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# First Selectwoman's Corner

This will be my final update to Haddam Events, as I leave office this November. I would first like to say that it has been an honor and a blessing to be your First Selectwoman over the past 4 years. I am grateful of all of the support from the committees, commissions, boards, volunteers and great employees of this town. I have made new friendships and have strengthened existing relationship all for the cause of moving Haddam forward together. I set out to achieve a number of things to improve the town and without the support of everyone working together we never would have achieved this in such a short time frame.

## Haddam, this is where I leave you, with some of the projects initiated or taken off the shelf during the past 4 years:

- CRHAD health district with improved services and customer service
- Road improvements and bridge improvements of over 9 million dollars to date with a documented road study and plan
- Additional 5.5 million in funding from the State for clean water in Tylerville; after a two year hiatus and getting the project near completion
- 6 million in grants to help improve Haddam, including the old town garage, sidewalks, Candlewood Hill repairs, bridges and Beaver Meadow Culvert and Senior Center
- Nason Group bankruptcy and repairs for Scovill Reservoir and Nason Road

- Securing the Cove Property to be owned by Haddam once and for all
- Department efficiencies and staff changes to improve the service and professionalism in the town along with increasing services
- Higganum Center and Tylerville are well on their way for improved services and sustainability.
- American flags are proudly hanging in our centers!



Lizz Milardo,  
First Selectwoman

We did this together! We stood together for our town and our future and our children's future. There were days that no matter the divisiveness or national controversy, our team stayed focused and worked together. I want to formally thank, Larry Maggi, Bob Duval and Sean Donlan for always putting Haddam first and my two wonderful assistants, Alice Zanelli and Joann Ricardelli.

It is time to continue the hard work and keep putting Haddam first. I encourage all of you to diligently review the qualifications of the candidates for all offices, Haddam needs to continue to move forward and stand together!

Sincerely,  
Lizz Milardo, First Selectwoman



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## Drug Take Back

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## Senior Citizen Expo

Wednesday, October 16 / 9 am – 1 pm at the Haddam-Killingworth High School. Vendors, refreshments, flu shots, information and more! For more information, call 860-345-7498.

## 26th Annual Pumpkin Run 5K

Sunday, October 27 at the Higganum Town Green. Kids Run at 12:15 pm / 5K Run/Walk at 1:00 pm. Register at [HARTFORD-MARATHON.COM](http://HARTFORD-MARATHON.COM).

## Women's Empowerment Group

A group that will meet over 4 weeks to discuss topics that include: how to combat negative self-talk, understanding and overcoming the barriers to true self-care, maintaining healthy boundaries, and guided imagery for wellness and stress/anxiety relief.

## Killingworth Library

6 pm – 7:30 pm / October 8th and 15th / November 19th and 26th. RSVP by 10/7 [Clinicaldirector@hkyfs.org](mailto:Clinicaldirector@hkyfs.org).

## Holiday Giving Program

We write to ask that you join us in thinking ahead to winter

and the families in our community who may not be able to afford to give their children a Christmas this year.

Last year our Holiday Giving Program helped a number of Haddam and Killingworth families who without some assistance would not have been able to provide holiday gifts, clothing, gift cards or toys for their children. We will be reaching out to these families to see if they need our support and begin the work of collecting new toys, clothing and gift cards. Last year we experienced your generosity and it was a moving experience to see the thanks, and sometimes the tears, of the families who received help. It was equally moving to welcome families who had in the past needed help but now came to us with gifts for another family without means.

If you, your family, church, civic group or club are willing to become a "Santa" for a specific child or entire family, please let us know. For now, we will begin the process of accepting new toys, gift cards to local or regional stores, new clothing items and small gifts for Moms and Dads.

Thank you in advance for our help and donations and for helping us spread the word. Our goal is for all to experience Christmas joy in their home this coming December. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 860-345-7498 or [Office@hkyfs.org](mailto:Office@hkyfs.org). We look forward to meeting and working with you and thank you, for all you do.



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The classic definition of real property is land and everything attached or affixed to it by nature or the hand of man, from the core of the earth to the center of the heavens. When a person dies owning real property in Connecticut, the Probate Court assists in a number of ways to ensure title to that property is either distributed to the heirs or beneficiaries of the person who died, or by helping to ensure clear title so that the property can later be sold.


A common scenario arises when one spouse in a married couple passes away, and all assets, including their home, are jointly titled. It is a mistaken belief that because the real property is held jointly, that probate involvement is unnecessary. The Probate Court is designated by the legislature to determine whether a decedent died with a Connecticut taxable estate. When an estate is deemed to be nontaxable, the Probate Court issues a release of lien that gets recorded in the land records in the town where the decedent owned the real property. This release of lien is required for the eventual sale of the home. In the scenario where all assets are jointly owned between spouses, full probate may not be needed, and a Tax Purposes Only Estate may be appropriate.

**Tax Purposes Only Estate** – If a person dies owning no solely owned assets (can own joint assets or assets that pass by beneficiary designation such as life insurance), the Probate Court can issue a release of lien for any real property jointly held once the following paperwork has been filed: certified copy of the decedent's death certificate, the deed to the real property, and a Connecticut Estate Tax Return (Form CT-706 NT) if assets total \$3,600,000 or less in 2019. For further information, contact the Saybrook District Probate Court at (860) 510-5028.



Judge Jeannine Lewis, Saybrook District Probate Court

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# Town Clerk's Offices

## Municipal Election

The Municipal Election will be held on November 5 from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. In all three voting districts, please come out and vote for your next: First Selectman, Selectman, Tax Collector, Board of Finance, Board of Finance Alternate, Board of Assessment Appeals, Planning and Zoning Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate, Zoning Board of Appeals, Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate, Board of Education.

## REMINDER

If you have forgotten, please be sure to pay your DOG LICENSE fee 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. 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.

## 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 \$75 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, 8:00 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.** To insure that there is a clear understanding of the rules, please read below:

1. Permit must be clearly displayed and adhered to the driver's side window shield.
2. Registration must be written on the permit itself.
3. Any vehicles without a current permit or without a sticker on vehicle will not be allowed to leave its contents at the Transfer Station.
4. 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:

1. Proof of residency.
2. Automobile registration.
3. \$75.00 payment. Cash or check. No credit or debit cards.

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

1. Proof of residency.
2. Automobile registration.
3. \$75.00 payment. Cash or check. No credit or debit cards.

## CLEAN RECYCLABLES ARE IMPORTANT!

Dirty materials can't be recycled and can attract nuisance insects and animals. Please take care in what you recycle so as not to contaminate the load. **WHAT TO RECYCLE:** Newspapers, magazines & catalogs, cardboard, mixed office paper, food and drink containers, telephone books, leaves, brush, motor oil, antifreeze, tires, scrap metal, electronics and some bulky waste.

**SWAP SHOP IS NOW OPEN!**

## SPORTSMEN

**2019 Sports Licenses** are available. Information regarding regulations, permits, conservation education/firearms safety courses are available on line at <http://www.dep.state.ct.us>.

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

**Marine Waters Fishing Licenses** are required for anyone 16 years of age or older fishing from shore or from a boat in the marine district or landing marine fish or bait species in Connecticut taken from offshore waters. Licenses are issued on a calendar year basis and expire on December 31st. Please see Marine Waters Fishing License FAQ page for more information. Any active, full-time member of the armed forces may be issued a fishing and/or small game firearms license for the resident fee. Credentials indicating active full-time membership or separation subsequent to the issuance of the license and prior to its expiration date must be carried while fishing or hunting.

**Issuance of a free license to the blind or intellectually disabled** requires proof of disability in the form of a certificate provided by any person licensed to practice medicine in this state. Any resident with the loss of a limb or the loss of the use of a limb and a doctor's certificate may be issued a free license. Qualified nonresidents who are residents of states which allow CT residents the same privileges are also eligible.

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Scott Brookes, [townclerk@haddam.org](mailto:townclerk@haddam.org) - Ann Riebold, [townclerkasst@haddam.org](mailto:townclerkasst@haddam.org)

**Office Hours:** Monday - Wednesday 8:30 to 4:00 - Thursday 8:30 to 6:00 - Friday 8:30 to noon.

# Assessor's Corner

## Important Upcoming Deadlines

### Active Members of the U.S. Armed Forces

Any active member of the United States Armed Forces (defined as United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force and any reserve component thereof, including the Connecticut National Guard) is eligible for the exemption of one motor vehicle. Applications for the exemption must be completed annually and forwarded to the Assessor's Office not later than the December 31st following the date on which property tax is due in the town in which the motor vehicle is registered. In other words, for the 2018 Grand List year the deadline is December 31, 2019. The forms are available in the Assessor's Office and online on the Assessor's Page of the [www.haddam.org](http://www.haddam.org) website.

### Farm, Forest or Open Space under Public Act 490

New applications for property owners claiming land as Farm, Forest or Open Space can be filed with the Assessor's Office between September 1st and October 31st, 2019. Please note that when filing for Forest Land, the application must be accompanied by a Certified Forester's Report which is due to the Assessor's Office no later than October 1st. The State's Forestry Department can provide a list of state foresters who can assist you. The Assessor's Office must review all applications, and accompanying reports, to determine if the property qualifies to be a part of the PA 490 Program.

Additional information and forms for the above programs are available in the Assessor's office and on our web page at [www.haddam.org](http://www.haddam.org).

### Personal Property Declarations

Personal Property Declarations were mailed in late September. Anyone not receiving a Personal Property Declaration should contact the Assessor's Office. Even though a declaration was not received by you, it does not preclude you from filing.

**Notice is hereby given** to all persons liable to pay **Personal Property** taxes in the Town of Haddam that they must return to the Assessor's Office, on or before the **first day of November**, their personal property list (declaration). **Failure** to declare will force the Assessor to estimate the value of the property and add a **25% penalty**.

The personal property declaration shall include all furniture, fixtures, equipment and machinery of all commercial and industrial businesses; unregistered motor vehicles, snowmobiles, farm machinery and horses. Manufacturing Machinery Exemption and Farm Building Exemptions Applications must be filed at this time. Anyone claiming either of these exemptions must return the Declaration and Application by the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. A declaration received late, or not returned, will not be eligible for the exemption for the 2019 Grand List.

### IMPORTANT ---

**If you do not receive a Personal Property Declaration and you are operating a business** in the Town of Haddam, it is your responsibility, according to Connecticut State Statutes, to file one. **Failure to declare** will force the Assessor to estimate the value of the personal property and add a **25% penalty**. Once a penalty is applied to a Personal Property account, it cannot be removed.

If you have received a personal property declaration and are no longer conducting business in Haddam as of October 1, 2019, you **must** complete the Affidavit on the front page of the declaration and return it to the Assessor's Office prior to November 1, 2019. This signed affidavit is mandatory as proof to allow the Assessor to remove you from the Grand List. If the documentation is not received it will force the Assessor to estimate the value of the personal property and apply a **25% penalty**.

### Defining a "Business"

There have been many questions raised over the past months regarding businesses and whether or not they should be picked up by the Assessor's Office. It is my hope that this article will help to explain and give the situation some clarity for everyone. The definition of a business is not easily conveyed in words because every situation is different and there are many aspects and questions that need to be asked in order to ascertain if a business should be listed with the Town. Here are the ways we look at it; hopefully this will help answer any questions that you may have.

***Do you provide a good or service in exchange for compensation? If you answered yes, then you are in a business.***

- Advertising
- Time Contributed
- Assets
- Compensation
- Home Based
- Income
- Ownership
- Rent a space
- Sales Tax
- Self-Employed
- Trade Name
- Certificate

There are a couple of ways to examine your individual situation to determine if you are a business or not. These are the most common aspects that we look to; and this list is not all-inclusive, but generally covers the most common aspects.

- 1) **Advertising** – if you are advertising, in print media, online, or in any other way, you are in business.
- 2) **Amount of Time** – it doesn't matter if you work at the business 3 hours a week, full-time, part-time, seasonally, or whenever someone calls to ask for you to provide a good or service to them. The number of hours, or time spent, doesn't factor into the determination on whether or not you are in business.
- 3) **Assets** – The amount of tangible business personal property also does not factor into the determination on whether or not you are in business. Business personal property can range from a hundred dollars for a part-time, home-based business, all the way up to millions of dollars (as is the case with most public utilities, and, in Haddam's case, the Connecticut Yankee property).
- 4) **Compensation** – The amount of compensation you receive also does not factor into the determination of whether or not you are in business. If you receive a 1099 for tax purposes, or you self-report your income to the IRS, you are in business. If you receive a W-2 from the business, then you are an employee and the business owner would declare the business personal property, not you as the employee (unless, of course you are an employee of your own company).
- 5) **Home-Based Businesses** – If you operate a farm, or make crafts for the local fairs, or are a CPA at home, you are in business. You are not required to rent or lease a space in order to be considered a business.



- 6) **Income** – The amount of money you make from your goods or services is irrelevant to determining whether or not you operate a business.
- 7) **Ownership** – If you have filed paperwork to be incorporated, or have created another legal entity (LLP, LP, LLC), then you are in business.
- 8) **Rent a Space** – If you rent/lease a space, then you are in business.
- 9) **Sales Tax** – If you have a Sales Tax Certificate, or if you collect sales tax, you are in business.
- 10) **Self-Employed** – If you are self-employed and work for yourself, you are in business.
- 11) **Trade Name Certificate** – If you have filed a Trade Name Certificate with the Town Clerk, or have a Trade Name that you use for your operation, you are in business.

The Assessor's Office can be reached by phone at (860) 345-8531 x 213 or 226. You can email the Assessor at [assessor@haddam.org](mailto: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 6:00 pm and on Fridays from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon.

**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

eQuality Valuation Services LLC was hired to conduct our revaluation. The inspections should be starting within the next few weeks. There will be an introduction letter sent to you before they start the inspection in your neighborhood. The inspectors will be wearing ID badges and have appropriate credentials. This process will continue through the summer of 2020.

In the event that you are not available during the time they will be in your neighborhood we will also be sending data mailers for your review and correction of any incorrect information. The inspectors will also be taking new photos of the front exterior of your home 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: [www.haddam.org](http://www.haddam.org).

I encourage all taxpayers to stop by, or call, if they have questions regarding their specific property, or any general assessment questions.

We can be reached by phone at (860) 345-8531 ext. 226 & 213; via email at [assessor@haddam.org](mailto:assessor@haddam.org) or stop by the office.

Tammy Anderson CCMAI, Assessor  
Debbie Copp, Assistant Assessor

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Together, we are making a real difference. Thanks to our donors, our nonprofit partners, and the Animals: Respect & Friendship Fund (ARF!), our neighbors in need are able to keep their animals and benefit from their companionship. Together, we are increasing access to veterinary care, keeping pets in homes, and supporting pop-up veterinary clinics for pets owned by seniors living in fixed-income housing.

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

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

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

# The Haddam Volunteer Fire Auxiliary

## HVFC AUXILIARY ELECTS OFFICERS

Haddam Volunteer Fire Auxiliary members elected the following officers for the 2019-2020 year:

Carolyn Schuler, president

Sandy Adametz, vice-president

Sharon Challenger, secretary

Mary Nork, treasurer

In 1966, the Auxiliary was established to aid our volunteer firefighters. Members provide refreshments during major fires, and they give funds periodically to the fire department to purchase firefighting items. Town residents, 18 years or older, are welcome to join. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month, from September to June except January, at 7 pm at the new firehouse.

## HVFC AUXILIARY WHIST & VENDOR FAIR

The Haddam Volunteer Fire Auxiliary will hold its Annual Military Whist Card Party on Tuesday,

October 29, at the new firehouse, 439 Saybrook Road. Doors open at 6:30 pm, refreshments will be served at 7:00 pm, and the game starts promptly at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$7.00 and \$6.00 for seniors and will be sold at the door on a first-come basis.

If you have questions, call 860-345-8894. Save the date!

## 9th ANNUAL HOLIDAY VENDOR FUNDRAISER

Shop close to home! The Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary's 9th Annual Holiday Vendor Fundraiser will be held at the firehouse at 439 Saybrook Road on Sunday, November 3 from noon to 3 pm.

Vendors include Avon, CT River Candles, Goat Soap, LuLaRoe, Norwex, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Thirty-One Gifts, Tupperware, and a number of craft, sewing and jewelry tables displayed by individual vendors. Total proceeds will benefit Haddam Fuel Bank.

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## Board of Assessment Appeals

The Board of Assessment Appeals has completed its work for the prior fiscal year. Meetings were held in September for motor vehicles and March for real estate, personal property and supplemental motor vehicles.

The Board would like to remind taxpayers that fall means a mailing from the Assessor requiring a Declaration of Personal Property be completed. This form goes out only to someone running a business based in Haddam. If you do not complete the form or file it by the deadline, there is a penalty. The penalty is 25% of the assessment of the personal property.

The Board of Assessment Appeals cannot rebate this penalty, per state statutes. Please see the Assessor or the Assistant Assessor for assistance. They are more than willing to guide you. Also, keep a copy for use in completing next year's form.

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# Brainerd Memorial Library ~ Children's Programs



**Registration is not required for programs unless noted in the program description.**

## **Preschool Storytime**

Preschool Storytime takes place every Tuesday at 10:30 am. Join us for themed stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. Appropriate for children ages 2 to 5, but siblings are always welcome.

## **Saturday Storytime**

Can't make preschool storytime during the week? Join us on the first Saturday of every month at 10:30 am for stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. Appropriate for children ages 2 to 5, but siblings are always welcome.

## **Music with Margie**

Music with Margie will meet on the following Thursdays in October: the 10<sup>th</sup> & the 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. The theme for October is "Fall Color Cruise". In November, Music with Margie will take place on the following Thursdays: the 7<sup>th</sup> & the 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am. The theme for November is "Food and Thanks". In December, Music with Margie will meet on the following Thursdays: the 5<sup>th</sup> & the 19<sup>th</sup>. The theme for December is "Winter Holidays". Margie's multi-sensory program builds skills on a bi-weekly basis, in order for children to reach the developmental goals they need to enter Kindergarten. Margie brings items for children to play with such as beanbags, scarves, puppets, and instruments. Music with Margie is appropriate for children ages 2 to 6.

## **Toddler Tunes**

Toddler Tunes is a music and movement program for toddlers and their caregivers. Join us to sing nursery rhymes, dance, make music, and read a simple story. Tuba Kelly brings musical instruments.

In October, Toddler Tunes will take place on the following Thursdays at 10:30 am: the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>. In November,

Toddler Tunes will take place on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. In December, Toddler Tunes will take place on the following Thursdays at 10:30 am: the 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Appropriate for children ages 1 to 3, but siblings are always welcome.

## **LEGO™ Club**

Like playing with Legos? Come build with us at our drop-in Lego sessions. Lego creations will be put on display until the next meeting. Lego Group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of every month from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Appropriate for ages 5 and up.

## **Puzzle Club**

Come put your skills to the test with challenges such as tangrams, pentominoes, and word puzzles. Stimulate your brain, sharpen your problem-solving skills, and learn effective strategies to impress your friends in Tetris. Puzzle club meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Appropriate for ages 8 - 12.

## **Super Smash Bros. Club**

Whether you want to learn the basics or are looking to fine tune your skills, our Smash club has a place for you! Join us on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 2:00 pm where we'll have Smash 64, Melee, and Ultimate. Play using our controllers or bring your own. Come learn techniques such as wavedashing and DI, try out new characters or practice your main, and enjoy playing friendlies in a welcoming environment. An experienced player will be there to guide newcomers. For ages 10 - 14. Refreshments will be served.

## **Halloween Party for Kids!**

Join us on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm for ghoulish games, creepy crafts, terrifying treats, and spooky stories & songs. Wear your costume and paint a pumpkin! Happy Halloween!

## **Retro Craft: Lap Loom Weaving**

On Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm come learn how to weave on a lap loom! We will be making a small wall hanging and all supplies will be provided. This is a buddy program: parents and grandparents, older siblings, and caregivers work paired to help younger learners (ages 8 and up) learn the craft. Please note that space is limited for this program and registration is required.

## **Children's Holiday Party**

Join us for our Children's Holiday Party on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Santa and Mrs.

Claus will be here at 11:30 am to read stories, take photos, and spread holiday cheer! Make holiday crafts and enjoy a Holiday sing-a-long. Come one, come all and join in the festivities! Refreshments will be served.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### Teen Advisory Board

Thursdays: October 10<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 7:00 pm. What can your library do for YOU? Voice your ideas for improved YA services, help plan events and activities in the Teen Lounge, help develop the YA collection, assist with Children's programming and so much more! New members are always welcome! For more information please contact Kristen at [kcarpentier@brainerdlibrary.org](mailto:kcarpentier@brainerdlibrary.org).

### FREE College Financial Planning Workshop

The cost of college keeps increasing every year, and it gets more and more difficult for parents to afford to send their children to the school of their choice. Please join us on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> / 6:00 -7:30 pm where College4Less will demonstrate how to send your child to college without spending your life's savings or going broke. The educational workshop will discuss the FAFSA form and the CSS Profile form along with other important information parents need to understand in order to maximize the amount of financial aid they are eligible to receive.

Registration is required as space is limited. Please register on our website [www.brainerdlibrary.org](http://www.brainerdlibrary.org) or by emailing Kristen at [kcarpentier@brainerdlibrary.org](mailto:kcarpentier@brainerdlibrary.org).

### Gingerbread House Wars

Our popular gingerbread house competition is back for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row! On Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 pm drop in to create a gingerbread house and enter it into our contest. Winner receives a small prize and bragging rights until next year. Library patrons will vote for their favorite on Facebook & Instagram the week following the event so be sure to follow us to have your vote counted. This program is for ALL AGES, and no registration is required! All materials will be provided. Get ready for WAR!

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Spirits of New England

On Wednesday, October 2 at 6:30 pm Dustin Pari from SYFY's hit show "Ghost Hunters," "Ghost Hunters International" and "Destination Truth" will be bringing the paranormal to the library. Being a New England native has allowed Dustin to investigate some very interesting places rich with local history and folklore. His lecture chronicles some of his favorite New England investigations that he has been a part of. It even touches upon a legend with local roots that has become a world-wide phenomenon. A great

bit of local history colored with some chilling tales of the supernatural. The author of numerous books, Dustin applies his knowledge and colorful personality to weave strange tales of the unknown, motivational tales of his own life, and random tales of his own mind. His mind is a bit of a mess, but it sure is a lot of fun!

### Digitizing Memories

Join us on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 pm to learn how to preserve your children's artwork by scanning and converting it into an electronic format. Class will emphasize scanning oversized artwork (larger than 11" x 17" up to approximately 24"x 36") such as your children's posters and creations from their school art shows. We will go over the basics of scanning and combining multiple scans for oversized pieces using freely downloadable software. Class will include a live demonstration. Computers will be available for use or you can bring your own laptop. We suggest that participants bring one or two pieces of artwork to practice. Registration is necessary as space is limited. Please sign up via [www.brainerdlibrary.org](http://www.brainerdlibrary.org) or by calling 860-345-2204.

### Introduction to Chakradance

Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. If you tend to spontaneously move to music come join Anne Stamatakis, owner of Circle of Life Holistic Health, for an introduction to chakradance. Anne is a State Licensed Massage Therapist, Certified Healing Touch Practitioner and Breath Awareness Coach with 35 years of experience in complimentary holistic health therapies.

Chakradance is a well-being practice helping to release blocked energy. It is like a moving meditation to music composed specifically to resonate with our internal energy centres. Liberating, fun, intuitive and spontaneous, chakradance will reveal more of you to yourself and help to find your own rhythm.

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### Wood Carving with Papa Elf

Monday, Nov. 11, 5 pm to 8 pm. Higganum native, Rick "Papa Elf" Johnson is returning to the library to offer another carving class. Please join us as we create a wooden 40 minute

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Santa ornament. This is a great beginner project as you learn knife safety, sharpening, stropping, layout and the basic cuts. See how the block of wood transforms before your eyes into a simple piece of folk art ornament for your tree. Given that we are working with extremely sharp knives, classes are very limited and adults only please.

### Osaki-san, William Gillette's Gentleman Valet

Friday, December 13th at 6:30 pm.

The East Haddam Stage Company will be presenting the one man show, Osaki-san, William Gillette's Gentleman Valet. This one man drama brings to life the true story of Yukitaka Osaki, the second son of a warrior-class family from Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan. Yukitaka Osaki became a confidante and friend to William Gillette. It was 1888 when Yukitaka and his older brother Yukio came to visit the US from Japan. Yukio went on to become a leader in Japanese politics, and would give Washington D.C. the famous Cherry trees. Come discover the story of the elusive brother behind the famous politician. Osaki lived from the Victorian era through the turn of the century and both World Wars.

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

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

## Fox Ledge Farm



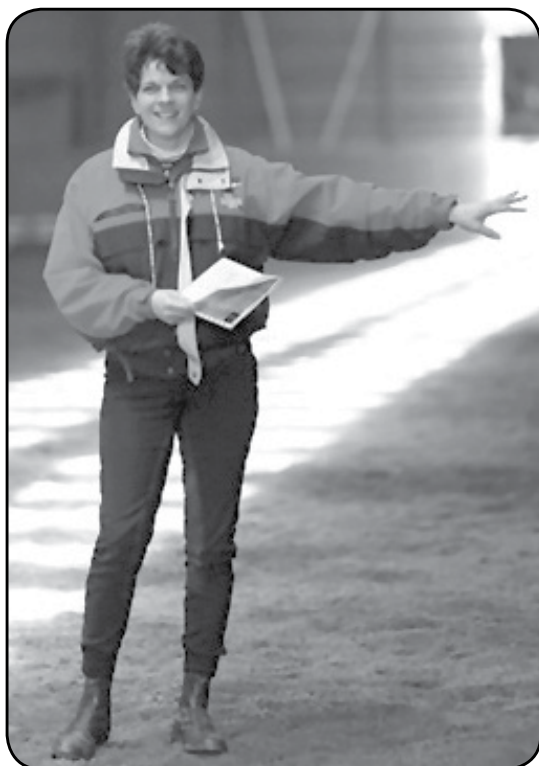
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Fox Ledge opened in January of 1990 as a family project. That was after Ann rode on the United States Equestrian Team (USET) 1987 Pan American Dressage Team. She finished 5th individually, helping the team earn an individual silver medal. She was on the USET developing rider and long lists from 1986 through 1992. While growing up in East Haddam, she was a member of the CT Valley Pony Club and graduated in 1983 with the "A" certification rating. She is now one of the leaders of the CT Valley Pony Club.

Ann knows that "riders of all ages need eyes on the ground." A United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Certified Instructor and Examiner, she has helped many adult amateur and professional riders earn USDF rider medals and many youth earn certification in the United States Pony Club (USPC). She has prepared riders for the USDF and USPC National Championships and Young Riders in the USEF FEI Jr/Young Rider Championships.

"One of the most rewarding things about teaching riders is sharing their progress," says Ann. "I have been fortunate to be able to teach riders for many years and mentor young riders through their junior years and into adulthood."

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# Fall Programs at HK Recreation

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is offering many fun and exciting programs this fall. Please visit our website ([www.hkrec.com](http://www.hkrec.com)) for more detailed information. Register online at <http://hkrec.recdesk.com/recdeskportal/>.

## Upcoming fall programs will include these pre-school programs:

Nature Class Experience (Wednesdays, 10:00 am – Fuzzy, Scaley, Sticky (10/16), Turkey Gander (11/20)

Messy Mondays (Mondays, 10:00 am, starting 11/4)

Pee Wee Soccer (Tuesdays, 3:45 pm, starting 11/6)

Science Outreach (Wednesdays, 1:15 pm – Electricity (11/6) / Comets & Meteors (12/4)

## A variety of Youth and Teen programs will be offered:

Wizard's School of Magic, 3:30 pm - Friday 10/18 (BES)

Karate Kids (Mondays, 3:30 pm at BES, starting 9/9)

Creative Art (Tues. 3:30 pm at BES starting 10/22)

Canvas & Cupcakes (Parent/Child Paint Night) (Friday, November 15, 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the HK HS Cafeteria)

Gymnastics (3:30 pm Tuesdays at BES starting 10/29)

Young Chefs of HK (Wednesdays, 4:15 pm - 11/6, 12/4)

Zumba Kids (Thursdays, at BES, starting 11/7; 3:30pm)

Circuits & More Snap Circuits (Thurs.3:30 pm at BES starting 11/7)

STEM FUNDamentals with LEGO (Mondays 3:30 pm at BES starting 10/21)

Engineering Workshops (Fridays, 3:30 pm - Skyscapers (10/25) Straw-architecture (11/22), at BES)

Science Outreach (Wed. 3:30 pm at BES – Electricity 11/6, Comets/Meteors 12/4)

Archery (Wed., 6:30 pm at HK HS starting 10/30)

When I'm In Charge (Wed., 5:45 pm at HK HS Lower Media Center starting 11/20)

Babysitting Classes (Wed. Oct. 16, 23, 30 or Mon. Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2 - 5:45 pm at HK HS Lower Media) (CPR for Babysitting M/W Nov. 4 & 6, 5:45 pm at HK HS Lower Media)

Swim Lessons (T/Th Beginning October 3 or November 12.)

An All-Day Childcare Program will be held Wednesday, October 9 (Yom Kippur), Tuesday, November 5, (Professional Day), Monday November 11, (Veterans' Day).

## Adult programs this fall include:

Zumba (Mondays 7:00 pm, starting 11/4 at HK HS Cafeteria)

Aqua Aerobics (Mondays and Wednesdays starting 10/28)

Pallet Painting (Friday, November 8, 6:00 pm at HK HS Cafeteria)

Fitness Yoga (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 pm)

Adult Semi-Private Swim Lessons (Tuesdays and Thursdays starting 10/3 or 11/12)

Men's Fall Basketball (Sundays 12 – 2 pm, starting 10/6)

Adult / Child CPR, AED & First Aid (M/W, September 30 & October 2, 5:45pm at HK HS Lower Media)

"Come Play in the Mud" Pottery (Thursdays, beginning October 3, 5:30pm at the HK HS Room B-114)

The A, B, C, & D's of Medicare (Thursday, October 3, 5:30 pm at HK HS Lower Media Center)

It's About Life (Thursday, November 14, 6:30 pm at HK HS Lower Media Center)



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Some excursions will be offered such as: A Spellbounding day in Salem, (10/29); Christmas In Newport featuring LaSalette Shrine, (12/5).

For more information about any of our programs, please call the Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Dept. at 860-345-8334 or visit [www.hkrec.com](http://www.hkrec.com).

## Join the Friends of Brainerd Memorial Library

The Friends get together Thursday mornings at 10 am and for a monthly meeting. Stop in, visit the website, or contact the library at 860-345-2204 to join. Participate in any activities or meetings you'd like.



We hold book sales and sponsor events and activities; as well as supporting BML programs and fundraising events, like "Food for Thought," "Swallows Cruise," children's summer reading and many more. The Friends also have a bookstore located in the library. The Book Nook holds over 3000 items and is open during library hours. Drop in to browse! Relax in our comfy chairs, have a coffee or tea and take advantage of our low prices.



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**The Haddam Emergency Fuel, Food and Clothing Bank** provide emergency relief for limited basic needs and is available during office hours. Please call in advance to schedule your appointment. The Haddam Emergency Food, Fuel, & Clothing bank can be accessed Mondays by appointment only, Tuesday 9:00 am-3:00 pm, Thursday's 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm & Friday's 9:00 am -12:00 pm.

**At Thanksgiving and again at Christmas**, we provide holiday food baskets to families in need. Names are culled from our Food Bank list and referrals are taken from schools, churches, family, friends, and sometimes, directly from the person in need.

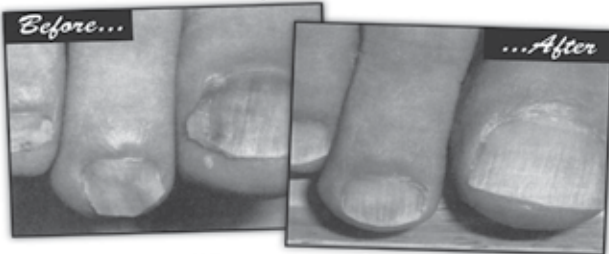
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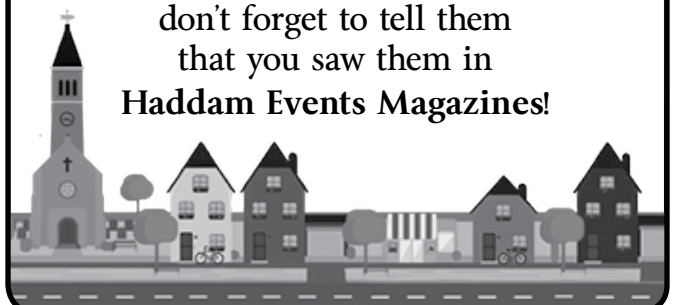
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# Over \$1000 Raised for Alzheimer's Association!

On Saturday, August 10th, car enthusiasts, local businesses, and volunteers came together at The Saybrook at Haddam for a car show benefitting the Alzheimer's Association. There was a DJ, live music, food, and a raffle. Approximately 59 classic, vintage, and cool cars, trucks, fire trucks, and even an ambulance, showed up to raise money to help end Alzheimer's Disease.



Everyone enjoyed seeing the variety of vehicles, learning the stories behind them, and felt an overall sense of community; all while listening to music and eating burgers and hot dogs grilled to perfection by none other than the Executive Director, himself - Perry Phillips.

At the end of the day, over \$1000 was raised. The Saybrook at Haddam continued to raise funds for this very important cause with activities such as Dress Down Friday, a raffle drawn on October 16th, and participation in the Walk to End Alzheimer's (held September 14th at Ocean Beach Park in New London). "We couldn't be more pleased with the response and support that we received from the community," said Kathy Hallett, Safe Harbor



Director. "The Saybrook at Haddam wishes to thank everyone - the car owners, local businesses, and volunteers - for making this event such a tremendous success," says Phillips.

The Saybrook at Haddam is a premier senior living community located in Haddam, Connecticut, founded in 2009 to help older adults maintain their independence and enjoy a high quality of life. There are 79 spacious independent and assisted living apartments where residents enjoy three meals per day, weekly housekeeping, transportation, social and recreational programs, and 24 hour nursing staff. Safe Harbor, a secure memory care neighborhood, provides specialized care for up to 26 residents suffering from Alzheimer's, dementia, or other memory-related conditions.



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# CT State Police Trooper and K9 Visit Masonic Lodge #119

Granite Lodge #119 in Haddam, CT held its Annual Masonic Picnic on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Good food and fellowship ensued and the evening was culminated by a donation to the CT State Police K9



Fund. The money will go to buy safety related equipment (bullet proof vests, tracking beacon collars, etc) that these specialized dogs need to stay safe while they do their important jobs, helping protect CT residents.

The Brothers and their families learned from Ct State Police TFC Matt Weber about the relationship he has had with his German Shep-

ard K9, named Tazz. Born in Czechoslovakia, Tazz joined Matt, his work partner, as a puppy and immediately went into training.

While in lodge, Tazz continuously demonstrated his fascination with his favorite tennis ball. When his expertise is needed to



help Trooper Webber resolve a potential crisis, he loses the ball and gets it back when he completes his mission. Matt and Tazz not only work together but also hang out after hours. And when Tazz is ready to retire it is likely he will continue to live with Matt.

Trooper Webber told a number of related K9 stories about how the CT State Police also use other breeds to do specialized missions. In addition to breeds that track people and find drugs, CT State Police trained retrievers are experts at using their noses to locate electronics hidden in buildings or surrounding areas.



The K9 fund sponsorship was a passion of the late Right Worshipful Brother William V. Baroni, who had spent nearly 47 years as a brother of Granite Lodge. He conceived of this K9 project prior to his death in 2018. Right Worshipful Brother Michael Shear presented a check for \$1000 to Trooper Webber, who is a resident Trooper in neighboring Killingworth.



**goPINK is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of supporting people with cancer.**

You can support cancer patients this fall during the 10th anniversary of goPINK. Donations help cover the costs of integrative medicine therapy for all cancer survivors served by Middlesex Health Cancer Center, including those with breast cancer.

Integrative medicine complements conventional cancer treatment. It focuses on the whole person - mind, body and spirit, and can help many patients find relief from pain, neuropathy and other cancer-related symptoms. Patients who are cared for by Middlesex Health Cancer Center in Middletown and Westbrook can choose from acupuncture, reflexology,

massage therapy and more.

The local community has donated more than \$215,000 to goPINK since 2010, which has helped more than 1,200 cancer patients receive free integrative medicine therapy.

To learn more about the month of activities visit [gopinkproject.com](http://gopinkproject.com).

# Quilt Show & Holiday Bazaar

The First Congregational Church of Haddam, located at 905 Saybrook Road, Haddam, will be holding its ninth annual Yuletide Quilt Show & Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 7th from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm and Sunday, December 8th from noon to 3:30 pm.

Over 100 quilts and quilted items will be on display in the church's sanctuary, many of which will be for sale.



Quilters and quilt owners from around the state display their quilted works of art at this two-day event. If you have a quilted

piece you would like to display at the show, please contact the church at 860-345-2742 before November 15, 2019 for an application. In addition to quilt vendors, there will be holiday items for sale, raffles, a "crafty tag sale," and the scrumptious Haddam Café.

On Saturday the Haddam Café will sell homemade doughnuts and coffee in the morning and homemade soup, artisan bread, and pie at lunchtime. On Sunday, the Café will be the site of our first Yuletide Chili Cookoff! A ballot will be available to vote for the best chili in town.

If you're feeling lucky, why not enter one of our raffles? With over twenty-five themed baskets, the basket raffle has become very popular. This year's quilt raffle has three lovely prizes: "Christmas in Red & White," a 56" x 56" handmade quilt, a quilted tree skirt and matching stocking, and a crocheted wrap/lap blanket entitled "Winter Night. Raffle tickets are available



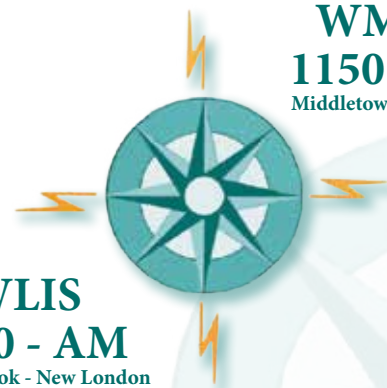
through the church, at community events, and at the show.

Admission to view the quilts is \$6, children under 12 are free. The activities in the fellowship hall do not require an admission fee and you may visit as many times as you choose. Please visit our website, [www.haddamchurch.org](http://www.haddamchurch.org), to view photos of our previous quilt shows or to printout a Quilt Exhibitor's Application.

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## The Hartford Whalers – Forever and Always

by Sigrid Kun



Longtime Whalers radio broadcaster Chuck Kaiton leads pre-game ceremony with Whaler Alums at Yard Goats Alumni Weekend. Photo courtesy Hartford Yard Goats.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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