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Town Manager's Corner

Hello East Hampton! I am excited to be here and am thrilled to be working with a great staff, a dedicated Council and enthusiastic volunteer Board and Commission members. As I write this, I have been on the job two months and have dived right in. I have met many of East Hampton's residents who took me up on the offer to stop in and say "hi." Many have offered great ideas about the community. I look forward to continuing that dialog in the future so look for an announcement about some scheduled opportunities to get together with me to talk about East Hampton and its future.

While there are always bumps in the road, we are moving forward with some big projects in the community. Around the time of this publication, I will be making a report to the Town Council regarding the feasibility of moving ahead with a system in Lake Pocotopaug that would help address water quality issues in the lake that have caused closures in the past. While the proposed approach would likely address our immediate water issues and hopefully lead to an active lake all summer, we will need to continue to address the long-term health of the lake by finding creative ways to keep pollutants and excessive nutrients out of the water altogether through work in the watershed. Staff and I are excited to work on that with the Council, Conservation Lake Commission and other bodies.

The community is also, once again, looking at the expansion of the Town water system to provide clean and consistent drinking water to the community. As many East Hampton residents know, drinking water quality is an issue and has been for many years. I have been charged by the Council to lead our efforts to find ways to improve that situation. The Town accepted proposals from two private entities and has engaged a firm to help us through the evaluation process as we prepare for what will, undoubtedly, be a major health, economic development and financial discussion in the community.

The Town Hall and Police Department facility construction is progressing well and we anticipate moving to the new building in the spring. By now, the outside of the building has likely been finished and the inside finishes are starting to take shape. As we get closer to March, look for announcements about opening activities for the building including opportunities for the community to visit for a tour and **continued on page 5**



David E. Cox
Town Manager



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information on when we will officially open for business there.

Lastly, I wish all of you the blessings of the holiday season as that comes upon us. I hope that each of us takes the opportunity to slow down, take a breath and enjoy family and friends. Maybe we will even find a way to reach out to others in our community who may need a hand up during the holidays and may that attitude extend throughout the year. Thank you East Hampton for welcoming me to the community and for trusting me to serve. I am excited about our collective future!

Office of the Assessor

REVALUATION

The Town of East Hampton will be conducting a Revaluation for October 1, 2020. In accordance with CT General Laws, a revaluation is required every five years. The purpose of the revaluation is to reconcile property assessments to their full and fair market value as of October 1, 2020.

The Town of East Hampton has hired Vision Government Solutions to conduct the revaluation. All Vision employees will carry photo identification, as well as a letter from the Town Assessor stating the nature of their work. Their cars will be registered with the East Hampton Police Department. We respectfully request your cooperation with the revaluation team during this process.

Once the review process is complete, and all data is analyzed, new assessments will be mailed to property owners in late 2020. At that time, Vision Government Solutions will conduct informal appeal hearings with property owners to discuss assessments, at the property owner's request. Further appeal options will be available through the Office of the Assessor at that time.

REAL ESTATE CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS

The Office of the Assessor is responsible for all Real Estate mailing addresses. Once a mailing address is updated in our office the change is updated in the Collector of Revenue's Office for tax and/or sewer billing. If you recently changed your mailing address, please visit our office or our Change of Address Form on the Assessor's page of our website at: <https://www.easthamptonct.gov/assessor>

Additionally, give us a call just to confirm your mailing address. Quite often, tax bills are sent to mortgage companies. To receive additional mail from the Town an address update might be needed. This is especially true for Post Office box holders in the Middle Haddam and Cobalt sections of East Hampton.

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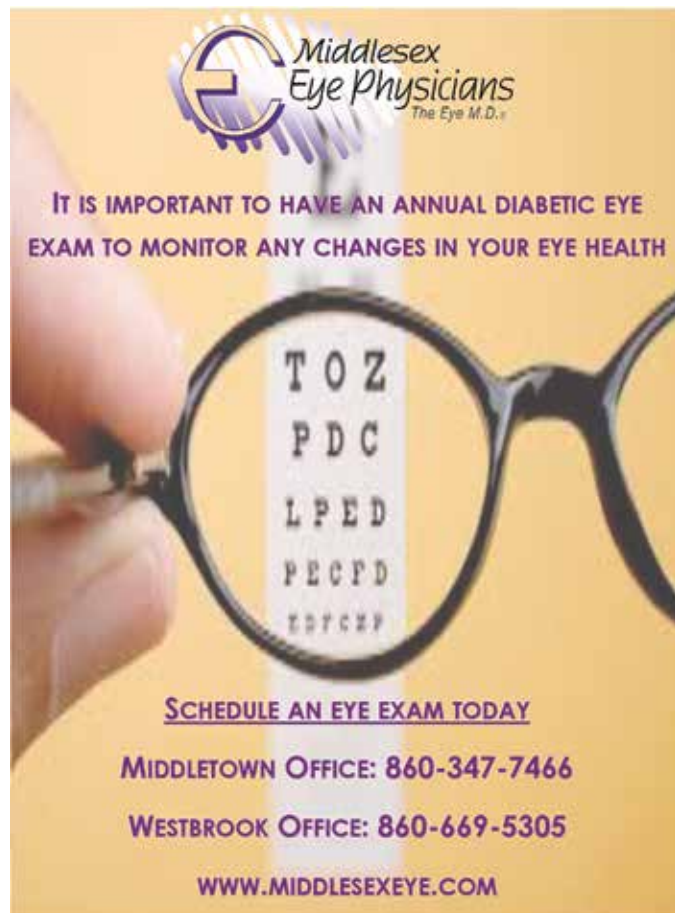
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Office of the Collector of Revenue

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If you have misplaced your bill you may look up the amount due by visiting www.easthamptonct.gov or contact the office at: 860-267-2300.

The office is also preparing to bill for Motor Vehicle Supplemental tax, which is generated when a vehicle is registered between October and July. Payments for Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle Supplemental taxes become due on January 1, 2020 and are delinquent after February 3, 2020. When a due date or the final day to pay is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday payment may be made the next business day in accordance

with Connecticut State Statute 12-169.

If you cannot pay your bill in full you may make partial payments; we do not enter into payment plans. On the first of the month, interest will be applied to the remaining balance at a rate of 1 ½%. It is better to make payments and communicate with the office. Please do not ignore the bill completely.

Town Facilities Building Committee



The new Town Hall/Police Department is progressing on schedule and on budget. Now that all of the glass has been installed, the building is now enclosed. Electrical wiring is ongoing along with drywall installation. The vault to store Town records is complete. The entrance stairway along with the railing is complete. On the outside, the sally port for the Police Station is complete. The driveway paving is done and the concrete sidewalks have been completed. Work is being done on the exterior lighting.

Currently the project is expected to be completed in early 2020.

Building Department

THE BENEFITS OF BUILDING PERMITS

The permitting process helps to protect you and your family, as well as the public, by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction. It also helps protect the value of your investment. The Building Department begins with a review of your scope of work for code compliance and then follows up with inspections to ensure that code requirements are met. Upon final approval, a completion document is issued for the project.

Work done without permits and required inspections will impact your ability to insure and finance your home. Unpermitted work devalues your investment, and in many cases, stops the sale of a home. Many banks are now refusing to lend money for new mortgages or refinancing, and insurance companies are refusing to insure, where improvement projects have been completed without the required permits and inspections. Building departments often see homeowners come in at the last minute and try to legalize the projects for unpermitted work. This process is very time consuming and adds cost to a project for the homeowner.

A number of factors influence the cost of a homeowner's insurance policy. One of the main influences is the age of your home. An example would be an older roof, which would increase the risk for a water leak and claim. If you replace your roof and follow the permit process, you can notify your insurance company of your new permitted and approved roof. This will lower the risk of a claim which equals savings in insurance costs.

In addition, the money spent on obtaining a building permit will be one of your most valuable investments in your property. A loss or accident involving an unpermitted project may not be covered by your insurance company, which could result in costly additional expenses.

The Building Department is here to assist you in the permitting process. The expert oversight by the Building Department during construction helps prolong your property's value and marketability. We are located at 20 East High Street, East Hampton, and can be reached at: 860-267-9601.

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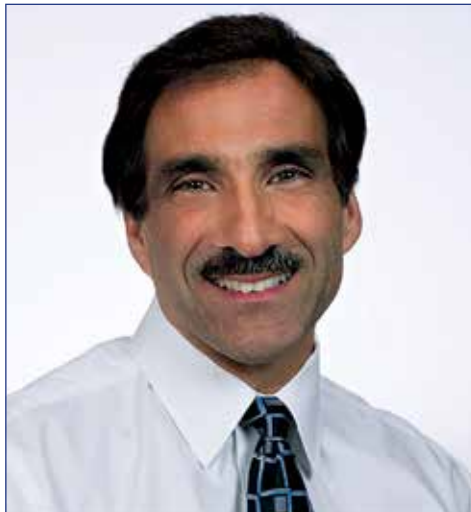
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ENERGY ASSISTANCE - Please contact Christine at: 860-267-7300 ext. 208 to schedule your 2019-20 winter energy appointment to apply for this program. This application is done by appointment only and processing by CRT may take up to 45 business days. So please factor that in when scheduling your appointment. Due

to the length of these appointments, we cannot accommodate walk-ins.

ADOPT A FAMILY - The season of giving is upon us! Contact us if you are interested in finding out how you may be able to help a family in our community!

Public Works

Summer has come to an end and the Department of Public Works is wrapping up construction and preparing for fall and winter operations. It was a busy construction season for the Department with many projects being undertaken and completed.

REPAIRS & REPLACEMENTS

Some of the most notable were the culvert replacement at Abbey Road, and the drainage upgrade at Old Marlborough Road. The Public Works Department staff prepared two miles of road for

chip sealing and conducted many other drainage repairs and replacement projects. Department staff also conducted roadside mowing operations and painting of stop bars, crosswalks, and Town-owned parking lots. Additionally, curbing was replaced, and pot holes were patched.

Preparation for fall and winter operations has begun.

The official winter season will be from November 15, 2019 until April 15, 2020.

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Thanks to you, by combining our resources, we are able to make even the smallest gift have a big impact - through charitable funds that support not only animal welfare, but also arts and culture, health and social services, education, the environment, history, civic improvements, recreation, and economic security and opportunity.

We celebrate all of you who share the same desire to help our local community thrive today, and tomorrow.

We invite you to learn more by calling us or visiting us online.

East Hampton Senior Center

105 Main Street, East Hampton, CT | 860-267-4426

Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Weekly Events

MEXICAN TRAIN - Mondays at 9:30 am

Mexican Train is a game played with number dominoes. The object of the game is for a player to play all the dominoes from his or her hand onto one or more chains, or "trains," starting from central hub or "station." Walk-ins welcome. Pre-registration not required. Free.

BINGO - Tuesdays at 1:00 pm

We offer a wide variety of games. Cash prizes. Pre-registration not required. Cost: Up to \$3.00 depending on how many cards played.

QUILTING - Mondays, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

New members welcome. Bring your own project. Members help each other, as needed. Group also makes quilted lap robes that are donated to a charity. Pre-registration not required.

GENTLE YOGA with KITCH - Mondays, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

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GENTLE YOGA with KITCH - Wednesdays, 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Current session is: 9/18/19-12/11/19. Sign-up begins December 1st for the new session starting 1/08/2020 at the Senior Center. Registration required with payment \$25.00 for 10-week session.

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Assessor860-267-2510

Board of Education860-365-4000

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Chatham Health District860-365-0884

Collector of Revenue.....860-267-2300

Emergency Management.....860-267-0088

Finance Department860-267-7548

Fire Marshal860-267-0088

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Housing Authority860-267-8498

Human Resources860-267-4468

Parks & Recreation860-267-7300

Police Department (non-emergency) ...860-267-9544

Probate Court860-295-6239

Public Library860-267-6621

Public Works.....860-267-4747

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REFLEXOLOGY - Fridays by appointment

Reflexology, also known as zone therapy, is an alternative medicine



A senior outing on the train.

involving application of pressure to the feet and hands with specific thumb, finger, and hand techniques without the use of oil or lotion. Call Susette at: 860-334-9255 (30 minutes for \$20.00)

BRIDGE - Friday 12:30 pm

New members are welcome! Must be familiar with the game. Please see a staff member for more information.

SETBACK - Thursdays 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Object of the game is to be the first team to score 21 points. No partners necessary. Cost: Free.

Special Events for Older Adults

SENIOR MEETING & HOLIDAY CHEER

- December 2nd, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon.

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FESTIVAL OF TREES AT WADSWORTH ATHENIUM

and lunch at the Chowder Pot - December 5th. Leave the Center at 9:00 am.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS FANTASIA and dinner at the First & Last Restaurant - December 9th. Leave the Center at 4:30 pm for dinner and then the lights.

EAST HAMPTON LIGHT PEEPING - December 16th

Jump on our bus and enjoy the Holiday Lights about Town! Leave the Center at 5:00 pm.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON - December 18th

Watch for more information in the near future!!

The trips and special events fill up fast. Please look to sign up starting December 1st. Each event has an admission and suggested travel donation. Thank you.

Arts & Culture Commission

The mission of the East Hampton Arts and Culture Commission is to foster, promote, encourage and celebrate the excellence, enjoyment, and abundance of arts and culture in our town.

COME JOIN US!

The Commission meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Joseph N. Goff House Museum, 1st Floor, 2 Barton Hill Road. We are comprised of an eclectic mix of East Hampton residents including a retired elementary school teacher, a member of the Chatham Historical Society, artists, a veteran, gardener and local business owner.

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Youth and Family Services

860-267-7300

Sears Park

FACILITIES: All rental request forms are available online at: www.easthamptonrec.com

PAVILION: Residents of East Hampton can rent the Pavilion for events for full or half-day rentals. The fees are \$75/half-day or \$125/full day. All reservations require a security deposit of \$125.

LION'S PICNIC SHELTER: Sears Park patrons may use this shelter when it is not reserved. Reservations are posted daily on the small kiosk next to the shelter with the specific reservations for that day. There is no cost to reserve the shelter. However, a completed reservation form is required.

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FREQUENTLY REQUESTED INFORMATION

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Registration for spring takes place in January.
Fall season is late August-October.
Registration for fall takes place in June.

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REGISTRATION, PROGRAM INFORMATION & REFUND POLICY

Program enrollments are accepted online at www.easthamptonrec.com. Registration forms are available online at: www.easthamptonrec.com, at the Parks and Recreation Office and on page 17, right, of this Events Magazine.

Registration

All registration forms must include payment. Payment is required at the time of registration. All registrations are taken on a first come, first served basis. We accept MasterCard and Visa. Please make checks payable to East Hampton Parks and Recreation. Cash payments should be made in the office only. Please do not try to register or pay program instructors unless indicated.

Registration confirmations are available by email if subscribed to on your main account page at www.easthamptonct.gov. No other confirmations are provided; however, if you have registered with us and paid, you will be on the final roster.

Refund Policy

If you are unable to attend a program you have registered for, please contact us. You must contact us 7 days before a program starts to receive a 100% refund. Cancellations inside of 7 days will receive a 50% refund or be issued an account credit for another activity. After the program starts no refunds will be issued. Our ability to refund money for trip cancellations depends on our contractual agreement with the travel companies.

Cancellation Information

In the event of inclement weather, all programs are cancelled if school is closed or has an early dismissal. Cancellation information is posted on WFSB Channel 3 Early Warning Network. Households who have subscribed to the online registration site's email notifications will receive an e-mail regarding the cancellation. Program times are subject to change based on enrollment numbers. Programs will be cancelled if the minimum enrollment number is not reached.

NEW YORK ON YOUR OWN TRIP

Join us and experience New York City decorated for the holidays. The tree will be up in Rockefeller Center, the air is crisp, and the mood is festive. Participants are dropped off in the Mid-Town area to enjoy shopping, dining, and sight-seeing. The luxury motor coach departs from East Hampton Town Hall at 7:30 am and departs New York City at 6:00 pm.

Cost: \$70 per person

Date: Saturday, December 7

JINGLE BELLS PARADE

Join East Hampton Parks and Recreation, East Hampton Public Library and the Downtown Business District for the Jingle Bells Parade and tree lighting in the Center of Town. Festivities kick off with arts and crafts, refreshments and the High School Jazz Band at the Library. This will be followed by a parade from the Library to the Center of Town for the tree lighting and visits with Santa!

Date: Friday, December 6

Times: 3:00 pm - Crafts, Refreshments and the High School Jazz Band

4:00 pm - Parade Starts at the Library

4:15 pm - Tree Lighting

4:30 pm - Visits with Santa and hot chocolate

AFTERNOON ADVENTURES - Before & After-School Program

Afternoon Adventures meets at Memorial Elementary School before and after school each day from 7:00 am - 8:30 am and 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Students in grades K-5 can attend the program on a full time or part time basis. Registration is done on a monthly basis, either online or at the Parks and Recreation Office. You must enroll for the whole month and may register for two days per week, three days per week, or full time. Your daily schedule must be provided to the Parks and Recreation Office upon sign up (example: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.)

We emphasize healthy snacks, activities, and habits. Please send your child with a healthy snack each day. The children have time for play outside (weather permitting) every day or time in the gym. Everyone does homework or quiet reading; then they enjoy crafts, games, special guests and play with staff and their peers until pickup time. Care is provided on scheduled school half days from when school gets out until 6:00 pm for no additional charge. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Parks and Recreation Office.

Cost: Monthly Registration - Cost depends on number of days attending. Visit: www.easthamptonrec.com for rates

Location: Memorial Elementary School, Cafeteria; Center School, Cafeteria (grades 4 and 5 starting January 2020)

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REGISTRATION FORM

(for most recreation programs)

NAME (& medical info*)	DATE OF BIRTH	GRADE	PROGRAM	SESSION #	DATE
1. _____					
2. _____					
3. _____					
4. _____					

*medical info. (list allergies, medicines, conditions, etc.)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

HOME ADDRESS: _____ _____ _____ MOTHER'S NAME: _____ Day/Cell Phone #: _____ FATHER'S NAME: _____ Day/Cell Phone #: _____	Home Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____ Mother's Employer: _____ Father's Employer: _____
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Name/Relationship*: _____ _____ Name/Relationship*: _____ _____ Family Physician: _____	Address: _____ Day/Cell Phone #: _____ Address: _____ Day/Cell Phone #: _____ Office Phone #: _____

*(must be able to pick up participant if necessary)

Release:

I understand that participation in this (these) program(s) involves risks of personal and bodily injury, including but not limited to paralysis, heart attack and death, as well as loss or damage to property. I realize that activities such as this may be inherently dangerous activities and my decision to participate in all such activities is made in full recognition of these risks and is entirely voluntary. In consideration of your acceptance of this application, I agree for myself, my heirs, successors, and assigns to hold harmless the Town of East Hampton, Connecticut, its affiliates, subsidiaries and any other entity associated with this (these) program(s), and each of their directors, officers, agents, representatives, employees, volunteers, successors and assigns from all liability on account of injury, loss claim, or damage to my body, health, wellbeing or property. I further authorize the personnel to act for me according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention. I understand that I am responsible for all financial liabilities arising from a situation involving medical treatment. I agree that the terms of this release is applicable to any and all of my dependents who take part in this (these) program(s).

Signature: _____

Date: _____



PHOTOGRAPHS:

...that are taken of participants in our programs may be used in our publicity (unless a participant, parent, or guardian indicates otherwise).

HOW TO REGISTER:

On-line registration, mail, fax, e-mail (as an attachment), or drop off.

PAYMENT:

Credit Card # _____ Expiration: _____
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Dates: Monday-Friday of school days; First day of school - last day of school
 Times: 7:00 am - 8:30 am and 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

ADULT RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL

This program offers non-competitive recreational basketball for adults. You must be an East Hampton resident to participate.

Instructors: Gregg Johnson and Mark Piscatelli
 Cost: \$50 for the full season or \$3 at the door (19+ program only)
 For: Adults age 19+
 Dates: Monday and Thursday; beginning October 15 - May 16
 Times: 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm (Over 35)
 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm (Age 19+)
 November 8 - May 16
 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm (Age 19+)
 Location: Adult age 19+: East Hampton Middle School
 Adult age 35+: Center School Gym

ZUMBA® with David Tiefenbrunn

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 Dates: Monday and Wednesday
 Times: 6:30 pm - 7:20 pm

Notes: Wear sneakers or Zumba shoes, bring a water and towel
 Location: Memorial School Cafeteria
 Class Prices: CARDS - \$75 for 10 classes. No expiration date.
 DROP INS: \$10 drop in anytime

Register online at: www.easthamptonrec.com or pay David at class. All checks need to be made out to East Hampton Parks and Recreation.

ART WORKSHOP

Step-by-step instruction on painting in all mediums will be provided for all skill levels. Bring a sketch pad and pencil to the first class.
 Instructor: Elizabeth Sennett
 Cost: \$70
 Dates: Tuesdays, January 21 - March 17 (no class February 18)
 Times: 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
 Location: East Hampton Middle School Art Room

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CLINIC - Grades 6-8

Jackie Yorker and Gabrielle Braun-Fales - EHHS Senior Players
 The first part of this weekly clinic will consist of instructional drills and stations to teach and re-enforce serving, passing, and bumping. The second part of the clinic will be scrimmaging each other to apply the skills we are learning.
 Cost: \$75
 Dates: Wednesdays, January 8 - February 12
 Times: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 Location: East Hampton Middle School Gym



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HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Library News

THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW AT THE LIBRARY!

In August, we launched a brand-new subscription to the on-line learning platform: CreativeBug. Creativebug has more than 1,000 award-winning art & craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. Learn how to paint, cook, bake, knit, crochet, sew, screen print, and more. Enjoy unlimited access from home or on the go with your East Hampton Library Card. Access CreativeBug from our website: EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org

Then in September, we rolled out with Mobile Printing. You can now print your documents from anywhere and any device right to the library's printer. Then pick up your prints at your convenience. Learn more on our website: EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org and click on 'mobile printing.'

With all of the new things going on at the library, it's easy to forget about our old standards like museum passes, which give you free or discounted admission to local museums and attractions like Mystic Seaport and the Science Center, or access to Ancestry to help you do genealogy research. And of course, as always, we have a wide variety of fun and educational events for the whole family. Check out our full list of events below and visit our website: EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org to learn more.

Sincerely,
Ellen Paul, Library Director

Weekly Children's Early Literacy Programs

BABY RHYME TIME: Ages 0-12 months

Mondays 10:00 am

Babies and their caregiver are invited for songs, stories, and play time. Come build early literacy skills and get to know other families in your community. For babies up to 12 months. Year Round. No registration required, just drop in!

WIGGLES & GIGGLES: Ages 12-24 months

Fridays 10:00 am

An interactive early literacy program for toddlers and their
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caregiver that introduces books, nursery rhymes and songs. For ages 12-24 months. Year Round. No registration required, just drop in!

STORIES AND SONGS: Ages 18 months-4 years

Wednesdays 10:00 am

An early literacy program for child and caregiver that combines stories, songs & literacy activities to promote lifelong learning. Unstructured play time with toys, art supplies, and socialization will follow. Year Round. No registration required, just drop in!

LITTLE LEARNERS: Ages 2-3 years

Thursdays 10:00 am

A story time program that engages children in active listening, promotes motor skills & literacy development with shared books, felt board activities and songs. Year Round. No registration required, just drop in!

After School Programs

The Library's Footprint and Fribrary programs offer children an opportunity to engage in fun and educational activities that inspire creativity, inclusion, and literacy. Please register for every event separately.

FOOTPRINTS: Grades 2 & 3

Select Fridays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Registration opens December 18 at 10:00 am.

Registration is required, limited to 15 children.

Children will be given a light snack. Please let us know of any allergies. Bus transportation provided from Memorial School to the library. Children must bring a note to school giving them permission to attend. Please register for each event separately. Call the library or visit: easthamptonpubliclibrary.org to register.

January 10: Make a Pop-Up Book with
The Lutz Children's Museum

January 24: The Three Little Pigs and Hurricane Wolf

February 7: We Love Footprints

February 28: Library Scavenger Hunt

FRIBRARY: Grades 4 & 5

Select Fridays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Registration opens December 18 at 10:00 am.

Registration is required, limited to 15 children.

Children will be given a light snack. Please let us know of any allergies. Bus transportation provided from Center School to the library. Children must bring a note to school giving them permission to attend. Please register for each event separately. Call the library or visit: easthamptonpubliclibrary.org to register.

January 17: Make a Pop-Up Book with
The Lutz Children's Museum

January 31: The Three Little Pigs and Hurricane Wolf

February 21: Bingo with the Senior Center

Family Programs

Poetry, the environment, and eagles, oh my! Make sure to mark your calendars for these fun-filled family events coming soon.

BOARD GAME CLUB

Tuesdays, 3:30 - 5:00 pm, November 5, 12, 19

Drop in. No Registration.

The whole family is invited to drop in to the children's room after school to play classic table top games. Board games, cards, puzzles, and more! Play one of our games or share one from home.

HOLIDAY POEMS & CARD WORKSHOP WITH THE SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday December 10, 3:30 - 4:30 pm.

Registration is required, limited to 12 children.

Registration opens December 1.

Drop in with your family after school to make and take holiday poems and cards with volunteers from the East Hampton Senior Center. This poetry and card making workshop will be taught by poetry expert, Miss Elizabeth. Call the library or visit: easthamptonpubliclibrary.org to register.

BOOK VOYAGERS BOOK CLUB for Grades 1-3: GROWING GREEN

Tuesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm, January 14, 21, 28, and

February 4, 2020

Registration is required, limited to 12 children.

Registration opens December 1.

Sponsored in part by CT Humanities. Join us for an environment themed after school book club hosted by CT Story Teller Liz Gruber! Participants get to keep the books. Transportation is not provided by this event. Please register for each event separately. Call the library or visit: easthamptonpubliclibrary.org to register.

NOON YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION:

Balloon Drop & Turtle Dance Music

Tuesday December 31, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Registration is required and opens December 1.

Ring in the NOON year with a musical, bubble and comedy performance by Turtle Dance Music, followed by EHPL's annual balloon drop! Call the library or visit: easthamptonpubliclibrary.org to register.

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY:

Featuring a Bald Eagle

Saturday, February 1, 11:00 am

Registration for the bird show is required, and opens January 6. Celebrate your library with birds of prey! Horizon Wings Raptor Rehabilitation and Education Center will be sharing raptors and a bald eagle that have been nursed back to health. Following the show, join us in the children's room for face painting and crafts. Call the library or visit: easthamptonpubliclibrary.org to register.

Teen Programs

UGLY T-SHIRT DESIGN PARTY

Saturday, December 14, 1:00 pm.

Registration is required.

Bring in a red, green or white t-shirt. Using supplies provided - design your ugliest holiday t-shirt! We'll have snacks and holiday music plus the ugliest design will win a prize! Call the library or visit: easthamptonpubliclibrary.org to register.

BOOK TO MOVIE CLUB

Saturdays, January 25, February 15, 1:00 pm.

So many of our favorite books have been made into movies! Read the book then let's get together and watch the movie! We'll discuss which we liked more: the book or the movie and the differences in the two! Snacks provided. Movies to be announced the end of November! Call the library or visit: easthamptonpubliclibrary.org to register.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Mondays, January 23, February 28, 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

Registration is required.

Work together with the library to create new programs exclusively for 6th-12th graders! Provide input to expand our collection of books, music and DVDs. What better way than to put your knowledge and creativity to work to create programs and expand the library's collection with material suited specifically for you! If you are interested in offering your voice and earning two hours of community service a month join us! Call the library or visit: easthamptonpubliclibrary.org to register.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Wednesdays, January 8, 22, February 5, 19, 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

Registration is required.

Learn how to play Dungeons and Dragons by firsthand experience. Bring friends and we'll meet some fun characters, have some combat, and learn the basics of the game. No experience required, just a sense of adventure! Call the library or visit: easthamptonpubliclibrary.org to register.

DECEMBER MAKER MONDAYS!

Mondays, December 9 & 23 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

Drop in to the library for activities in our Teen/YA space for a chance to hang out with your friends have some snacks and explore all the library has to offer. We'll have a project or craft to do, plus board games and puzzles too! Bring your friends to unwind on a Monday night. No registration required.

Special Events for Adults

CABIN FEVER SERIES: Alice Bevin and Carol Price,

East Hampton Icons

Saturday, December 21, 1:00 pm.

Registration is required.

Debbie Day & Carol Morris of the Chatham Historical Society
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will give a presentation on the life and works of local artist Alice Bevin. They will also discuss historian Carl Price's two books: *Yankee Township & Postscripts*. Co-sponsored with the Chatham Historical Society. Reserve your seat by calling 860-267-6621 or go online at: EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org.

CABIN FEVER SERIES: *Traveling to Cuba*

Saturday, January 25, 1:00 pm.

Registration is required.

Don Burr of the Chatham Historical Society will give a Power Point presentation on his recent trip to Cuba. Co-sponsored with the Chatham Historical Society. Reserve your seat by calling 860-267-6621 or go online at: EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org.

CABIN FEVER SERIES: *Connecticut Architecture, Stories of 100 Places*

Saturday, February 22, 1:00 pm.

Registration is required.

Christopher Wigren of the CT Trust for Historic Preservation will discuss his new book, *Connecticut Architecture: Stories of 100 Places*. It features more than 200 illustrations including Colonial churches and Modernist houses to refurbished nineteenth-century factories. Co-sponsored with the Chatham Historical Society. Reserve your seat by calling 860-267-6621 or go online at: EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org.

CABIN FEVER SERIES: *New England at 400,*

Plymouth Rock to Present Day

Saturday, March 21, 1:00 pm.

Registration is required.

Eric Lehman will discuss his most recent book: *New England at 400: Plymouth Rock to Present Day*. He will discuss how every generation of immigrants and natives, puritans and patriots, has defined this land anew. It is a story of transformation, but also continuity, since "New England" embodies both a collective philosophy and a shared past. Co-sponsored with the Chatham Historical Society. Reserve your seat by calling 860-267-6621 or go online at: EastHamptonPublicLibrary.org.

Monthly Adult Programs

BOOK CLUB

Third Thursdays of the Month, 2:00 pm.

Each month we choose a different book to read and discuss. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk. Check to see which book we're reading on the event calendar.

COOKBOOK CLUB

Second Tuesday of the Month, 6:30 pm.

Do you like browsing through cookbooks and trying new recipes? Join us monthly for Cookbook Club! Each month will have a loose theme, bring a dish and 12 copies of the recipe to share. Dishes should arrive ready to eat, we'll provide the plates and forks. We'll sample and talk about each recipe and take home new ideas!

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Women who are identified as being high risk, or who think they might be at high risk, are encouraged to either make an appointment with the center directly or ask their primary care physician for a referral. Within the center, the scheduling of diagnostic tests and a meeting with a breast surgeon can happen on the same day.

Middlesex Health Cancer Center is accredited by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers. The Comprehensive Breast Center is located at 540 Saybrook Road in Middletown. The same services are also offered at the Middlesex Health Shoreline Medical Center in Westbrook. To contact the center, call: 860-358-2780.

Holiday Safety Tips from the East Hampton Fire Marshal

As the holiday season approaches the East Hampton Fire Marshal would like to share with you some holiday fire statistics:

- One of every four home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems.
- Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious. On average, one of every 32 reported home Christmas tree fires results in a death compared to an average of one death per 143 total reported home fires.
- A heat source too close to the tree causes one in every four Christmas tree fires.
- The top three days for home candle fires are Christmas, New Year's Day, and Christmas Eve.
- Candles start two out of five home decoration structure fires.

In order for you to have a safe holiday season we recommend that you follow the following safety tips.

- When picking the tree choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.
- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Please be sure to add water daily.
- When lighting the tree, use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Inspect all of your light strings and replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords, or loose bulb connections.

- Read the manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights and extinguish any lit candles before leaving home or going to bed.

It's possible to buy electric menorahs and kinaras, but if you prefer traditional candles you can still celebrate Hanukkah and Kwanzaa in a fire smart way.

- Keep flammable items, including curtains and holiday decorations, at least 3 feet away from your candles.
- Place your menorah or kinara on a non-flammable surface to catch the melting candle wax, such as a tray lined with aluminum foil. Never leave lit candles unattended.

Nothing takes the chill off winter holidays like the light and heat of a fire from your hearth. Follow these tips to ensure safe fireplace use.

- Just be sure to keep "fuel" - from wrapping paper to rugs to clothing - at least three feet away from the flames.
- Use a fire screen to keep embers and logs from escaping.
- Lastly, make sure all embers are fully extinguished before you turn in for the night.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the East Hampton Fire Marshal Rich Klotzbier at: 860-267-0088 or by email at: firemarshal@easthamptonct.gov.

East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Injured Deer



East Hampton volunteer firefighters were summoned recently to rescue an injured deer that had become wedged between

two floating docks near the edge of Lake Pocotopaug.

The young doe had apparently been shot with an arrow that had gone completely through her upper back. After being wounded, the doe

was reported to have entered the waters at the northern end of the lake and several attempts by boaters and bystanders to

provide aid and render care were unsuccessful. Exhausted, the deer swam toward the western shore where it became trapped between two dock sections.

Still alive and breathing but unable to extricate herself, members of the EHVFD were called and responded with their heavy rescue truck and ladder 1-12 to assist. A field officer from CT DEEP was also en route. After freeing the deer from the confines of the docks, firefighters noted the frightened and physically exhausted doe

was unable to move under her own power and could not climb out onto shore. Utilizing the crane-like features of Ladder 1-12 and the techniques honed in numerous training sessions, fire-fighters were able to secure the deer into a sling-like device and safely lift her from the water, over the guardrails and sidewalk by the shoreline and place her in the back of the DEEP officer's vehicle. The wounded doe was subsequently transported to a DEEP approved facility for treatment, rehabilitation and eventual release back into her natural habitat.

Volunteer Fire Department Takes Top Honor



Every year, fire departments compete against each other for points and bragging rights at judged parades across the state and beyond. Each piece of apparatus in a sanctioned parade is scrutinized by a team of up to twelve certified judges as it moves through

the judging area and points are awarded (or deducted) based on overall appearance, operational readiness and the immediate mission-capable condition of all required tools and equipment. Apparatus is broken down into categories (pumpers, aerials, tankers, forestry, special operations, etc.) and departments compete against other entries within that specified category or division.

For several years, members of the East Hampton Volunteer Fire Department have participated in the annual Firefighters' Parade and Carnival sponsored by the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department. Although forty miles apart, a special bond was established between these respective departments when Ellington firefighters and apparatus responded to assist the EHVFD at the Bevin Brothers Manufacturing structure fire in 2012.

In 2015, East Hampton Fire's original Ladder 1-12 received a somewhat dubious "Honorable Mention" at the Ellington Parade in the "antique" division as the oldest truck still in full operation as a front-line piece. At the 2018 Ellington Parade, the EHVFD's new Ladder 1-12 was judged to be the "Best Appearing Aerial" and, in September 2019, competing against over sixty entries from fire departments across the state and beyond, Ladder 1-12 was honored to receive the top prize, the prestigious "Mac Fowler / Judge's Choice Award."

East Hampton Fire Chief Greg Voelker commented: "This top award belongs to everyone in East Hampton - they have always fully supported our needs for safe and effective apparatus and equipment. Our firefighters understand the significant investment made in providing these assets and our department takes pride in keeping them in peak response condition at all times. This award is in recognition of the efforts our firefighters put forth in service to the community."

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Land Use Department

The East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission has embarked upon the process of updating the Zoning Regulations for the Lake Pocotopaug Protection Zone (Section 3.1 of the Zoning Regulations.) The current regulations have been in place and have not been changed since 1996 and are in need of updating.

The first Public Workshop was held on September 4 at the East Hampton Library. Many comments were received. The Commission is in the process of updating the current draft and will hold another Public

Workshop sometime in November. We have developed a page on the Land Use Department website devoted to this proposed update where you'll be able to view the draft regulation as well as stay up to date on the time and location of scheduled meetings. This page can be found by clicking on the link titled "Updates to Section 3.1 - Lake Pocotopaug Protection Zone" on the Land Use Department webpage. Department Staff is working collaboratively with the Conservation Lake Commission and their Staff person to oversee and advise on the permitting of various water quality

improvement projects, including projects at Clark Hill Road, Sears Park, Boulder Road, and others.

Finally, we have created a "Protecting Lake Pocotopaug" page on the Land Use Department website. This page includes easy best management practices land owners can employ to clean storm water on their property before it reaches the lake. If you live in the watershed, we encourage you to take a look at the webpage. Both links are viewable on the Land Use Department webpage at: www.easthamptonct.gov/land-use-department.

Watershed Runoff into Lake Pocotopaug

Dear Lake Pocotopaug Watershed Residents,

The Town of East Hampton and the Conservation Lake Commission need your help to protect against harmful runoff into Lake Pocotopaug.

We are seeking residents in the watershed who are interested in installing LID (Low Impact Development) measures on their property as suggested in the Nine Elements Plan that has been enacted by the town of East Hampton and the State of CT DEEP. The proposed measures would include grass swales, rain gardens or other systems to capture and clean excess nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen out of storm water runoff from adjacent lands and impervious surfaces like Town or other roads before it enters the lake.

If you are interested in granting the Town a no-cost easement for the installation and maintenance of an LID measure, complete the form below and return it to the Town's Park and Recreation Director. After the form has been received, the Town's LID engineer and Planning and Zoning Official will visit the property and work with you, the property owner, to assess the viability of an LID measure and an area for a potential easement. If it is determined that

the site is suitable, the Town will develop the easement documents for signature. From there our engineer will create a scope of work to be presented to the Inland Wetlands Watercourse Agency (IWWA), the Conservation Lake Commission and the Town for review.

In addition, the Conservation Lake Commission encourages all lakefront and watershed residents to grow a "Buffer Zone" of unmowed grass or shrubs along the lake front or along streams on your property that feed into the lake to help clean water running off your own property.

For a better understanding of the proposed LID measures or buffers, please view the various documents on the Land Use Department portion of the Town website at this link: www.easthamptonct.gov/land-use-department/pages/protecting-lake-pocotopaug. Additional questions may be directed to our LID Engineer Steven Trinkaus by email at strinkaus@earthlink.net or Parks and Recreation Director Jeremy Hall at: jhall@easthamptonct.gov.

Thank you for your dedication to Lake Pocotopaug and this project, Conservation Lake Commission, Town of East Hampton.

Please check the appropriate box(es)

- I/We am/are interested in a potential easement for an LID measure on my/our property.
- I plan to develop/install a buffer zone of plantings along my shoreline.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please return by December 31, 2019 to: Jeremy Hall, Parks and Recreation Director,
20 East High Street, East Hampton, CT 06424



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East Hampton Prevention Partnership



The East Hampton Prevention Partnership is looking for high school students to participate in leadership activities for the 2018-19 school year and beyond.

Students involved will participate in group activities while promoting healthy lifestyles among their classmates. Please call or email the Prevention Coordinator, James Olsen at: 860-267-7300 ext 207 or jolsen@easthamptonct.gov.

As a Local Prevention Council, the East Hampton Prevention Partnership is dedicated to reducing substance abuse among young people. Our mission is to foster a culture that values the well-being of East Hampton's youth. We strive to instill self-acceptance, self-confidence and goal-setting to promote healthy choices. In collaboration with community stakeholders, we offer educational programs and outreach initiatives.

Get rid of your unused, unwanted and expired medications in the new medication drop box located in the East Hampton Police Department lobby.

Police Department



The East Hampton Police Department would like to remind everyone to be aware of school buses picking up and dropping

off students with the start of the new school year. Motorists are required to stop for a school bus whenever the flashing red signal lights are displayed. Motorists who fail to stop can be issued an Infraction for 14-279, which carries a fine of \$470.00 dollars.

towns, is not immune from the occasional rash of car burglaries or stolen vehicles that are often committed by juveniles. Prevention efforts on the part of residents can help prevent future incidents. In almost all the cases in which the vehicles were entered, the vehicle was left unlocked. In cases in which the car was stolen, the keys were left in the vehicle. Please remove the keys from your vehicle, lock all doors and remove valuables from plain sight. Your efforts can prevent future incidents.

individuals representing themselves as employees of Microsoft, Internal Revenue Service or Eversource just to name a few. A recent phone scam concerning the IRS even threatens you with arrest if you do not provide the caller with your social security number and date of birth. Once they have that information you will be the victim of identity theft. NEVER give out any personal information over the phone. When in doubt obtain a call back number from the caller and contact the police, who will assist you in determining if the caller is legitimate

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Santa is Coming

Santa Claus is coming to East Hampton High School, 15 North Maple Street, on Saturday, December 7th from 7:30 am - 11:30 am The East Hampton Rotary Club has invited Santa to return to meet and greet young and old. This is the 29th year

the Rotary Club has invited Santa. A free breakfast prepared by Rotarians will be available to all that attend. For a nominal fee, each child that meets with Santa can receive a photograph. We encourage those attending to bring a canned good or make a monetary donation to support the East Hampton Food Bank and the Marlborough Food Bank.

East Hampton / Marlborough Rotary Grants

The East Hampton/Marlborough Rotary has recently provided grants to the following organizations to help them continue with their honorable causes.

Connecticut Mission of Mercy Free Dental Clinic (CTMOM)

- www.cfdo.org

Eagle Scout project - Eagle Scout project being done by Jason Gardiner.

East Hampton Old Home Days - donated towards two bicycles and helmets

- www.ehohd.org

Epoch Arts - helps support artistic outlet. - www.epocharts.org

Flags Over East Hampton - help in the purchase of flags.

Friends of the Library - help fund the purchase of a laptop, software and lock.

- easthamptonpubliclibrary.org/about/friends-of-the-library/

High School Honors - purchase of pens for Honor students

- www.easthamptonps.org/article/16234?org=ehhs

Marlborough Food Bank - help with the purchase of a refrigerator or freezer.

- www.foodbankofmarlborough.org

Middle School Library Media Center - purchase multiple copies of the 2021

Nutmeg book award nominee titles

Night to Shine - to help with cost of event

- www.gotorc.org/events/2019/02/08/night-to-shine

Podium Players - to help with expenses of events - podiumplayers.org

Prevention Partnership - educate High School aged students the dangers of vaping

- www.easthamptonct.gov/east-hampton-prevention-partnership

Project Graduation - to help with expenses of event

- www.ehhsprojectgraduation.com

You may email Pam Joslyn-Greenwald at: pjoslyngreenwald@gmail.com for more information.

The Hartford Whalers – Forever and Always

by Sigrid Kun



The iconic logo is omnipresent. There are Hartford Whalers hats, t-shirts, and sweatshirts seemingly everywhere. It doesn't take much to get the conversation going. Bumping into someone with Whalers' gear spawns a trading of stories, a bonding moment full of laughs and nostalgia. Why do we still care so much, yearn for the past, and continue to hope for the future?

Alums like Chuck Kaiton, the beloved voice of the Whalers and John Forslund, former Whalers PR director/television broadcaster and now television broadcaster for the Carolina Hurricanes and NBC, provide some answers.

They fondly recall the Whalers as a pioneering organization that focused its efforts around the community and the fans. Together, they can compile a number of firsts: the first National Hockey League (NHL) team to earmark a charity as its own (the UConn Children's Cancer Fund); the first NHL team to have a team store right in the arena; the first NHL team to boast a blimp that dropped prizes and gift certificates to the crowd. Kaiton points out that the Whalers came up with the idea for a skills competition for the 1986 All-Star game held in Hartford. The team spearheaded youth hockey development that ultimately evolved into today's local elite programs. "We were ahead of our time," explains Kaiton. "Speaking engagements, school visits. It cemented the relationship between the team and the community. The 1980s were a great period with a lot of innovation that has carried into today."

Forslund agrees. The tradition continued into the 1990s with events like the "Tip-a-Whaler" fundraiser (soon after adopted by the Kings) and Casino Nights (also later in vogue). "When we had PR and marketing meetings, we talked about programs with high schools and boys and girls clubs. It was grass roots." The community connection remains, he says, due to the hands on nature of the team.

The history is also special - beginning with the upstart World Hockey Association (WHA) to become the only U.S. based WHA team to enter the NHL in 1979. There are so many names and moments. Gordie Howe, of course. The playoff run in 1986. And there were the low moments. The Ron Francis trade in 1991. The ultimate heartbreak? The move to Carolina.

The Whaler passion endures. For the past three years, the Hartford Yard Goats host a Whalers Alumni Weekend. "It's terrific," says Kaiton. He, among other Whalers, attends every year. The weekend kicks off with tradition - visiting patients at the UConn Health Center. A luncheon on Saturday precedes the first pitch that is thrown out by the Whalers alumni. There is an autograph session.

The Whalers Booster Club continues a presence. Once down to 30 or so members it is 140+ strong.

The club meets monthly. It provides for an annual scholarship for a CT student, organizes a trip to see at least one NHL game a year, and continues to hope for a Whalers return. "We do what we can to try to bring back a team," says Mark Anderson, a member since 2011. "Since we can't do it with money, we keep the name out there. We keep the spirit alive."

There are Whalers, too numerous to mention, still making a hockey impact. A few examples include; Joel Quenneville (Florida Panthers' coach), Dave Tippett (Edmonton coach), Ron Francis (Seattle GM), Mike Liut (agent), Ray Ferraro (broadcaster), and Mark Johnson (University of Wisconsin women's coach).

Both Kaiton and Forslund refer to the Whalers in terms of "we." Kaiton was there for the NHL start. "I was the luckiest person to be chosen and to broadcast from day one. I will never forget it. The relationships with management, the players, the fans ... so passionate. I really cherish the memories. 18 years - I wish it were 28 or 38." Forslund joined the Whalers shortly after the Francis trade. "We were doing damage control," he recalls. The ticket base went from over 11,000 to around 6,000." But there were still high moments. "We got through a lot of adversity. The fans came back. We wanted to be more competitive. The team was good enough to make the playoffs."

Forslund vividly recalls broadcasting the last Whalers game. It took him until a few years ago to actually watch. He wasn't sure he had done the moment justice. "It was the toughest thing I've ever done in my career," he notes. "How do you go on the air for the last game? There's no playbook for closing a franchise and leaving a city. How do you present that so it makes sense... is poignant? No one wanted to see it happen. We did [the broadcast] in the right way. You could feel the emotion of the fans."

As Kaiton puts it the Whalers years "were special years and it was a special place." The same goes for Forslund. "That's the one thing to convey, how special that time was... It was like family."



Ulf Samuelsson signing a hockey puck at the "Tip-a-Whaler" fundraiser. Photo by Diane Sobolewski Photography.



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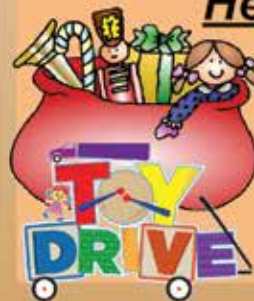


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