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First Selectwoman's Corner

Happy New Year!

It is always a great time to look back at the past and look forward to the future when the New Year starts. This past year was very busy and I do not expect 2018 to be any different. As always I would like to give an update on a few important issues.

Tylerville Water

Currently we are in the process of working on a consent order with the State for Tylerville water. The order has been going back and forth between DEEP (Department of Energy and Environmental Protection), DPH (Department of Public Health), Connecticut Water, and the Haddam Town Attorney. This consent order is a funding mechanism for the project and must be signed in order for Haddam to be able to go out to bid in terms of construction on the pipeline. Right now, that is the goal on which we have been working diligently. We want to get this consent order completed so it can go on the Bond Commission agenda for January.

Cell Phone Service

At the end of November, I received an email from the cell phone tower developer, Homeland Towers. In this correspondence, I was notified that carriers are aware of, and are reviewing, all sites in Haddam. According to Homeland Towers, December is the month when carriers look to expend capital on potential sites.

As a result, carriers typically release their build plans during this month. I am hoping to hear further on this matter in the very near future. I was hoping at the writing of this article to have that information so please look for an update.

Road Projects/Road Work

Road work has been completed for the 2017 year. A third-party report, conducted by Wethersfield, Conn.-based VHB, on Town roads, is near completion. This report will provide the Town with information on prioritizing which roads need to be addressed first. We have also come under budget both on the Park Road and Bartman Road projects and are working on engineering plans for the next phase of McTigh Road.

Higganum Cove

There have been many questions on the ownership and future of Higganum Cove. The town does not own this property and the tax collector is working on a solution and by conducting a tax sale. The will allow the Town to maintain the most control over the transaction. We are working with the State of CT (DEEP) to pursue a plan that is in the best interest of our residents.

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Lizz Milardo,
First Selectwoman

An advertisement for Saybrook Country Barn. The main image shows a black metal bed with a white bedspread and several pillows. The text on the left reads "Marvelous METAL BEDS" in a mix of script and bold sans-serif fonts. Below that, it says "Over 100 original designs available in over 30 finishes." The Saybrook Country Barn logo is in the bottom left corner. At the bottom of the ad, the address "2 Main St. Old Saybrook, CT" and phone number "860.388.0891" are listed, along with the website "www.saybrookcountrybarn.com".

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Budget 2018 Process

We have begun working on capital planning and meeting with Town departments since early November. The Selectmen will begin work on the budget in January and then send it to the Board of Finance for review in early February. There are still a lot of changes coming from the State, and we are keeping on top of them – through participation in CCM (Connecticut Conference of Municipalities) and COST (Connecticut Council of Small Towns).

I am also part of a new, small work group (through COST) that is going to begin looking at how towns can participate more in financial decision-making within regional school districts, such as our Regional School District 17. The goal is to look at current legislative language to enable towns a voice in the Board of Education budget process. In effect, we are working on Haddam and Killingworth participating in a way it could not previously. I am very encouraged by the open discussions I have been having with Superintendent Howard Thiery and Killingworth First Selectwoman Cathy Iino. We have been actively meeting – particularly in the context of ECS (Education Cost Sharing) cuts.

I am spending a lot of my time looking for solutions and ways for Haddam to adapt. I am seeking to run a pro-active administration versus a reactive one. This new Board of Selectmen is a board that has a lot of passion and energy. Our common goal is to work for Haddam's residents. We have a lot of work to do.

Happy New Year!
Lizz Milardo, First Selectwoman Haddam



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Assessor's Corner

Jennifer L. Gauthier, CCMA II, Assessor
Tammy Anderson, CCMA I, Assistant Assessor

Happy New Year!

Important Application Deadlines are Approaching

State of Connecticut Homeowner's (Circuit Breaker) and the Town of Haddam Senior Tax Relief and Deferral Programs

The application period for these programs begins February 1, 2018 and ends May 15, 2018. Persons who file must be 65 years of age or totally disabled. Please call our office and ask for Tammy - she will make an appointment with you to discuss your qualifications.

Town of Haddam Senior Tax Relief Program

Income maximum is \$55,000 and must be a property taxpayer for 15 years. If qualified, a participant will receive \$500 for single applicants and \$750 for married applicants. Proof of income is required when filing. Income schedules are available on our website and in our office. Please note that 'income' includes all taxable and non-taxable income as well as social security income. If you should have any questions about these programs or about your property in general, please do not hesitate to call us at 860-345-8531 or stop by our office.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE QUARTERLY SPOTLIGHT - MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION

Under Connecticut state law, all motor vehicles are subject to a local property tax whether registered or not. The local property tax is computed and issued by the town where your vehicle is stored.

Motor vehicles registered on October 1st will be part of the October 1st Grand List. Vehicles registered between October 2nd and September 30th will be a supplement to the October 1st Grand List.

Tax due date for the October 1st Grand List is July 1st and bills are payable up until August 1st before interest begins to accrue.

If you do not register a motor vehicle but retain ownership, you must file a Personal Property Declaration form with the Assessor's Office no later than November 1st annually. It is your obligation to file. Failure to do so will result in the Assessor's Office estimating the value and the addition of a 'failure to file' penalty. Contact our office if you have questions.

WHAT IF I:

1) TRANSFERRED PLATES?

If you transferred your plates to a new vehicle, you are not entitled to an adjustment. In essence, the adjustment follows the license plate. The original bill for the old vehicle should be paid. A supplemental list will generate a bill for the new vehicle with a credit for the period that the old vehicle was no longer owned.

2) REGISTERED MY CAR AFTER OCTOBER 1st?

Vehicles registered after October 1st will be on the Supplemental Motor Vehicle list. Vehicles appearing on the Supplemental List have been registered between October 2nd and September 30th, thus, missing the October 1st Grand List date.

Supplemental tax bills are sent in the month of December. Taxes are due and payable by February 1st without interest.

3) MOTOR VEHICLE TAX CREDITS

Motor vehicle tax credits are issued by the Assessor's Office for vehicles that are:

- Sold
 - Totaled
 - Stolen and Not Recovered
 - Junked
 - Removed from Connecticut and Registered in Another State
- It is important to notify the Assessor's Office as soon after a change as possible, as the state law limits the time frame that a credit can be applied.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE DMV DOES NOT NOTIFY THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE REGARDING REGISTRATION CHANGES AND/OR CANCELLATIONS.

ADJUSTMENTS TO MOTOR VEHICLE BILLS

Motor vehicle assessments can be prorated as long as the Assessor's Office receives the required documents within the statutory time frame. Please note that the Connecticut Statutes outline a deadline for filing for property tax credits (prorates) for Motor Vehicles:

For the October 1, 2017 Grand List –
Deadline is December 31, 2019

For the October 1, 2016 Grand List –
Deadline is December 31, 2018

For the October 1, 2015 Grand List –
Deadline is December 31, 2017

Please forward the necessary documents via fax, mail, or bring them by our office during office hours:

In order for us to remove a vehicle from the Grand List, please provide us 1) the Plate Receipt from DMV indicating that the registration has been cancelled, lost or stolen.

In addition to #1 above, submit one (1) of the following:

A) A copy of Bill of Sale –The seller's obligation is to provide a copy of the Bill of Sale and a copy of the plate receipt to the Assessor. **The DMV does not return the original Bill of Sale, so make a copy of the completed form for your records prior to submission to them.

B) A copy of the Transfer of Title - The seller must provide the Assessor with a copy of the signed title.

C) A copy of the new owner's registration – A copy of the registration from the new owner.

D) Out of state registration – Proof of residency and a copy of registration showing the date the vehicle was registered outside the State of Connecticut.

E) Stolen or Totaled vehicle – A statement from the insurance company indicating that the vehicle was stolen and not recovered or a copy of the accident report. If the vehicle was totaled, a Total Loss Statement from your insurance carrier is needed. If you did not return the plates and no longer have them, you must file a Lost or Stolen plate form with the DMV and provide us that documentation.

F) Junked vehicle – A receipt from junkyard.

G) Trade-in vehicle – A copy of the purchase agreement identifying the trade-in vehicle.

H) Donated vehicle - A statement from the organization on their letterhead showing the vehicle identification number (VIN) and vehicle details, date donated and their contact information.

I can be reached by phone at (860) 345-8531 x 213; via email at assessor@haddam.org or stop by the office. We are open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm; Thursday from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm and on Fridays from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon. I encourage all taxpayers to stop by, or call if they have questions regarding their specific property, or any general assessment questions. Tammy and I hope you all have a healthy and prosperous 2018!

Jennifer L. Gauthier, CCMA II
Assessor

Board of Assessment Appeals

From January through March of each year, a window of opportunity opens for those of you who might disagree with the town's assessment of your property. This is the time when you may apply to appear before the Board of Assessment Appeals, who will decide whether your particular assessment should be adjusted.

Details about the process:

What you will need to attach to application: You should attach any evidence that supports your position. That can include an appraisal dated as of the last revaluation (October 1, 2015), but cannot be a bank appraisal. If you have recent invoices, contracts, photographs, maps, or letters that can

support your position, please attach them along with an explanation. If necessary, the Board may decide to schedule a site visit to see the property first hand.

When you will need to apply:

Applications will be available at the Assessor's Office or online beginning in mid-January. Please note: The Assessor's office will be closed on President's Day, which is on Monday, February 19, 2018. Your completed application must be received in the Assessor's Office by February 20, 2018. Postmarks will not be accepted.

When the hearings will be held:

The Board of Assessment Appeals will hold hearings in March of 2018. You will be notified of the date and time of your appointment via letter. If the appointment time is inconvenient, the Board will try its best to accommodate your schedule.

After the Hearing:

The Board will send an Action Letter to you with their decision within one week of your hearing.

See you in March!

Jo Ann R. Woickelman, Chairman
Tanya B. Moriarty and Craig Salonia, Members

Regional School District 17 Haddam Killingworth Schools

Join us for a preschool play group!



Haddam Killingworth families, do you have concerns about your preschooler's development?

We are offering a developmental screening to look at the following areas:

- Cognitive/readiness skills
- Speech/language skills
- Fine/Gross motor skills
- Social Skills
- Adaptive skills

This screening is for Haddam and Killingworth children ages 3-5.

Date: Wednesday, January 24th / Time: 11:00-11:45

(Snow date/Time: January 31st, 11:00-11:45)

Where: Burr Elementary School. Please RSVP to Cindy Sadlowski at 860-345-4584 or csadlowski@rsd17.org by January 17th.



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Greetings from the Tax Office

The January installment for Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle Supplemental bills are due by February 1, 2018.

We are quickly approaching the end of the year, which can only mean one thing... Taxes are coming due again. The second installment for Real Estate, Personal Property and the full Motor Vehicle Supplemental bills must be postmarked by February 1, 2018.

We do not mail out bills for the second installment for Real Estate or Personal Property (business). If you need a copy of your bill go to Haddam.org and search under Pay Taxes Online. You can print a copy of your original bill, pay a bill or see when a payment was made. You can always call, email or stop in for a copy. If you paid off your mortgage, or changed escrow companies after July, please confirm with them on who is going to be paying the January installment. We do not have the authority to waive interest.

We will continue use the lock box during the heavy collection period. This process allows us process payments much faster! You can use the envelopes that came in the July bills. The address on the envelope is Hartford; that is only where the PO Box is located. All payments are coming to Haddam. If you don't want to use the envelope or don't have extras, that's not a problem. Payments can still be sent to the Town of Haddam, 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06438. And as always, if you want to come in and see us, Tracy and I will be taking payments in the office. Please make checks payable to The Town of Haddam.

Credit Card payments can be made in the office or online. We do not take payments over the phone. Unfortunately at this time there is a service fee of 2.95% for payments made with a credit or debit card. The fee applies to online and in the office transactions. An electronic funds transfer can be set up online from a checking account for a flat fee of \$1.50.

If you are paying online, you will receive an email confirmation that your payment was made. If you do not receive one, or you're not sure if your payment went through, please give us call before you try again. Online payments have to be manually processed in the office and will not reflect on our website for a few days.

Any payments post marked after February 1, 2017 will start to accrue interest at a rate of 1.5% a month from the original due date of January 1, 2018. To help keep interest down, partial payments can be made at any time. If you would like to have receipt mailed to you, please include a self-address stamped envelope and include a phone number.

The Tax Collector's office is open: Monday-Wednesday 8:30 am-4:00 pm, Thursday 8:30 am-6:30, and Friday 8:30 am-12.00 pm. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Kristin Battistoni
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Energy Assistance Program

The 2017-2018 Energy Assistance Program Is Underway: Applications Are Accepted From August 1, 2017 Through May 1, 2018; Unless The Household Is Utility Heated And There Is A Shut Off Notice, Then The Last Day To Apply Is May 15, 2017. The First Day Deliverable Fuels Can Be Delivered Is November 15, 2017. The Deadline For Fuel Authorizations Is March 15, 2018. These Applications Are Also Used To Determine Eligibility For Weatherization.

Connecticut's Energy Assistance Program helps offset winter heating costs to lower income households, specifically those household's whose income falls below 60% of the state median. Connecticut's Department of Social Services and Community Action Agencies administer the program in Connecticut. The program is funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services. Below are the income guidelines for 2017-2018

Household of 1: maximum income eligibility: 34,366.00

Household of 2: maximum income eligibility: 44,941.00
Household of 3: maximum income eligibility: 55,515.00
Household of 4: maximum income eligibility: 66,089.00
Household of 5: maximum income eligibility: 76,663.00
Household of 6: maximum income eligibility: 87,237.00
Household of 7: maximum income eligibility: 89,220.00

CRT in Middletown is scheduling appointments. Please call as soon as possible: 860-347-4465. CRT's address is 44 Hamlin Street, Middletown, Connecticut. If you are unable to travel to Middletown, please call: Eleanor Farrell, Municipal Agent for the Elderly, at 860-554-5246. I can assist you with your application. My office is located at 11 Jail Hill Road in Haddam. In case you are in need of emergent heat, please contact Jessica Condil, Haddam's Social Services Coordinator at 860-345-4621.

Haddam Land Trust

"The public is invited"

The Haddam Land Trust will be holding its Annual meeting on January 20, 2018 at the Haddam Firehouse #1 at 439 Saybrook Road. The business meeting will begin at 6:00 pm followed by pizza

and other refreshments at 6:30 and the main program at 7:00 pm. The program will be: "The Epic Journey of the American Eel" - Its Biology and Conservation Efforts. Presented by guest speaker, Stephen Gephard, Supervising Fisheries Biologist

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CT River Area Health District

**The CT River Area Health District (CRAHD)
Recognizes: National Blood Donor Month!**

January is National Blood Donor Month (NBDM). NBDM is an awareness campaign created by The American Red Cross to promote blood donation. January has been designated NBDM since 1970, and it takes place during this time because blood is usually in short supply during the winter. The extreme weather, busy schedules during the holidays and increased illnesses can keep even the most dedicated blood donors from donating blood. On top of that, the weather also increases the incidence of traumatic injuries like vehicular accidents.

According to the American Red Cross, in the U.S., about 36,000 units of blood are needed every day in hospitals and emergency medical treatment facilities for patients with diseases, organ transplantation procedures and to help save the lives of victims of accidents. Local Red Cross chapters need about 650 blood donors each day in order to meet the needs of patients in hospitals. However, there is usually a 10-20% decrease in blood donations during winter.

The NBDM awareness campaign encourages those who are at least 17 years of age and meet other donor requirements to donate blood. This way, local blood inventories will be sufficient to cover the increase in traumatic injuries due to icy roads and other unsafe conditions and activities during winter.

This is why it is important to encourage everyone to donate during this time. To find a local blood drive near you, please visit the American Red Cross website at www.redcrossblood.org.

CRAHD

455 Boston Post Road, Suite 7, Old Saybrook, CT 06475
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Attention Families of 3 and 4 year-olds in the Haddam/Killingworth Communities!

The RSD 17 Integrated Special Needs Preschool Program located at Burr District Elementary School in Higganum is seeking 3 and 4 year olds for the 2018-2019 school year. This program consists of peer students and identified special education students in a language-rich, structured environment focused on center-based learning.

To meet the criteria for a peer student, your child must:

- Turn 3 by September 1, 2018
- Live within the Haddam, Killingworth, Higganum, or Haddam Neck communities
- Demonstrate age-appropriate social, behavioral, and cognitive skills
- Be toilet-trained by the time they start school
- Demonstrate the ability to model appropriate skills in the areas of play, social interactions, and adaptive behaviors

Parent participation and involvement are important components of the program. Peers must be on time daily and have consistent attendance. Transportation to and from the program must be provided by parents or family members. We will be accepting applicants through January and into the beginning of February. Please note that there will be a fee for peers. This year tuition was \$1500. Tuition for next year will be set by the BOE in the spring.

If you believe your child meets the above criteria and you would like them to participate in the Integrated Special Needs Preschool Program, please provide the following information:

- Your child's name/gender
- Your child's date of birth
- Your home address
- Your home telephone number
- Parent/Guardian name(s)
- An email address

Attn: Cindy Sadlowski, Secretary at Burr District Elementary School, 792 Killingworth Rd, Higganum, CT 06441
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Glaucoma National Awareness Month

January is National Glaucoma Awareness Month. Glaucoma affects 60 million people worldwide and more than 3 million people in the United States. Glaucoma is often called the “thief of sight” since often there are no symptoms and glaucoma related vision loss is permanent. As much as 40% of vision can be lost without a person noticing. If not diagnosed and treated, 1 in 10 people go blind from glaucoma. Glaucoma affects people of all ages, even infants.

There are two main types of glaucoma: Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma and Angle-Closure Glaucoma. Open-angle glaucoma is dangerous because most of the time a person affected will not notice any symptoms until vision is severely damaged. The vision loss isn't noticed because it often starts with your peripheral vision and the brain makes up for what you don't see. The inner eye pressure (IOP- intraocular pressure) rises because the correct amount of fluid can't drain out of the eye, this occurs usually deep into the drainage canals. Closed-angle glaucoma occurs when the drainage canals get blocked or covered. Angle-closure glaucoma

is dangerous because, while there are often symptoms of pain including headaches, nausea, and eye pain they happen rapidly and without warning.

It is very important to get an annual dilated eye exam. As you age or if you have a family history of glaucoma you may have the visual field test performed. This test checks your peripheral vision and the loss of your side vision is one of the first signs of glaucoma. If you are diagnosed with glaucoma there are ways to manage it. In the early stages you might be prescribed eye drops or have laser surgery performed. Other ways to manage glaucoma are done by performing filtering surgery or a drainage implant.

Dr. Mascarenhas at Middlesex Eye Physicians is our Glaucoma Specialist. She is a Yale educated specialist and trained in Trabectome glaucoma surgery.

Offices in Middletown and Westbrook

The Vascular Experts Becomes Team of 7

The Vascular Experts, which practices at Middlesex Hospital's Center for Vascular Surgery, recently expanded and is now a team of seven vascular surgeons with offices in Middletown and

Old Saybrook. Led by Dr. Bart Muhs, The Vascular Experts team is comprised of capable, board certified surgeons who are solely dedicated to vascular care and who can deal with simple or complicated cases. This team includes newcomer Dr. Megan Shue.

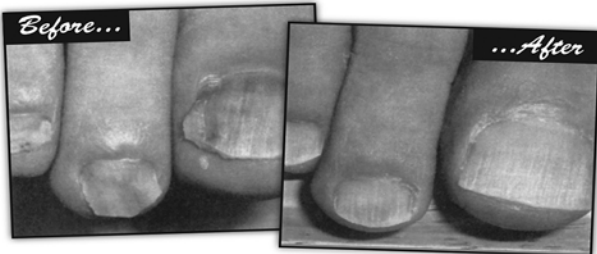
Utilizing Middlesex Hospital's state-of-the-art diagnostic and interventional suite, these vascular surgeons now have access to the latest technology, giving them the tools they need to better help their patients. The Hospital's suite, which opened in 2016, allows vascular surgeons to perform a number of minimally invasive procedures, which require much smaller incisions than traditional surgeries. In turn, patients experience fewer risks when having surgery, and Hospital stays are dramatically reduced.

Vascular surgery patients also benefit from Middlesex Hospital's collaborative relationship with Mayo Clinic. Middlesex Hospital is a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, and the relationship allows physicians, including vascular surgeons, to collaborate when faced with complex cases.

Vascular surgeons at Middlesex Hospital work with physicians from other specialties to ensure that patients are cared for appropriately. They treat several different vascular diseases, and common procedures include leg angioplasty and stenting, peripheral bypass surgery, carotid endarterectomy and abdominal aortic aneurysm repair.

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Winter/Spring Programs at HK Recreation

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is offering many fun and exciting programs this winter and early spring. The brochure is posted on www.hkrec.com. Online registration is available at <http://hkrec.recdesk.com/recdeskportal/>.

UPCOMING PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

Messy Mondays (Mondays, 10 am, beginning January 22nd or March 26th)

Tumble Tots (Tuesdays, 9:30 am, starting March 6th)

Pee Wee Soccer (Wednesdays, 3:45 pm, starting January 10th, March 7th or April 25th)

Nature Class (Wednesdays, 10:00 am, January 17 – Bunnies; February 7 – Snow & Ice; March 14 – Snakes & Turtles)

Science Outreach (Wednesdays, 1:15 pm, January 31 (Force & Motion), March 21 (Out of this World), April 25 (Wizarding))

A VARIETY OF YOUTH PROGRAMS WILL BE OFFERED:

Skyhawks Soccer & T-Ball (Tuesdays, 3:45 pm, starting May 8th)

Young Chefs of HK (2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6 at 4:15 pm at the HK HS)

Engineering Workshops (Tuesdays at KES, Wednesdays at HES or Fridays at BES; 3:30pm, Feb./March/April/May Session)

Creative Art (Mondays at KES; Tuesday at HES; Wednesdays at BES; 3:30 pm) Jan./March/April sessions)

Kids Focus on Fitness (Thursdays, 3:30 pm, starting January 11th or March 8th)

Zumba Kids (Fridays at BES beginning Jan. 19 or Thursdays at HES beginning March 15th , 3:30 pm)

Field Hockey Fundamentals (Wednesdays, 5:30 pm, starting April 25th)

Corkum Baseball Clinic (Thursday and Friday, April 19th and 20th from 9 – 12 pm)

Gymnastics (Tuesdays at BES; Fridays at KES 3:30 pm, beginning in March)

Skyhawks Basketball for gr. K-1 (Thursdays at BES, (3:45pm Gr.1) (5:00pm K), starting Jan. 4th)

Science Outreach – Wednesdays at HES; 3:30 pm (January 31– Force & Motion / March 21 – Out of this World / April 25 – Wizarding) Thursdays at KES; 3:30pm (February 1– Force & Motion / March 22– Out of this World / April 26 – Wizarding)

Sewing 101 (Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:45pm, Feb. 13 & 15 (Warm Winter Sewing) or March 13 & 15 (Cool Trendy Sewing), HK HS Lower Media Center)

Horseback Riding (Tuesdays or Wednesdays at Greyledge Farm; 5:45pm (ages 6-12) or 7:00pm (ages 13-16); beginning February 27)

Swim Lessons (Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:00 pm starting January 18th / 6:00 or 6:50 pm starting in February)

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2nd Grade Basketball (Saturdays, 10:30 am, starting January
 20th for 6 weeks)

UKI Indoor Soccer (Tuesdays at HES; Mondays or Fridays
 at KES; 3:30 pm starting January 9th)

Kid's Guitar Workshop (Mondays, 4:30 pm, starting
 February 26 at the HK HS)

Play-Well LEGO Intro to STEM (Mon. at BES beginning
 February 26 at 3:30 pm)

When I'm in Charge (Wednesday, January 17th or Wednesday
 March 21st, at 5:45 pm at the HK HS Lower Media Center)

Wizard's School of Magic (Wednesday February 14th
 at HES; March 7th at BES; April 4th at KES 3:30 pm)

Babysitting Course (Mondays & Wednesdays, beginning
 February 26th, 5:45pm, or Mondays, beginning April 9th ,
 5:45pm at the HK HS Lower Media Center)

Space Explorers (Tues. at KES; Thurs. at HES, beginning
 January 23rd for 5 weeks, 3:30 pm)

Skyhawks Soccer & T-Ball (Tuesdays at HES, beginning
 May 8th, 3:45 pm (ages 4-6)

Airplanes & More Airplanes (Tues. at KES; Thur. at HES,
 beginning March 6th for 5 weeks, 3:30 pm)

Chemistry with Fun No Blame (Tues. at KES; Thur. at HES,
 beginning April 24th for 5 weeks, 3:30 pm)

Parent/Tot Swim and Pre-School Swim (Tuesday &
 Thursdays starting in May)

Ice Fishing (Thursday, January 11th, 6:30 pm at
 Killingworth Care Center)

Canvas & Cupcakes (Friday, March 9th, 6:00 pm at
 HK HS Cafeteria)

February and April Vacation camps will be held from 7:00 -
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Vista Supports USVI Family Impacted by Hurricanes
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After hearing about the devastation wrought by these two powerful storms, members of Vista's Connect day program researched ways in which they could aid hurricane victims. Through social media, they were turned on to Adopt a Family USVI, a grassroots initiative that pairs families in the U.S. Virgin Islands affected by the hurricanes with supporters.

Once the Connect program was matched to a family in need, members and staff spearheaded a collection drive - which yielded enough supplies to fill eight care packages. Items included canned goods, personal hygiene products, diapers, batteries, snack foods and more.

Giving back is a key component of Vista's philosophy. From hosting American Red Cross blood drives to volunteering with programs like Meals on Wheels, Vista students, members and staff actively seek opportunities to support their communities throughout the year.

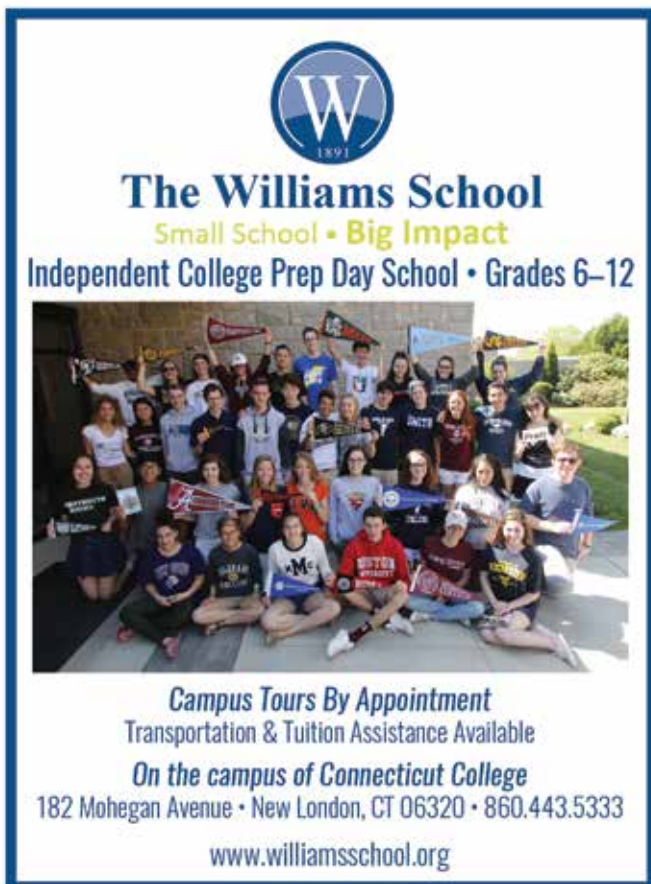


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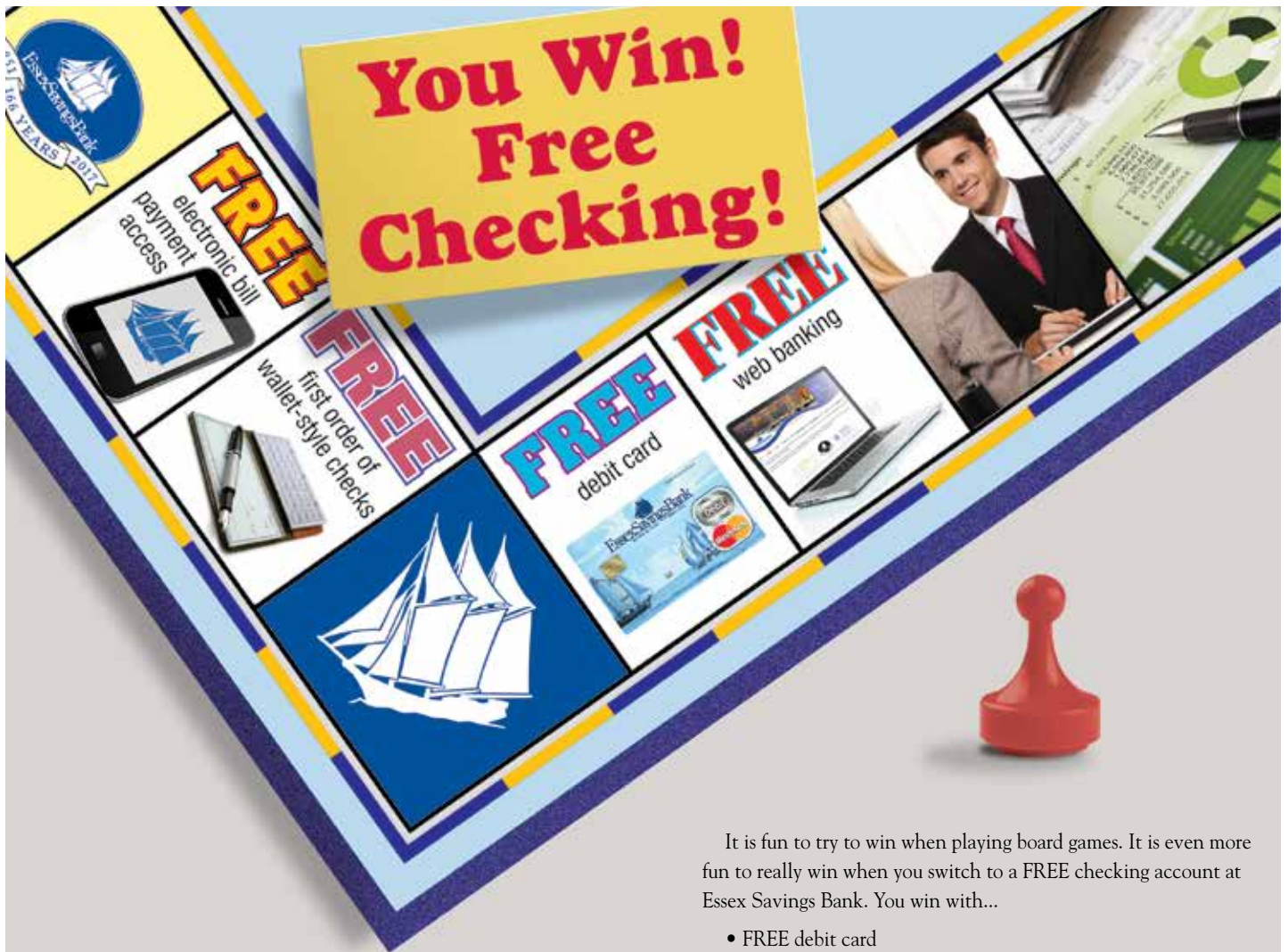
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