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First Selectwoman's Corner

Happy Spring!

This winter has been one for the record books! Despite all of the weather related issues of ice dams, snow storms and power outages, we have been able to move forward on a number of projects.

Tylerville Water – On January 16th, I attended the bond commission meeting in Hartford where approval for 5.5 million dollars was given to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to fund the project. We are starting the engineering process and I anticipate this project to start construction in 2019.

Road Projects – The final phase of McTigh Road and the remaining roads covered under our bonding will be completed this year, including those in Haddam Neck that had to be delayed due to the Eversource improvements. We have come in under budget for the initial roads that were under the bond and are working to identify from our road study report those that should go next on the list. The road study by VHB, has been completed and identifies over 30 percent of our roads in Haddam are in dire need of repair due to neglect over the past years and another 40 percent need some work. We will once again chip seal this year to help prevent some of the damage and our Public Works Department will now be doing drainage

work in house which will help significantly.

Budget Process – The Board of Selectmen has approved its budget and has forwarded it to the Board of Finance. The holdbacks from the State of CT that were promised to Haddam when the legislation passed the budget in October have totaled approximately 700,000 and I expect that to continue to grow not only in the 17-18 budget but also in the 18-19 budget. Our Grand List has grown substantially however most of these gains will be used against this deficit in state funding.

RSD 17 and HES – I would like to comment on the recent decision that the Board of Education has made to close Haddam Elementary School. The CT State statutes regulate how a Regional School District and Board of Education operate. The Town of Haddam does not own the building. It is owned by the district. In addition, the Town does not have a vote on any decisions that the Board of Education takes. They are an independent
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Lizz Milardo,
First Selectwoman

An advertisement for Saybrook Country Barn. The background is a photograph of a poolside patio with white plastic chairs and a table set for a meal. The text 'Outdoor Furniture Built To Last' is overlaid on the top right. The Saybrook Country Barn logo is in a dark blue box at the bottom right. The address '2 Main Street - Old Saybrook CT' is below the logo. The phone number '860-388-0891' and website 'saybrookcountrybarn.com' are in the bottom left. The slogan 'Home is better when you love where you live.' is at the bottom center.

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and separate entity, just as Haddam and Killingworth are separate entities. I am very concerned about having this building vacant in our center. However, I do understand the enrollment issue the Board faces. As First Selectwoman, I am listening to all of your concerns and ideas for Higganum Village. An Infrastructure Committee has been appointed to study the issues in Higganum Center. We cannot move forward with attracting any businesses or services to town without the proper infrastructure in place. This will not only affect the future of the vacancy of HES but also the future of our town.

Haddam residents need to decide once and for all what does Haddam want to be? And how do we connect the pieces together, the old DOT garage, the Community Center, Veterans Museum, the Cove activities to be held on the town green and now HES.

This committee will look at options for sewers, the Plan of Conservation and Development and marketing studies recently done for the area. These are critical next steps for us and I ask for all of you to get involved as it does take a village!

Sincerely
Lizz Milardo, First Selectwoman

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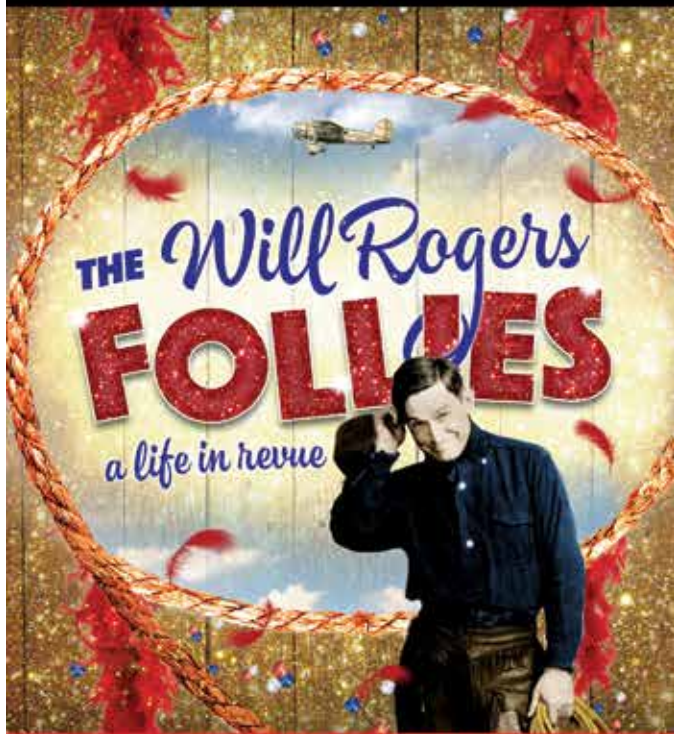
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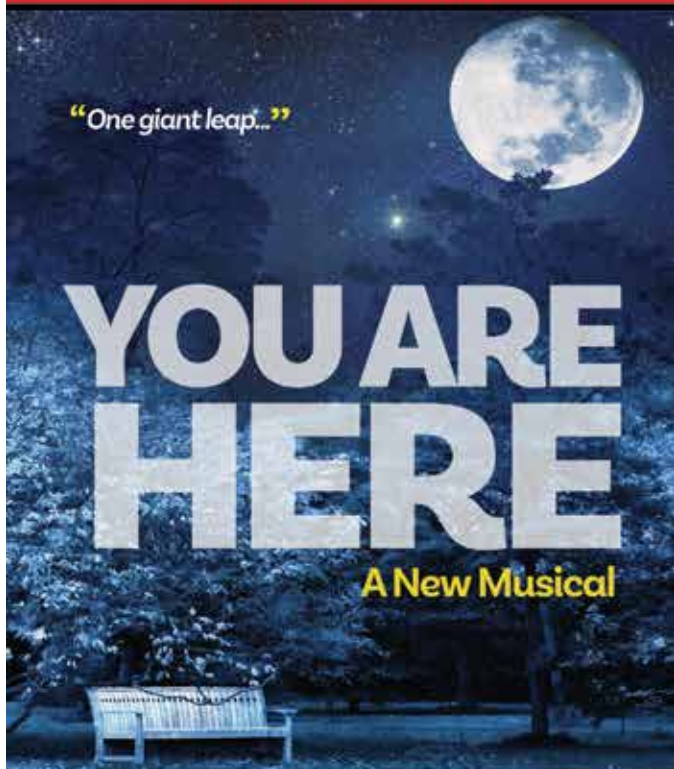
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Assessor's Corner

Jennifer L. Gauthier, CCMA II, Assessor

Tammy Anderson CCMA I, Assistant Assessor

Important Upcoming Dates and 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 1st, 2018 to May 15th, 2018. Persons who file must be 65 years of age as of December 31st, 2017, or totally disabled. Please call our office to discuss your personal situation and to see if you qualify before the May 15th deadline.

Additional Veteran's Exemption

The filing period for Additional Veteran's exemptions is February 1st, 2018 to October 1st, 2018.

Proof of income is required when filing for the above programs.

Disabled Veterans - 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 now 65 years old.

Assessor's Office Closed

The Assessor's Office will be closed June 4th through June 8th for the Annual Assessor's School at the University of Connecticut.

Assessor's Office Quarterly Spotlight

2020 Revaluation - Revaluations are conducted every 5 years with a full revaluation every 10 years. The revaluation we completed in 2015 was an interim revaluation; the 2020 revaluation is a full measure and list of all properties.

The major phases to a municipal revaluation are Data Collection, Market Analysis, Valuation, Field Review and Informal Hearings. You can visit the Town of Haddam's Assessor's website starting in July, 2018 for periodic updates and an explanation of the revaluation process. It will also include answers to frequently asked questions.

The Assessor's Office will begin the Data Collection phase in July, 2018. This process will continue through the summer of 2020. Tammy and I will be the only two performing inspections at this time and we will both be wearing ID badges and have appropriate credentials. If anyone other than Tammy or I come to your property to perform a Revaluation Inspection, PLEASE CALL THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING AT 860-345-8531 AND SPEAK WITH THE SELECTMAN'S OFFICE TO VERIFY THEIR IDENTITY before allowing them access.

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In the event that you are not available during our visit to your property, we will leave a door hanger letting you know that we were there. It will include a phone number to call to make an appointment for an inspection. We will also be taking new photos of your home and outbuildings for our database. We appreciate your cooperation in this process.

If you have access to the internet, I would encourage you to review your property record card for accuracy before your inspection. It will alert you to potential issues that you may want to bring to our attention during our visit. If you do not have access to the internet, you can always call our office, or stop by, and we can review the data with you before your inspection. Online property record cards can be found at:

<http://gis.vgsi.com/haddamct/>.

I can be reached by phone at (860) 345-8531 x 213; via email at assessor@haddam.org or stop by the office.

Please note that the Town Office Building now closes at 6:00 pm, instead of 6:30 pm, on Thursday evenings. If you cannot make it to the office due to your work or personal schedule, please let us know and we can try to make arrangements to stay late or come in early to try to fit your schedule.

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 look forward to meeting all of you while we are out in the field doing data collection for the revaluation.

Jennifer L. Gauthier, CCMA II
Assessor

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Scott R. Brookes, Town Clerk
Ann D Riebold, Assistant Town Clerk

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6:00 pm, Friday 8:30 am to noon. Phone
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Email: Scott R. Brookes townclerk@
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DOG LICENSE

Dog license renewal is due in June. Please
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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

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neutered certificate are mailed to the Town
Clerk at 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam,
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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.

**In June 2018 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
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TRANSFER STATION

The Transfer Station is located on Route
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If you do not have a private trash collec-
tion 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 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, 8:00 am - 3:45 pm,
Saturday, 8:00 am - 3:45 pm, Sunday, 8:00
am- 11:45 am.

All Transfer Station permits expire July 1st.
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- Loose permit stickers will be required to be applied to the vehicle before dumping or vehicle will be turned away.

In order to purchase a Transfer Station Permit, please come to the Town Clerk's Office and have the following available:

- Proof of residency
- Automobile registration
- Cash or check. No credit or debit cards

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

- Proof of residency.
- Automobile registration.
- Cash or check. No credit or debit cards

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We celebrate all of you who share the same desire to work in partnership to help our local community thrive today, and tomorrow. We invite you to learn more by calling us at 860-347-0025 or visiting online at MiddlesexCountyCF.org.

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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, you will need to obtain a free replacement by accessing the licensing system from a home computer, or by visiting a town hall, DEEP office or other participating 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.

A new trout and salmon stamp became effective March 9, 2018. The trout and salmon stamp is required for anyone age 16 or older, including seniors age 65+ who wish to do the following:

Keep any trout or salmon anywhere in Connecticut (except from places stocked by groups other than the state of Connecticut like a hunting and fishing club).

Fish in any of these 4 places: Trout Management Areas, Wild Trout Management Areas, Trout Parks and Broodstock Salmon Areas.

Renters Rebate Program

Eleanor Farrell, Municipal Agent for the Elderly,
Town of Haddam / 860-554-5246, Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday and Thursday from 9-2
11 Jail Hill Road

Renters Rebate Program

Renters Rebate is a program that is administered by the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management. The program provides a rebate on a portion of rent and utilities that qualified renters paid in 2017. I am beginning to make appointments for new applications. Applications will be taken until September 28th. Please call my office to schedule an appointment.

Annual Income Guidelines:

Single	Couple
\$35,300	\$43,000

Eligibility Requirements


Applicants must be age 65 or older before January 1, 2017 and receive Social Security benefits. If the person is under 65 years of age, he/she must be receiving Social Security Disability benefits

or Supplemental Security Income benefits. An applicant can also qualify if he/she is 50 years of age or older and the surviving spouse of a renter, who at the time of his/her death qualified for the program. The surviving spouse had to be domiciled with the renter at the time of death.

Applicants must bring the following documents: If you do not bring copies, I can copy your financial documents.

Proof of Income for 2017:

- Social Security benefit statement for 2017 (1099 form) - this is the form that tells you how much you were paid by Social Security in 2017, not the form that tells you how much you will get paid each month of 2018.
- If receiving Social Security Disability, bring the Social Security Disability Statement for 2017 (TPQY form).
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- If you have a bank account that earned interest in 2017, please bring the bank interest statement.
- If you have stocks, please bring the dividends statement for 2017.
- If you filed income tax for 2017, please bring a copy of your Tax Return.

If you need proof of Social Security benefits you can get a benefits verification letter by calling 1-800-772-1213 (this will take 10 days) or register online at www.socialsecurity.gov and create an account where you can then print a benefits verification letter.

Proof of expenses for 2017 that were paid:

- Rent receipts signed by landlord or a print out from housing office for each month of 2017.
- Please contact the utility companies that you use (gas, water and electric) and ask for a printout showing all of the payments you made for 2017. Please do not bring copies of your bills! I need proof of payment, not what you owed.



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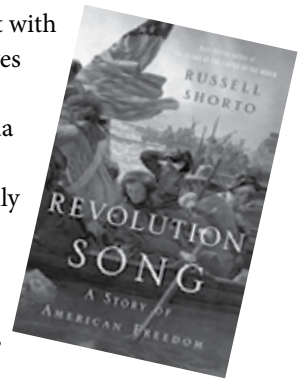
On Saturday, April 14 from 9 am to 12 noon the cellblock portion of the historic Middlesex County Jail Building in Haddam will be open to the public. Visitors can learn about the history of the building and grounds, talk to members of the Town Building Committee and spend a little time behind bars. This will be the first time the public will have an opportunity to tour part of the building since the town took title to the property in 2007.

The open house is being sponsored by the Town of Haddam, Haddam Economic Development Commission, Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation and Haddam Historical Society. The property is located at 945 Saybrook Road, Haddam. Reservations not required. For additional information contact Liz Glidden, Haddam Town Planner at 860-345-8531.

REVOLUTION SONG: A STORY OF AMERICAN FREEDOM

On Saturday, April 14, 2018 best-selling author, Russell Shorto will discuss his new book, *“Revolution Song: A Story of American Freedom,”* which weaves the stories of six historic figures during the American Revolution, including local legend and freed slave, Venture Smith. The book addresses the significance of individual freedom and rights and how they were the inspiration and catalyst for powerful change. Russell Shorto, author of the best seller *“The Island at the Center of the World,”* about the Dutch founding of Manhattan, has won numerous awards for his writing, and his books have been published in 14 languages.

The New York Times review notes that with *Revolution Song* “Shorto artfully weaves the stories together and leaves it to the reader to draw conclusions.” Amy Chua stated: “Brilliant, captivating and fast-paced, *Revolution Song* is a wonderfully original take on the American Revolution that reads like a thriller.” The Kirkus Review noted, “Smith’s story is especially lively.” The program, which is free and open to the public, is supported by a generous grant from Connecticut Humanities and sponsored by the Haddam Historical Society, East Haddam Historical Society and First Church Cemetery Association of East Haddam. The program will start at 7 pm at the Haddam Fire Station No. 1, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum, CT 06441. For additional information call 860-345-2400 or email contact@haddamhistory.org.



STORIES AND STONES, HADDAM NECK QUARRY HIKE

On Saturday, April 28 the Haddam Historical Society in collaboration with the Middlesex Land Trust will host a “Quarry Hike” at the Brainerd Quarry Preserve in Haddam Neck. This will be followed by a special tour of a private quarry off of Ague Spring Road. The hike will start at 9:00 am at the Preserve on Injun Hollow Road and will be lead by Harold Moritz, a geologist,



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mineral collector and photographer who focuses on minerals from his native Connecticut. He is very active in several Connecticut mineral/gem clubs and is a board member of the Geological Society of Connecticut.

The Brainerd Quarry, and others on Quarry Hill, were active for over 150 years in the 18th and 19th centuries and followed the best rock along the so-called "Allen Vein." They provided stone for many local building and road projects, plus many in New York City, Virginia and New Orleans. Free and open to the public. For additional information please call 860-345-2400 or email contact @haddamhistory.org

ALONG THE VALLEY LINE; THE HISTORY OF THE CONNECTICUT VALLEY RAILROAD

Thursday, May 17th
Haddam Fire Station #1, 436 Saybrook Road, Higganum
7 pm, Free admission. Higganum resident, Max Miller will talk about his new book on the Connecticut Valley Railroad and connection to Haddam.

Elizabeth Hart Malloy
Executive Director

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Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department

SPRING PROGRAMS

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is offering many fun and exciting programs this spring. The brochure is posted on www.hkrec.com or call 860-345-8334 for more info. Online registration is available at www.hkrec.com.

Pee Wee Indoor Soccer - (Wednesdays at HES, beginning April 25, 3:45pm (ages 3-4)

Young Chefs of HK - (5/2, 6/6 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 23)

Science Outreach – Wizing Workshop (Pre-school class April 25th at 1:15 pm at the HK Old MS; 3:30 pm at HES (April 25th) and 3:30 pm at KES (April 26th)

Egg-gineering - Tuesday May 8 at KES; Wednesday May 11 at BES, Friday May 23 at HES. All classes begin at 3:30 pm.

Kids Guitar Workshop (Mondays, 4:30 pm, starting April 23 at the Old MS A - 117)

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

Chemistry with Fun and No Blame (Tuesdays at KES beginning April 24 and Thur. At HES beginning April 26 for 4 weeks, 3:30 pm.)

Field Hockey Fundamentals (Wednesdays, 5:30 pm, beginning April 25 at HK HS, for 6 weeks)

Wrestling & Brazilian Jiu Jitsu (Tues. and Thurs., Beginning May 3, 5:15 pm at HK MS)

Corkum’s Baseball Mini-Camp (Thursday, April 19 and Friday, April 20 at the HK Old MS Gym / Softball Field, 9:00 am)

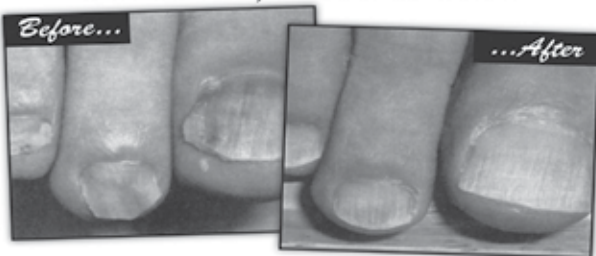
Babysitter’s Training (Mondays April 9, 23, 30, 5:45 pm at the HK HS Lower Media)

Horseback Riding (Tuesdays or Wednesdays, 5:45 – 6:45 pm (ages 6-12) or 7:00 – 8:00 pm (ages 13 – 18), beginning May 1st for 4 weeks)

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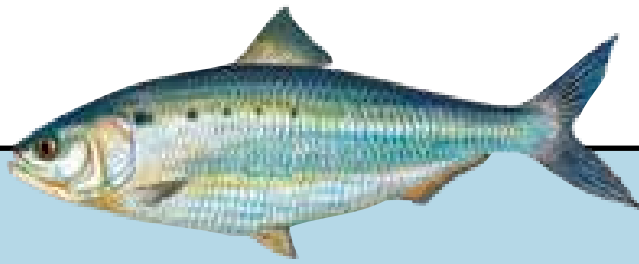
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We will be glad to open it by appointment at other times for groups interested. The museum directors are familiar with both commercial and sport shad fishing.

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Parent/Tot Swim and Pre-School Swim (Tuesday & Thursdays starting May 15th)

Many adult programs include fitness yoga, Zumba, dog obedience, total wellness with essential oils, adult horseback riding, aqua aerobics, semi-private swim lessons, basic boat course, sr. exercise. Excursions that will be offered include Boston Whale Watch (7/19). The HK Rec. Dept. also has discounted tickets to the CT Science Museum as well as Lake Compounce and Six Flags.

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The Vascular Experts

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.

If you experience pain or ulcers in the legs, or if you have blocked arteries in the abdomen or the neck, you may need to see a vascular surgeon. If vascular diseases are left untreated, you may encounter risks, such as losing a limb. If left untreated, some conditions may also result in an aneurysm or stroke and can be fatal.

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