



TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW

Town Manager's Report

March 11, 2025

Good evening:

Attached please find project reports for the weeks of February 17th and February 24th regarding the construction of the new high school and natatorium. The project continues to be on time and on budget. The Town gathered together on February 26th for the "Topping Off" Ceremony which commemorates the placing of the steel structure and a real benchmark in the progress of the project. One step closer to a new ELHS! Thanks to all those who attended to make it a fantastic day!

The FY26 budget process is well underway as Kim, Rebecca and I continue to meet with Department Heads to discuss their submissions for the fiscal year. We are having important conversations about the coming year and years to forecast and plan for the future, as well.

The Historical Commission and American Legion Post 293 have teamed up to kick off the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. On Saturday, April 19th at 10:00 am, the American Legion will commemorate the "Shot heard round the world" with a march from the Legion Post to the Town Hall Lawn for a ceremony in that honor. All are invited to join in the celebration of the first chapter of our history.

The Town of East Longmeadow will be holding their annual Earth Day festivities on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12. The events will kick off with an Earth Day Festival, April 11, at the Pleasant View Senior Center, from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. There will be eco-friendly demonstrations, a plant sale, a seed library, crafts, and supply pickup for Earth Day Cleanup volunteers. The following morning, April 12, the Earth Day Cleanup will be held from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, with supply pickup at the Senior Center from 8:30 am to 9:00 am. Please contact the Health Department for details.

Additionally, our Recycling Coordinator Liz Bone will be hosting a Recycling Forum, this Friday at 12:30 at the Council on Aging. Liz will explain the importance of recycling, how it impacts our area and the journey your recycling takes from creation to re-creation. Please feel free to stop by and learn from the professional. I will say one thing from an economics stand point, the Town of East Longmeadow currently pays just over \$100 to dispose of 1 ton of trash, and about one quarter of that for 1 ton of recycling. Do your part for the planet...and the budget!!

The weatherization and HVAC retrofit projects at the DPW service station are now complete. The Town secured two grants, a Green Communities Grant at \$160,170 and an EECBG grant at \$21,685, to fund the building envelope and energy efficient improvements associated with these projects. The projects were also awarded more than \$20,000 in incentive rebates from National Grid. There were no costs for the Town associated with these improvements and their energy efficiencies will generate an estimated utilities cost savings of \$4,872 annually. And it's a lot more comfortable in the kitchen!

The East Longmeadow Police Department has announced officers are now wearing body-worn cameras as part of their normal patrols and police call response activities (Media Release Attached). The purchase of the cameras has been entirely funded by a state grant from the Healey Driscoll Administration. The East Longmeadow Police applied for the grant in the fall of 2024, and was ultimately awarded \$129,009 to use towards the purchase of the body cameras and related hardware and onboarding costs. Chief Mark Williams ended the release with a perfect quote: "We are blessed to enjoy a great amount of support from our residents here in East Longmeadow. We do not take that for granted, and we expect that having these body cameras will only increase the amount of trust that is placed in us." Thank you to the entire East Longmeadow Police Department for all you do to keep our community safe!

Upcoming Events: Recycling Forum – March 14th at 12:30 pm at the COA
Town Managers Budget Submission – April 1st
Coffee with the Town Manager – April 2nd at 10:30 at the COA
Earth Day Festivities – April 11th 1-4:30pm and April 12th at 9am at the COA
American Revolution Ceremony – April 19th at 10am on the Town Hall Lawn

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas D. Christensen
Town Manager

East Longmeadow High School Weekly Report No. 036 Monday, 2-17-25 through Friday, 2-21-25

East Longmeadow High School
180 Maple Avenue, East Longmeadow, MA 01116

East Longmeadow High School Building:

I. Safety:

- a. The Project has run 186 consecutive workdays without a lost time injury through Friday, 2-21-25.

II. Average Daily Manpower (Monday - Friday):

- a. The Project averaged 31 workers per day for the period of Monday, 2-17-25 through Friday, 2-21-25.
- b. The sitework contractor (Gagliarducci), the structural steel erector (Stellar Steel) and the electrical contractor (Griffin) did not work on Monday, February 17, 2025 due to the President's Day Holiday. Only the plumber (Grasseschi Plumbing) worked this date.

III. Meetings:

- a. The weekly Owner/Architect/Contractor (OAC) Meeting was held on Thursday, 2-20-25 starting at 1:00 PM.

IV. Testing/Inspections:

- a. Independent Testing Lab: (Allied Materials Testing Lab)
 - Concrete and Reinforcement:
No concrete or rebar inspections/testing performed this week.
 - Structural Steel and Decking:
Allied Testing's steel inspector (Julian Freeman) was on site Wednesday, 2-19-25, monitoring structural steel progress & completing inspections of installed work, primarily in the A-Wing. No decking could be inspected due to the snow and ice.
- b. Town of East Longmeadow's Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Inspectors:
 - The Town's Building Commissioner (Will Cahillane) was on site Wednesday, 2-19-25 in the AM to walk the Project site and monitor the structural steel installation.
- c. Inspections by the Architect, Engineers, and Consultants:
 - No inspections were completed this past week by the Architect and Engineers.

On-Site Activities:

Div. 1 – General Conditions - Construction Manager at Risk: (Fontaine Brothers)

- a. Fontaine Brothers is responsible for coordinating and managing all onsite construction activities as well as all safety practices of their subcontractors & vendors. Fontaine also schedules the materials testing lab as needed.
- b. Fontaine continues processing and developing the following:
 - Product submittals for items needed in the building.
 - Generate/issue RFI's for unforeseen items and items in question with the drawings/specifications.
 - Issue approved shop drawings through the ProCore program.

- Fontaines' electrical contractor (Griffin Electric) was on site this week installing conduit sleeves from Norton Street at the west end of the site to the new school building to run the temporary electrical power in .
- c. The local electric utility company (National Grid) has installed the required three (3) temporary transformers onto the temporary telephone at the Norton Street end of the site.

Div. 3 – Concrete: (Manafort/Precision)

- a. No concrete was placed this past week for the school building.
- b. Concrete foundations and interior column spread footings are complete. Floor slabs remain to be done.
- c. The total yardage of concrete placed through Friday, 2-21-25 remains at 1,814 cys.
- d. Compression testing at 28 days of all concrete cylinder samples taken to date have been found acceptable.

Div. 5 – Metals (Str. Stl., Decking, Joists): (Norgate for fabrication & Stellar to complete erection)

- a. Continued detailing steel connections (bolt and welds) in the A-Wing.
- b. The iron workers worked 9-hour days this week with the premium portion at their own expense.
- c. Completed erecting structural steel columns and beams making up the A-Wing.
- d. Erecting structural steel members making up the C-Wing moving into the west end of B-Wing.
- e. Continued to issue Requests for Information (RFI's) to confirm installation and connections.
- f. The hoist crane has been working from its 7th Pick Position.

Div. 22 – Plumbing: (Grasseschi Plumbing and Heating Company)

- a. Continued installing the under slab stormwater drainage piping in the 1st Floor level of the D-Wing.
- b. Also, installing under slab sanitary sewer piping in the D-Wing. .
- c. Begin under slab stormwater and sewer piping in the E-Wing.
- d. Continued to receive and unload a shipments of cast iron drainage pipe and fittings.

Div. 26 – Electrical: (Griffin Electric Company)

- a. Complete installing 4 – 4 inch dia. PVC conduit runs into the excavated trench for the temporary electrical power in the area between the A and E Wings.
- b. Installed the electrical equipment (back boxes, fuses, meter, plywood backboard, etc.) for the temp. power connection adjacent to the temporary telephone pole off Norton Street.
- c. The local electric utility company (National Grid) has installed a needed telephone pole, three (3) transformers, and run cabling all related to the temporary electrical service to the job site

Div. 31, 32 & 33 – Earthwork, Improvements & Utilities: (Gagliarducci Construction)

- a. Continued snow removal and surface sanding icy areas around the school building job site as needed.
- b. Continued backfilling and compacting the excavated trenches on the Ground Floor of the D-Wing where storm water and sewage drainpipes have been installed and tested.
- c. Excavating in the E-Wing for under slab storm and sewer drainage piping.
- d. Completed excavation and backfilling the trench required from Norton Street, at the west end of the site, to the School Building (between the A and E Wings) for the temporary electrical power.

PHOTOS:



View standing between the A and E-Wings looking east at the continuation of the structural steel being erected



View looking north from the south end of C-Wing as the structural steel continues to be erected



The crane is hoisting another steel beam to be installed at the south end of the C-Wing



View west between the A and E Wings at the site contractor excavating a trench for temp. power conduits



View looing north across the D-Wing area at under slab cast iron drainage pipes being installed in the excavated trenches



View within the D-Wing looking west at the site contractor excavating trenches for the plumber's under slab drainage pipe



Looking up from the entrance into the Auditorium at the trusses & steel framing of the Auditorium roof



The electrical contractor is installing the temporary electrical service coming in off of Norton Street

Natatorium Building - East Longmeadow High School Weekly Report No. 010 Monday, 2-17-25 through Friday, 2-21-25

East Longmeadow High School
180 Maple Avenue, East Longmeadow, MA 01116

Natatorium Building – East Longmeadow High School

I. Safety:

- a. The Project has run 53 consecutive workdays without a lost time injury through Friday, 2-21-25.

II. Average Daily Manpower (Monday - Friday):

- a. The Project averaged 9 workers per day for the period of Tuesday, 2-18-25 through Friday, 2-21-25.
- b. The concrete contractor (Manafort Precision) did not work on Monday, 2-17-25 due to the President's Day Holiday.

III. Meetings:

- a. The weekly Owner/Architect/Contractor (OAC) Meeting was held on Thursday, 2-20-25 starting at 1:00 PM.

IV. Testing/Inspections:

- a. Independent Testing Lab: (Allied Materials Testing Lab)
 - Concrete:
Concrete (44 cys) was placed on Thursday, 2-20-25 into footing formwork for the pool walls at the south and west ends.
 - Reinforcement:
The rebar reinforcement in this same footing formwork was inspected & approved prior to concrete placement.
 - Structural Steel:
No structural steel inspections were completed this past week.
- b. Town of East Longmeadow's Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Inspectors:
 - The Town's Building Commissioner (Will Cahillane) was on site Wednesday, 2-19-25 in the AM to walk the Project site and monitor the concrete foundation installation.
- c. Inspections by the Architect, Engineers, and Consultants:
 - No inspections were completed this past week by the Architect and/or Engineers.

On-Site Activities:

Div. 1 – Construction Manager at Risk: (Fontaine Brothers)

- a. Fontaine Brothers is responsible for coordinating and managing all onsite construction activities as well as all safety practices of their subcontractors & vendors. Fontaine also schedules the materials testing lab when needed on site.
- b. Fontaine continues processing and developing the following:
 - Product submittals for items needed in the building.
 - Generate/issue RFI's for unforeseen items and items in question with the drawings/specifications.

- Issue approved shop drawings through the ProCore program.
- c. The local electric utility company (National Grid) began installation of temporary electrical power into the job site with installation of a new telephone and three (3) temporary transformers at the west end of the site .

Div. 3 – Concrete: (Manafort/Precision)

- a. Completed stripping formwork from foundation walls at the south side of the Natatorium Building.
- b. Continued installing foundation wall footing formwork and rebar for the pool structure.
- c. Concrete (44 cys) was placed on Thursday, 2-20-25 into footing formwork for the concrete walls of the actual pool structure.
- d. The total yardage of concrete placed through Friday, 2-21-25 is 162 cys.

Div. 5 – Metals (Str. Stl., Decking, Joists): (Norgate Fabrication, Stellar Steel Erection)

- a. Fontaine has awarded the structural steel package to Norgate Fabrication Company out of Canada.
- b. Structural steel erection will be performed by Stellar Steel Erectors.

Div. 26 – Electrical: (Griffin Electric Company)

- a. Completed installing the underground PVC conduits from Norton Street for the temp. electric power.
- b. Installed the electrical equipment (back boxes, fuses, meter, plywood backboard, etc.) for the temp. power connection adjacent to the temporary telephone pole off Norton Street.
- c. The local electric utility company (National Grid) has installed telephone pole, three (3) transformers, and run cabling all related to the temporary electrical service to the job site

Div. 31, 32 & 33 – Earthwork, Improvements & Utilities: (Gagliarducci Construction)

- a. Resumed excavation and installation of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch crushed stone base for use under the concrete footings of the foundation walls.
- b. Backfilling and compacting sections of completed foundation walls at the south side of the Natatorium Building.

PHOTOS:



View looking north at the south side concrete foundation wall with formwork removed and backfill operations now underway



The concrete contractor has installed rebar for a concrete footing at the Pool & is now covering with thermal blankets



Foundation wall footing formwork and rebar continues at the Natatorium Building



Footing formwork and rebar are being installed for the sidewalls of the pool structure in the Natatorium Building



Looking at the concrete contractor installing temporary thermal insulation blankets over footing formwork

East Longmeadow High School Weekly Report No. 037 Monday, 2-24-25 through Friday, 2-28-25

East Longmeadow High School
180 Maple Avenue, East Longmeadow, MA 01116

East Longmeadow High School Building:

I. Safety:

- a. The Project has run 191 consecutive workdays without a lost time injury through Friday, 2-28-25.

II. Average Daily Manpower (Monday - Friday):

- a. The Project averaged 28 workers per day for the period of Monday, 2-24-25 through Friday, 2-28-25.

III. Meetings:

- a. A meeting was held on Tuesday, 2-25-25 to review progress regarding the Finishes, Furniture and Equipment (FF&E) design and budget between the School, Architect, and Skanska.
- b. The weekly Owner/Architect/Contractor (OAC) Meeting was held on Thursday, 2-27-25 starting at 1:00 PM.
- c. The monthly School Building Committee (SBC) Meeting was also held Thursday, 2-27-25, starting at 2:00 PM.
- d. Skanska's scheduler (PCM Co.) was on site Friday, 2-28-25 performing a site walk through noting job progress.

IV. Testing/Inspections:

- a. Independent Testing Lab: (Allied Materials Testing Lab)
 - Concrete and Reinforcement:
No concrete and/or rebar inspections/testing performed this week.
 - Structural Steel and Decking:
Allied Testing's steel inspector (Julian Freeman) was on site Wednesday, 2-26-25, monitoring structural steel progress & completing inspections of installed work, primarily in the A-Wing.
- b. Town of East Longmeadow's Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Inspectors:
 - The Town's Plumbing Inspector (Heith Dion) was on site Monday, 2-24-25 in the AM to witness a "smoke test" on a portion of the underground stormwater piping in the D-Wing.
- c. Inspections by the Architect, Engineers, and Consultants:
 - Members of JWA/SMMA design team toured job site after Topping-Off Ceremony on Wednesday, 2-26-25.

On-Site Activities:

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Div. 3 – Concrete: (Manafort/Precision)

- a. No concrete was placed this past week for the school building.
- b. Concrete foundations and interior column spread footings are complete. Floor slabs remain to be done.
- c. The total yardage of concrete placed through Friday, 2-28-25 remains at 1,814 cys.
- d. Compression testing at 28 days of all concrete cylinder samples taken to date have been found acceptable.

Div. 5 – Metals (Str. Stl., Decking, Joists): (Norgate for fabrication & Stellar to complete erection)

- a. Participated in the “Topping-Off Ceremony” on Wednesday, 2-26-25 with hoisting and installing the pre-painted “signature beam” into its designed location. Members of the public, students, school building committee, designers, contractors, etc. were invited to sign this steel beam before being erected into position.
- b. Continued detailing steel connections (bolt and welds) in the A-Wing.
- c. The iron workers worked 9-hour days this week with the premium portion at their own expense.
- d. Continued detailing the structural steel installation making up the A-Wing.
- e. Continued erecting structural steel members making up the C-Wing and moving into the west end of B-Wing.
- f. Continued to issue Requests for Information (RFI’s) to confirm installation and connections.
- g. Installing steel decking roof and floor at the C-Wing and small portion of B-Wing’s west end.
- h. The hoist crane has now relocated to its 8th Pick Position.

Div. 22 – Plumbing: (Grasseschi Plumbing and Heating Company)

- a. Continued installing under slab stormwater & sewage piping in the 1st Floor of D-Wing.
- b. Conducted a successful “smoke test” on portion of the under slab sanitary sewer piping in D-Wing.
- c. Continued installation of under slab stormwater and sewer piping in the E-Wing.
- d. Continued to receive and unload a shipments of cast iron drainage pipe and fittings.

Div. 23 & 25 – Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) : (F. Lynch Company)

- a. Started on site late in the week with mobilization.

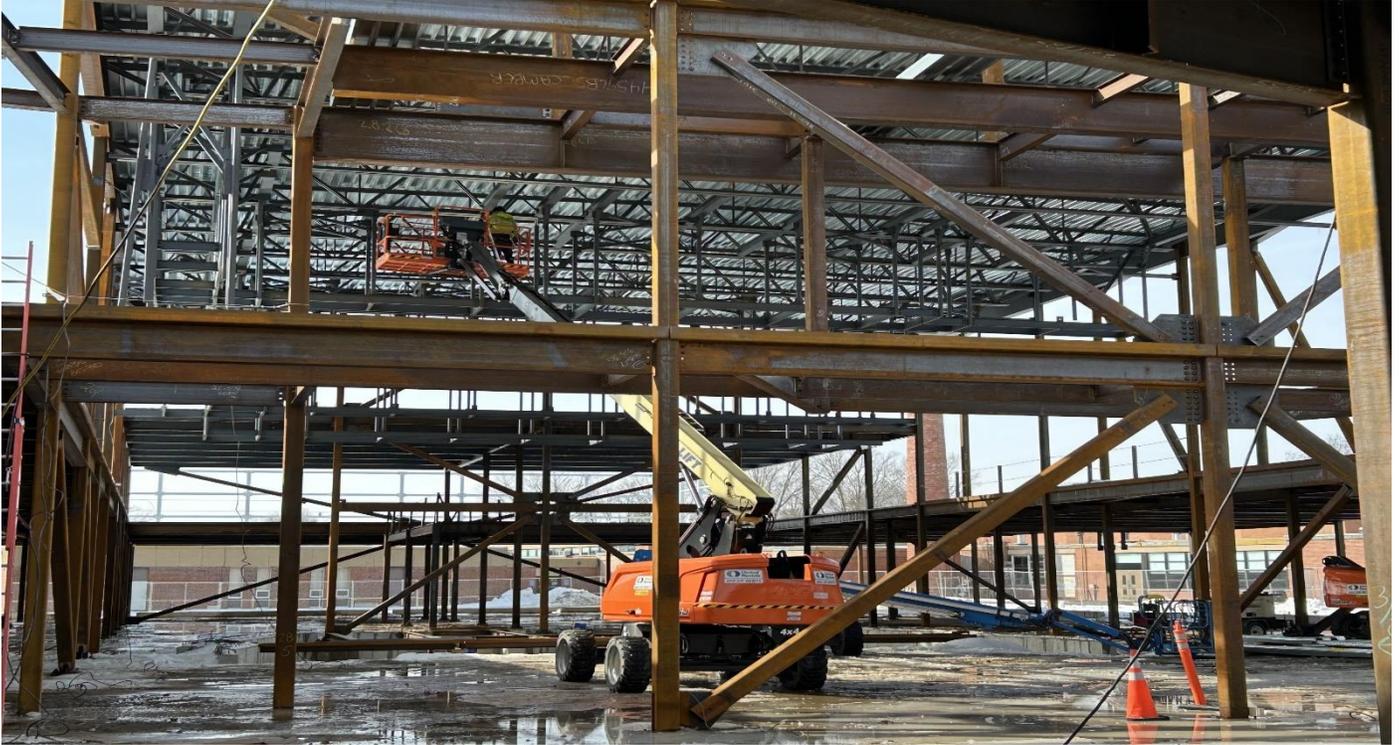
Div. 26 – Electrical: (Griffin Electric Company)

- a. No additional electrical work (temp power) completed this past week.

Div. 31, 32 & 33 – Earthwork, Improvements & Utilities: (Gagliarducci Construction)

- a. Continued backfilling and compacting the excavated trenches on the Ground Floor of the D-Wing where storm water and sewage drainpipes have been installed and tested.
- b. Continued excavating in the E-Wing for under slab storm and sewer drainage piping.
- c. Completed the 12 inch dia. stormwater drainage pipe connection from the southeast corner of D-Wing into Drainage Manhole DMN1-14 located out on the site.

PHOTOS:



View looking up from the C-Wing into the Auditorium at the structural steel framing of the roof structure & catwalk system



View looking north at the continued installation of structural steel members at front entrance in C-Wing



Photo of the galvanized steel support structure for the sunshade system in the C-Wing



The hydraulic crane hoists multiple steel beams to be installed at the roof line for the Gymnasium in B-Wing



The iron worker on the ground has strapped another steel beam for the crane to hoist to the erectors to place into position



The plumbing contractor continues installing a 12 inch dia. stormwater drainpipe at under slab in E-Wing with this pipe exiting the building



The structural steel contractor is erecting the Topping-Off Ceremonial steel beam into fits final position



View looking east across the D-Wing 1st Floor with under slab drainage pipes installed & backfilled

Natatorium Building - East Longmeadow High School Weekly Report No. 011 Monday, 2-24-25 through Friday, 2-28-25

East Longmeadow High School
180 Maple Avenue, East Longmeadow, MA 01116

Natatorium Building – East Longmeadow High School

I. Safety:

- a. The Project has run 58 consecutive workdays without a lost time injury through Friday, 2-28-25.

II. Average Daily Manpower (Monday - Friday):

- a. The Project averaged 11 workers per day for the period of Monday, 2-24-25 through Friday, 2-28-25.

III. Meetings:

- a. A “Teams” meeting was held on Tuesday, 2-25-25, at 1:00 PM, to resolve the issue of special shape /custom cut and epoxy bricks at the exterior veneer, 105 degree outside corners.
- b. The weekly Owner/Architect/Contractor (OAC) Meeting was cancelled this week due to the SBC Meeting.
- c. The monthly School Building Committee (SBC) Meeting was held on Thursday, 2-27-25 starting at 3:00 PM.

IV. Testing/Inspections:

- a. Independent Testing Lab: (Allied Materials Testing Lab)
 - Concrete:
Inspected & tested concrete (28 cys) on Friday, 2-28-25 placed in wall formwork for the actual pool walls at the south and west ends.
 - Reinforcement:
Rebar reinforcement in this same wall formwork was inspected & approved prior to concrete placement.
 - Structural Steel:
No structural steel inspections were completed this past week.
- b. Town of East Longmeadow’s Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire Inspectors:
 - No inspections were completed this past week.
- c. Inspections by the Architect, Engineers, and Consultants:
 - No inspections were completed this past week.

On-Site Activities:

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Div. 3 – Concrete: (Manafort/Precision)

- a. Continued installing foundation wall footing formwork and rebar for the actual pool structure.
- b. Concrete (28 cys) were placed on Friday, 2-28-25 into the wall formwork for the actual pool structure.
- c. The total yardage of concrete placed through Friday, 2-28-25 is 190 cys.
- d. Crews did not work a full 8-hour day on Thursday, 2-27-25 due to the rainy conditions.

Div. 5 – Metals (Str. Stl., Decking, Joists): (Norgate Fabrication, Stellar Steel Erection)

- a. Fontaine has awarded the structural steel package to Norgate Fabrication Company out of Canada.
- b. Structural steel erection will be performed by Stellar Steel Erectors.

Div. 26 – Electrical: (Griffin Electric Company)

- a. No further electrical work (temp. power) completed this past week.

Div. 31, 32 & 33 – Earthwork, Improvements & Utilities: (Gagliarducci Construction)

- a. Continued backfilling and compacting sections of completed building foundation walls at the south side of the Natatorium.
- b. Resumed excavation and placing of crushed stone base for column bases.

PHOTOS:



View looking southeast along the west wall of the actual pool's foundation wall having formwork and rebar installed



The concrete contractor is erecting formwork & rebar to create the 2nd Surge Tank for the Pool's operation



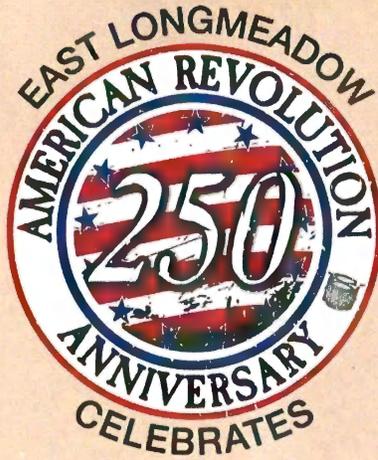
Concrete is being pumped into foundation wall formwork for the actual Pool structure



Another view from the School Building of concrete being pumped into foundation wall formwork for the actual Pool structure



The concrete crew works at placing and finishing concrete placed into foundation wall formwork at the south side of the actual pool structure



Saturday, April 19th, 2025 10:00 am Town Hall lawn

East Longmeadow Celebrates the Revolution

250 years ago the “shot heard round the world” rang out on Lexington Common. On Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 am East Longmeadow will celebrate the anniversary of this event with a ceremony on the lawn in front of Town Hall. The American Legion will parade from their Legion Hall and the Historical Commission will remember the minutemen who lived in what would become our town and the others who served the American cause in the Revolution.

In all, 47 men who lived in what is now East Longmeadow before, during or after the Revolution served in either the militia or the regular army between 1775 and 1783. One of these died on active service. 18 of them are buried in town. Kenneth Hancock has researched the biographies and service records of all of them.

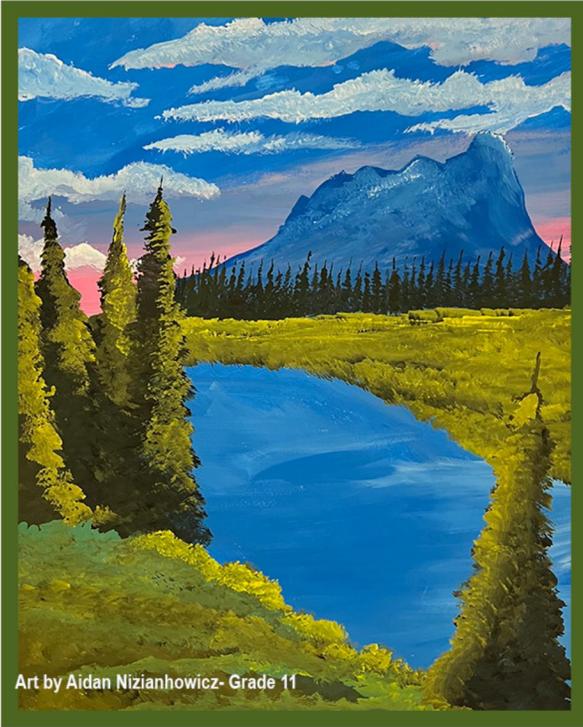
It is important to remember that the East Village of Longmeadow, as it was then known, had a population of almost three hundred people in around 50 households. They were all farming families. Yet these men left their farms and marched to the sound of the guns. On April 19, East Longmeadow will remember them.



Post 293



East Longmeadow Earth Day



Friday, April 11th Earth Day Festival

E.L. Senior Center
1:00 - 4:30 pm

Eco-friendly demonstrations,
plant sale, seed library, crafts,
pick up supplies for
tomorrow's town-wide clean up

Saturday, April 12th Earth Day Clean Up

8:30 supply pick up at Senior Center
9:00 - 11:00 am Clean up

Prizes for most bizzare trash find, largest team
& best social media post tagged #ELED

To register your team



SCAN ME!

or go to
<https://tinyurl.com/nak3e75z>

Last year 200+ volunteers picked up over 500 lbs. of recycling & 1,120 lbs. of trash!





TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW

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MEDIA RELEASE

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

The East Longmeadow Police Department is announcing that its officers are now wearing body-worn cameras as part of their normal patrols and police call response activities. Statement of Chief Mark Williams: “Body worn cameras are widely recognized as a best-practice in the policing profession. They provide the best objective documentation possible of police and citizen encounters. Body cameras also provide protection for officers from frivolous or unfounded complaints against them, while also increasing transparency and accountability for the police in the decisions they make and the actions they take. Our officers recognize both the benefit of having these cameras as well as the increased responsibility that comes with using them. I am thankful for their commitment to professionalism to providing the best policing services possible to the public we serve.”

Chief Williams said that the purchase of the cameras has been entirely funded by a state grant from the Healey Driscoll Administration. The East Longmeadow Police applied for the grant in the fall of 2024, and was ultimately awarded \$129,009 to use towards the purchase of the body cameras and related hardware and onboarding costs. A link to the media release from the state following the grant award can be found here:

https://www.mass.gov/news/healey-driscoll-administration-awards-728000-in-grants-for-police-body-worn-cameras?_gl=1*6zh3*_ga*MTA0MDMwOTg1OC4xNzQxMTg0NjU4*_ga_MCLPEGW7WM*MTc0MTYxNTYzMi4xLjEuMTc0MTYxNTgyNi4wLjAuMA..

Chief Williams: “We are grateful to Governor Healey, the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, and Office of Grants and Research for their recognition of our need for this grant assistance to get our body camera program off the ground. Purchasing body cameras is a significant investment for any community to make, especially at the startup point when the camera hardware and video management services have to be secured. This grant funding is expected to provide us five years of camera hardware and service coverage. I am confident that we will show their worth over that time as we intend for them to be a regular part of our daily operations going forward from this point.”

Chief Williams said that the department looked at four different body camera vendors and ultimately chose to go with Motorola, which is the current provider for the Massachusetts State Police as well as some other municipal police departments in Massachusetts. In addition to the cost consideration, Chief Williams said that their research also involved speaking with other area police departments that are using body cameras to get their feedback on their experiences. Chief Williams said that a comprehensive policy was developed and based

largely on the existing policies from the Massachusetts State Police, the Springfield, Palmer and Belchertown Police, as well as the recommendations from the 2022 report of the state's "Law Enforcement Body Camera Task Force".

Chief Williams: "We are blessed to enjoy a great amount of support from our residents here in East Longmeadow. We do not take that for granted, and we expect that having these body cameras will only increase the amount of trust that is placed in us."

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