



Town of Greenwich
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EASTERN GREENWICH CIVIC CENTER

Location: Corner of Harding Road and Forest Ave., Old Greenwich

Directions
from I-95 N: Exit 5 off 95N, make right at end of ramp. Go to next traffic light and make a right onto Sound Beach Ave. go under I-95 bridge, keep right at rotary, then a quick left onto Forrest Ave., go 2 blocks to stop sign at intersection w/ Harding Road, make left, Civic Center is on your immediate right, parking on left.

Size: 14.3 Acres

Hr. of Operation: Week Days 8 am to 10 pm, Weekends - as scheduled

Parking: Lots
A. rear lot 30 cars (behind center)
B. Center Parking for 250 cars (across Street)

Indoor Facilities:

- I. Gymnasium/Auditorium
 - A. Basketball court (76' x 95')
 - B. Stage (32' x 54')
 - C. Locker rooms
 - 1. Men's
 - 2. Women's
- II. Lower Level
 - A. Lounge / Meeting room (48' x 64')
 - B. Small Auditorium (48' x 89')
 - C. Kitchen
- III. Upper Level
 - A. Meeting room / lounge
 - B. OGRCC Office Suite
 - C. Kitchen

Outdoor Facilities:

- I. Tennis Court Area:
 - A. 2 - Tennis Courts (hard) w/ fence around perimeter
 - B. 2 - nets (2.5')
 - C. 4 - light stands (over courts) 100'
 - D. 2 - awnings on fence (green, see-through)

- II. Baseball Area: (soft ball)
 - A. 1 - carved out diamond
 - 1. dimensions-
 - L.F. 368'
 - C.F. 380'
 - R.F. 368'
 - B. 1 - 50' back stop
 - C. 2 - benches 15' (players benches)
 - D. 2 - spectator's bleachers (20' x 4')
 - E. 1 - sign regarding field use

- III. Playground Area:
 - A. 1 - swing set 12' w/ swings (4)
 - B. 1 800' sq. sand box
 - C. 1 - 4' fence around sand box
 - D. 1 - bench
 - E. 1 - trash can
 - F. 1 - rocking horse (2' child size)
 - G. 1 - interconnected jungle gym (8' x 10') w/ 1 slide, 1 bridge, 1 climbing tube
 - H. 1 - curved balance beam

Eastern Greenwich Civic Center_(14.3 acres)

The Eastern Greenwich Civic Center is located at the intersection of Forest Ave. and Harding Road in Old Greenwich. The small parking area behind the building and the larger one directly across Harding Road can together accommodate 250 cars.

After vigorous Town-wide discussion, the acquisition of the civic center plus 20 acres of land from the Electrolux Corporation was approved by the RTM in 1966. A subsequent referendum failed to reverse the action. The price was \$ 432,000.

The Center is surrounded by many vintage Oaks that tower over 60 feet in height. Maple, Pine and Burning bush are plentiful.

The outside area includes a regulation softball field with bleachers, two all weather tennis courts with lighting, a children's playground and picnic area.

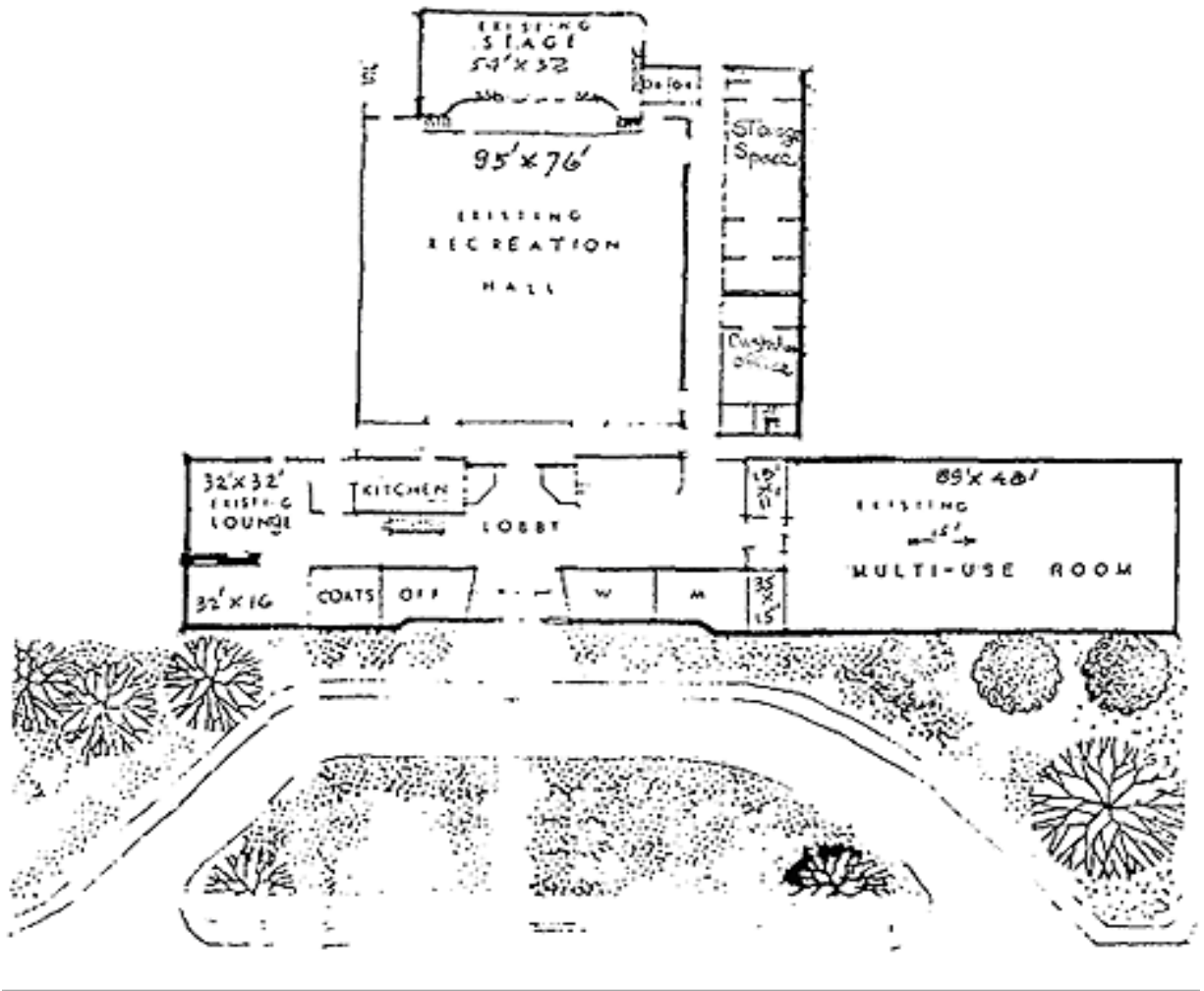
Tomac creek runs behind the playground. A slightly wooded hill to the east of the creek shields the viewscape from construction activities in Stamford.

It is a rare occasion when the playing fields are entirely dry beneath the foot. Extreme soggy conditions on the fields will be recalled by those attending the Greenwich Library's circus fund-raiser at the site in 1972 when firm footing was vainly sought by Elephants and audience alike.

The northern end of the Civic Center property is a natural wetland area. It is distinguished by a large stand of cattails. Just beyond, although not wholly-owned by the town, lies a bog, being the site of an ancient glacial lake. It contains decayed vegetable matter or peat to a depth in excess of 36 feet. The fact that this land and the town owned 6 acre strip on the east side of Brownhouse Road have been left in their natural states has undoubtedly helped in the controlling excessive and frequent pooling on the playing fields. The natural vegetative cover serves as a sponge thereby diminishing the amount and frequency of uncontrolled water run-off.

The wetland and bog support a wide variety of animal species the most common of which are raccoon and muskrat. Birds are numerous and during the summer months Black-crowned night Heron, Green-backed Herons, and Swamp Sparrows are common. The large diversity of plant and animal habitat at this site provides valuable passive nature study and bird watching.

Charles Henninger



**Greenwich Civic Center
Map Key**

1. Main entrance Civic Center Building w/ restrooms
2. Flagpole and Bicycle rack
3. Parking Area
4. Tennis Courts (2) w/ lights
5. Practice Tennis Area
6. Loading zone
7. Basketball Standards w/ rims
8. Water Fountain Area
9. Patio Area
10. Shuffleboard court
11. Children's Playground Area
12. Picnic Area
13. Softball Field w/ backstop and bleachers
14. Field House storage area w/ restrooms
15. Stream to drain areas
16. Cat Tail Swamp
17. Soccer Field w/ Goal Posts
18. Archery Range Area