refinement

Objective: Coordination and refinement of strokes
Requirements: Students entering this level must possess a Level 4 certificate or demonstrate all the Level 4 skills
Skills Covered: Shallow dive, tuck and pike surface dives, 2 minutes of survival floating, back float and treading water, flip turns on front and back, 50 yards front and back crawl, 25 yards butterfly, breaststroke, elementary backstroke and side stroke, 2 minutes of survival swimming, rescue breathing

LEVEL 6-Swimming and Skill Proficiency

Objective: Refine strokes so students swim them with more ease, efficiency, power and smoothness over greater distances; includes "menu options" - Personal Water Safety, Fitness Swimmer and Fundamentals of Diving
Requirements: Students entering this level must possess a Level 5 certificate or demonstrate all the Level 5 skills
Skills Covered: 500 yards continuous swim using 100 yards each of front & back crawl, 50 yards each of breast stroke, elementary backstroke, sidestroke & butterfly and 100 yards choice of any of those strokes, survival floating and back floating 5 minutes each, feet first surface dive & retrieve an object from 7 feet, Cooper 12-minute swim test

INFORMATION

Location: Sears Park Waterfront
Date: Lessons run on weekdays - No Lessons July 3rd. (We allow one day for makeup classes due to weather.)
Session I: June 22 - July 2
Session II: July 6 - July 16
Cost: \$70 - Parent and Child Aquatics and Level 1
 \$60 - Levels 2 - 6
 \$75 - Junior Lifeguarding
 (Additional Children from the same family discounted \$30.)

Day and evening lessons are offered:

Session I: 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Session II: 10:00 am, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm



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COVID19 UPDATE: Our offices are reopening and our services are getting back to normal. We have set up some new procedures to insure the safety of our patients and our staff. Everyone will have to wear a mask. We will have patients wait in their cars until we call them in. We will be checking temperatures with non-contact thermometers. Only the patient and a parent/caregiver can come in to the office. We will get as much information by phone as possible to reduce contact time in the office. We apologize that there will be delays getting appointments as we will see fewer patients per day as we sanitize the offices between patients and try to catch up on our two month backlog.

COMPUTER EYESTRAIN: With everyone working from home spending many hours staring at a monitor, we have had many calls concerning computer eyestrain, headaches and fatigue from computer work. We have special task-specific eyeglasses for that. This is the new normal for students and adults. We can solve your computer vision problems.

OFFICE SUITES AVAILABLE: The Town Hall Annex offices have moved from our building to the new East Hampton Town Hall. We have two 1,000 square foot office suites available in our Chatham Corner Building at the corner of RT. 16 and RT. 66. If anyone is interested in the offices, please email Dr.Palmer@att.net for more information.

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Library News

Hello! This message is coming to you from April Hannon, East Hampton’s Children’s Librarian. As you read this in June, I imagine life looks a little different than it did the day that I wrote this letter. I am writing to you in late April, a time when we as a community are still waiting to see if schools will be closed for the remainder of the year and if the state will open in phases. We are uncertain in so many ways.

But while there are uncertainties, there are also new beginnings. Library staff has been trying new ways to serve you, such as providing digital story times and other virtual events.

We’re creating eBook cards, so that East Hampton residents who previously did not have a library card can gain access to hundreds of our digital resources. So far, as of April 28th, 81 residents have taken advantage of this opportunity.

But as a library and as a community, one of our most important

beginnings is a bit more personal to us, as our library director Ellen had a healthy baby girl!

While summer may look different this year, we are committed to providing our 8-week Summer Reading Program for children, teens, and families. Both Summer Reading Kick-off performers have agreed to go virtual if needed.

We take our summer reading personally. Every child who signed up for summer reading in 2019 had a one-on-one goal setting session with a library staff member or reading specialist from Memorial or Center School. Each week during “A Universe of Stories,” children reported on how their reading goal was going and received a new planet sticker for their “Planet Passport” each week. Cheering on each child’s personal goal is at the heart of our program, and why we are so happy to report that 121 children who signed up for summer reading last year checked in for eight consecutive weeks, and 145 children for three to seven consecutive weeks.

Summer Reading 2020, “Imagine Your Story,” will kick off on June 26 for children, and June 29 for teens. Check our website

East Hampton Town Directory

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Animal Control (24 hour dispatch).....	860-873-5044	Land Use	860-267-7450
Assessor	860-267-2510	Parks & Recreation	860-267-7300
Board of Education	860-365-4000	Police Department (non-emergency).....	860-267-9544
Building.....	860-267-9601	Probate Court	860-295-6239
Chatham Health District	860-365-0884	Public Library	860-267-6621
Collector of Revenue.....	860-267-2300	Public Works.....	860-267-4747
Emergency Management.....	860-267-0088	Registrars.....	860-267-6720
Finance Department	860-267-7548	Senior Center	860-267-4426
Fire Marshal	860-267-0088	Town Clerk	860-267-2519
Food Bank	860-365-5978	Town Manager.....	860-267-4468
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Human Resources	860-267-4468	Youth & Family/Social Services.....	860-267-9982

for information on how you can start collecting items for “A Hero’s Journey,” this year’s weekly check-in adventure.

We can’t wait to see you in person again soon. Check out our website: easthamptonpubliclibrary.org for the most up to date news and event listings.

Sincerely,
April Hannon, Children’s Librarian

Online Programs

Every weekday during closure we’ve been offering a different digital program for people of all ages on Zoom and Facebook. From Teen Tuesdays and Wednesday Story times to our Quarantine Cook Book Club, we have something for everyone. Here is a sampling, but check our Facebook page or event calendar for the latest listings.

STORIES & SONGS: Ages 18 months-4 years Wednesdays 10:00 am

This program is hosted virtually, and will come back in-person and through live streaming when we are able to. Check our website for the most up to date information.

An early literacy program for child and caregiver that combines stories, songs & literacy activities to promote lifelong learning. Unstructured play time with toys, art supplies, and socialization

will follow. Year Round. No registration required, just drop in!

STEAM SERIES: Grades 1-5

Thursdays, 3:00 pm

This program is hosted virtually, and will come back in-person and through live streaming when we are able to. Check our website for the most up to date information.

Join us after school for hands-on science, technology, engineering, art, and math activities. Ms. Nessa will share some books about the day’s topic, followed by hands on experiments, crafts, and more. What will you discover?

COOKBOOK CLUB

Second Tuesday of the Month, 6:30 pm

This program is hosted virtually, and will come back in-person and through live streaming when we are able to. Check our website for the most up to date information.

Do you like browsing through cookbooks and trying new recipes? Join us monthly for Cookbook Club! Each month will choose a cookbook. Pick a recipe for that book (copies available at the circulation desk) and bring a dish and 12 copies of the recipe to share. Dishes should arrive ready to eat, we’ll provide the plates and forks. We’ll sample and talk about each recipe and take home new ideas!

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Save the Date, Summer Fun!

Summer Reading is coming soon, which we will be hosting whether it is in person or digitally. Our 8-week summer reading program, "Imagine Your Story," is free to the public. You'll set a personalized reading goal with a librarian and receive your Hero's Journey Adventure guide. When you check-in to report your progress each week, you will be awarded with the next chapter in your saga, and raffle tickets to try and win big at our end of the summer raffle! Save the date for our Kickoff events, and check our website for the most up to date news and event listings.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF 2020: IMAGINE YOUR STORY Friday June 26, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

***This program will be hosted virtually if needed. Check our website for the most up to date information. ***

Join us for a musical variety show with Fiddle N' Fun to be followed by an outdoor ice cream social! Then sign up for Summer Reading and receive your Summer Reading passport! In addition to singing, listening games, and movement, Fiddle N' Fun includes Suzuki-style activities using simple one-stringed instruments. Fiddlestix are fun, durable, and have been proven to prepare young listeners for learning the violin. Highly interactive and full of fun!

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**TEEN SUMMER READING KICKOFF 2020:
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Monday June 29, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

***This program will be hosted virtually if needed. Check our website for the most up to date information. ***

Tweens and teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join graphic artist Marek Bennet on a quest to create original comics that ONLY THEY can draw! Participants will create 1+ pages of original comics under Marek's guidance, and go home with the ability to continue creating comics independently all summer long. Better still, participants will have a chance to check in with Marek one month after the program to receive feedback on additional work that have done.

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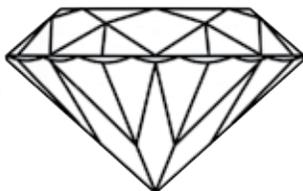
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The COVID-19 Outbreak has certainly changed how we interact with each other. At this writing we are patiently awaiting the go ahead to be outside and with our family and friends. We are for the most part social beings. This physical isolation is a problem for all of us but even more so for older adults. The East Hampton Senior Center is encouraging the older adults of their community to stay involved. The Center has reinstated its monthly newsletter. The Center now has an East Hampton Facebook page to stay connected even more! Find us & "like" us on Facebook @ East Hampton Senior Center. The Center is offering more online programs to keep you involved and interested. Look for the online Bingo and Yoga and Writers workshops. All valuable resources keeping us in touch without leaving your home and being safe. The Senior Center staff are available by phone, M-F at: 860-267-4426. So keep your social distance but don't limit your social interaction, be creative. There are tons of activities available on online. Check out the Center's resources, in the newsletter and/or online. By reaching out you may even expand your social circles!

Here are a couple of things to do as we continue social distancing:

- E-mail a friend, or write them a note, with whom you haven't been in touch in a while.
- Read a book to a grandchild or family friend over the phone or via video chat.
- Share memories (and clean out a closet at the same time). Take out that box of photos that you've been meaning to sort through.
- Do an online workout. Join Kitch with Yoga on Zoom, Meet up with your classmates, separately.

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social distancing and to wear mask in public places to protect our health and well-being. Try out some of the tips listed above or try your own. It will help us all 'get through this together!'

Remember that the COVID-19 outbreak demands we all practice

Youth & Family Services and Social Services

Social Services and Youth and Family Services continued operations during the Coronavirus by working remotely. During this time, we effectively managed to continue the delivery of most of our services.

Social Services continued to help families and individuals negatively impacted by Covid 19 by connecting them to services. To date, we have not had to go into our direct assistance dollars. Individuals and families who had work hours reduced or who were laid off reached out to us for both food and energy assistance. Callers with food insecurity due to a reduction/loss of hours at work were directed to the Food Bank. Callers in need of energy assistance worked

with our case manager to extend utility services, enroll in payment protection plans, and get oil deliveries as needed. We worked closely with families who may have needed 211 services, following up with them weekly to ensure their needs were being met.

Youth and Family Services saw more of a change to its operations due to Covid 19. We were, unfortunately, forced to cease all counseling services including telephonic sessions. We are hopeful that we will be up and running with therapeutic services by late August/early September. We were also forced to cancel two big event programs. We were, however, given permission by the state

to redirect funding dollars that were meant to pay for the programs we had to cancel. Our department decided to do activity bags for families self-isolating at home. We did a total of 216 activity bags. To avoid crowds and threats to social distancing, our department planned to deliver bags to families that ordered

Both Social Services and Youth and Family Services are preparing for the move to our new location. In an effort to maintain the health and safety of our team and the public, we will look carefully going forward at the delivery of our services once we open again.

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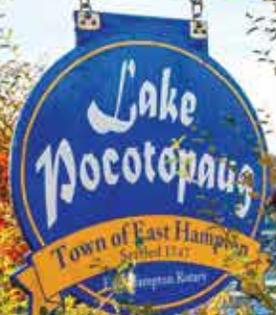
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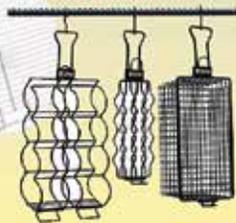
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