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First Selectman's Corner

Our capital projects continue to move forward. Any visit to Moodus is incomplete without stopping to see what has changed at the Old Middle School site. The outer shell is now complete. Landscaping is under way and the interior is roughed in. Work is scheduled to be completed during January and we'll be moving in mid-February. The renovations at the Company #1 and #2 firehouses are progressing rapidly. Company #2 firehouse will be enlarged by two bays to allow for safe and protected storage of all of our equipment. Company #1

firehouse will see its interior brought up-to-date. Both will have exhaust filtering systems installed to protect people and equipment from dangerous diesel fumes. In the end our emergency services will be better prepared to safely serve our community in times of need. Our Town Wide Radio System project is moving closer to a final design.



Emmett J. Lyman
First Selectman



The 9th of September was a very special day for both East Haddam and one of our leading businesses, Shagbark Lumber and Farm Supplies. If you had looked behind Shagbark's barns a few years ago you would have seen grazing animals or a crop of hay. Today you see solar panels almost without end. On September 9th we joined together with 750 of our neighbors to celebrate the dedication of that system - a system which will provide 100% of its power for use by our schools. Green power provided at a reduced cost is anticipated to save our schools over three quarters of a million dollars in the years to come. Getting to this point wasn't easy. Many challenges appeared during the two years it took to design and build the

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system. In the end all of the challenges were overcome. The beauty is that the power is green, you'll find no carbon footprint here. Students will have the inspiration of knowing that their schools are powered from a nonpolluting electrical source, and that this



will continue for generations to come and continue to inspire others who follow them. Later on that same day, September 9th, we gathered at the First Church Cemetery to celebrate the life of Venture Smith. Venture was born in Guinea, West Africa. At the age of seven he was captured and sold into slavery, for "4 gallons of rum." He was eventually transported to Fishers Island, NY, grew up as a slave, married and was then relocated to Stonington Point, CT where in 1765 was able to purchase his freedom. He then lived and worked on Long Island, NY to raise the money to purchase his wife and children's freedom. In 1774 he moved with his family to East Haddam, CT. Over time his farm here grew to 134 acres with three houses, twenty boats, two fishing businesses and a commercial orchard. His ventures included river trafficking, lumberjacking, carpentry and farming. All

this without the ability to either read or write. When you consider the circumstances life confronted him with, you can only imagine what a remarkable person he was, a man of exceptional intelligence strength and courage. An inspiration for us all.

On September 13th, 15th and 16th we celebrated the life of Captain George Comer. Between 1876 and 1919 he spent well over half his life at sea. As a self-taught ornithologist and anthropologist he took advantage of his journeys to collect information and specimens of every description for numerous institutions and museums. These included the Peabody, the American Museum of Natural History, the University of Pennsylvania and many others. A memorial in his memory was erected in 1938 on land donated to the state of Connecticut by his family. The monument is located on Mount Parnassus Road adjacent to the Harris Homestead and our community garden. In September we rededicated that memorial starting with presentations on the 13th and finally with a re-dedication of his memorial on the 16th. On September 13th Fred Calabretta, Curator of Collections and Oral Histories at Mystic Seaport, spoke of the life and adventures of Captain George Comer. He described the captain's trips to Antarctica, Hudson's Bay, Greenland and back to East Haddam. Bernadette Dean, Inuit and cultural advisor about Inuit and Arctic history, as well as a descendant of an Inuit family who became close to Captain Comer during his visits to Hudson's Bay, shared her knowledge on Friday the 15th as did Bernadette Driscoll Engelstad, Curator, researcher and writer on Inuit art and material culture at the Smithsonian Institute. She shared her insight into Captain Comer's contributions and his importance

in preserving the historical record of the Inuit people. On September 16th the Memorial located on Mt Parnassus Road was rededicated to the memory of Captain Comer in a moving and well attended ceremony.

I want to welcome Susan Waide as our new Economic Development Coordinator. Susan will serve as a liaison between established and new businesses and East Haddam departments and commissions as well as regional agencies. Susan comes with over 25 years of experience in economic development and marketing and has been a resident of East Haddam for over 20 years. She is a self-starter and eager to make a difference on behalf of East Haddam. We look forward to working with her.



Susan Waide

It's hard to believe that summer is gone and fall is upon us. We've been blessed with exceptional weather and have the opportunity to enjoy an extended season of sunshine and warmth. With the weather now starting to cool a little and fewer bugs, what better time for a hike? Machimoodus and Mt. Tom are always favorites. The views are exceptional especially this time of year. Get a map, pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the day.

Emmett J. Lyman
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Sundays 7:00am, 9:00am, & 10:30am

WEEKDAY MASSES - M, T, & Th., F - 7:30am
Confession - Saturdays at 4:00pm



Board and Commission Vacancies

Involvement on our boards and commissions is important to the vitality and success of local government. All of us should consider contributing our own talents to our community. It takes more than living in a community to be part of it. Our town needs volunteers in order to face the challenges of the future while maintaining the quality of life that we all enjoy. Please take time to share your services with others.

The following boards and commissions have vacancies in their memberships:

- Conservation Commission (2 alternates)
- Economic Development Commission (1 alternate)
- Board of Fire Commissioners (1 vacancy as of January 1, 2018)
- Historic District Commission (3 alternates)
- Inland Wetlands & Watercourses (2 alternates)

- Water Pollution Control Authority (1 alternate)
- Zoning Board of Appeals (1 regular - 2 alternates)

The Board of Selectmen is also looking for interested individuals to serve on a short-term Transfer Station Committee to investigate and study ways in which our solid waste operating practices and policies can be improved at the town's Transfer Station. Once established this committee should complete its task within 120 days.

Residents must be East Haddam/Moodus registered voters to apply. For an application or more information regarding any of the vacancies, please contact the Selectmen's Office at 860-873-5021. Together we will keep East Haddam "A nice place to visit, and a better place to live."

From the Assessor

New property values for the October 1, 2017 revaluation will be sent out mid-November. The information will also be available online. Vision Government Solutions will hold informal hearings in December for those who wish to meet to discuss their new assessment. The 2017 grand list will be finalized by January

31, 2018 and the Board of Assessment Appeals will hold its hearings in March 2018. Applications to appeal to the Board are due in the Assessor's Office by February 20th, 2018.

The Assessor's office has its own web page on the town website (easthaddam.org).

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44 Years Experience, Aerospace & Defense Industry
BS, Aeronautical Engineering



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 ★ Chair, Finance ★ Chair, Long Range Planning
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BA, DePauw University



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Board of Ed, 10 years
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East Haddam/Moodus Little League, 6 years
 ★ League Officer
24 years Business & Management Experience
CT State Central Comm, 4 yrs



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 Board of Education

Board of Ed, 2 years
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Certified CT Teacher & Administrator
Owner/Operator-Anderson's Sugarhouse
Sixth Year Certificate, SCSU
MA, University of CT
BA, Gordon College

★ **DENISE DILL**
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★ **JUSTIN KENNEDY**
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Land Trust

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Woods are beautiful during this time of year, with mostly bare trees standing tall against deep blue skies. Young beech trees, which often hold their dead leaves during winter, glow in golden hues when morning and evening sunlight reflects off the leaves. The gray tones of the many stone walls running through the woods - often marking sheep grazing pastures of old farms - contrast beautifully with the mosses and native evergreen ferns growing at the base of the walls.

Explore EHLT preserves by following the colored trail markers posted along each trail. Our handy and informative preserve maps, downloadable from the preserve pages at www.ehlt.org, provide directions to, information about, and trail lengths for each preserve. Hard copies of these maps are also available at the Town Office building, Ballek's Garden Center, Staehly's Farm, and Nathan Hale Pharmacy.

Join an EHLT Woodswalk on Land Trust preserves and elsewhere from 1:00 – 3:00 pm on the last Sunday of November and January 11/26 and 1/28. EHLT's ever-popular New Year's Day Hike runs from 1:00 – 3:00 pm on January 1. Hike locations are updated at www.ehlt.org and on Facebook.

EHLT preserves are marked by brown signs with gold lettering, in contrast to East Haddam Open Space parcels denoted by blue signs. Hunting is not permitted on EHLT preserves. Still, it's prudent to wear orange when near wooded areas during hunting season.

During hikes, look for mature trees with trunk diameters larger than others of their species. Your find could be one of East Haddam's largest - see EHLT's Big Trees Project at www.ehlt.org.



Beech tree in winter



Brown signs denote EHLT Preserves

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East Haddam Ambulance Association



EHAA Ambulance

EHAA has a few members currently enrolled in an EMT Course. Students are learning about patient assessment, cardiac arrest management, airway management, patient immobilization, diabetic emergencies, respiratory emergencies and trauma. Just recently, two members passed their EMT Certification testing and will now ride as a 4th on ambulance calls until they reach required benchmarks and become full crew members.



New Car Seat Laws

In early September, EHAA members participated in a Homeland Security Active Shooter drill in Haddam. EHAA worked with surrounding towns during this exercise.

The past few months have been busy for EHAA Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs) with ongoing education, training, and community events.

A few EHAA members attended a state-wide forum examining the opioid overdose epidemic and ways to combat the crisis at UConn Health on September 20th. The event, co-hosted by UConn Health and Connecticut's Department of Public Health's Office of Emergency Medical

Services, discussed how to curb the growing epidemic and its complexities, the rise in use of the dangerous synthetic opioid called fentanyl, and the drastic increase in overdose deaths in Connecticut.

Beginning October 1st, New Car Seat Laws become effective.

Children must remain rear facing: Until they are age 2 and until they weigh 30 lbs. Children must be in a 5 point harness: Until they are age 5 and until they weigh 30 lbs.

Children must use a booster seat: Until they are age 8 and until they weigh 60 lbs.

Please visit our new and improved website. Our website has information about the history of EHAA, how to become an EMT or EMR and a course listing of CPR/First Aid classes held monthly right here in town. Please visit www.easthaddamambulance.org. EHAA is also on Facebook. Please search East Haddam Ambulance and "Like Us."



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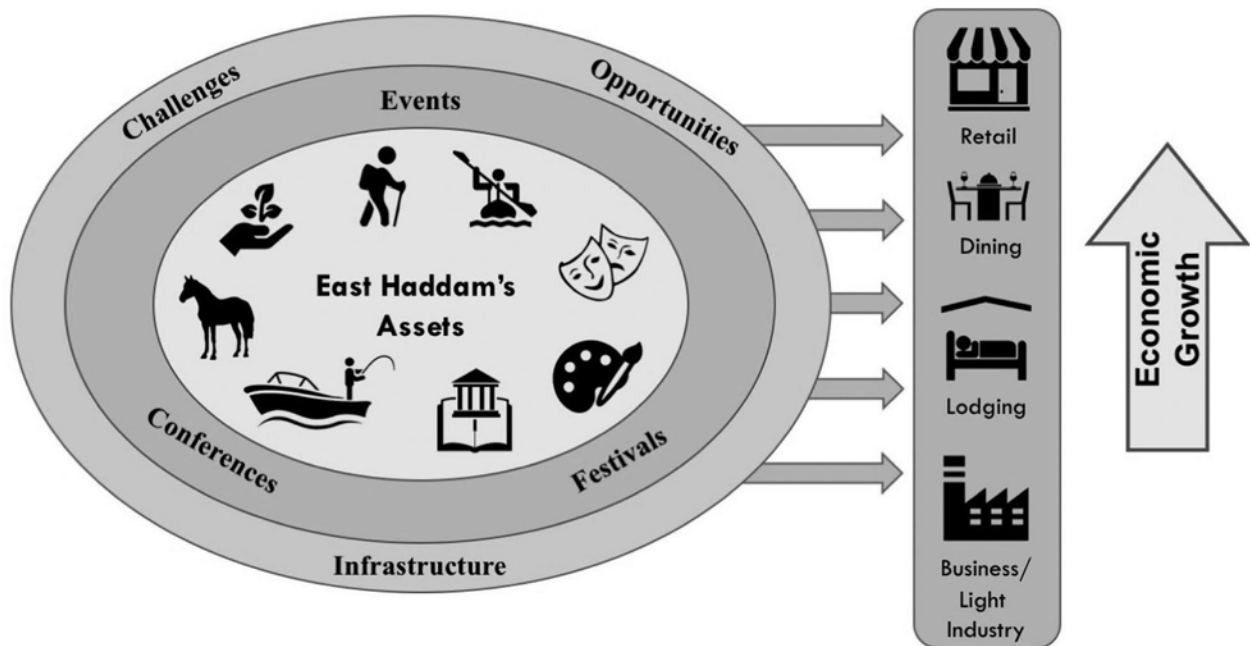


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East Haddam, Connecticut Municipal Election November 7, 2017 Sheet 1 of 1

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY	1A Kate Flynn	2A William A. Keady	3A Thomas J. DeLuca	4A Anthony Bergman	5A Thomas J. DeLuca	6A Thomas J. DeLuca	6B Anthony Bergman	6C Thomas J. DeLuca	7A Thomas J. DeLuca	7B Anthony Bergman	7C Thomas J. DeLuca	8A Thomas J. DeLuca	8B Anthony Bergman	9A Thomas J. DeLuca	9B Anthony Bergman	10A Thomas J. DeLuca	10B Anthony Bergman	11A Thomas J. DeLuca	11B Anthony Bergman	12A Thomas J. DeLuca	12B Anthony Bergman
REPUBLICAN PARTY	1B Ernest Lopez	2B David Lee	3B William A. Keady	4B Thomas J. DeLuca	5B Thomas J. DeLuca	6B Thomas J. DeLuca	6C Anthony Bergman	7B Thomas J. DeLuca	7C Anthony Bergman	8B Thomas J. DeLuca	8C Anthony Bergman	9B Thomas J. DeLuca	9C Anthony Bergman	10B Thomas J. DeLuca	10C Anthony Bergman	11B Thomas J. DeLuca	11C Anthony Bergman	12B Thomas J. DeLuca	12C Anthony Bergman	13A Thomas J. DeLuca	13B Anthony Bergman
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WRITTEN VOTES	1E	2E	3E	4E	5E	6E	6E	7E	7E	8E	8E	9E	9E	10E	10E	11E	11E	12E	12E	13E	13E

Be sure to read the instructions on the reverse side of this ballot.

November 7, 2017 Municipal Election Ballot

East Haddam approved the town budget of \$30,782,211 for fiscal year 2017-2018 at a referendum on July 25, 2017. There were 668 Yes votes, 590 No votes.

There will be a Municipal Election on November 7, 2017, 6:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School gymnasium on School Drive in Moo-

us. We will be voting for First Selectman, Selectman, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector; for members to serve on the Board of Finance, Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals, Planning and Zoning Commission (Regular and Alternate), and for Library Trustees. We always need people to work at the polls. If you are

interested please call our office at (860) 873-5029.

How to Register to Vote for the November 7, 2017 election (must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18):

- Online up until October 31, 2017 at the Secretary of the State's website www.ct.gov/sots, click on Elections and Voting, then Register to Vote Online.
- In person at the Registrars of Voters' office on Tuesdays, or the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours. In addition, the Registrars will hold a special registration session on Tuesday, October 31, from 9 am to 8 pm.
- By mail: voter registration forms are available at the Registrar's and Town Clerk's offices, and on the town website www.easthaddam.org, Town Departments, Registrar of Voters. Mail-in registrations must be postmarked by October 31, 2017.
- If your rights as to age, citizenship, or

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- In person at the Registrar's office on November 7. Election Day registration

can be a lengthy process. It's easier to register ahead of time if you can manage it.

As of September 12, 2017 East Haddam had 7,062 registered voters. The most ever! 3,094

unaffiliated; 2,106 Democrats; 1,765 Republicans; 87 Independents, 8 Libertarians, and 2 Green Party members.

Please register and vote! Our democracy depends on your participation.

Park & Recreation News

You Tube Channel- Check us out!

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We are excited to announce the East Haddam Parks and Recreation YouTube Channel. Check out our videos-produced by Alec Ematrudo this summer!

Fall Youth Basketball Clinics: Coaches Needed!

Volunteer Coaches will receive a credit to their account of \$50!

Designed to bring the fundamentals and skill development to youth basketball. No experience is needed - just a great attitude and a pair of sneakers! Open to boys and girls.

- Grades K/1: Saturdays, 9-10 am, Nov. 4-Dec. 16 (no basketball Nov. 25)
- Grades 2/3: Saturdays, 10-11 am, Nov. 4-Dec. 16 (no basketball Nov. 25)
- Location: Elementary School

- Cost: \$50 per player
- A minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 20 players

Winter Youth Basketball: Open to boys and girls in Grades K-8. No experience needed, all players will gain experience and basketball fundamentals. Volunteer Coaches will receive a credit to their account of \$50!

Program Details: Coaches Needed!

- K/1 – 1 practice per week, Saturdays, Jan. 6-Feb. 10, 9-10 am @ Elem. School; 10 player minimum/20 player max.
- Gr. 2-1 practice per week, Saturdays, Jan. 6-Feb. 10, 10-11 am @ Elem. School; 10-player min, max depends on number of volunteer coaches.
- Gr. 3/4-1 game per week on Saturdays at 12 noon, Jan. 13-March 3 2018; practice 1 evening per week (on M-F usually 5-6:30, TBD by volunteer coach). Co-ed will play other East Haddam 3/4 grade teams.

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- Gr. 5/6 & 7/8-Practice 1 or 2 nights per week, M-F (either 5-6:30 or 6:30-8, TBD by volunteer coach); one game per week, usually on Saturdays, Jan. 13- March 3, 2018. Games played in East Haddam, Portland, Haddam and Cromwell. Transportation provided by parents. All games are recreation level games and rules. Separate teams for girls and boys if registration numbers and volunteer coaches allow for grades 5/6 & 7/8. In the event that registration numbers are low, co-ed teams will allow all participants to play.
 - Practices will start the week of Jan. 2, 2018.
 - Games held on Saturdays, beginning Jan. 13-March 3, 2018.
 - No games scheduled for the weekend of Feb. 17, 2018. Snow cancellations prior to Feb. 17 may force us to reschedule games for this weekend.
- Registration Deadline for players and volunteers–Nov. 15, 2017.

Player Placement Sessions/Skill Clinics held @ Elementary School:

- Sat. Dec. 9 and/or Dec. 16
- Gr K/1/2– 9-10 am

- Gr. 3/4-10-11 am
- Gr. 5-8, 11-12 pm
- No cost, but pre-registration required online.
- Coaches will choose teams and notify parents of their child's team placement.

Adult Co-Ed Indoor Soccer: We play pick up recreation games every Sunday night. Please pre-register to ensure that you are enrolled in the email and Facebook pages to stay up-to-date with the soccer group! If you were enrolled in outdoor summer soccer, you do not need to re-enroll.

Dates: Sundays, Oct. 29, 2017- April 29, 2018

Times: 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: Elementary School gym

Cost: \$20 per person (for the season)

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SAVE THE DATE- Family Night on the Moodus Green:
Wednesday, Dec. 6th from 6-8 pm.

It's Back! (Snow, That Is)

We hear frequent complaints about the dangerous road conditions that result when people push driveway snow out into our public roads. We actually have an ordinance prohibiting this practice, which states, "No person shall plow, throw, put or cause to be thrown or put any snow or ice from any private property or from any area in the rear of said private property or in area between a private dwelling house or structure and the legally laid out sidewalk into any public highway in the town of East Haddam."

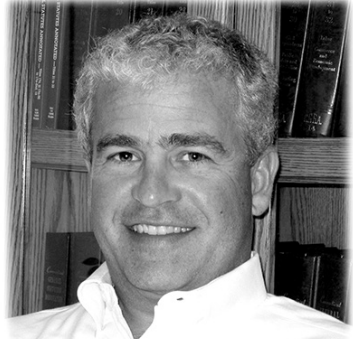
As a reminder to residents the town also has an ordinance regarding the clearing of

sidewalks adjoining or fronting a resident or business property. The ordinance states,

"Whenever the sidewalk, or any part thereof, adjoining or fronting any building lot of land or any street, square or public place in the Town of East Haddam, shall have upon it an accumulation of snow, sleet or ice, it shall be the duty of the owner, occupant or any person having the care of such building or lot, to cause such sidewalks to be made safe and convenient by removing the snow, sleet or ice therefrom, or by covering the same with sand or some other suitable substance, and in case such owner,

occupant or other person having the care of such building or lot shall neglect to do so for the space of eight (8) hours during the daytime, the person whose legal duty it shall be to clear the sidewalk, and so neglecting, shall be fined not more than twenty five (\$25.00) dollars for each occurrence, and every hour of neglect to make the sidewalks safe in accordance with the provisions of this section, after notice from the First Selectman or his designee, shall constitute a separate offense."

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Holiday Closings

The Town Office Building will be closed on the following holidays:

Veterans Day (observed) - Friday, November 10
Thanksgiving - Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24
Christmas - December 22 through December 25, reopen December 26
New Year's - December 29 through January 1, reopen January 2
Martin Luther King Day - Monday, January 15
Regular hours will resume on the next business day.

The Transfer Station will be closed on the following holidays:

Veterans Day - Saturday, November 11
Thanksgiving - Friday, November 24
Christmas - Saturday, December 23 at noon & Monday, December 25
New Year's - Saturday, December 30 at noon & Monday, January 1
Martin Luther King Day - Monday, January 16

The East Haddam Free Public and Rathbun Libraries will be closed on the following holidays:

Thanksgiving - Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24
Christmas - December 25 & December 26, reopen December 27
New Year's - January 1, reopen January 2
Martin Luther King Day - Monday, January 15
Regular hours will resume on the next business day.

Sand for Winter Ice

Residents of East Haddam are reminded that they may take only a small amount of sand from one of the municipal sand piles for their personal use in sanding steps, walkways, or ice patches in driveways. Piles are located at the corner of Haywardville and Early Roads, and at the Town Garage, off Mt. Parnassus Road near Shagbark. For safety reasons, residents should not obtain sand during storm conditions when operators are loading trucks and entering and leaving the site.

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Past Presidents Samantha vanValkenburg and Sarah Gieseler)

The East Haddam Leo Club would like to thank everyone for attending their legendary Leo Apple Fest on Saturday, October 28, and the Pumpkin Walk on October 28th-30th. These events would not have been successful without the support of local businesses and the East Haddam community. All proceeds raised at the bake sale will be put right back into the community.

The next big Leo project will be Thanksgiving Weekend Christmas Tree Sales at the Grange Hall on November 25 & 26 from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, followed by tree sales every Friday night before Christmas from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. The trees are all from CT, and the sales support local charities such as Youth & Family Services, the Senior Center, and the Fuel Bank.

In addition to Apple Fest, the Leos hold many community services and fundraising projects throughout the year, like bake sales, Tech Help Nights, and volunteering at events like Summerpalooza. They also held the first ever Battle of The Boats in July, which was one of the most exciting events yet, with some creative boats and costumes. They hope next year will be even bigger! In addition to the Battle of The Boats, the Leo Club assists the East Haddam Lions Club with their annual auction and tag sale and do clean up duty at the Hebron Fair. For all of their hard work, it comes as no surprise that these teens are the Pride of East Haddam.

Speaking of these hard-working teens, who are they anyway? The East Haddam Leos are a group of 12 to 18 year old hard working individuals who want to make a difference in the wonderful community of East Haddam. This club is sponsored by the East Haddam Lions Club and the East Haddam Community Lions Club. Leo meetings are held on the first Thursday and the third Tuesday of each month.

If you're interested in joining, the Leos will be hosting a Harry Potter Party for prospective members on November 10 at the EH Senior Center from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Anyone in grades 6-12 will have a magical time!

For more details about this wonderful club, please contact the Leo Club Advisors Michael Gilroy at gilroym@gmail.com, Zac Jezek at ZacJezek@aol.com, Debi Ryczek, or Chris VanValkenburg at cvvalkenburg@snet.net.

By Leo Dan Riley

East Haddam Library System

Borrowing items from the library just got easier. The LION (Libraries ONline) Consortium is proud to announce the start of its Inter-Library Loan Delivery Service. LION is a collection of 30 libraries across the State of Connecticut who work together to share resources and provide more efficient library services. As part of the LION Consortium, East Haddam library cardholders can request books and movies from any LION library and pick up their requests at EHFPL & Rathbun.

A similar service was previously provided by the State Library but had experienced major delays and service disruptions due to budget cuts. If you stopped using the ILL service because of these issues, I promise that it's safe to start requesting books from other libraries again - your requests should arrive faster than ever. For those of you who have continued to use the Inter-Library Loan Service, thank you so much for your patience and support - we hope that you're enjoying our new service.

As for those who have never requested books or materials through Inter-Library Loan, now is the perfect time to start. Thanks to LION you can use the library's website to access nearly 3 million books & movies, which can be placed on hold, and picked up in a few days. It does take slightly longer than Amazon Prime, but you can't beat the price. Why waste money on a book, DVD, or Blu-Ray that you'll only look at once - when you can get it for free at the library? Your library card gives you access to a multitude of free services and materials that will save you time and money.

If you haven't stopped by in a while, or ever, you'll be surprised at all your local libraries have to offer. In addition to books, many of your neighbors stop by the library for TV shows & movies they can watch with their friends and families. The libraries also have printers, fax machines, Wi-Fi, and public computers - plus free technology help for those that need it. If you're looking for digital books, magazines, or audio books - the library has thousands of those for free as well.

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Nathan Hale-Ray High School Project Graduation 2018



Project Grad Car Show on Oct. 8th

Project Graduation is sponsored by East Haddam Youth & Family Services. Each year a small group of parent volunteers fundraise and organize an unforgettable, all-night, substance-free party

which takes place immediately following Graduation. This event allows the entire senior class to participate in one last celebration of their achievements together!

Please support our mission of providing a safe graduation celebration by participating in our fundraisers throughout the school year! We are currently selling \$5.00 raffle tickets with 11 exciting prizes, including: Ariens single stage snow blower; two season tickets to Goodspeed Opera House and gift certificate to Gelston House; Golf package of greens fees to Quarry Ridge and Black Birch golf courses; 100 gallons of home heating oil by Dutch Oil Co.; getaway for two to Foxwoods Resort Casino; \$200 Visa gift card; \$200 Gristmill Market gift certificate; Fitness package of 3 months membership and 2 personal training sessions to Banner Fitness and kayak rental for two; four tickets to Essex Steam Train & Riverboat; Baseball package of four tickets to Pawtucket Red Sox and Yard Goats; and Kindle Fire and \$50 Amazon gift card. Raffle drawing to be held on February 10, 2018.

Look for more upcoming details regarding lawn signs, Trivia Night and the Dan LaRosa Hypnotist show!

For more information on Project Graduation, please email us at NHRHSPG@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook @naharaprojectgrad.



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East Haddam Public Schools invites you to take in a game, see a play, or participate in Veterans Day. You will see some truly gifted and amazing students. If you are an Alumni, you can remember your experiences while in our schools. The schedule of events is always up-to-date at www.easthaddamschools.org.

East Haddam Public Schools is turning the corner on 21st century education with the addition of its STEM program. STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. While for years these subjects were taught individually, the students were, in many cases, asked to find the connections between science and math or technology and engineering later as they attended high school and college. In today's economy with the world of careers expanding in many different directions, the intersection of these subjects many can be more important than the individual subjects. Just consider the role of technology in our society. The car I drove 30 years ago had fairly simple electrical circuits, mechanical devices, and the components of combustion. Today my mini van has a computer to tell it whether I have my foot on the brake or not before it will even start, cameras, at least one computer, Bluetooth, engine sensors of all varieties (according to the mechanic), and a system to tell me how long until the viscosity of my oil is beyond use. The car is just one example of the difference in what our students need to move forward. Helping our students learn how math relates to science, and technology's relationship with engineering is paramount to developing their understanding of the world they are graduating into. Seeing students smiling from ear to ear as they discuss a math concept being applied to real life is priceless.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and share all the great news about East Haddam Public Schools!

Sincerely,
Brian Reas
Superintendent of Schools



Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

November 14th —7pm— HS Café
December 12th —7 pm—HS Café
January 9th —7 pm—HS Cafe

A complete listing of the Board's regular and Subcommittee meetings can be found on our website: <http://www.easthaddamschools.org/>



East Haddam Elementary School

Principal
Joanne Collins

Telephone: 860-873-5076

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 7
No School
Professional Development
Day

November 22-24
No School
Thanksgiving Break

December 4-
December 8
PTO Holiday Fair
Gym

December 25-
January 1



First Day, 2017



The East Haddam Elementary School community had an excellent start to this school year. Over the summer, the building was accessible for painting, cleaning, reorganizing, and designing classroom spaces for our young students. These improvements enhance the beauty of the school's renovations and they are noticeable everywhere. It was a pleasure to welcome students and families to start school this fall.

The elementary school hosted their annual *Meet and Greet* afternoon and Open House evenings for all students and their families. The PTO Executive Board and volunteers worked alongside staff during the first couple weeks of school to assist kindergartners adjust to their morning arrivals, lunchtimes, and dismissals. It is also a pleasure to welcome all returning staff along with Mrs. Daphne Miller leading our new STEM program, Mrs. Lisa Cahill joining our third grade team, and Ms. Allison Rainwater, as our school's new music specialist.

In addition to all that our school offers our students and families, our World Language program is now in its second year of implementation. Señorita Kristen Krause has tailored instruction to enhance last year's language acquisition skills for our first, second and third graders. All preschool through third graders learn to speak Spanish through games, chants, poems, songs, and hands-on activities. Students also create stories and learn to listen and comprehend children's literature in Spanish.

Furthermore, we are excited to offer to our elementary school students a new **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Lab** this year. The extensive possibilities for innovative, student-centered lessons and creative programming focus on technology, engineering and math concepts in conjunction with earth, space, physical, and life sciences. Students utilize the Engineering Design Process while engaging cooperatively in hands-on, inquiry-based learning. The Engineering Design Process is a series of steps that engineers follow as they solve problems and design solutions. This approach to problem solving in weekly classes will encourage our young scientists and engineers to collaborate, explore, design, test, redesign and test again.

Our new STEM Lab is designed to enhance, support and extend our math, science, and literacy curriculum. Students actively engage in activities that support the Standards for Mathematical Practices, as well as the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). These standards encourage students to approach real-world phenomenon, like scientists, and to reason and critique using evidence, while thinking mathematically and engaging in engineering design. The students' work in problem-solving deepens their understanding of the content presented across the math, science, technology, and literacy curriculum. As the program grows, enhancements will include cross-disciplinary connections with the arts as students learn by designing, experimenting, and discovering in the science, technology, engineering, **arts**, and mathematics **STEAM** Lab. The opportunities for student involvement and extended learning within these curricular enhancements are limitless.

Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School

Principal
Jason Peacock

Assistant Principal
Roy Parker

Telephone: 860-873-5081

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 3-4
Variety Show

November 7
No School
Professional Development
Day

November 9
Fall Sports Award Night

November 22-24
No School
Thanksgiving Break

December 6
Winter Band Concert
High School

December 13
Winter Choral Concert
High School

December 14
Chamber Winter Concert
MS Gym

December 25

Nathan Hale Ray Middle School STEAM Program

The start of this school year welcomed a new program to the Middle School. The program is known as STEAM. Steam consists of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. Mr. Kevin Miller is teaching the program, and he expects to see great things from kids in the Middle School in grades four through eight.

In STEAM, students work collaboratively to solve real word problems by planning and building solutions. Once the written plan (created on the back of recycled engineering blueprints) is logical and mathematically correct, students devise ways to use purposely limited materials to build their solutions according to their plan.

STEAM class is a great example of project based learning. Students are following the engineering design model in STEAM. They start by asking questions about the challenge, imagining multiple solutions and collaborating with their team. Students need to work together to plan out and create their solutions. Solutions to problems rarely occur on the first try and that is why improving the solution or altering the plan is one of the most important steps in the STEAM class.



**Nathan Hale Ray students
love STEAM!**





Nathan Hale-Ray High School

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 7
Election Day—Prof.
Development Day
No School for Students

November 17-18
Drama Presentation
7:00 p.m. H. S. Auditorium

November 22-24
No School
Thanksgiving Break

December 4
Early Dismissal

December 25-
January 1
Holiday Break



Trouble in the Physics Classroom!

In Physics class last week, students studied motion graphs. One activity the students participated in was to have teams play the board game Trouble. One team member would play and the other members would graph the motion of their team's pegs as they traveled around the board. Learning can be fun!



Finding Clues in Culinary

Culinary Art II students used their knowledge of foodborne illness to solve puzzles and figure out clues to complete a breakout box activity. Students had to open six locks. The activity involved collaboration among the randomly assigned group members. Each group approached the tasks in a variety of ways. Some assigned a different puzzle to a specific member, while others worked on each puzzle as a team or pair sharing the collective knowledge of the group members. Critical thinking was essential for students to solve a maze and to figure out how the letters became numbers. There was much discussion about grit and character when students became frustrated and wanted to quit. At the end of the class students commented on the difficulty of the tasks, but also how much fun they had completing the activity.



East Haddam Community Lions



August 2017 Ice Cream Social; entertainment by The Locomotives; Ice Cream Sundaes for all!

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Our new Lions year got off to a great start with our annual membership drive. A number of prospective members attended, resulting in 10 applications to become members. These new members will be welcome hands for our many service projects in this community.

We hosted our annual Ice Cream Social in late August; our way of thanking our community for their generous support of our fundraising activities throughout the year. In addition to delicious ice cream, we were entertained by local band “The Locomotives” and face painting by Colchester Lion Julianne Shilosky. Many thanks to the Moodus Sportsmen’s Club for the use of their facility.

The East Haddam Community Lions are holding our 2nd “Holiday Tech Gadget Raffle” this fall. We are raffling four prizes: 1st Prize: LG 49 Class LED 1080p Smart HDTV – Model 49LJ5500; 2nd Prize: Amazon Echo (Alexa) Bundle including: Primary Echo Speaker unit; Dot Remote unit; Voice Activated Remote Control; 3rd Prize: Ninja Smart Coffee Bar Brewer System and 4th Prize: Children’s Fire 7 Computer Tablet. The donation is \$10.00 per ticket. Four lucky winners can surely shorten their holiday shopping list. The drawing will be held on Friday, December 8, 2017 at the *EHCL Light Up the Holidays* event at the Rathbun Library at 8:30 pm in East Haddam, CT. Tickets are limited in number and will be available at several venues in town as the event approaches or from any Community Lion.

“LIGHT-UP” the Holidays: This is our 10th annual fundraiser for the E.H. Food Bank, E.H. Fuel Bank and Youth & Family Services. With your help, EHCL has donated over \$40,000 in the last 8 years to these causes.

Each October/November we invite all civic-minded individuals and groups to donate decorated holiday items, décor, gifts and gift certificates. Items can be brought to the Rathbun Library on Saturday November 25, between 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

They will be on display at the Rathbun Library from November 25 - December 8. During this time advertising and a catalogue are distributed. A silent auction takes place. (Viewers can bid on the exhibits at any time during library hours)

We host an annual Holiday Party with wine, refreshments and entertainment on Friday, December 8, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm, open to everyone, for final bidding and a lovely start to the holiday festivities. All donations are acknowledged in the program and again on signage where exhibits are displayed.

East Haddam Events • Quarter 4 • 2017

We encourage creativity and originality and each year we are awed by the display (over 50 items last year), that transforms Rathbun Library and raises funds for the needy in our community. For further information, www.ehcl.org or contact: Lion Mary Lee at 860-873-9776 or mlabkemeier@gmail.com.

The Community Lions Annual April Fools 5K Walk/Run and Half Marathon - April 7th, 2018 - for more info and to register go to <https://www.facebook.com/AprilFoolsRace>.

For more information about our events and fundraisers, and if you are interested in becoming a Lion, contact Lion Chris at cvvalkenburg@snet.net.



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Rep. Ziobron Announces New East Haddam Swing Bridge Schedule



I wanted to take an opportunity to share some exciting news with you! The United States Coast Guard has released a final ruling regarding the East Haddam Swing Bridge establishing a new draw schedule. I want to thank the USCG, the CT DOT, Congressman Joe Courtney and all other parties involved for their effort. I am proud that my constant effort on this issue has paid off. We have had several meetings, which culminated with a stakeholder meeting of the East Haddam and Haddam First Selectmen, Coast Guard staff, CT DOT engineers, and local businesses last summer. It is my pleasure to share this with you as it will make our historic Swing Bridge less chaotic.

According to the report published in the Federal Register by the USCG, CT DOT submitted a request to reduce scheduled openings of the span for recreational vessels during the boating season and to allow the bridge owner to require six hours' notice for bridge openings at night during the winter season. This change to the regulations will better serve the needs of the community while still continuing to satisfy the reasonable needs of navigation.

The draw of the Bridge shall operate as follows:

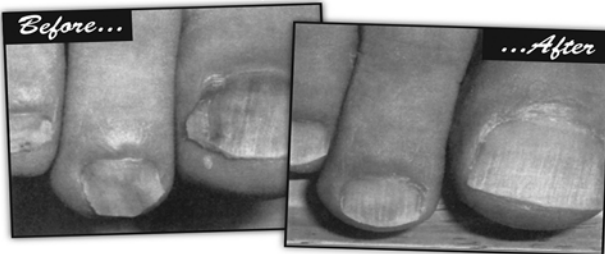
From May 1 through October 31: The draw shall open on signal for commercial vessels. For recreational vessels, the draw shall open on signal, except that from 6 am to 8 pm, the draw need open for recreational vessels on the hour only.

From November 1 through April 30: The draw shall open on signal for all vessels, except that from 8 pm to 4 am, the draw shall open on signal if at least six-hours' notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Melissa. Ziobron@housegop.ct.gov.

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Hale-Ray Connections - High School Parents Group

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Our Connections group strives to encourage and compliment communications throughout our High School Community, improve the High School Experience for our students, and provide an opportunity for parents to discuss and share experiences with school staff, other parents and students.

Our upcoming school year meetings are at the HS Library from 6:00-7:00 pm for the following Wednesday evenings: 9/27, 10/25, 11/29, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25.

Our activities include but are not limited to:

- Table at Freshman Orientation
- Guest Speakers Planned
 - Sept: Meet the new Assistant Principal
Learn how summer math camp went and info on Foundations math class
Dress Code
 - Oct: Importance of fitness for everyone Body Mind
Character
 - Nov: Raising Up-standers vs Bystanders

- Table at Open House at HS
- Treats for Teachers During Conferences
- Holiday Celebration
- Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

We have a Facebook page that has all the information

Pick a way to receive messages for Hale-Ray:

A) If you have a smartphone, get push notifications. On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link: rmd.at/79kad9. Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

B) If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications. Text the message @79kad9 to the number 81010. If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @79kad9to (704) 271-9184.

We are a small but mighty group!

For more information about Connections please contact Chris vanValkenburg at cvvalkenburg@snet.net or Eric Spencer at eric.spencer@easthaddamschools.org.

Hale-Ray Reunion A Great Success Again

Each year the Hale-Ray All Class Reunion grows bigger & bigger. The Nathan Hale-Ray Alumni Association is proud of the product that we put out with great food, entertainment and renewed friendships. This year's event featured classmates from the class of 1946 to the class of 2016. We would like to thank everyone who attended especially the staff!

The Nathan Hale-Ray Alumni Association is very appreciative for the continued support from the following businesses: Scott Jezek, Panfelli Farm Stand, B & B Pest, Dean's Farm, Valley Vet., Quiet Kayak, Pieper Olson, Shagbark, Ballek's Garden Center, Eddie's Auto Body, Two Wrasslin Cats, Goodspeed Opera House, Rob's Auto Service, The Town Tavern, The Gelston House, La Vita Restaurant, Hillside Sweet Shop, Swing Bridge Wine Spirits, Susan's Salon & Treasures, Nathan Hale Pharmacy,

Gristmill Market, Moodus Package Store, 7 Eleven Store, Village Pizza, Moodus Ice Cream Parlor, Maus & Sons, Black Birch Golf Course, The Fireworks Store, Alan's Small Engine, Village Florist, Tony's Package Store, and Berryhill Farm. Please support these local people with your business as they support us.

Additionally, the Nathan Hale-Ray Alumni Association would like to express their gratitude to all those individuals for donating their time and /or items to the event. Also a big thank you to all the great bakers who brought desserts and anyone else we may have missed by mistake.

Please mark your calendar for next year's all class reunion. It is always the third Saturday in August and it is held at the Moodus Sportsmen's Club. The Nathan Hale-Ray Alumni Association is a non-profit organization and through

our fundraisers we have been able to annually award 2 scholarships to graduating seniors, sponsor the Middle School Essay Contest, The June Thomas Art Award, contribute to Project Graduation, sponsor High School Cross Country Meet & shirts, buy banners for the Middle School and set up a permanent exhibit for all town schools at the Historical Society among other things. In the future we are looking to offer mentoring/job shadowing experiences for current students, career networking opportunities for alumni, community outreach programs, and to help in the purchase of needed equipment for the schools.

Please consider joining our organization. Help and ideas are always welcome. Please visit www.halerayalumni.com or email us at halerayalumni@gmail.com.

See you next year!



East Haddam Youth & Family Services, Inc.

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EHYFS Holiday Campaign

Christmas is just around the corner and once again East Haddam Youth & Family Services is in need of donations for our annual Holiday Campaign. Anyone interested in "adopting" a family for the holidays should contact the office at 860-873-3296. Donations can be delivered during regular business hours now through December 15th.

As always, our greatest challenge is providing gifts for youth ages 12-18. Any gifts for these older children, including gift cards, toiletries, nail polish, jewelry, watches, wallets, sweatshirts, pajamas, hats/gloves/scarves, board games, sporting equipment or books are greatly appreciated.

Families that require assistance providing gifts for their children are encouraged to contact EHYFS. To register for this program, parents/guardians and their children must live in East Haddam/Moodus. Please contact Toni McCabe with any questions, or to receive an application. A completed application and proof of residency must be received by EHYFS no later than **December 11th**.

White House Drug Policy Office Awards Drug Free Communities Grant to Local Coalition to Prevent Youth Substance Use in East Haddam/Moodus

We are very happy to announce that the East Haddam Local Prevention Council is one of 791 coalitions, nationwide, to be awarded a Drug Free Communities grant to support the work of preventing youth drug and alcohol use. The coalition will receive \$125,000 in Drug Free Communities funds this year to support environmental strategies and initiatives to address the use of alcohol, marijuana, and prescription drugs by youth in our community. East Haddam Youth & Family Services supports and oversees the work of the coalition and serves as the administrator of the grant.

Richard Baum, Acting Director of National Drug Control Policy, states: "We're losing more than 60,000 people per year to drug overdose, but if we can stop young people from starting to use drugs in the first place, we can save lives. Our local DFC coalitions are a key part of this effort because they are bringing together parents groups, schools, healthcare professionals, law enforcement, businesses, and others to prevent drug use and improve the health of the community."

Toni McCabe, Director of East Haddam Youth & Family Services and Project Director for the Coalition, states: "Our goal is to make East Haddam a safe and drug-free place for our youth. Prevention is a powerful tool to counteract youth drug use in East Haddam. We will use this funding to engage all sectors of our community in supporting our youth to make healthy choices and decisions regarding their use of drugs and alcohol."

Two New Hiking Adventures Await You

East Haddam is well known for abundant opportunities to enjoy our town's spectacular outdoor environment. Your Conservation Commission has just added two more locations. Newly mapped hiking trails await you on properties in different corners of town.

First, the Sabine Reserve provides an opportunity to explore the uplands near the Moodus reservoir. This 70 acre preserve with frontage on "the Res" has marked trails totaling over two and a half miles of pleasant hiking in East Haddam's lake country. Just park in the designated area at the end of Daniel Peck Road, which is a left turn off Wickham Road. Wickham is a left-hand turn as you approach Millington Green on Mount Parnassus. Or, take East Haddam-Colchester Turnpike to Beebe Road. At the

end of Beebe, turn right onto Daniel Peck Road and park at the cul-de-sac.

For another new hiking adventure across town from Sabine, we recommend the just mapped Lena Reserve. This 207-acre parcel was acquired several years ago with help from the State of Connecticut and the East Haddam Land Trust. There are 2.75 miles of blazed and mapped trails awaiting you there. Nestled into the federally designated Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Watershed and Lyme Forest Block Important Bird Area, a walk on the Lena parcel will take you into recently logged woodlands. This forest, much formerly agriculture lands, provides excellent bird habitat and a new and interesting hiking experience. To get to the Lena Reserve, take Clark Hill Road to the junction of Tater Hill Road.

Take a right onto Tater Hill and the next left (gravel road) onto Babcock Road. Go to the end and the parking lot is on the left. From Millington Green; take Tater Hill Road to the junction of Clark Hill Road. Bear left onto Tater Hill and take the first left onto Babcock Road.

The East Haddam Conservation Commission maintains 21 miles of trails on town-owned open space for your hiking pleasure, and we have fun doing it. To view and download maps about these two properties and many more, just go to www.easthaddam.org, click on Town Boards, then click on Conservation Commission, and locate the Trail Maps section. For more information about how you can be involved, call Sue Mellow at 860-367-1687.

East Haddam Elementary School PTO

The East Haddam Elementary School (EHES) PTO is off to a great start! Wednesday, August 30th, was a fun-filled, first day of school for all. Thanks to the PTO, delicious cupcakes from Sugar

were on hand to sweeten the teachers' first day back. There were also many, many parent volunteers, donning their bright pink PTO volunteer shirts, assisting our new kindergartners during bus arrival and dismissal, as well as lunch.

Our Wild Wild West Book Fair was held the week of September 25th. Thanks to all of the parent volunteers who made it happen! On October 3rd, the PTO officially welcomed our new Kindergarten class with EHES t-shirts. During this special annual event, each Kindergarten class received a visit from a 3rd grade class. With teachers and parents looking on, each third grader welcomed a kindergarten student to EHES with a handshake and a T-shirt.

This year our Mix Bag Designs Fall fundraiser was held from October 2nd -18th. Mixed Bag Designs offers a variety of high quality and durable reusable bags as well as home and kitchen items. Proceeds from our fall fundraiser fund our annual staff disbursements.

Lastly, our annual Holiday Fair will be held December 5th - 7th. This fair is completely created and run by our very own volunteers. It offers students the opportunity to shop for friends and family during the holidays for items \$4.00 and less. This experience is not only a lesson in kindness, but incorporates planning, math and money management.

For any information regarding the EHES PTO, please feel free to contact Trish Hagerty, President, at EastHaddamElementary-SchoolPTO@outlook.com.

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Visit our Website at www.easthaddam.org for more information, including meeting minutes

Smoking and Eye Disease

Smoking tobacco (cigarettes, cigars, or pipes) can cause lung disease, heart disease, cancer, and many other serious health problems. But did you know that smoking can also harm your eyes?

- Cataracts - Smoking increases your risk for getting cataracts. Cataracts is the clouding of your eye's naturally clear lens that causes blurry vision and makes colors look dull, faded, or yellowish. Cataracts are removed in surgery.
- Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) - This disease happens when a part of the retina called the macula is damaged. You lose your central vision and cannot see fine details. Sometimes medicine or surgery can help certain people with AMD from getting worse, but there is no cure. Studies show that smokers and ex-smokers are more likely to get AMD than people who never smoked.
- Diabetic retinopathy - Smokers who also have diabetes risk getting diabetic retinopathy. Diabetic retinopathy is when blood vessels in the eye are damaged causing blurry or distorted vision and possibly blindness. Treatment includes medication or surgery.

- Optic nerve problems - People who smoke risk having optic nerve problems. The optic nerve connects the eye to the brain. Damage to this nerve can lead to blindness.
- Dry eye - This is when your eyes don't produce enough tears. Smoking with dry eye will make your eyes more likely to feel scratchy, sting, burn, or be red.
- Uveitis - Smoking can lead to a disease that affects part of the eye called the uvea. This is the middle layer of the eye wall. Uveitis is when this layer becomes inflamed (red and swollen). This disease causes a red eye, pain and vision problems.
- Graves' disease - This is a disease of the body's thyroid gland. One of the symptoms of Graves' disease is bulging eyes. Smokers who have Graves' disease risk having their eye condition get worse. They can also lose vision.

The good news is that after people quit smoking, their risks for these eye diseases lowers.

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East Haddam Lions Club

The East Haddam Lions would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's annual Lions Club Auction a success. Thanks to your kindness, generosity and support, the club raised over \$12,000 that will be put to good use in the community. A special thanks to Lion Joe Busher for his outstanding efforts in organizing this outstanding event!

The Lions would also like to thank all the businesses, sponsors, and participants who helped make the annual East Haddam Golf Tournament and East Haddam Phonebook successful. The

proceeds once again benefit the entire town. A special thanks to Lions Scott Goodspeed, Bill Nelson and Tim Curtis for making the tournament and phonebook possible. These fundraisers help make events like the Senior Chicken BBQ possible (thanks to Lions Don Goss and Dan Ballek for putting the BBQ together).

The club uses 100% of the proceeds from these events to help various town organizations, charities and efforts such as the Food Bank, Fuel Bank, and Nathan Hale-Ray Senior Scholarships.

Most recently, the club donated \$10,000 toward new lighting at Heritage Park.

The Lions will once again be selling Christmas Trees every Friday evening and Saturday/Sunday in December. Stop in for freshly cut trees at the cheapest prices around. The club will also be packaging food baskets at the East Haddam Food Bank in December. If you would like to donate to the club and help serve the East Haddam community or become a member, please contact Lion President Michael Gilroy at GilroyM@gmail.com or (860) 759-5445.

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Teacher Janet Kelly (5th grade math) and her son Griffin (5th grade)



5th grade students: Gavin Hallock, Cam Spurgeon, & Richie Aguilera

Nathan Hale Ray Middle School's Middle School Principal's Advisory Committee (MPAC) is looking forward to the new school year! We kicked off the school year with our annual First Day Celebration on Wednesday August 30th. School staff and parents, as well as local businesses and organizations joined us in welcoming students back-to-school and showered them with good wishes for a great school year. Our Fall Book Fair ran from September 18-22. On October 27th, we held annual Walkathon fundraiser. Proceeds from this wonderful event, our school's only school-wide fundraiser, will allow us to help fund special guests, support field trips and contribute monies for class disbursements. On November 3rd & 4th we will hold our annual Variety Show in which students showcase their talents and abilities to all in our community. Throughout the fall, we will provide students with a variety of after school program opportunities including Mad Science, Pottery Club and Running Club. More information about our after school programs will be available following the start of school. In addition, our School Store will once again be open every Friday during lunch waves. And finally, 6th-8th graders

can look forward to our St. Stephen's Dance Saturday, November 18th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at St. Stephen's Church. All MPAC events are made possible by our staff, parents and local supporters who donate their time and money throughout our school year! This year we are proud to announce the development of a scholarship fund that will specifically support our students and families that may need help deferring the costs of field trips, after school activities, yearbooks, and the 8th grade D.C. trip. All donations to MPAC are tax deductible and can be submitted anytime. Last school year we distributed over \$1,000 to this specific cause. Parents and community members are encouraged to share their ideas and participate as their schedules allow. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer, feel free to contact any one of the current board members: Tammy Spurgeon (Co-Pres), Lisa Conroy (Co-Pres), Janet Kelly (VP), Denise Gable (Treasurer), and Cathie Locke (Secretary), or just join us at one of our bi-monthly meetings! Next meeting will be held Monday, November 6th at 7:00 pm in the NHRMS Library.

East Haddam Resident State Trooper / East Haddam Police Officers

Annual Stuff a Cruiser Toy Drive

The East Haddam Police Officers and Resident State Troopers will host our 12th Annual Stuff a Cruiser Toy Drive on Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The event will be held at the Nathan Hale Plaza located at 26 Falls Road, Route 149 in Moodus.

New, unwrapped toys are needed for children from infants to age 18. In addition to toys, donations of hats, gloves, scarves and socks are needed for children of all ages. All donations will be distributed through East Haddam Youth and Family Service (EHYFS) to children within the community. Any family in East Haddam or Moodus that is in need of assistance during the holiday with gifts for their children should contact Toni McCabe at EHYFS. She can be reached at 860-873-3296.

For additional information on the Stuff a Cruiser Event please contact Trooper Ian Hawes at 860-465-5400, Officer Craig Mansfield at 860-873-6019 or email to police@easthaddam.org.

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Fund Raising for Lake Harvester

Moodus Reservoir is experiencing increased encroachment by native and invasive aquatic plants. With the help of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) and the Town of East Haddam, MRPG has tracked the increasing growth of these plants which are restricting full enjoyment of the town beach, boating and fishing. Numerous methods of control have been studied and tested. The only large space



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treatment that is economically effective is non-chemical “harvesting.” At the recent MRPG Annual Meeting purchase of the Echo Harvester was approved. The Eco Harvester machine will cost approximately one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). Committees were formed for “Operations” and for “Fund Raising.”

Raising the funds will require support of the community as well as outside grants and special events. This will improve the lake for use by all and extend its life for future generations.

The Moodus Reservoir Preservation Group (MRPG), a 501c(3) non profit charity, is dedicated to preserving the lake for continuing enjoyment of our the town beach, fishing and boating. All dues and donations are tax deductible.

For more information and donations, visit our website at www.moodusreservoir.org, email us at Moodus.Reservoir@gmail.com and see us on FaceBook. Surveys of Moodus Reservoir by CAES may be viewed at www.ct.gov/caes Click on “Invasive Aquatic Plant Program”, “Survey Results” and go to Moodus Reservoir. And, click on “Control Studies,” #9, for 2002 study.

Tax Collector

Please remember, due on January 1, 2018, is the second installment of Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills that were mailed out July 2017. A second bill will not be sent on these accounts. If you are a new owner of real estate property and need a copy of your tax bill, please contact the tax office immediately. Motor Vehicle Supplemental bills are also due January 1, 2018. Supplemental bills will be mailed by the end of December 2017. The last day to pay these bills will be February 1st, 2018. Payments may be made in person at the Town Office Building, by mail to: Tax Collector, P. O. Box 376, East Haddam, CT 06423-0376 or online at easthaddam.org and click the link “Pay Taxes.” There is a fee associated with online payments which goes directly to the processing company, Point & Pay, for their service. This fee applies to online and in the office credit/debit card payments. A secure lockbox is located in the front hallway for payments dropped off after normal business hours. Anyone wishing a receipt must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with their payment.

Tax information is available online at easthaddam.org. Click the link “PAY TAXES ONLINE.” You will be able to check your current amount due and view past payments.

This office is for the collection of taxes only. Any adjustments to your bill must be made by the Assessor. 860-873-5026 or assessor@easthaddam.org.

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The East Haddam Early Childhood Council is excited to announce that the Family Resource Center is holding Early Learning Play Group. Early Learning Play Group is where children ages birth to age 5 can gather, learn, sing, hear stories and create with others in a play-based setting. Playgroup meets on Mondays and Fridays from 10:00-11:00 am. This no cost program does not require registration. Email or call Early Childhood Coordinator, Lauren Kasperowski at lauren.kasperowski@yahoo.com or 860-873-3296 with any questions. The Family Resource Center is located in the East Haddam Elementary School, 45 Joe Williams Road, Moodus.

East Haddam Garden Club



Thanksgiving: Club members Shea Jezek and Rita Fiala at last year's Thanksgiving Centerpiece workshop.



Centerpieces: A few of the over 100 centerpieces created by members for the Food Bank.

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Supporting Our Community

This summer, in addition to our weekly maintenance of the seasonally-decorated Urn and its surrounding plantings at the Goodspeed Green, the three planters across from Two Wrasslin Cats and The Town Tavern, and the Blue Star Memorial in front of the old Town Hall, the Garden Club weeded and deadheaded the butterfly gardens at the Middle School, ensuring students and teachers would be greeted by well maintained floral borders when they arrived at the beginning of the school year. The Club also participated, along with many other organizations, in the community-wide Captain Comer celebrations held in September. In October, the Club presented each of the libraries with a new picture book for story time ("The Saved Seed" published by The National Garden Club), which teaches children about the growing cycle (using a saved seed from carving pumpkins at Halloween) through rhyme and illustrations.

On Monday, November 20, members will again create over 100 Thanksgiving Centerpieces for the East Haddam Food Bank. Members meet at the Grange at 11:30 am and provide all supplies and materials. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to join us. Last year, several clients from Chestelm Adult Services made and brought home arrangements using materials and space

we provided. It's a lot of fun, no experience necessary, and refreshments are served. Later in the fall, we will redecorate the outdoor installations mentioned above for the holiday and winter season. At our holiday luncheon in December, members contribute to the East Haddam Food and Fuel Banks.

Looking Ahead to 2018

Just when everyone is beginning to "Think Spring" our 2018 programs begin. On Wednesday March 21 the public is invited to "Sustainable Pest Management for Your Organic Vegetable Garden" presented by Joan Allen of the UConn Plan Diagnostic Laboratory. This free program begins at 7:30 pm at the Senior Center (preceded by a short business meeting for members). Refreshments will be served. The next 2 programs are for members, but if you wish to attend as a guest and/or are interested in joining the Club, please contact any member for additional

information re: times, locations, and carpooling. On April 25 at 11:30 am, "Natural Beauty" (presented by member Jane Zirlis) is a hands-on workshop creating beauty and revitalizing products from natural resources. On May 16, we will tour the Torrey Life Sciences Biodiversity Greenhouses at UConn at 10:00 am, and enjoy lunch afterwards at Dog Lane Café in Storrs.

Garden Club Info - The East Haddam Garden Club currently has 41 members; new members are always welcome...attend one of our monthly programs or two and get to know us. Check out our Face Book page (The East Haddam Garden Club) or call Maureen Gillis (860-287-6228) or any club member for more information. Guests are also welcome at our annual holiday lunch, to be held December 6 at "On the Rocks" (for price, menu, reservation, and other information, contact Rita Fiala at 860-526-9067).

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Expires 11/30/17 Events

Public Invited to Meet the Artists at November 19 Open Studios



I-Park's resident artists will showcase their recent work at Open Studios November 19.
Photo by Christina Goldberg



Visitors to I-Park's Open Studios can interact with some of the site-responsive artwork dotting the campus, which sits within a 450-acre nature preserve.
Photo by Christina Goldberg

The public is invited to explore the grounds of I-Park and meet November's resident artists at a free Open Studios event Sunday, November 19, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm at I-Park, 428 Hopyard Road in East Haddam.

The artists' retreat is generally closed to visitors to give the resident artists undisturbed time to work on their creative endeavors. But once a month, at the conclusion of each four-week residency, visitors are invited to meet the artists in their studios, attend a presentation featuring some of their work, enjoy complimentary refreshments, and stroll some of the trails winding through I-Park's bucolic 450-acre nature preserve.

November's residents include visual artists Xiao Li from Japan, Julie Anne Mann from New York and Joseph Tasnadi from Hungary; architect Adam Haddow from

Australia; writer Helen Betya Rubinstein from Iowa; and moving image artist Zhiwan Cheung from Pennsylvania.

Studios will only be open from 2:00 to 3:30 pm, so guests are advised to arrive early so they have enough time to visit all six studios before the 3:30 pm presentation.

Admission to Open Studios is free, but advance reservations are requested. To reserve your space, go to i-park.org. For additional information, write events@i-park.org or call 860-873-2468.

I-Park is an artists-in-residence program offering fully funded four-week residencies in a variety of creative disciplines. Since its founding in 2001, I-Park has sponsored more than 850 residencies, and has developed cross-disciplinary projects of cultural significance and brought them into the public domain.



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FAA Highlights



Sophomore Laura Destefano competes at the goat show at the Haddam Neck Fair.



FFA Advisors Mrs. Pease and Ms. Carberry (driver) tested out a new FFA Advisor car at the Big E. 21 FFA members attended this trip.



Junior Haddie Walters competed with her black angus heifer, Calla Lily, at many fairs this summer and fall. They received several prestigious awards for both breed and showmanship.



Junior Haddie Walters shows her goat to Judge and Ray FFA Alumni Kelsey Humble at the Haddam Neck Fair.

Family Night on Moodus Green

On Wednesday, December 6th beginning at 6:00 pm, join your friends and neighbors for the annual Family Night on the Moodus Green.

This fun-filled event begins with a parade that kicks off at 6:00 pm that includes the Moodus Drum & Fife Corps, East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department and of course, the Clausess – Santa and his wife. The First Selectman will greet the crowd, and then holiday songs & Christmas carols will be sung by

local chorus students, followed by the traditional tree lighting on the Moodus Green.

The rest of the event, which comes to a close at 8:00 pm, will include more fun – such as meeting Santa at the Methodist Church (hosted by Youth & Family Services), a Nativity-themed petting zoo provided by Christ Community Church, and a

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visit with Mrs. Claus (and a free gift) at the East Haddam Free Public Library. Children can make reindeer food and decorate cookies at the East Haddam Little Village preschool, and all can enjoy a dessert downstairs at the Moodus United Methodist Church.

Oh, and be sure to bring your letter to Santa! Our friends at East Haddam Parks & Rec will be delivering letters to the North Pole. Simply bring your Christmas wish list to EHFPL during the event (or write one while you're waiting to meet Mrs. Claus), and you'll get a personal response from Santa (be sure to include your name and address).

Thanks to everyone who makes this free, family friendly event possible. We'll see you December 6th at 6:00, Happy Holidays!!

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Events

Saturday, November 4, 2017 - 10th Annual Serendipity Auction 6:30 pm silent auction; 8:00 pm live auction.

Saturday, December 9, 2017, starting at 9:00 am - Annual Christmas Cookie Fair. It's an annual tradition at St. Stephen's! The Ladies Aid Christmas Cookie Fair features thousands of delicious, homemade cookies of every variety imaginable. Come stock up before the holidays—they make great gifts for family and friends, or simply enjoy them yourself over a cup of hot chocolate and get in the holiday spirit.

East Haddam Economic Development Commission

East Haddam New Business Guidelines and Business Tax Incentive Program

Are you a thinking about opening a new business or relocating your existing business to the Town of East Haddam? Is your new or existing East Haddam business interested in applying for a tax incentive? If you answered "YES," Susan Waide, our new part-time Economic Development Coordinator and the Economic Development Commission are available to help you.

You will join over 250 East Haddam businesses in tourism-related activities, agriculture, service industries, light manufacturing, and home-based companies. Our vision is to attract more businesses that will bring jobs to local residents and help grow East Haddam as a desired destination for tourists,

residents, and millennials. East Haddam is looking to bring new businesses to the East Haddam Village and Moodus Village, commercial properties that are located at the Four Corners of Routes 151 and 149, and the East Haddam Industrial Park. The Town of East Haddam is actively seeking retail shops, gathering places, overnight accommodations, service-related businesses, and light manufacturing industries.

The East Haddam Tax and Business Incentive Program is designed to attract new businesses to the Town and promote the expansion of existing businesses (including home-based businesses relocating into commercial and industrial zones). In addition to providing employment opportunities, this incentive program creates long-term tax base growth through the replacement, reconstruction, expansion, and remodeling of existing business facilities where appropriate, encourages

construction of new commercial and industrial facilities, and supports substantial investment in new machinery, equipment and other personal property within the Town of East Haddam.

For more information contact:
Susan R. Waide, Economic Development Coordinator, Telephone: (860) 891-8503. Email: edevcoordinator@easthaddam.org. Scheduled days in the office: Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Appointments are recommended.

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