



EASTON CEMETERY  
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THE EASTON TOWN CEMETERY COMMITTEE INVITES YOU  
TO A PUBLIC PRESENTATION

## ARCHAEOLOGY TALK

# Historic Harlem African Burial Ground Project

Presented by archaeologist and Easton resident **Michael Pappalardo**

SATURDAY

Nov 7

2026

7:00 pm

Easton Public Library Community Room  
691 Morehouse Rd, Easton, CT

Michael Pappalardo has led excavations and analysis for the Harlem African Burial Ground Project for over a decade. Established in the 1690s, the cemetery served as a burial place for free and enslaved people of African descent.

He will share some of the project's most compelling results, including the discovery of an earlier Indigenous site, with photographs of the excavation as it unfolded. Questions from attendees are welcome.

### DISCOVERY TIMELINE

#### 1690s

Burial place established for free and enslaved people of African descent

#### Mid-1800s

Cemetery destroyed by urban development

#### Later

Site used as a beer garden, WWI army barracks and a movie studio

**Suggested donation:** \$15 per person, pay at the door

The Easton Town Cemetery Committee preserves and maintains Easton's historic cemeteries to ensure they are a living memorial that honors our past while serving the present and future of Easton.