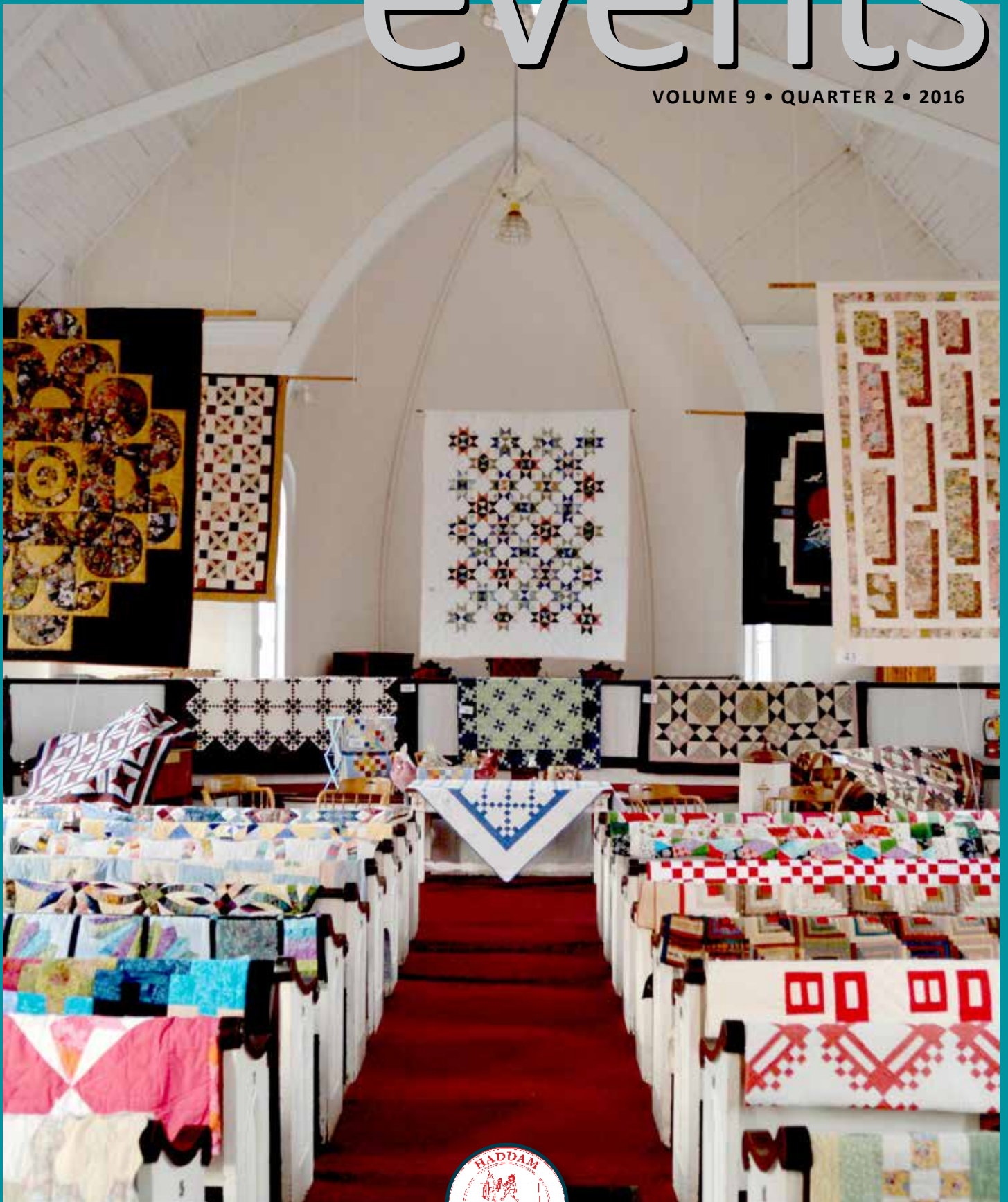


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# First Selectwoman's Corner

Happy Spring! -The past 3 months have been very busy and I can't believe that the time has gone by so quickly. They are many exciting things happening in Haddam and I want to update you on just a few of them.

The Board of Selectmen has presented the town budget to the Board of Finance and it is being reviewed by the BOF, to be presented at the May 4<sup>th</sup>, public hearing. The grand list is down this year due to revaluation however we are working diligently to provide services and capital projects that are necessary for the town to grow and help reduce further tax burdens in the future. I have met with Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, a number of times to discuss the school budget impact on our town. I have suggested a committee be set up so that we can look at how the Town of Haddam, Killingworth and RSD17 can work together and all parties are agreeable on the forefront.

On February 4<sup>th</sup> a joint Economic Development meeting was held with East Haddam at the Gelston House and was very well attended by local businesses and by Senator Art Linares. The focus of the meeting was on tourism for "the Haddam's". A spring weekend celebration will be held by "the Haddam's" on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>, many of the local businesses will have special offers and we will be hosting a kite flying contest at Haddam Meadows, along with other events.

I have been actively meeting with DEEP and DPH to discuss resolutions to the water issue in Tylerville on a regular basis and lobbying up at the capitol during this short session and have had lengthy conversations with both Rep. Phil Miller and Sen. Art Linares. I have requested that letters be sent to both of them to show support for having this issue corrected.



Lizz Milardo  
First Selectwoman

Congressman Joe Courtney and State Senator Art Linares have both been in Haddam with forums educating on heroin and opioids in our community. Haddam has had overdoses in the last month and this is an issue that we need to talk about and educate the public. Many of these forums are being held around the state and it was great to see that our Youth and Family Services took part in both of these local forums and has information on this.

We have come up with some solutions on road projects, work will be started on this in 2016, we are finalizing the steps of the process and will be providing more information on this in the

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near future and a few locations have been identified for a possible cell phone tower site on the 154 corridor.

A building committee has been formed to work on the Jail and Scovil Hoe Buildings and funds have been made available for a feasibility study to be done on both properties. A meeting was held at the town hall on March 1<sup>st</sup> with Deputy Commissioner Tim Sullivan from DECD on this on how we can move forward with these projects.

We also have had two new hires to the town, one is Gary Vivian who was hired after Fern Tremblay retired and the other is Eleanor Farrell, an attorney who was appointed as Municipal Agent. Her office will be with Public Health in the Jail Annex Building. Welcome to both of them!

Lizz Milardo,  
First Selectwoman, Town of Haddam

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Email: Scott R. Brookes  
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### DOG LICENSE

Dog License renewal is due in June. Please come in and register your dog so that you have the current tag. Our Animal Control Officer will be contacting you, if you are delinquent.

Fees: A neutered or spayed dog \$8.00 -  
An unneutered or unspayed dog \$19.00  
Kennel License is \$51.00 - Beginning July 1, a penalty fee will be charged for every month a resident is late in registering a dog. Licenses can be mailed once proof of current rabies vaccination and a spaying/neutered certificate are mailed to the Town

Clerk at 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam, CT 06438, along with your fee, and a self-addressed stamped envelope. If you no longer have your dog, please let us know so that we may update our records. If you have any questions or concerns regarding licensing your dog(s) please call or email our office.

### CONTEST!

This year we are going to have a contest for the number 1 dog tag in Haddam. It is easy to enter, just license your dog(s) during the month of June and your dog will be in the drawing. We will draw a winner in early July. The winning dog will get license number 1, a gift basket and get their picture in the Haddam Bulletin and on Haddam.now.

### TRANSFER STATION

The Transfer Station is located on Route 154, just north of the Haddam Meadows State Park. If you do not have a private trash collection service, trash and recyclables should be brought separated

to the Transfer Station. To assure that only Haddam residents use the Transfer Station, a current Haddam sticker must be displayed in order to use the facility. Stickers are good for the fiscal year (July through June) and may be purchased for a \$50 fee from the Town Clerk at the Town Office building. The operators of the Transfer Station are licensed by the State and will assist residents to assure compliance with the recycling law.

Hours: Wednesday, 8:00am - 3:45pm,  
Saturday, 8:00am - 3:45pm,  
Sunday, 8:00am - 11:45am.

All Transfer Station permits expire July 1st. To insure that there is a clear understanding of the rules, please read below:

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Registration must be written on the permit itself.

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Proof of residency.

Automobile registration.

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Persons may purchase additional stickers for their household with the following information:

Proof of residency.

Automobile registration.

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#### SPORTSMEN

2016 Sports Licenses are available.

Additional information regarding regulations, permits, conservation education/firearms safety courses are available on line at: <http://www.ct.gov/dep> DEEP reminds anglers age 65 and older that the free resident "lifetime" inland fishing, hunting and trapping licenses for individuals age 65 and older became "annual" licenses effective October 1, 2009.

All "age 65 and older" free inland fishing, hunting and trapping licenses obtained since October 1, 2009 must now be renewed annually. Additionally, all "age 65 and older" free marine fishing licenses must be renewed annually.

Holders of age 65 and older "lifetime" Connecticut inland fishing licenses obtained prior to October 1, 2009 are not required to reregister for a new license. However, should one lose this "lifetime" license, they will need to obtain a free

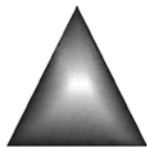
replacement by accessing the licensing system from their home computer, or by visiting a town hall, DEEP office or other anticipating vendor.

All individuals with "lifetime" hunting or combination hunting & fishing licenses will need to register themselves in the Automated Licensing System to obtain the appropriate permits and tags along with their unique Conservation ID#.

In subsequent license years, this Conservation ID# will be re-used and the free hunting license will need to be selected annually prior to obtaining permits and tags.

For assistance in renewing these licenses, contact DEEP Licensing and Revenue at (860) 424-3105.

Scott R. Brookes, Town Clerk  
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## Haddam & East Haddam EDC

### Tourism Committees will be Planning Special Spring and Fall Weekends in 2016

The Haddam & East Haddam Economic Development Commissions (EDC) have collaborated to form a tourism committee. They are planning two special weekends in 2016:

**Spring Weekend** - April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>

**Fall Weekend** - October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

On Saturday of Spring Weekend, the Town Wide Tag Sale will be happening and Sunday the Historical Society will be having "Daffodil Daze" at the Thankful Arnold House. A number of businesses are taking advantage of this opportunity and offering wine tastings, sales and sidewalk sales which we will promote. Other ideas include a % off items or a special dish for lunch or dinner, or a little free gift to give out.

A flyer of "Events" will be given out to the businesses a few weeks prior for everyone to pick up, it will list the name of the participating business, phone number and location and the event that business will be having that weekend.

If you have an event we can promote please contact me and I will gladly add you to our flyer. East Haddam will have many events going on as well.

We hope to bring many people into our town and provide them with as much opportunity to stay and patronize our businesses and enjoy the natural beauty that abounds here.

Cindy MacNeil Sola  
EDC, Tourism Committee

## Haddam-Killingworth Relay for Life

### American Cancer Society

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Haddam - Killingworth Relay for Life walk will be Saturday, June 11th at 3:00 pm until Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. If anyone is interested from Haddam, Killingworth or any surrounding town, please join us. Come and walk the Haddam - Killingworth track for an hour, two hours or stay the night. Campsites are available. The American Cancer Society walk is a fundraiser which helps in its fight against Cancer! The night of the event has a survivor dinner, entertainment, silent auction, food, etc. You may find more information on our website [RelayForLife.org/HKCT](http://RelayForLife.org/HKCT) or you may contact Ed Yantosh at [rflfkhk@gmail.com](mailto:rflfkhk@gmail.com).

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# News from the Assessor's Office

## ASSESSOR'S OFFICE CLOSING

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## SENIOR CORNER - Important News and Application

### Deadlines

#### • State of Connecticut Elderly Homeowner's (Circuit Breaker) + Town of Haddam Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Program

The filing period for these programs is February 1, 2016 to May 15, 2016. Persons who file must be 65 years of age as of 12/31/2015 or totally disabled.

#### • Additional Veteran's Exemption – The filing period for Additional Veteran's exemptions is February 1, 2016 to October 1, 2016.

Proof of income is required when filing for the above programs. Income includes all taxable, non-taxable income as well as social security income.

#### • Disabled Veterans Please Note: When a disabled veteran receiving an exemption reaches the age of 65+ there is an increase in the amount of the exemption regardless of the percent of disability, even if the rating is only 10%. Please contact the Assessor's Office if you have been receiving a veteran's disability exemption and are age 65 or older.

Please call the Assessor's Office at 860-345-8531 to make an appointment or to discuss your qualifications.

## MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION

### Did you sell or dispose of a Motor Vehicle?

#### Are you going to sell or dispose of a Motor Vehicle?

If the answer is YES you must return or cancel your registration plates with the Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) and obtain a plate receipt that you will need to provide to the Assessor's Office along with proof of what happened to that vehicle. (See **Motor Vehicle –Standard Forms of Proof** below to see a list of accepted documents.) This will allow us to either remove or prorate the motor vehicle. Then when you receive your bill in July it will be from October 1st to the month of disposal.

If you sold or disposed of a motor vehicle but transferred the plates to a new vehicle then it will be reflected in the billing and no action is necessary on your part.

For example: You owned a 2010 Ford F150 on October 1, 2015 and sold that vehicle on December 21, 2015 and the plates were transferred to a 2014 Ford F250, you will get a bill for the 2010 F150 in July 2016 and you must pay that bill. You will receive a Supplemental bill for the 2014 F150 in January (2017) that will give you a credit for what you paid on the 2010 vehicle in July 2016.

## Motor Vehicle – Standard Forms of Proof

TWO FORMS OF PROOF ARE REQUIRED TO REMOVE OR PRORATE A VEHICLE:

**PLATE RECEIPT** from DMV indicating that the registration has been CANCELLED, LOST OR STOLEN.

### 2. IN ADDITION TO # 1, ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PROOFS:

**A copy of the Bill of Sale** - The bill of sale is now on the bottom of the vehicle owner's registration form and transfer information must be recorded on the back of the registration form before being submitted to DMV – therefore the seller's obligation is to provide a copy of the signed registration form along with a copy of the plate receipt to the Assessor.

**A copy of the Transfer of Title** - The seller must provide the assessor with a copy of the signed title and a copy of the plate receipt.

**A copy of the new owner's registration** – A copy of the registration from the new owner along with a copy of the plate receipt.

**Out of state registration** – Proof of residency and a copy of registration showing the date the vehicle was registered outside the state of Connecticut along with the a copy of the plate receipt.

**Stolen or Totaled vehicle** – A statement from the insurance company indicating that the vehicle was stolen and NOT RECOVERED or totaled or a copy of the accident report. If the owner did not return the plates then he/she must file a lost or stolen plate form with the DMV and provide us with a copy of the plate receipt.

**Junked vehicle** – A receipt from junkyard and a copy of the plate receipt.

**Trade-in vehicle** – A copy of the purchase agreement identifying the trade-in vehicle and a copy of the plate receipt.

**Donated vehicle** - A statement from the organization showing the vehicle identification number (VIN) and a copy of the plate receipt.

If you move you must, by law, report your change of address to the DMV. You must be sure that the tax town code is changed. This will ensure that your vehicles will be included on the new tax town's tax list. It is important that when you change your address with the DMV that you change BOTH your driver's license AND your motor vehicle registration.

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### REPORTING ADDRESS CHANGES IS CRUCIAL TO TAXPAYERS!!!

It is imperative that you report any change of mailing address to the Assessor's office. The mailing address on the Assessor's records is what is used for all tax bills and other correspondence such as assessment information, assessment appeals information, etc. Not only is this information used by the tax collector but it is used by the land use office, building ...department, selectman's office and other departments.

We have come across many circumstances where the mailing address on record has been incorrect. These incorrect addresses result in interest penalties and other charges imposed by the Tax Collector's Office due to the claim that no tax bill was received. Non-receipt of a tax bill does not negate your liability to pay the bill including any interest or penalties. Therefore, we are trying to spare our residents any problems which may arise from an incorrect mailing address.

Remember, if you move, your mail is only forwarded by the post office for a certain amount of time. In some cases, because the tax bills aren't generated until the following July, your forwarding address has expired leaving the Tax Collector with no current address. According to Connecticut General State Statute we are only obligated to send it to the latest known address. Unfortunately, an incorrect address does not eliminate your liability to pay the bill, including all interest and penalties.

If you elect to receive your mail via a post office box, please note that we are unable to access that information through the post office or any other means, so PLEASE inform our office immediately of any change of that type.

Another important point regarding mailing addresses is that if your taxes are paid by your mortgage company we may not have your current mailing address because the bill is forwarded to them for the life of the mortgage. While this may not affect your tax bill during the mortgage period once the mortgage is paid off or ended we may not have your proper address if we are not notified of any change. In addition, it will affect any other correspondence directed to you.

If you are unsure of your current mailing address, you may call the Assessor's Office to verify the address that we have on file.

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## HK RECREATION DEPT.

### SPRING PROGRAMS

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### Youth and Teen Programs

*Young Chefs of HK* (5/4, 6/1 at 4:15 pm at the HK HS)

*Creative Art* (Mondays at KES; Tuesdays at HES; Wednesdays at BES; 3:30 pm, starting the week of April 25th)

*Science Outreach* – Wizarding Workshop (Pre-school class April 27th at 1:30 pm at the HK Old MS; 3:30 pm at HES (April 27th) and 3:30 pm at KES (April 28th))

*Green Engineering* – Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> at KES;

Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup> at HES. All classes begin at 3:30 pm.

*Kids Guitar Lessons* (Mondays, 4:30 pm, starting April 18<sup>th</sup> at the HK HS)

*Skyhawks Soccer/Baseball* (Wednesdays at HES, beginning May 11th, 3:45 pm (ages 4-6))

*LEGO 101* (Thur. At HES beginning April 28th and Friday's at KES beginning April 29<sup>th</sup> for 4 weeks, 3:30 pm.)

*Field Hockey Fundamentals* (Thursdays, 5:30 pm, beginning April 21st at HK HS, for 6 weeks)

*Horseback Riding* (Tuesdays or Wednesdays, 5:30 pm, beginning May 3rd for 4 weeks)

### Parent/Tot Swim and Pre-School Swim

(Tuesday & Thursdays starting May 12th)

### Adult Programs

Many Adult programs include Fitness Yoga, Zumba, Kickboxing, Dog Obedience, Aqua Aerobics, Semi-Private Swim Lessons, Basic Boat Course, Adult Guitar, Sr. Exercise.

### Excursions

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Network members remain independent, but share a common philosophy, commitment and mission to improve the quality and delivery of health care.

As a member of Mayo Clinic Care Network, Middlesex will have access to the latest Mayo knowledge. Network tools and services include:

*eConsults* that enable Middlesex physicians to connect electronically with

Mayo specialists when they want additional input on a patient's care.

*AskMayoExpert* that provides Middlesex physicians with point-of-care, Mayo-vetted information on disease management, care guidelines, treatment recommendations and reference materials for medical conditions.

*eTumor Board Conferences* that enable Middlesex physicians to present and discuss management of complex cancer cases with a multidisciplinary panel of Mayo Clinic specialists and other network members.

Through network resources, Middlesex providers also will be able to consult with Mayo Clinic on operational and business processes such as patient engagement;

quality, safety and accreditation; nursing leadership; and physician engagement.

Providers also will have access to Mayo's extensive library of educational materials for use with their patients and grand rounds presentations that feature Mayo physicians and scientists.

Since its inception in 1904, Middlesex Hospital has continuously maintained the highest standards in medical care while focusing on delivering the very best patient experience possible.

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**New Dementia Caregiver  
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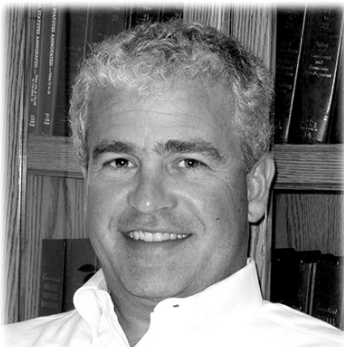
Caring for a family member or loved one suffering from dementia requires patience, fortitude, and a network of much-needed support from others in similar situations. To help caregivers develop this network, better understand the disease, and reduce stress and anxiety associated with dementia care, The Saybrook at Haddam has created a new monthly Caregivers’ Support Group. The group, which is open to the public, offers caregivers as well as family and friends of persons with dementia an opportunity to share information, talk through challenges, and learn more about local resources. Meeting dates and times vary, so interested individuals should contact Brooke Conley at 860-345-3779 for details.

Each meeting of the support group will focus on one of the many stages of dementia or issues surrounding those suffering from dementia, as well as general caregiving concerns of members. Recent research or relevant articles will be discussed along with personal stories and experiences (including humorous ones). Group members are encouraged to suggest themes and topics for the meetings based on their specific needs.

“It is very powerful and therapeutic for caregivers to spend time and share experiences with people who also are facing dementia in their families,” said Brooke Conley, The Saybrook at Haddam’s licensed clinical social worker who created and moderates the group. “Just having a community to talk to, learn from, and laugh with can bring a sense of reassurance and relief to caregivers, and can improve day-to-day life for those with dementia.”

Attendees at the group’s first meeting said they were happy to know they were not alone and were eager to build and strengthen connections with others. Those who are new to dementia care were pleased to talk directly with others who have coped with dementia for longer periods of time. The exchanges were helpful on many levels.

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“Since Safe Harbor opened in 2011, we have worked one-on-one with family members to help them understand dementia, to try to relieve some of the anxiety families feel, and to work with them to enjoy happy visits with their loved ones,” Conley said. “Now with this larger Caregivers’ Support Group, we can share our knowledge base with the greater community, build a larger community, and hopefully improve lives for dementia patients and caregivers.”

Known as the region’s premier assisted living, retirement, and memory care community, The Saybrook at Haddam ([www.thesaybrookathaddam.com](http://www.thesaybrookathaddam.com)) offers 108 apartments for individuals or couples. The gracious manor is located in Haddam, Conn., with proximity to major highways, medical services, restaurants and entertainment venues.

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# Haddam Historical Society Events and Programs



Haddam Neck in Pictures

## Whole Harmony Apothecary Tea Tasting

Sunday, April 17, 2016

3 pm to 5 pm

\$10 per person

Join the Haddam Historical Society for a visit and tea tasting at Haddam's wonderful new "old-fashioned" herbal apothecary.

Located in the historic Alpheus W. Tyler House, herbalists Stacey Wood & David Soule will share their story and passion for herbal plant medicine. Space is limited. Call 860-345-2400 for reservations.

## Haddam Neck in Pictures

Sunday, April 24, 2016

2 pm

Haddam Neck Community Schoolhouse,  
408 Quarry Hill Road, H.N.

Free and Open to the Public

Join the Haddam Historical Society for a slide show/PowerPoint presentation of historic photographs of Haddam Neck from the archives of the Society as well as personal collections of long-time residents including Walter Olsen. Photos will also be on display.

We invite you to enjoy and comment on some of these never-before-seen photographs. We also invite Haddam Neck residents to share their photos of the Neck prior to 1980. Admission is free.

For additional information call 860-345-2400 or email [director@haddamhistory.org](mailto:director@haddamhistory.org).

## Daffodil Daze, Sunday

Sunday, May 1, 2016

Thankful Arnold House Museum  
14 Hayden Hill Road, Haddam, CT  
1:00 to 3:00 pm— Free Admission

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Daffodil Daze

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Belle of the Fall is Tracy Walton and Julia Autumn Ford; an indie folk duo.

**"Shrub Off" Tasting**

Shrubs are an intriguing blend of fruit, sugar, and vinegar created during the Colonial Era to preserve fruit long after harvest and serve as a thirst quencher.



*Wildflowers and Butterflies*  
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Historic Gardens Day  
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Also known as "drinking vinegars" or "switchel" the drink is making a comeback as both a cocktail and soft drink. A number of different fruit and savory shrubs will be available for tasting with spirits or seltzer. We encourage members and friends to craft a shrub and share with us at our first "shrub off." Prizes will be awarded

**Annual Meeting**

*Thursday, May 19, 2016*

**Connecticut Open House Day**

*Saturday, June 11, 2016*

Thankful Arnold House Museum  
12 noon to 4 pm  
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**Connecticut's Historic Gardens Day**

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# Brainerd Library News



Tom Piezzo has accepted the directorship of the Brainerd Memorial Library. His first day was March 1st.

Tom comes to Brainerd from his position as the adult programming coordinator and reference librarian at the E.C. Scranton Memorial Library in Madison, CT. While in Madison he formed and led the Scranton Library E-Navigators, a team specializing in promoting and instructing technology and digital resources available as part of the library's offerings.

He is also the co-chair of the Connecticut Library Association's 2016 annual conference, has presented at the New England Library Association's 2015 annual conference, and has taught numerous classes for the Schiller Shoreline Institute for Lifetime Learning.

Prior to working in Madison, Tom worked for nine years at the Guilford Free Library, including time as the Teen Services Librarian. Before that, he was a branch library manager in the Queens Borough Public Library system in New York City for ten years. He is looking forward to becoming engaged in the Haddam community, and the personal connections a library like Brainerd offers.

Tom holds a B.A. in English from S.U.N.Y. Stony Brook, and a Master's in Library and Information Science from Long Island University. He has 22 years experience as a public librarian. Raul de Brigard, the Library's President, speaking on behalf of the Board of Trustees, says "we are delighted Tom has agreed to be our new Director. We are looking forward to exciting times, and he can count on our full confidence and support."

Tom would like to say: "I am immensely grateful for this opportunity to serve as your library director, and to get to know the community of Haddam. It is exciting to become part of this historic and vibrant town, as the library will continue to serve as both a place of collections and of connections, with the help of the exemplary staff, Town officials, schools, trustees, Friends and patrons."

## Brainerd Library's 1st Annual "Agricultural Day"

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Calling all gardeners, farmers, crafters, & local businesses! BML is planning a day of garden related activities.

We've invited: "Tractor Mac" children's author, Billy Steers, with his tractor!

Some projects We are planning:

- Lavender Wreaths
- Dish/Fairy Gardens
- Cactus Rock Art and Garden Markers
- Seed Planting

And The Friends are running a Book Sale.



*Tractor Mac* by Billy Steers

Please help make this event a success! Tell us how you'd like to be involved. You're welcome to provide: crafts, snacks, plants, projects, and donations etc.

To participate, please contact Marissa Lehmacher at [mlehmacher@brainerdlibrary.org](mailto:mlehmacher@brainerdlibrary.org) or 860-345-2204.

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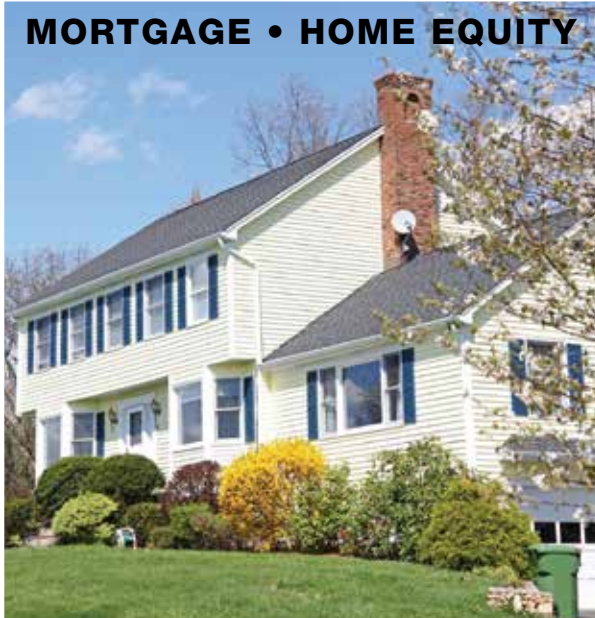


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