

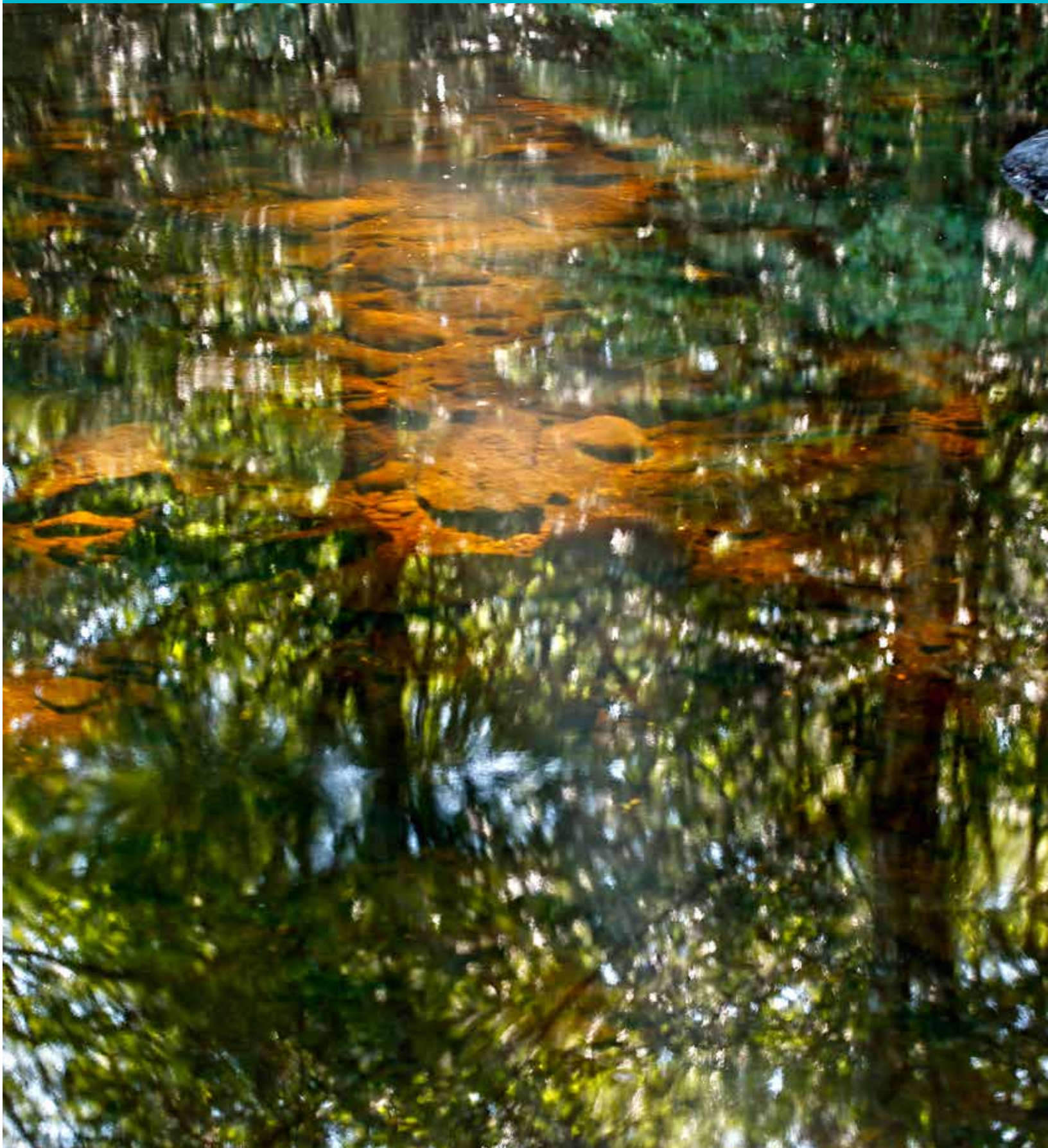
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What does it mean to be a sustainable community? How do we plan and lead our community in this new challenging economy? Do we protect ourselves from dependence on State funds? Do we prepare for environmental disasters? Do we prepare ourselves from energy cost spikes? Do we plan and fund our long range capital infrastructure needs? Sustainability means that we must learn from our past and prepare for our future. The strengths of our town have always come from our residents, our land, and both our natural and economic resources. We have been planning for all these challenges for years now.

This planning for the future requires the involvement of many stakeholders to develop responsible budgets that provide essential services without imposing excessive costs. This future means we must make long term investments in our infrastructure in order to remain viable and sustainable.

The current municipal offices located in the East Haddam Village are located on one of the most valuable properties on the Connecticut River. Our Public Safety facilities require additional space and repairs so that our Police, Fire, Ambulance and Emergency personnel and volunteers have the facilities and equipment to protect our citizens and property. Moving the offices to a renovated old Middle School would open up the riverfront property for development adding to our tax base. Additionally, the Elementary School is over 50 years old and is

in need of code upgrades and renovations.

These projects require voter approval at referendum. Many wonder when we will get the chance to vote on these projects. Unfortunately the long delay in hearing from our USDA grant application which would provide significant dollars toward these projects has been delayed for the last 4 months.

In the interim the proposed 2014-2015 Budget has received a valuable commitment from the Board of Finance to continue our capital reserves fund in anticipation of financing these large building projects. A guideline of bonding \$14 to \$19 million dollars for these projects (plus funding from state and federal grants including the USDA) has been set by the Board of Finance as an affordable debt threshold. With this guideline our building advisory committees will need to reconsider the scope of these projects to come in line with the maximum debt threshold. Please review the Citizens' Guide to the 2014-2015 East Haddam Budget that was



Mark B. Walter

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Rotary Car Raffle

The Rotary Club's Annual car raffle will be held on Monday, June 23 at the Gelston House Restaurant.

This year's prizes are as follows:
1st prize - \$20,000 gift certificate to Gates Automotive
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recently mailed to you. The Guide highlights key proposed budget items that will improve public safety, education, road infrastructure, vehicle replacement, Youth and Family Services support, citizen access to the unified library system network, dollar for dollar match to the Conservation Commission for land access upgrades, lake quality improvements, grounds and facilities beautification projects, and matching funding for a \$311 thousand school technology infrastructure grant.

What are some concrete examples of the actions we are taking to improve our infrastructure? Let's welcome Mike Olzacki (our Animal Control Officer) to his expanded role of grounds and general building maintenance. Mike has a background in field maintenance having worked for Hebron, Colchester and East Hampton in that capacity. In his first week in this role, Mike made noticeable improvements to town fields. These improvements are being done without increasing the town's operating budget! We were able to reallocate funds for contracted lawn services to accomplish this.

In one specific example, Craig Mansfield, Facilities Director, called upon the heads of Parks & Recreation, the Little League, and Soccer Club. These organizations face challenges due to severe limitations placed by the State of Connecticut on

fertilization and grub control. After several meetings, the Little League Board of Directors working with the Facilities Director, created a partnership to improve its fields using existing town resources. Little League agreed to fund a significant portion of the field restorations at a cost that it could not get in the private sector.

Because of this partnership with the town, the Little League now has five significantly improved playing fields, including both Nichols Field and the Elementary School fields, for a fraction of the cost they would have laid out and the town has received some funding to put toward the budget.

More good news on the road side mowing concerns. Over the last three mowing seasons the town has fallen behind in their ability to keep up with the growth of grass and weeds due to a 20 year old mower that kept breaking down. We just received a new John Deere tractor that will be seen on our roads keeping our site lines clear to make traveling safe.

Thank you for your patience and feel free to call anytime with your comments and ideas. You are the eyes and ears of our town and your feedback is always welcome.

Mark B. Walter, First Selectman

Volunteer of the Month

Please join us in congratulating our most recent volunteers of the month: Tracey Gionta, Tammy Spurgeon, Stuart Wood, Sylena Kraczkowsky and Nicole Muckenhirn. If you would like to nominate someone, please do so in a letter to the First Selectman.

Volunteer Reception

The Volunteer of the Month Reception will be held on Sunday, May 18, at 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Those volunteers named during the past two years will be honored at this event. Past honorees and the community are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Business Updates

The East Haddam Economic Development Commission (EDC) is pleased to announce the following:

Camp Kota, a youth recreational summer camp for kids 8-15 years old, is making plans for its inaugural season. The camp is situated at Cave Hill Resort and will be offering four weeks of camp starting June 23 through July 18. Overnight camp (4 nights) or day camp (9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m./5:15 p.m.) are offered. The sessions run weekdays only, meaning overnight campers arrive on Monday morning and leave Friday afternoon. Campers may come for one week or any combination of weeks that they choose. The camp is owned and managed by Melissa Luke, a teacher in the East Haddam School District for the past eight years. Melissa has grown

up in the summer camp setting, starting as a counselor and working her way through leadership positions up to an assistant director. Staff positions are also available. For more information as a camper or staff member, visit www.campkota.org or contact 860-999-4130, campkota@gmail.com. Also find them on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Please visit the Business Directory on the homepage of the municipal website www.easthaddam.org for a complete listing of East Haddam businesses. Also, check the Community Calendar section for upcoming local business events.

Contact the EDC at mrcdm@snet.net or P.O. Box K, East Haddam, to have your new business or service listed here.

From the Assessor

The Assessor's Office will be taking applications for the Elderly and Totally Disabled Renters Program from April 1, 2014 to October 1, 2014. Applicant's total income must not exceed \$34,100 for a single person, \$41,600 for a couple (joint income), including Social Security and Medicare. Applicants must be 65 or older or totally disabled and bring all income, rent, and utility information from 2013.

In addition, the deadline for filing for the Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners Program is May 15. Qualifying income and age requirements for the Homeowners Program and Additional Veterans Benefits are the same as the Elderly and Totally Disabled Renters Rebate Program. It should be noted that the town of East Haddam has adopted by local option an additional tax credit to homeowners 65 and older whose income does not exceed \$50,000 (including Social Security). Applicants must bring proof of income including Social Security for 2013. Applications for the Additional Veterans Benefits will be accepted until October 1st.

As the Tax Collector's Office prepares the July tax bills, those residents whose motor vehicles have been sold, stolen, totaled, or who have moved out-of-state may be eligible for a pro-ration of their car taxes.

Two forms of proof are necessary to pro-rate or remove a vehicle from the grand list. Residents must bring a copy of the plate receipt issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles at the time of cancellation of registration, and a copy of one of the following; bill of sale, transfer of title, receipt from junkyard, notification of total loss, trade-in papers, or some other document showing the date on which the vehicle was disposed.

The Assessor's office has its own web page on the town website. Included is information on real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle assessments; property tax relief for seniors, veterans, and the disabled; renters' rebate; information on revaluation; access to applications and forms pertaining to the Assessor's office. Also, the assessments as a result of the October 1, 2012 revaluation are available on the website.

Registrar of Voters News

The Registrars have been working on the annual canvass of voters. This is a process in which we check all our files and records to make sure that the voting list is accurate and up to date. We rely on data from the postal service, the Secretary of State's Office, and the Town Clerk; and from replies to letters sent to voters.

We are looking forward to the annual referendum on the Town budget. Unofficially, we expect the date to be Tuesday May 20. Keep an eye on the East Haddam town web site (easthaddam.org) for up to date information and hours the polls will be open. Budget referenda are always held at the Old Town Hall, on Town Street, across from the Congregational Church.

East Haddam citizens who are registered to vote, of course may do so, but persons who own property in East Haddam, and are U.S. citizens, may also vote in budget referenda.

Another Spring delight for the Registrars is the Annual Student's in Government Day. This year we are expecting to have 4 students on May 14th from the EHMS helping and learning at our office.

Don't forget that you will most likely have a chance to help pick candidates for the State of Connecticut elections in November. Primaries, if needed, for both parties will be held at the NHRHS August 12, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Again, keep watch on the town web site for more information.

Memorial Day Parade

The Memorial Day Parade will step off at 10:00 a.m. from the old Middle School parking lot on Monday, May 26. All community groups are encouraged to join the parade. If you

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Farmers' Market

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We are thrilled to announce that this year's market will be hosted by Ballek's Garden Center on Maple Ave. Look for us in the field across from the cows!

New Location, Same Time

The market will be held on Wednesday evenings from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Our season kicks off on June 4 and will "keep on going while good things are growing" ending September 17.

We will have lots of familiar favorites and some wonderful new additions as well.

Look for information about vendors and special events on our website: <http://easthaddammarket.org/>

Visit our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/EastHaddamFarmersMarket>) to get reminders, updates and more.

Board & Commission Vacancies

The Selectmen's Office announces vacancies on the following town boards and commissions: Conservation Commission, Economic Development Commission, Farmers Market Committee, Green Committee, Historic District Commission, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority and Zoning Board of Appeals. Residents must be registered voters to apply.

On March 31, 2008 the Town of East Haddam voted at the Town Meeting to establish an ordinance entitled "Code of Ethical Conduct". The Board of Selectmen are seeking five (5) residents interested in serving on a Municipal Ethics Commission. All members shall be electors of the municipality and no member shall have held public office or have been a candidate for public office for a two (2) year period prior to appointment, hold office in any political party or political committee or be a public official in any other capacity other than a Notary Public of Justice of the Peace.

For an application or more information regarding any of the vacancies, please contact the Selectmen's Office at 873-5021.

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At a recent operational meeting several of the volunteer crew members commented on other useful features of the 15-4 vehicle. According to Paul Ross, a long time member of the crew, it can be used to transfer a patient to the ambulance when driveways (and sometimes even roads) are too narrow for the larger vehicle to navigate. The squad car is also used in support of community events, such as following runners during the East Haddam footrace. Everyone agreed that the new squad 15-4, with its up-to-date equipment and features, is a great improvement over the previous squad car.

Tax Collector

The Tax Office is busy preparing for the mailing of the 2013 Grand List tax bills. All bills will be in the mail by June 30, 2014 with a due date of July 1, 2014, payable by August 1, 2014 without interest.

If you still owe taxes on the 2012 Grand List, an attempt should be made to clear up the back taxes before the new bills come out. Liens will be placed on all outstanding Real Estate balances. This is an additional charge.

Tax payments may be made in person, by mail or on-line. Office hours are; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon. **The Tax Office will be open late on Friday, August 1st, 2014, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.** There is a secure Lock Box in the front alcove, which is available during non-business hours. Our on-line payment service, Point and Pay, is available to all

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The Tax office can be reached at 860-873-5033 or email: taxcollector@easthaddam.org.

Holiday Closings

The Town Office Building and Transfer Station will be closed on:
 Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day
 Friday, July 4 - Independence Day
 Regular hours will resume on the next business day.

East Haddam Library System

Hello Friends & Neighbors,

Instead of a traditional article I thought we might try something different this time around. A lot of people have been asking about our new library system. Even though the staff & I love answering questions, I thought it might be helpful to answer a few of the most common questions to help out the quietly curious among us. So without further ado, here are some...

Frequently Asked Questions (And 100% Honest Answers) About the East Haddam Library System:

What is the East Haddam Library System?

In June 2013, the two libraries (East Haddam Free Public Library & Rathbun Free Memorial Library) came under town management to form the East Haddam Public Library System. Prior to last summer, the libraries were two semi-private institutions that had no formal relationship. The libraries are still working to get a common computer system, which will allow patrons to renew and pay fines at either location. The plan is to get that piece of the puzzle in place by early 2015.

Ok so, why do we need two libraries in town?

This is the question I hear the most. The simple answer is: We need to because we have two.

The libraries hold over 45,000 materials including books, movies, and audio books. Consolidating into one of the existing libraries would mean discarding hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of materials. Not to mention the time and

money it would take to figure out what to keep. The libraries serve over 7,000 library card holders in East Haddam. If one library was to suddenly disappear, the remaining library would be unable to meet the demands of East Haddam's citizens. Frustrated about the time you had to wait a few days for Game of Thrones on DVD or how long it took to get your hands on the book? Imagine if our town had half as many copies, and twice as many people checking them out. Ouch.

Why do we even have two libraries in the first place?

Good question. The current EHFPL building was built in 1920 by Judge Albert Purple. The Rathbun Library was built a few years later in 1935 by a bequest left by Norris and Frances Rathbun. At the time, East Haddam and Moodus were (in a sense) further apart. In 1930, only 1 in 5 American families owned an automobile (even fewer in rural New England). Cars were considered a status symbol in the 1920s and were downright unaffordable during the great depression. The convenient seven minute drive that now separates the libraries was easily forty-five minutes to an hour during those days. It made sense to have two libraries, one for each side of town. Not to mention that the Farmers and the Mill Workers had vastly different tastes (one would imagine).

If we have two libraries, does that mean we're buying two of everything?

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get the latest James Patterson book or Johnny Depp movie at the library of your choice, the libraries have developed certain specialties over the years. In general, only the bestselling new releases warrant a copy at each library. If the town had a single library, we'd still have to buy more than one copy of certain items just to meet demand. There's definitely some duplication that would be cut down on, but not as much as you'd think.

Is there a difference between the libraries?

There's a reason so many people use both libraries in town. Each library has its own distinct personality, and one of the ways they express their personality is with the materials that are offered. There's an advantage to having a library account at each building. For example, look at the following specialties:

EHFPL Specialties: Movies, Television Shows, Young Adult Fiction, Classic Literature, Graphic Novels/Manga, Anime, Books on CD, and Large Print

Rathbun Specialties: Adult Fiction, Adult Mysteries, Biographies, Historical Collection, Foreign Films, BBC Productions, Music CDs, and Digital Books & Audio Books

So if a library specializes in something that means its better, right?

Please keep in mind that both libraries offer a little bit of everything. The specialties listed above are based off of statistics, and are not a list of what section is "better." Even if one library has a smaller section than its counterpart, it still has a vastly different set of materials within that

section. Your own personal taste is the only measurement for what section you prefer.

Why should I visit the library?

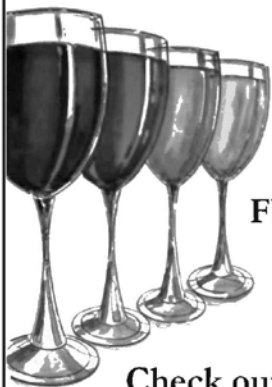
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The best way to experience the libraries is to visit, and judge for yourself. If you haven't been in a while, I think you'll be pleasantly surprised. If you're one of our more regular patrons - thank you so much for your support. Keep giving the staff your requests, our job is to get you the materials you want. There's something for everyone at your local library. For more details please, call the libraries - EHFPL: 860-873-8248 | Rathbun: 860-873-8210, Google us online, or stop by and visit.

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Come out, experience our town's wild treasures, and earn a patch!

Friends of Rathbun Library

The Friends wish to express their deep gratitude to all who donated to our fund drive. This was the first year that the drive was run solely by FOR. To date, we have raised over \$9,000. Through your generous support, we have been able to provide a new microwave for the staff kitchen. We are able to continue paying the newspaper and periodical subscriptions, as well as subsidizing the discount museum passes available to all library patrons. We have also provided funding for this summer's children's programs: "Don't Burst My Bubble" and "In The Woods".

We are in the process of procuring new digital equipment, including an iPad, to improve the programs presented at the Rathbun. A major project that we are planning to undertake is to make the outdoor Georgiana Costa Reading Area more user friendly with additional seating, tables, and flowers.

We will be once again holding our popular annual plant sale Saturday May 24 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. As always, this event

will take place on the front lawn of Rathbun library. Be early - the sale will start promptly at 9:00 a.m.! Garden books and other goodies will be available for sale as well. Donations of potted plants - annuals, perennials and houseplants - may be left on the north side of the building at any time on Wednesday and Thursday.

This year, our Fridays At 5:30 speaker series will continue with some new presenters and some old favorites. Presentations will start in June and run through October.

Come visit our newly renovated Book Nook and browse our amazing selection of gently used books.

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Check our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfRathbunLibrary>) for information on all upcoming events and FOR updates.

First Church Annual Tag Sale

Mark your calendars for First Church of Christ, Congregational Annual Tag Sale & Family Fun Day, 499 Town St (Rte. 151), East Haddam, CT on Saturday, May 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Rain or Shine. Come shop for tag sale treasures, delicious baked sale items and enjoy a hot dog or hamburger for lunch. Enter our silent auction. And the kids will enjoy the moon

bounce and face painting.

Donate gently used items (no electronics or exercise equipment) - drop off Saturday, May 10 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Rent a Space! Just \$25 for a generous spot. Email Karan at Karancon@yahoo.com or call 860-874-5987 to reserve space.

Senior Center Trips

The East Haddam Seniors just won't stay home! Below is a list of our up-coming road trips. If one of our adventures sparks your interest, please call for more information. All trips are open to the public.

Wednesday, July 16

Suffolk Downs - Thoroughbred Races: Action-packed races just outside of downtown Boston. Enjoy the races inside the Clubhouse or trackside. Luncheon buffet included; Topsider Restaurant, fourth floor of the Clubhouse. Menu: hot entrees, salad, fruit cocktail, vegetable, potatoes, dessert, coffee. Bus departs the Senior Center at 7:45 a.m.; estimated return 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 18

Pumpkin Festival - Keene, New Hampshire: Spend the day enjoying nature in this beautiful location. Outdoor band shell with live entertainment. Food & Craft Court. Street performers. Grand Pumpkin Illumination of 30,000 pumpkins begins at dusk ... you can even bring your own carved pumpkin to include in the "tall tower of pumpkins"! Lunch at Chandler's Restaurant. Menu: entrée choice of Baked Atlantic Haddock with herbed crumbs or Roast Turkey dinner or Vegetable Lasagna, New England Clam Chowder, vegetable, potato, and dessert - warm apple crisp and coffee. Bus departs Senior Center at 9:00 a.m.; estimated return 9:30 p.m.

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We are also working to create a historic herb garden with the help of the Moms Club of Moodus. The garden will feature native herbs historically used for culinary and medicinal purposes.



1907 East Haddam Grange Agricultural Fair.

The Museum is located at 264 Town Street (Route 82).

Donations are always welcome. Hours are Friday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Memorial Day through Columbus Day, other times year-round by appointment.

The Museum is available for reasonable rent and cooperates with everyone looking to volunteer, satisfy community service or provide home-schooling opportunities.

Reach us by phone at 860-873-3944. Find us on Facebook: East Haddam Historical Society Museum. Email us at museum@easthaddamhistory.org. Check out our website at www.easthaddamhistory.org.

Baseball News

American Legion Announces New 13 - 15 Division in addition to 19U & 17U Teams

Post 156, serving the towns of East Haddam, East Hampton & Colchester, is announcing that it will participate in the new Prep division (15U), created by the Connecticut American Legion for players 13, 14 & 15. This team will be in addition

to the current Junior (17U) and Senior (19U) Legion teams. Tryouts will be after the conclusion of any Middle or High School play in early June. The home field is the Legion Field, located on Neptune Avenue behind Post 156 in Moodus. If you are interested in playing for any of our teams please send an email to Buddy Altomaro at aaltomaro@gmail.com.

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East Haddam Elementary School

Dear Families:

Our students continue to experience success as a direct result of the dedication of our teaching staff, family partnerships, and this school community's investment in active citizenship and engaged learning.

We welcome any opportunity to talk with you. We want to provide your student with a comprehensive and supportive school environment, so please don't hesitate to share information with your child's teacher which would impact their learning experience.

We have some great news! There are currently openings in the YMCA Kids' Korner Program for the remainder of this school year. Also, next year's program has been expanded to include 4th and 5th graders! Contact YMCA rep Melanie Carfora with any questions: mcarfora@midymca.org or 860-343-6208

Respectfully,

Joanne Collins and Kristine Friend
Principal Assistant Principal



In March we celebrated Dr. Seuss's National Read Across America Day!

There is so much to look forward to at EHES!

Here is our tentative schedule.

Check www.easthaddamschools.org/ehes for updates:

- ~ April 22- Incoming K Parent Orientation, 6PM in Cafeteria
- ~ May 1 - Spring Picture Day
- ~ May 2 - Arbor Day Celebration, 2PM
- ~ May 2 - Basket Bash
- ~ May 5, 7, and 8 - Incoming Kindergarten Experience
- ~ May 15 - PTO Meeting, 7PM Room 304
- ~ May 19-22 - Book Fair
- ~ May 23- Early Dismissal
- ~ May 26- No School Memorial Day
- ~ June 4 - 3rd grade Music Performance, Time TBD
- ~ June, Day TBD - Field Day
- ~ June, Day TBD - Flag Day, Volunteer Breakfast



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Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School

Ringling (and Singing!) in Spring at Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School



On February 4th, the **Percussion Ensemble** performed at the Goodspeed Opera House. The group was invited with the Chamber Ensembles from Nathan Hale-Ray High School. The 12 musicians fit right in and gave a great performance. Led by social studies teacher, Mr. Robert Raines, and band director, Mr. Zach Blain, the group meets weekly after school to rehearse and perform music ranging from Samuel Barber's masterpiece, Adagio for Strings, to the theme from the popular video game, Skyrim.

On March 19th, students from the 8th grade accelerated US History class were featured in a **Constitutional Debate**. As the culminating activity of their study of the US Government, all students in Mr. Raines's class proposed, researched and debated their own topics. Mr. Raines was so impressed with these ladies' work ethic and knowledge of their subject, that he asked them to debate their topic in front of nearly 100 of their peers. The debate was respectful and very well-received. The girls' classmates responded with total attention and a rousing ovation upon its conclusion. This was a great learning experience and promises to become a new tradition at NHRMS.



Congratulations to all of our competitors: Daisy Mae Smith, Olivia Pear, Brianna Dellolacono, Seamus Hickey, Isaac Manful, Ben Pattavina, Jack Lavarreda, Callie Burke, Katie Barbi, and Ben Prue.



On February 26th, the **5th grade band** made their debut performance led by Director Zach Blain. 62 young musicians took the stage to play only five months removed from taking their instruments out of their cases for the very first time. The students' performance featured familiar songs like London Bridge, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, and Old McDonald had a Band, their version of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony and the band's favorite piece: Joseph Compello's Inception.



Open Mic Night is an opportunity for kids to express themselves musically in a casual, relaxed and comfortable setting. Open Mic is *open* to all students in grades 4-8 who want to sing, socialize, play guitar, keyboards, or drums, regardless of experience. These monthly events are run by dedicated parent volunteers. The students' enthusiasm and camaraderie make these events a very engaging and positive experience.



Congratulations to debaters Emily Ceceri, Erica Watters, Olivia Davis, and Megan Masci

The **2014 Geography Bee** served as the championship round for ten students who excelled in preliminary grade level competitions consisting of individual oral questions based on US and world geography. During a full school assembly, our host Mr. Andrew Riccio and judge Mr. Dana Hyatt, challenged the finalists with a series of oral and written questions. Our 2014 champion, who narrowly won in overtime, is Ben Pattavina.

With the entire student body quietly watching, Ben secured the win by identifying Indonesia as the location of the islands Bali and Madura. This year's runner up was Isaac Manful. Good luck to Ben as he represents our school at the state level competition!

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Nathan Hale-Ray High School

Spring is SWEET for Hale-Ray Vo-Ag!



Winter has finally ended and the sap is flowing! The Agricultural Education students are busy collecting sap to boil in the newly constructed sugar house. Last fall, students built a 12' x 20' shed with a functioning cupola to house their evaporator and maple syrup supplies. They identified sugar and red maple trees to tap on the high school property and hung pails to collect the sap. Students are keeping records on each individual tree to compare differences in which trees produced the most sap for the season.



By processing sap into syrup, Hale-Ray students are learning how to make one of the oldest natural food products in North America. Students gather sap and filter it into a holding tank. Then they boil the sap down to syrup which involves students filtering, tending to the fire, taking regular temperature readings as the sap boils, learning how to use a hydrometer to test the specific gravity of the syrup when it is done, splitting wood and keeping equipment and facilities sanitary.

Producing the maple syrup has proven to reward far beyond the sweet product of these students' labor!

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Principal Spencer and Max Daniels

Congratulations to Max Daniels who has been selected as one of the thirty Governor's Scholars of Connecticut! Max was chosen by a panel for his academic achievements and his well written essay from an entry pool of 150+ of the top high school juniors in CT. We are so proud of Max, and he will be honored by the Governor in May.

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East Haddam School District

Dear Members of the East Haddam Community:

Here in East Haddam, every day brings new challenges and new excitement. There are so many reasons for us to be proud of our students and this spring many of our students are being recognized for their outstanding work in academics, athletics, the arts and community service. I wanted to highlight some of the great accomplishments that our students have had this year:

Congratulations to Tara Schwenzfeier and Andrew Lochowski on being named Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) Scholar Athletes for the 2013-2014 School year. Both Tara and Andrew were chosen because of their outstanding achievement in both academics and sports at Nathan Hale-Ray High School.



Andrew and Tara

Congratulations to Susannah Devenney and Annabelle Bass on being selected as recipients of the Annual CAS Arts Recognition Award. This award recognizes Connecticut seniors for outstanding accomplishment in the visual arts, performing arts (instrumental music and vocal) and in drama.



Susannah and Annabelle

Zachariah Brandes-Powell is being honored for his exemplary volunteer service with the President's Volunteer Service Award. Granted by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of President Barack Obama, this award recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country.

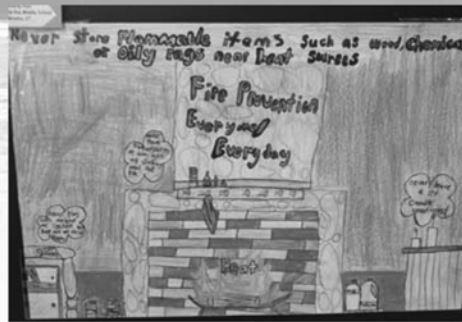


Zachariah

We are proud to recognize 5th grader Audrey Puia for her success in the Connecticut Fire Prevention Program. Audrey was awarded a prize for being a 2013-2014 winner for Middlesex County. Audrey was one of thousands of participants in this statewide contest. Our other local winners this year included Julia Freeman, Samantha LaFemina, and Nora Bevedas.



Audrey and her poster



Join me in celebrating the successes of our students in East Haddam!

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Beth Iacobelli, Superintendent of Schools

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Next, dethatch your lawn area if needed and aerate with a spike aerator if possible. It is best to wait until fall for plug aerating. The soil test results will tell you if you need to apply lime and/or fertilizer, and it will give you the exact concentrations for both. Now, the hard part, what grass seed is best for this area? This is a big topic so to keep it short; I'll go straight to the point. Turf-type Fescues tolerate wear, shade, salt drought and acid soils. They require lower water and less fertilizer. Perennial Ryegrass is excellent turf grass under ideal conditions and is often mixed with fescues and Bluegrasses. A good mix is 30-40% fescue, 30-40% Kentucky bluegrass

and 20% or less Perennial ryegrass. You can try a fine or tall fescue blend. Purchase from a source that understands grass and offers the best quality. Apply as directed and then follow these simple steps.

Cut high and often. Shaving your grass or cutting it low inhibits deep root growth. Deep roots provide a thicker lawn, which in turn prevents weeds.

Keep your mower blades or reels sharp.

Mow when grass is dry.

Deep, infrequent watering is best-between 4:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., as this will avoid fungus disease.

Return grass clippings as you cut. Clippings add natural nitrogen.

Avoid fertilizing when grass is not growing, such as, early Spring; the heat of summer; when grass is dormant; or in the late fall. Fertilize in the Spring when growth is flush, or in late summer or early fall. Wait until weather is between 50 and 80 degrees.

Follow these simple steps and you will find having a lush, green lawn doesn't have to be a pain in the grass. Enjoy!

*Linda Stuhlman, Adv. Certified Master Gardener
Certified Tree Warden*

Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School to Break Ground for a School Garden

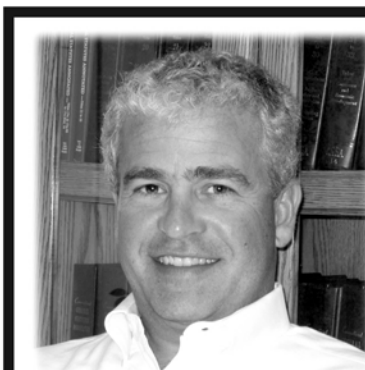


Pictured with seeds donated by Hart's Seed Company are (Left to Right): Quinn Schlueter-Walsh, Emily Rottino, Alexis Rogers

This spring, Mrs. Thody's 8th grade science students will be breaking ground for a school garden at the middle school. The garden will serve as an extension to the classroom by integrating garden-based curricula across all disciplines. Students also hope to work with the cafeteria to serve the food they grow. Extra

food from the garden will be donated to local food banks.

The community is working together to "sprout" the first season of our school garden. Mrs. Thody secured a donation of \$200.00 worth of seeds from Hart's Seed Company in Wethersfield, CT. The East Haddam Garden Club's Junior Projects Committee, led by Dora Lyman and Bette Lomme, will be donating their expertise, and providing monetary support for deer fencing, mulch, and topsoil! Nancy MacKinnon from Ballek's Garden Center donated five cedar garden beds valued at \$450.00. In addition, Ballek's started the following seedlings in their greenhouses: lettuce, spinach, leeks, Chinese cabbage, kale, Swiss chard, and broccoli rabe. Please contact Shaleen.Thody@easthaddamschools.org if you are interested in donating time or resources to this project.



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Garden Club

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The East Haddam Garden Club's annual Plant & Bake Sale will be Saturday, May 17, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the East Haddam Grange, 488 Town St. The sale will feature a wide variety of plants from members' gardens and delectable treats from their kitchens. Funds raised at this sale (and at other club events) are used for civic beautification projects in East Haddam.

Ballek's Garden Center featured in Yankee Magazine.

Congratulations to East Haddam Garden Club members Anita Ballek and Nancy Ballek Mackinnon. Ballek's Garden Center was featured in two recent issues of Yankee magazine. In the January/February 2014 issue, an article on terrariums recommended Ballek's as an excellent source of miniature indoor plants and decorative accessories for terrariums. Ballek's was named one of eight "Best Nurseries" (houseplants category) in the Home and Garden Awards section of the March/April 2014 issue. Tovah Martin and Christie Matheson wrote: "Forget the boring houseplant standards. Ballek's offers a full and varied menu of possibilities for the toughest growing conditions - including your living room ... plus, they can handle newbies and troubleshoot any questions."

New Officers

New EGGC officers for June 2014 - May 2015 were elected recently. They are: Co-Presidents - Nancy Borge and Nancy

Seaman; Vice-President - Bette Lomme; Recording Secretary - Judy Metcalf; Corresponding Secretary - Jo Golec; Treasurer - Debby Duncan.

EHGC Projects

Spring Beautification

Members are nurturing begonia seedlings to be planted at Gillette Castle in May. Every year, club member Anita Ballek designs the colorful beds of annuals; club members join her at the Castle for a morning of planting. Also on the club's spring beautification list: Goodspeed green and the planters at Shagbark Triangle. Watch for garden club creations in May at all three locations. During the warm months, members take turns watering and maintaining the green and triangle.

New Middle School Garden

The club is pleased to be assisting Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School grade 8 science teacher Shaleen Thody and her students in the creation of a raised bed vegetable garden at the school. Member Nancy Ballek Mackinnon has been providing expert advice as well as planting materials, and the club will continue to provide support whenever needed.

Interested in the EHGC?

For more information, call (860) 873-8732 or check out "East Haddam Garden Club" on Facebook. The club was founded more than 80 years ago. There are currently 46 members; new members are always welcome.



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“Annie” Comes Back to East Haddam



*“Times Square” all lit up on the NHRMS stage,
(courtesy of parent volunteer Ron Perry)*

“The sun’ll come out, tomorrow...” On March 21 and 22 NHRMS echoed with the strains of this song. The Spring

Production at the middle school this year was “Annie, jr.” The musical stretched the talents of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade cast to the max.

Under the direction of NHRMS music teacher Marisa Alfano, these wonderful performers transported their audiences back to NYC in the 1930’s. The production starred 6th grader Jenna Masci in the title role with Teddy Kuderko as Daddy Warbucks and Miss Hannigan double cast by Molly Curry and Hana Tanabe.

The casts’ three months of intense rehearsals were supported by an amazing group of close to 50 parents, friends and high school students. These intrepid volunteers built, sewed, scavenged, painted & designed the perfect “Annie” environment. The two fabulous performances (with cameo appearances by Dana Hyatt, Jason Peacock and Roy Parker) were a tribute to everyone’s hard work and talent. Bravo to all the “Annie” family.

Nathan Hale-Ray High School Electrathon Engineering Program

Throughout the year Hale-Ray High School students work as a team using design and fabrication skills to produce electric vehicles to be used in competition at Lime Rock Park. Each fall and spring they compete in the Connecticut Electrathon Engineering Challenge. The competition is sponsored by Central Connecticut State University and Lime Rock Raceway to promote engineering and alternative transportation energy sources. Students across New England design and build efficient, aerodynamic vehicles following strict safety criteria to compete against each other. The objective is to drive a vehicle the farthest distance in one hour using a limited amount of energy (72 pounds of batteries).

Following a year of intense design and fabrication, the students of the Engineering and Product Design classes make modifications to existing cars in addition to building new vehicles. Since 2001, Hale-Ray students have manufactured

more than eleven vehicles and placed first more than 26 times.

As the current year moves toward spring, students are working hard to complete two new vehicles, a carbon fiber composite car and the first ever leaning metal frame vehicle. From the CAD designs to race ready completion using CNC machinery to mill sprockets, components, and body shell molds usually takes 1½ - 2 years.

Community support for the program and annual funding from the Ray Board truly enables these students to be successful. As a result of this program, hundreds of students have gone into careers in manufacturing, design, engineering and automotive trades. The chance to work as a team member, communicate ideas, and apply individual skills to create such an exciting product is invaluable. Provide students with the resources and opportunity and it is amazing what they will achieve.

Lions Club

Mark Your Calendars - It’s Time for the Annual Lions Club Auction!

The East Haddam Lions Club will be hosting its annual auction & tag sale on Saturday, July 12. The tag sale begins at 8:00 a.m., the auction begins at 10:00 a.m., good food & good times will be had all day.

Currently, the lions are seeking donations of all sizes. Cars, boats, trailers, and other large items of significant value are in special demand. The Lions Club relies on your kind donations to make the auction a success, all donations are tax-deductible.

There are few feelings more satisfying than knowing you



helped your hometown. All earnings from the auction go directly to good causes all over East Haddam. In the past, proceeds from the annual auction have helped to fund emergency vehicles for the fire department, holiday food baskets, lighting for Legion Field, Little League field equipment, aid to the local food & fuel banks, and much more.

If you would like to make a donation (or for more information) please contact Lion Auction Chairman Joe Busher at (860) 873-2994 or email Lion Secretary Michael Gilroy at GilroyM@gmail.com.

8th Grade Heads to Washington, D.C.

The Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School 8th grade class will head to Washington, D.C. on May 6 - May 9 for their annual class trip.

Students have been planning and fundraising all year in order to go. Students will get to see many memorials and monuments, visit Smithsonian Museums that are situated around the National Mall, tour the Capitol Building, the White House, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Holocaust Museum, just to name a few things. Students also get to enjoy a Washington Nationals

baseball game, a dinner at Hard Rock Café, and a beautiful night tour of the monuments.

The 8th grade team has been busy working on projects that lead up to the Washington, D.C. trip as part of their curriculum so students can go on the trip with a sense of why this trip is important such as WWII veterans and Holocaust survivors coming in to share their experiences.

This is the 15th year that Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School has gone to Washington, D.C.

FFA Public Speaking Contest



Jenna Sullivan and Mary Pease competed in the FFA District Public Speaking Contest held at NHRHS on March 25. Congratulations to Jenna for placing first in the district, she will compete at the State FFA Convention on May 17th.

Just Be in Your Life!

Not too long ago I came across a quote from Saint Augustine, “to err is human, to persist in error is devilish”, and I thought about how many times have we heard that from our mothers, teachers and mentors - people who were never perfect, however they want us to succeed in life, not only materially though also physically, mentally and emotionally. I thought how many of us really think about things like this seriously versus those who have been taking the easy route and fall into the “devilish” ways of life. Many look for easy solutions to life’s issues, however to become happier and stay in good health we need to understand that our every move and decision is like a building block in our life. We need to connect to our body and listen to our emotions which speak in great value early in our lives. I don’t want to suggest that we fall into narcissism and don’t see anything besides your body, but to be able to detect early signs of health problems, pay more attention to your daily habits and needs, and persistence in errors will be avoided.

Incorporating change in daily habits is a big lifestyle change and for some it may feel like an overwhelming step to take. When it may seem difficult remember to never give up. In moments of weakness you should think about children who begin to start walking and take their first steps in life, and how many times do children fall and get up and smile while running to parent’s arms; become like that child. Some people keep a better way of living such as taking cardio classes at the gym or exercise on their own. They’ve been following a healthy eating routine and yet they still feel aches and pain and don’t understand why “the right way of living” is not a quick enough solution to their problems. Those people should be patient because most likely their

building blocks may be better now but they were decaying when they were building the foundation of their life. In this case, they should think about the body and life like a boulder. No one can build a strong beautiful house on rotten foundation; repairs need to be addressed first. What was weak will not hold the expansion.

Pain in life is an indication that there is something wrong with the body. Pain tells us to pay more attention to our daily movement, diet and emotions. How we walk, how we sit at the computer desk, how we stand, how we move, that all has a tremendous influence on our physical health. When we skip breakfast, forget to drink water, when we don’t pay attention to greens, reds and yellow colors in our food that has influence on your physical and emotional health. When we forget to smile, when we forget to forgive, when we argue and gossip this all has influence on our physical and emotional health, our building blocks. When we use drugs and alcohol, even recreationally, that has an influence on our physical and emotional life.

Every decision we make, every step we take, and every word we say has an influence on our health and it is a building block in your very short life here on earth. My suggestion is - find a quiet spot, take a walk in nature and connect with yourself every day. Be spontaneous yet be mindful. Just be in your life! Spring is the perfect time to make a positive change in life. You will notice fewer errors you make and your life will become stronger, healthier and less unbearable. Just be in your life!

I wish you wonderful summer months to come.

Maryla Radziszewski
Health Coach, LMT, CPT, Morefit, LLC

Music on the River

July 7 - B. Willie Smith - This year's series opens with legendary Connecticut Blues band B. Willie Smith, who filled dance clubs in the 70's and 80's and continues to do the same several times a year at Toads, The Kate and Black Eyed Sallies. Their combination of Up Blues and originals will have you feeling the rhythms and dancing in your seat; or on your feet.

July 14 - Bluesberry Jam - Hypothetically, if you were to create a Bluesberry Jam Band radio station on your Pandora app, you would listen to the following bands: Allman Brothers, The Grateful Dead, Widespread Panic, Government Mule, The Rolling Stones, BB King, and other bands that share their same bluesy, country, and rocky roots. All band members save for two; call Moodus and East Haddam home: Ken Tosi and Matt White on guitars, Pete Govert on bass, with Jeff Bauer and Evan Tosi on drums. Singer Chris Bauer is from Middletown while Cary Burns, our keyboardist, hails from MA. Guest vocalist Sue Rivard, lead singer of Fountainhead, will add her talents. Additionally, Bluesberry is the house band for the annual Moodus Sportsmen's Club Harvest Fest. Please note that the band will play an original song, "Jimmy River Chubs" - the ONLY song ever written to celebrate the joys of ice fishing on the Moodus Reservoir. You heard it here first!

July 21 - Tom Rush - Tom Rush's reputation as one of the finest interpreters of folk music who helped jump-start the awakening of both traditional folk music and the singer songwriter boom from the golden era of the 60's and 70's is undisputed. His recordings of songs by Joni Mitchell, James Taylor and Jackson Brown (to name a few) were instrumental in launching their careers, and he continues to help subsequent generations get their footing as well. His honey drenched baritone and tasteful guitar accompaniment, has a purity that has been charming audiences for 50 years. A master storyteller and humorist, Tom's yarns are spun with regional accents and an endearing nod to Americana. Join us for a magical evening of sweet melancholy ballads, gritty blues, and laughter.

July 28 - United States Coast Guard Dixieland Jazz Band - The United States Coast Guard Dixieland Jazz Band was organized in 1970 to perform classic jazz, blues, and rags with a "New Orleans" flavor. The Dixieland Jazz Band has entertained audiences across America, in the former Soviet Union and in England. Notable venues include the open-air theater in Disney World, the Boardwalk in Atlantic City, at the "Galaxy Jazz Festival" in Milwaukee, the Embarcadero in San Francisco, the John F. Kennedy Center Millennium Stage in Washington, D.C., and at Mardi Gras in New Orleans. The group has also performed on numerous radio and television broadcasts across the nation.

August 4 - New Riders of the Purple Sage - New Riders of the Purple Sage, an American Country Rock Band, emerged from the psychedelic rock scene in San Francisco in 1969. The original group included co-founders John Dawson and David Nelson with Jerry Garcia and several members of the Grateful Dead. As the Grateful Dead personnel moved on to concentrate on their own sound, the New Riders enjoyed the adulation of an established audience. Their hit songs "Panama Red", "Glendale Train", "Truck Drivin' Man" appealed to both the counter culture movement and the Cowboy Outlaw genre of the 70's & 80's. The New Riders of the Purple Sage continue to bring audiences together to celebrate a bit of nostalgia, fine music, and dancing.

August 11 - Fiesta del Norte - Fiesta del Norte is an exciting versatile Mariachi band that plays music of Mexico and other Latin American countries. Dressed in traditional charro outfits, they perform a repertoire that spans the styles of the Mariachis of Jalisco, Nortenitas of Chihuahua, harp music of Vera Cruz, and marimba music of Chiapas. Bring your sarape and sombrero as we celebrate our Fiesta on the river.

August 18 - Parsonsfield (formerly Poor Old Shine) - Parsonsfield is a roots band with a grassroots ethos. Formed at the University of Connecticut, where singer and banjo player Chris Freeman met banjo and mandolin player Antonio Alcorn in a folk music club on campus, an early version of Parsonsfield landed its first gig — opening for a friend's band at the legendary New Haven club Toad's Place. Parsonsfield has played live shows before increasingly appreciative audiences in renowned venues, including Washington D.C., Nashville, Cambridge Mass., New York City, Philadelphia, and Infinity Hall in Norfolk, Conn., where the musicians recorded a live album in 2012. Parsonsfield's music is influenced by Pete Seeger, vintage bluegrass and contemporary bands like the Avett Brothers.

Concert Information - All concerts are held on Monday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the green of the Goodspeed Opera House. If it rains, the concerts will be moved to the High School Auditorium (please call the Recreation Office for location information if weather is questionable; 860-873-5058). Great food and drinks will be available to purchase at the Gelston House, or you may bring a picnic dinner. Parking is available in the Goodspeed Opera House parking lot, behind the Gelston House. The Music on the River site is made possible through the generous support of Goodspeed Musicals. Please leave all dogs at home.

****NEW THIS YEAR**** All donations over \$150 will receive a free "Music on the River" T-Shirt! Please specify T-Shirt size if your donation meets this requirement. T-Shirts will be available for pick up at the first concert!

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Community Lions Events

Over 190 runners and walkers turned out for the 15th Annual April Fools Road Race. Joey Plude and Emily Sienna (see photo) placed first overall in the 5K and Shaun Berard and Everest Peacock in the 10.5 Mile run. Congratulations to everyone who came out and ran or walked. The weather was perfect and the runners and walkers were cheered on by friends, families, Lions and Leos. Thank you to the East Haddam Leo Club and Leo Advisor Kathy Bristol who provided snack and refreshments for our participants and assisted our race marshals on the course. The Community Lions would like to thank the East Haddam Ambulance Association and the Police Department for their help. Special thanks to our sponsors: *Nathan Hale Pharmacy; Dutch Oil Company, Inc.; Grist Mill Market; Anderson, Reynolds & Lynch, LLP; Attorney Scott W. Jezek; Ballek's Garden*



Emily Sienna & Joey Plude

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9th Annual English Tea Party

Come and join us for this year's 'Gardens' themed English Tea Party, Saturday, May 10, 2:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Parish Hall, East Haddam. Tickets are \$25. Our inspired table settings seat eight apiece, so if you can get a "Gaggle of Girls"

together, it will be a great treat to just sit, be waited upon and have time to talk, laugh and share a lovely Tea together. Or you can come alone and meet many new friends. What an ideal "Mother's Day" treat. There is entertainment, fun and lots of indulgent goodies to eat ...you won't be disappointed. Each person will also receive a favor.

For information and tickets please call Linda: 860-873-8933 or visit our website: www.ehcl.org

All proceeds are donated back to this Community and Lions Club Sponsored Charities. Tickets go quickly, don't delay book early... an ideal treat for the "Girls" in your life.

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Number One Dog Tag Contest

Please submit a photo of your dog, along with the following information by May 14:

1. Owner's name, address, phone number, and email address
2. Pet's name, age, and breed

Submit entry to: Town Clerk, P.O. Box K, 7 Main Street, East Haddam, CT 06423, e-mail to townclerk@easthaddam.org

Photos will be compiled and forwarded to the Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School for voting.

The contest is designed to promote the importance of

licensing your dog; the students have a lot of fun judging the contest. Licenses are required pursuant to Connecticut law for all dogs over 6 months of age.

The winner and the runner up will receive the #1 and #2 tag (rabies vaccine must be up to date); license fees will be paid by the Town Clerk's Office.

Photos will not be returned, so please retain a copy if it's a favorite photo.

Dog Licenses

Dog licenses are renewable each year in the month of June.

Licenses are required for every dog over 6 months of age.

The cost for a dog license is \$8.00 for a spayed/neutered dog and \$19.00 for a dog that has not been altered. Current law assesses a \$1.00 late penalty per month. In addition to it being the law, a license serves as a ticket home should your pet become lost.

Reminder notices will be mailed to licensed dog owners at the end of May. If sending in your payment via the mail, please include any updated paperwork; it will be returned to you

with the license.

If you have any questions regarding licensing your dog, please contact:

Deb Denette, East Haddam Town Clerk 860-873-5027 or Mike Olzacki, East Haddam Animal Control Officer 860-873-5044

Thank you.

License #1 and #2 will be reserved for the winner and runner up chosen by the students at the Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School in the Number One Dog tag contest.

Leo Club



L-R: Samantha VanValkenberg, Amber Lake, Chris Birdsey, Will Sanders, Owen McLean, Grace McLean, Gillian Hoover, Kara Izzo
Almost Pictured: Adviser Kathy Bristol (in back)

On Sunday, May 18 the East Haddam Leos will hold their second annual Leo Club Induction Ceremony. This annual event initiates the Leos who have joined in the past year, and serves as a celebration in recognition of all the hard work and community service the club has done over the course of the year. This year the Leos have much to be proud of. Highlights include their Second Annual Apple Festival, participation in Relay for Life, collecting thousands of can tabs for the Shriners, and their involvement in the upcoming Cinco de Mayo Festival at EHFPL (Monday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m.!). Other

proud achievements include working side by side with local Lions Clubs at the Annual Auction, EH Road Race, Christmas Tree Sales, Sight Savers Day, and the Hebron Fair. All proceeds from Leo Club events go to support various charitable causes & organizations around town. The Leo Club currently consists of 40 of East Haddam's finest young citizens.

The Leos would like to formally welcome and congratulate their newest 2014 inductees: Chris Birdsey, Masey Bradway, Tanner Burke, Talon Close, Amanda French, Cassidy French, Sarah Haentjens, Francis Hasuly, Carly Houle, Amber Lake, Mick Levesque, William Marshall, Brianna Murphy, Shawn Parent, and Ben Sibley.

Next up for the Leo Club is their Mother's Day Bake Sale on May 10th. The Leos will be at the Gristmill Market and Shagbark from 10:00-1:00. Please support the Leos by donating money in exchange for tasty treats. The Leos are also about to start off a string of Fundraisers to support the East Haddam Food & Fuel Banks, follow their Facebook Page for more details!

Any East Haddam Teen (ages 12-18), is welcome to join the Leos. The Leos meet the First Thursday of the Month and the Third Tuesday of the Month from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the East Haddam Free Public Library (18 Plains Rd, Moodus). Potential members are invited to stop by and see what the club is all about. For more details please contact Leo Adviser Michael Gilroy at GilroyM@gmail.com.

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Playing It Safe in the Sun



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4 Steps to Playing it Safe in the Sun

1. Avoid Too Much Sun: Wear protective clothing (shirt, hat, pants, sunglasses) when in the sun for more than 15 minutes; seek shade as much as possible; avoid mid-day sun.

2. Apply Sunscreen to Exposed Skin: Apply 15 minutes before sun exposure; apply a generous coat and reapply every 2 hours or more often if getting wet or sweating heavily.

3. Choose Sunscreen Wisely: Look at the label. Choose a sunscreen that: Offers broad spectrum (UV-A & UV-B) protection, Is rated as SPF 15 or 30, Contains zinc oxide as the active ingredient or as a blend with titanium dioxide. These mineral blockers are preferable to chemical absorbers. Choose water resistant.

4. Do Get Some Sun Every Day: Your body needs a daily dose of Vitamin D from the sun. For most people 15 minutes

of sunshine without sunscreen will not damage the skin and will give you enough Vitamin D.

How Do I Choose A Sunscreen?

Read the label for the following features: SPF 15 or 30: The SPF (sun protection factor) is an indication of how much extra time you can spend in the sun and not get a sun burn. For example, if it normally takes you 1 hour to get a sunburn, using a SPF 15 sunscreen will prevent a burn for 15 hours. But that is not realistic as the sunscreen will wear off from swimming, sweating and contact with other surfaces. Proper use of a SPF 15 or 30 sunscreen is usually sufficient to protect the skin. A higher SPF is not needed and would still need to be reapplied just as often.

Should I Apply Sunscreen To My Infant Or Young child?

For babies under six months of age, it is best to shelter them from the sun with hats, clothing and shade. If there is sun exposure, use sunscreen sparingly over small areas of exposed skin. Beyond 6 months of age you can use sunscreen normally but avoid the area around the eyes because children may wipe it into their eyes and cause irritation.

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Moodus Reservoir Preservation Group

Spring is here, finally, and we're all looking to yard and lawn preparation. It's important to keep in mind the harmful effects of fertilization and pesticides that enter our lakes, encouraging over growth of native and invasive aquatic plants as well as harmful algae. Try to keep fertilizer use to a minimum, especially near any body of water where run-off can affect the lake. Plan to mow your lawn with the mower in mulch cycle, distributing as you mow. Keep in mind that you must keep your mower blade sharp (3 sharpening minimum per season recommended; cut to about 3" for healthiest grass). An alternative is to bag your clippings and establish a mulching area to create very rich mulch for

bare spots and later applications.

Interested lake area residents are invited to an Aquatic Weed Workshop on June 21, 9:00 a.m. at the Lake Hayward Pavilion.

Membership in MRPG is open to anyone interested in the health of Moodus Reservoir and other lakes in town. Dues for the coming year July 2014 to June 2015 are \$25 per household. Checks payable to "MRPG" may be sent to T. Varriale, Treasurer, MRPG, Inc., 76 Falls Bashan Rd, Moodus 06469; include address, phone and e-mail. Donations are always welcome. Information inquires may be sent to Moodus.Reservoir@gmail.com. See us on Face Book at "Moodus Reservoir".

Moodus Sportsmen's Club

Shad Bake | June 22 | Noon - 3:00 p.m.

State Audit Benefits East Haddam Residents

Residents of East Haddam got some good news this week after a second audit by the State Board of Education who found in favor of the town. On initial review, the state claimed that more than \$1 million worth of school construction at the Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School was ineligible for reimbursement according to the parameters of the state grant. After a meeting at the State Education Department office in Hartford attended by State Representative Melissa Ziobron, First Selectman Mark Walter and Finance Director Cindy Varricchio, the final audit reduced that amount by more than \$450,000 saving the town in excess of \$215,000.

In addition, Rep. Ziobron was also able to add an additional \$36,000 to a forgiveness priority list. Those monies were for a penalty for prior window replacement project at the former middle school. The total savings to the town are over \$250,000.

"All large capital projects are an incredible undertaking for any community, and I am so grateful for the service all the volunteers provided on the building committee. I

am especially grateful for the assistance from our State Representative Melissa Ziobron who saw this project from its beginning stages through a successful finish. The new middle school will serve as a cornerstone of our community for generations to come" said Mark Walter, First Selectman of East Haddam.

In regards to her efforts with the project Ziobron said, "I am proud of my work on the former 4-8 School Building Committee and glad I was able to provide first-hand knowledge of the project. In fact, I had actually asked the same questions the state had while I was a member of the committee. The town brought forward a lot of great documentation to the audit review and they should be commended for their due diligence."

Melissa Ziobron represents the 34th district communities of Colchester, East Haddam and East Hampton.

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HopYard continuing into Lyme then finishing up along the 25 mile route and the CT River. The walk will be around Lower Moodus Reservoir. All events start and end at the East Haddam Town Beach. Registered riders and walkers are invited to a cookout at the Moodus Sportsman Club starting at noon. Bring your non-rider friends and family for \$7.00/adults and \$5.00/children. Music will be provided.

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3rd Annual RUN for CHRIS 5K Challenge



The 3rd Annual RUN for CHRIS 5K Challenge will be held on Saturday, June 21, in Essex, CT. Chris was a 2005 graduate of VRHS and received his Bachelor's in History and Chinese from WVU. Chris appreciated educational opportunities that introduced him to new places, including his time spent in China. He believed everyone should have similar opportunities to expand their own horizons. In his memory, the Chris Belfoure Memorial Fund keeps his dreams and aspirations alive by helping high school students in our area expand their horizons internationally. His fund has been established at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County (CFMC). This fund serves as a catalyst toward integrating multicultural experiences and

learning foreign languages into the schools of the Lower Valley of the Middlesex County.

This year a grant was given to VRHS for their trip abroad to France and Spain, where the students lived with families and attended their schools.

New this year for the run: it is a certified 5K course; CB4 mile run for ages 7-14; a 2 Mile Walk. The kids fun run for ages 6 and under continues. Registration: 7:00 a.m.; Fun Run: 8:15 a.m.; CB4 mile: 8:30 a.m. and 5K/2 Mile Walk: 8:45 a.m. Great food and a great raffle!

Register online: www.aratrace.com. For more information: "Like" Run for Chris at [facebook.com/runforchris](https://www.facebook.com/runforchris), or contact Robin Chapin, robinc83@gmail.com; or Cathy Bishop, cbishop56@sbc-global.net; 860-767-0354.

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