The Town Hall is open to the public with safety procedures in place. Masks are required. Please be patient and respectful while we keep residents and staff safe. I encourage you to do your Town Hall business by mail or virtually. Many services can be done online, by phone, fax, or email.

COVID-19 UPDATE

There have been 52 (34 female, 18 male) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Essex and sadly, 10 fatalities since the beginning of the pandemic. 

CT Dept of Public Health issued a press release on July 20, 2020 stating there were multiple False Positive test results reported across the State between June 15, 2020 to July 17, 2020. The false positive were determined to be from one of the PCR testing platforms used at the State Public Health Laboratory. All positive specimens from this testing platform were re-tested using another testing platform. Three of the false positive results were reported to be from residents at Essex Meadows. Cohorts of the facility were adjusted accordingly and the residents will be tested again this week.

The State of Connecticut has released a comprehensive plan that will serve as a roadmap for districts as they plan to reopen schools this fall.

Connecticut Travel Advisory in Effect

How to get tested for COVID-19 FAQs


TOWN OF ESSEX SURVEY

The Town of Essex developed a survey to better understand how to assist residents during the COVID-19 health pandemic.

Please submit ONLY one survey per household.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EXnews

Your feedback is very important.

Thank you for participating in our survey,

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Ballot Drop Box at Essex Town Hall

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Ned Lamont signed EO 7QQ allowing all registered Democrat and Republican voters in Connecticut to vote absentee in the August 11, 2020 primary. Secretary of the State Denise Merrill mailed every such voter an application that they will need to fill out and return in order to obtain an absentee ballot. That application, being sent via U.S. Postal Service, will include a postage paid return envelope. Between July 21, 2020, and leading up to the primary itself, all voters who requested an absentee ballot will receive it via USPS.

The Town of Essex has installed a convenient drive up secure ballot drop box, located at the Town Hall in the vicinity of the parking lot (Grove Street) entrance. *This box is to be used exclusively for completed and delivered ballots. No other mail, including applications for absentee ballots, property tax payments, etc. may be dropped into this box.*

For those who would still like to appear in person to cast their vote on August 11, our polling location will remain open during the hours of 6am to 8pm.

Summer Concerts return to Essex Village's Main Street Park

Essex Park and Recreation presents the band Southern Voice on Wed. July 29th from 6 to 7:30 pm at the Essex Village Main Street Park. Southern Voice plays a variety of popular music from country to classic rock. More Information is available at [www.facebook.com/southernvoice](http://www.facebook.com/southernvoice)

Concerts goers should bring heir own lawn chairs and blankets, practice social distancing and wear masks when not social distancing from other groups. No one will be permitted near the stage to dance, but any one can dance at their own seats.

The rest of the Wednesday Night Summer Concert series is a follows: All Concerts start at 6pm and are at Main Street Park, Essex Village.

Aug. 5 Java Groove
Aug. 12 Blues on the Rocks
Aug. 19 U.H.F
Aug. 26 Leaf Jumpers

LATEST COVID-19 FACTS

- [COVID-19 Testing Sites Locator](http://www.covid-19testing.com)
Have more questions about Coronavirus?

Ask the CT Virtual Assistant now: 
(833) 250-7633

Or call the 2-1-1 Connecticut Hotline
- For guests who are deaf or hard of hearing, relay services are available at 7-1-1
- Out of state? Use our toll-free number: 1-800-203-1234

The CT Virtual Assistant and 2-1-1 info hotline are available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.

*These services are for general questions about COVID-19. If you're experiencing symptoms, contact your medical provider.*

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**Sign up for Weekly Check-In Call**
Residents age 62+ are encouraged to sign up for a weekly check-in call from a volunteer. Please call Essex Social Services Department at 860-767-4340 x201.