HISTORIC
East Greenwich
RHODE ISLAND
– Founded 1677 –

VISITOR’S GUIDE
Town Hall, 125 Main Street
Welcome to East Greenwich...

HISTORY.
Chartered in 1677 by the Rhode Island Colony, the Town of East Greenwich began as a farming community with a compact harbor, where the town center eventually developed. It later became a thriving seaport, with the farm produce being shipped out of the port for local and coastal trade. Today, East Greenwich has preserved much of its history through its historic Main Street, historic homes, and museums.

COMMUNITY.
East Greenwich is conveniently located in the geographic center of Rhode Island, offering easy access to the City of Providence, TF Green Airport, beaches, and beyond. With its wide variety of community programs and events, and its consistent ranking as one of the top school districts in the state, East Greenwich is recognized as an ideal place to live or raise a family.

SHOPPING.
Come visit our historic Main Street and enjoy our many fine restaurants and specialty shops. In the warm weather months, be sure to look for our Thursday night “Main Street Strolls”, which Yankee Magazine says is “One of the top 20 things to do in RI.” Visit www.shopeastgreenwich.com for more information.

Directions to East Greenwich...

From the North: Take I-95 South; Take Exit 9 on the left onto RI-4 South; Go 0.2 miles and take Exit 8; Turn right onto RI-401; Go 1.3 miles, then turn slight left onto Division St.; Go 0.9 miles, then turn right on Main Street.

From the South: Take I-95 North; Take Exit 8A towards East Greenwich; Go 0.3 miles and turn left onto RI-401; Go 1.6 miles, then turn slight left onto Division St.; Go 0.9 miles, then turn right on Main Street.
Directories are conveniently located throughout the downtown area (look for the red star) with up-to-date shopping and restaurant information.
The Kentish Guards were formed in 1774 to protect the town of East Greenwich from Tory attack, and were later chartered by the Colonial Assembly as an “elite militia,” taking responsibility for their own training and equipment. They are still called upon today by state, civic, and educational organizations for patriotic, historical, educational, and ceremonial duties. The Kentish Guards Fife & Drum Corps practices every Wednesday from 7pm – 9pm. All are invited to stop by the Kentish Guards Armory during rehearsals. These are rare opportunities to experience the fife and drum musical tradition in its military context.
1774 Armory Street
www.kentishguards.org

The Varnum Memorial Armory (built in 1913) contains an extensive military & naval museum, with weapons & artifacts dating from the 16th century to the present. Additionally, the Armory contains an extensive military library, including training manuals and documents, and has been visited by some of the most prominent military historians in the world. The Armory is open the 2nd Saturday of every month, from 10am to 3pm, and by appointment.
6 Main Street
www.vurnumcontinentals.org
401-884-4110

The Varnum House Museum has witnessed Presidents, Generals, and Founding Fathers debating the creation of the United States, strategizing the Revolutionary War, and a lot more. Today, this former manor home of General James Mitchell Varnum (built in 1773) offers informative tours, rare antiques, unique architecture, and a rich history. The Varnum House is open Saturdays and Sundays in June, July, and August, from 10am to 4pm.
1776 Revolution Street
www.vurnumcontinentals.org/house
401-884-1776

The New England Wireless and Steam Museum (NEWSM) showcases the history of steam engines and wireless technology, including the only surviving George H. Corliss engine running under steam today, and the oldest surviving working wireless station in the world. The Museum is open every Thursday from 9am to 2pm, and by appointment. Admission is $15 for adults; $10 for ages 14 and under (must be accompanied by an adult).
1300 Frenchtown Road
www.NEWSM.org
401-885-0545
The East Greenwich Farmers Market is open on Monday afternoons, from late June through late October, from 3pm to 6pm. Enjoy local fruits, vegetables, meats, and more, all brought to you fresh by our local farmers.

Academy Field, Corner of Church St. & Rector St.
www.EastGreenwichFarmersMarket.com

The East Greenwich Veteran Fireman's Association Fire Apparatus Museum features an extensive collection of antique firefighting apparatus, including a 1938 Mack fire truck. The museum is open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, from May through September, from 10am to 2pm.

80 Queen Street
401-884-9817

Cruise Night: Bring your classic car or just come to enjoy the scenery as we hold our weekly Cruise Night every Friday, from 5pm until dusk, from May through October (weather permitting). Proceeds benefit the East Greenwich Housing Authority.

Corner of Greene St. & Liberty St.
www.eghousing.com/9573.html
Briggs Boesch Farm: This property was purchased by the East Greenwich Land Trust in 2001 in an effort to preserve a treasured natural and historic resource. The organic farm grows high quality fresh vegetables and small fruits without the use of synthetic pesticides or fertilizers. Throughout the season, the farm is host to several workshops with culinary, agricultural and natural themes. The farm is always open to the public for walks on the trails or through the fields.
830 South Road
www.eastgreenwichri.com
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