

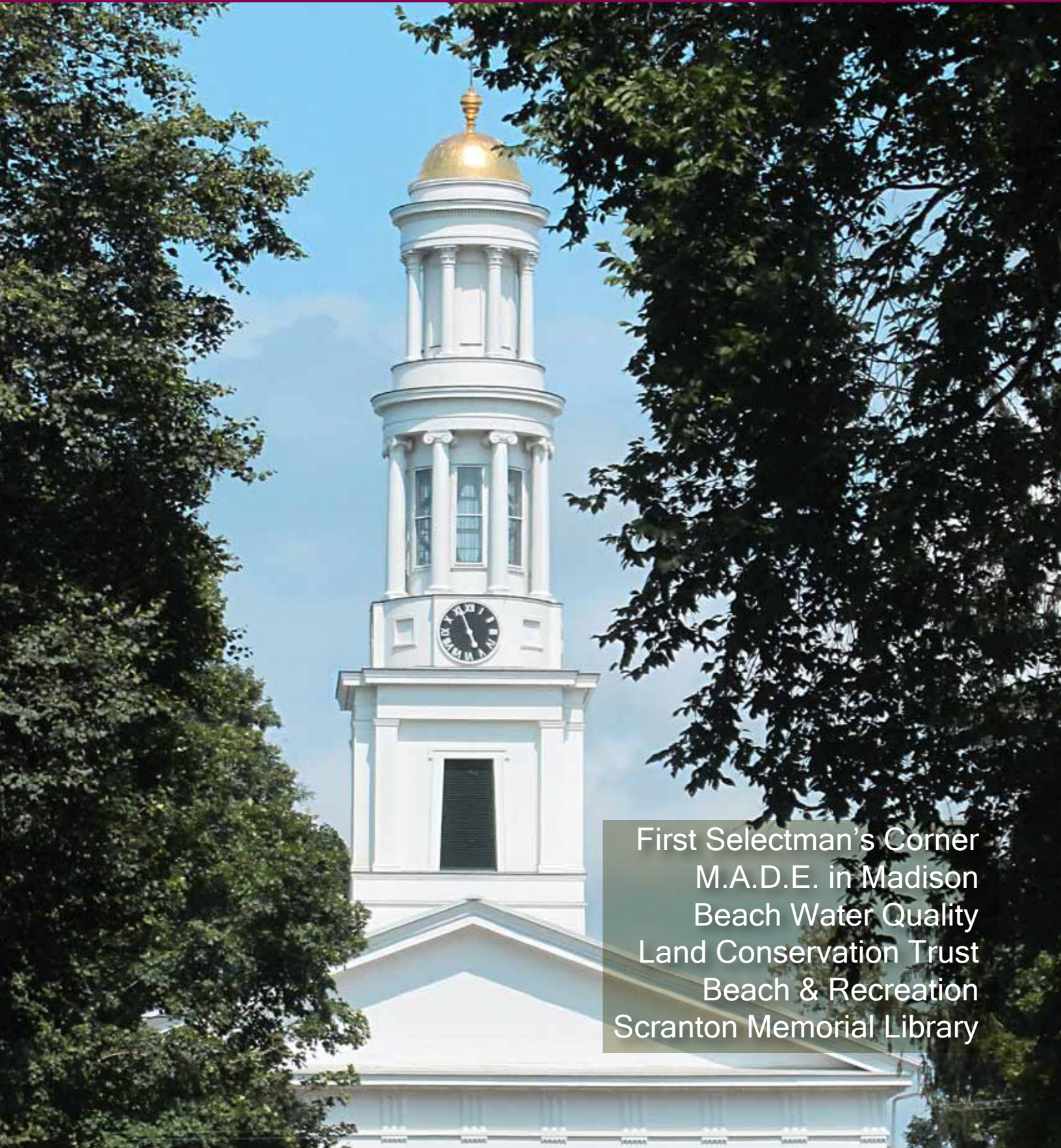
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## First Selectman's Corner

*"Hang up or Bang up"* - The catch phrase "Click It or Ticket" has been highly successful in getting people to wear seatbelts when riding in a car. According to recent surveys, over 90% of drivers and passengers comply with the law in this regard. Coincidentally or not, the national rate of automobile crash deaths has dropped considerably.

Now it is time for a new slogan to counter the latest danger - cell phone use. Whether a driver is holding a phone to the ear, or (gasp) texting, the distraction is bound to have a bad outcome. Therefore, the new mantra: *Hang Up or Bang Up*. Please, do not text or hold your phone while driving.

**Road Reconstruction** - Soil testing for the Overbrook Road rebuilding project is complete, the bids have been submitted, and a contract has been awarded. Construction will start in September. In order to insure that we spend our money wisely on future road projects, we are commissioning a pavement engineering consultant to perform a pavement management study of all of our streets and roads. They will determine the level of work and probable timing necessary to maintain these important assets.

**West Wharf Beach Park** - Anyway you look at it - the opening of the new Madison Beach Hotel represents change down in the West Wharf area. Among the

challenges are:

Liability issues - a large part of the sandy beach across the street from the hotel and inside the jetty actually belongs to the hotel, not the Town. Likewise, the grassy patch in front of the hotel actually belongs to the Town, not the hotel. If a child playing on the beach or a hotel visitor on the lawn has an accident, who is responsible? These insurance issues must be clarified.

Parking - even when the old hotel was there, a Madison resident wanting to visit one of the restaurants sometimes had trouble finding a parking spot.

Water runoff - after a heavy rain, water running down West Wharf Road washes a gully in the beach area where the children play, and washes pollutants into the water. The pollutants are not enough to cause a problem for swimmers, but it raises issues in the shellfish beds.



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As the old saying goes, we should not view these as “problems” but as “opportunities” to improve the situation. Over the coming months, various solutions will be openly presented and discussed in various Board and Commission meetings and in public hearings. One thing that can be guaranteed, however, is that the Town will not give up any of the beach front that was at issue two years ago.

Autumn Moonlight Hike - Every fall the Madison Land Conservation Trust and the Astronomical Society of New Haven sponsor an Autumn Moonlight Hike. This coincides with the harvest moon, the first full moon in October. This year’s hike will be Sunday, October 9 at 7 p.m. at the Surf Club. See elsewhere in this issue for more details.

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# Madison Emergency Management

## Hurricane Season Preparations

Hurricane season is upon us, and the time is now to prepare your home and family for the potential damage and disruption that may occur. It is likely that there will be several days' notice of the approach of a hurricane. Here are some tips for preparing yourself before a hurricane hits. Think about your special needs, like pets, children and the elderly.

### Well before any storm:

- Refill special medications.
- Get cash (ATMs may not work for days after). Don't charge credit cards to the limit; you might need extra cash after the storm.
- Get non-perishable food and water for at least 3 days.
- Don't fill gasoline cans until right before the storm; they are a fire hazard.
- Fill vehicle fuel tank. Gas stations may run out and some will not have power to run pumps. Check your car's battery, water, oil. Make sure you have a spare tire and buy aerosol kits that fix and inflate flats.
- Check fire extinguishers.
- If you own a boat, make necessary preparations.

### As the storm approaches:

- Get shutters, storm panels or plywood in place on windows. If you haven't installed sockets, attach with wood screws; they're better than nails and do less damage.
- Don't tape windows; tape can create daggers of glass and

bake onto panes.

- Remove swings and tarps from swing sets. Tie down anything you can't bring in. Check for loose rain gutters, moldings.
- Move grills, patio furniture and potted plants into your house or garage.
- Check your mailbox. If it's loose, secure or remove it.
- Move vehicles out of flood-prone areas and into garages if possible. If not, park cars away from trees and close to homes or buildings.

### Inside the home:

- Seal key documents, including passports, wills, contracts, insurance papers, car titles, deeds, leases and tax information in zip plastic bags and get into a protected, dry place, such as a safe-deposit box or home safe.
- Set the refrigerator to its coldest setting in anticipation of the power failing.
- Fill the bathtub. It may be your main supply of water.
- Check flashlight/radio batteries and have extras on hand.
- Charge rechargeable cellphones, drills, power screwdrivers, flashlights, lanterns and batteries.
- If you are in a flood-prone area, prepare to evacuate; bring medications, eyeglasses, baby supplies, toiletries, change of clothes, bedding, cellphone charger, important documents and phone numbers.

## Madison Real Estate Sales

### Madison, CT Real Estate Sales as recorded in the CT Statewide MLS closed June 2011

43 Middle Beach Rd. W. \$2,195,000 6/29/11  
 7 Brookside Ave. \$1,750,000 6/28/11  
 41 Grove Ave. \$1,100,000 6/29/11)  
 6 Fence Creek Dr. \$1,230,000 6/1/11  
 5 Ridgewood Ave. \$900,000 6/29/11  
 30 Summer Hill Rd. \$685,000 6/13/11  
 43 High Hill Circle \$575,000 6/29/11  
 382 Bartlett Dr. \$530,000 6/8/11  
 40 Hull Road \$510,000 6/29/11  
 97 Opening Hill Rd. \$475,000 6/24/11  
 546 Summer Hill Rd. \$400,000 6/30/11  
 68 Devonshire La. \$452,500 6/10/11  
 146 Overbrook Rd. \$457,500 6/29/11  
 86 Overbrook Rd. \$425,000 6/17/11  
 58 Granby Dr. \$425,000 6/28/11  
 248 Opening Hill Rd. \$412,000 6/30/11

93 Five Fields Rd. \$357,000 6/28/11  
 85 Beechwood Dr. \$350,000 6/29/11  
 66 Mendingwall Cir. \$358,500 6/10/11  
 65 Bartlett Drive \$342,000 6/24/11  
 30 Lake Drive \$338,000 6/10/11  
 47 Mendingwall Cir. \$337,500 6/24/11  
 121 Winding Road \$309,000 6/30/11  
 39 Tamarac Dr. \$255,000 6/28/11  
 44 Green Acres Dr. \$285,000 6/24/11  
 23 Pardee Place \$272,000 6/29/11  
 5 Canady Lane \$255,000 6/30/11  
 47 Green Acres Dr. \$248,500 6/28/11  
 40 Johnson Lane \$235,000 6/24/11  
 43 Nutmeg Lane \$250,000 6/3/11

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## Bathing Beach Water Quality

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Following CT Department of Health guidelines samples are tested for enterococcal bacteria. Research by the EPA has determined that high levels of enterococci in a salt-water beach best predict the chances of swimmers developing waterborne diseases. A result less than 104 such organisms in 100 ml is considered safe for swimming. If a sample returns with a count in excess of that amount, the site is retested as soon as possible. If the re-sample also exceeds the limit, the Local Health Director will issue warnings or close the beach to swimming until such time as the water is determined to again be safe.

Single high counts, (exceeding the 104 standard) are usually an anomaly, a result of a septic system overflow, large numbers of birds in the water or most often a result of debris washing into the water after a rainstorm. Since 1994 the four public beaches in Madison have been sampled over 1,000 times and only 36 of these instances have resulted in counts exceeding the 104 standard. No Madison beach has ever tested over the limit in a retest and so, no Madison Beach has ever been closed because of water quality concerns.

West Wharf beach has been tested 191 times since 1994 and single samples have exceeded the State limit 7 times. Unfortunately this West Wharf area has been recently downgraded by the State Bureau of Aquaculture for shellfishing purposes. The regulations governing shellfishing require water sampling for a different bacterial strain than for beaches. Additionally, the bacterial standards for shellfishing are much lower for shellfishing purposes than for swimming, since shellfish filter seawater and concentrate into their bodies any contaminants that are in this water, while bathers' consumption of seawater is minimal. This shellfishing downgrade at West Wharf was mostly due to a single high bacterial count, coupled with a very low number of samples collected at West Wharf (beach samples are not applicable for shellfishing purposes), thus allowing this one sample to skew the statistics. Had sufficient tests been conducted in the area for shellfishing purposes, the shellfishing downgrade at West Wharf may have been avoided. Residents should understand that the West Wharf beach is very safe for swimming purposes.



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*Keith Lyke and Steve Vegliante*

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## Madison Land Conservation Trust

### Photo Contest

Summer's here, so it's time to get out on the MLCT trails and take some great photos for the 2011 Photo Contest! There will be cash prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25 in four categories: Landscapes, Plants, Wildlife, and Student (18 and under). The deadline for entries is September 30. Please submit photos and entry forms (which can be found at [madisonlandtrust.org](http://madisonlandtrust.org)) to MLCT Photo Contest, P.O. Box 561, Madison CT 06443, or drop them off at the Scranton Memorial Library September 1 - 30. A digital copy of each entry must be e-mailed to [madisonlandtrust@gmail.com](mailto:madisonlandtrust@gmail.com) by September 30. All entries will be displayed at the Scranton Library during the month of October, and prizes will be awarded at a reception at the library on October 9.

Please see our website for complete rules of the contest. We hope to see your beautiful photos!

### Fall Hikes

**September 11th, 1:00 p.m. - Photo Hike, Ironwoods Preserve.** Learn to take photos with an eye to entering the MLCT photo contest as you hike this beautiful trail. From the Route 79 & 80 traffic circle in North Madison, take Route 80 west to Race Hill Road. Turn right (north) on Race Hill.



The trailhead is on the left at the base of the hill near the old red barn.

**October 9th, 7:00 p.m.: Autumn Moonlight Walk - Garvan Trail at the Madison Surf Club.** Bagpipes and stargazing highlight this annual event. Refreshments are served as members of the New Haven Astronomical Society make their telescopes available for viewing the heavens. Every hiker must have a FLASHLIGHT. Sponsored by the MLCT Outreach Committee, the New Haven Astronomical Society and the Town of Madison Beach and Recreation Department.

### Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 9, 2011, at 7:00 pm for the MLCT Annual Meeting at Memorial Town Hall. After a short business meeting, our keynote speaker will be Daniel Esty, the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP). DEEP is the newly-formed agency designed to integrate energy and environmental policies and programs in a more systematic, proactive and coherent manner. Commissioner Esty was appointed in March 2011 by Governor Dannel P. Malloy. Prior to joining DEEP, Commissioner Esty was the Hillhouse Professor of Environmental Law and Policy at Yale University. He also served as Director of the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy and the Center for Business and the Environment at Yale. Commissioner Esty is author or editor of numerous books and articles on environmental policy and corporate strategy as it relates to environmental issues. He has held several senior positions in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, practiced law in Washington, DC, and served as an advisor to President Obama's 2008 presidential campaign and transition team. Commissioner Esty holds a B.A. from Harvard, an M.A. from Oxford, and a law degree from Yale. A native of Connecticut, he now lives in Cheshire. We look forward to hearing about Commissioner Esty's plans for Connecticut.

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**Saturday, September 10 - Parade of Pooches Dog Show** - Registration at 9 a.m. on the Madison Green.

**Monday, September 12** at 7 p.m. - Book/ Author event with Mark Lender - *"Salt Marsh Diaries"*.

**Wednesday, September 21** 7 p.m. Book/Author event with Carlos Eire - *"Waiting to Die in Miami"*.

**Tuesday, September 27** at 7:30 p.m. - Matt Lubanko, Financial Planner, presents "Roiling Markets".

**Tuesday, October 11** *"Food Fight"* documentary presented by Director Chris Taylor.

**Thursdays: Nov 3, Nov 17, Dec 1, & Dec 15** with Dean Mark Schenker of Yale College - discussions of *"Strong Women in Literary Distress"*.

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Dr. Susan O'Malley

No matter how conscientious you are with your diet and exercise, sometimes excess fat in certain places just won't budge. Genetics, the natural aging process, pregnancy and significant weight loss can all contribute to stubborn fat deposits or trouble spots for all of us.

It used to be that liposuction and body contouring surgery was the only way to reduce unwanted fat on the body. Many of us want to address our concerns but don't want the downtime or general anesthesia associated with traditional plastic surgery.

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If you are looking for a fuller bodied higher quality Rhône wine you could try a Vacqueras or Gigondas which use the same grape varietals. These wines have flavors of cassis, blackberry and black cherry.

They tend to be a bit spicy with a slightly drier more rustic finish than the entry level Côtes-du-Rhône wines.

Although these are great Rhône wines we can't leave out the giant of the region which is Châteauneuf-du-Pape. These are full, rich in body, have deep fruit characteristics, and produce long-lasting flavors. They can be made up of as many as thirteen different grape varietals. Châteauneuf-du-Pape can be drunk anywhere from three to ten plus years after being bottled and are one of the top quality Rhône wines.

So if you want to venture out and try something new, go ahead and spice up your dinner with wine from the Southern Rhône Valley!

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### **Coalition to Administer a Second Youth Survey & How We Spent Our Summer: Any Questions?**

On Monday, September 12, 7:00 p.m. at the Madison Arts Barn, community members are invited to a meeting to:

Learn more about a youth survey that will be administered to youth in grades 7-12 in October.

Hear from a group of approximately 20 Madison teens who spent part of their summer involved with one or two leadership training initiatives.

#### **Anonymous Youth Survey**

In the fall, MADE in Madison will conduct a youth survey to gauge youth attitudes and behaviors. Developed by an independent non-profit organization based in Minnesota, youth will be asked questions about developmental assets (positive relationships, skills and values that promote healthy development), their perceptions regarding risk-taking behaviors and their understanding about where teens obtain alcohol and other substances including prescription drugs. Participation with the survey is optional and families who choose to opt out will be provided information by Polson and Daniel Hand High Schools as the date

approaches. Hard copies of the survey will also be made available at Madison Youth and Family Services (10 School Street) and at both schools beginning on the 13th of September.

#### **Youth Leadership**

If you are interested in learning more about how a group of 20 teens spent their time during the idle months of summer, come learn about two summer programs that promoted leadership & communication skills and ways to work with parents, police, liquor stores and peers in order to create a community culture that supports risk avoidance. The teens will share what they learned and how they plan to shape thought into action to address what they perceive to be our community issues and problems.

All interested members of the community are encouraged to attend this important meeting to learn more about the survey, data dissemination, and how Madison teens hope to change the world they live in. Come and be a part of this important community conversation.

A light dinner will be served. Contact the coalition if you plan to attend.

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## *Beach & Recreation*

### **Department News**

The Beach & Recreation Department has many exciting programs planned for the upcoming season. Whether you are looking for a passive activity or an activity to tone your body and remain physically fit, we have you covered. Please visit our website [www.madisonct.org](http://www.madisonct.org), to see a complete listing of our program offerings.

### **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are still needed for this year's Harvest Festival. 'Planning' meetings will be held throughout the year. If you are interested in becoming involved contact Carrie Gazda, Recreation Supervisor at 203-245-5623. Email: [atgazdag@madisonct.org](mailto:atgazdag@madisonct.org).

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### **New Online Registration**

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## Roses for Autism

Roses for Autism is the first business endeavor for Growing Possibilities - a nonprofit social enterprise founded by Ability Beyond Disability that is dedicated to growing independence in the business world for individuals with autism and other disabilities.

### Our Roots:

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# Hurricane Season

## FEMA Urges All Americans to be Prepared.

June 1 marked the official start of the 2011 North Atlantic hurricane season, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency has been working closely with its federal, state, local and tribal partners, the private sector, voluntary organizations and the entire emergency management team to ensure we are ready for the upcoming season. As part of those efforts, today, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate, along with other partners, will brief President Obama on the federal government's preparations for the upcoming season.

"Recent events including the deadly tornadoes in the central U.S. and southeast, flooding along the Mississippi and other emergencies serve as a reminder that we should be prepared to address all hazards, including hurricanes," said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. "Everyone needs to be prepared, not just those in hurricane prone states, but also areas well inland. This means having an emergency plan, storing an emergency kit and staying informed of alerts or messages from local emergency officials."

In the past few months, FEMA has been coordinating with all of the coastal states as they prepare for the season. All of this planning and coordination has been built around the agency's approach that we are just one part of the nation's emergency management team, and we have to work with the entire team to plan for the needs of the entire community when disasters strike. This larger team includes our federal partners, state, local and tribal leaders, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, faith based and community organizations, and most importantly the general public. It will take every member of the team working together for us to be fully prepared for this hurricane season.

To help demonstrate how the team can work together to prepare for and respond to hurricanes, President Obama invited other members of the team to join Napolitano and Fugate for today's briefing, including North Carolina Governor Beverly Perdue and members of her emergency management team, American Red Cross President Gail McGovern, National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) Chair Mickey Caison, and Verizon Wireless CEO Dan Mead.

## Background on Preparing for Hurricanes

When preparing for hurricane season and potential emergencies, the needs of all members of a household should be considered. If a household includes a young child, senior citizen or a person with a disability or severe illness, special steps to assist them may be necessary and should be incorporated into all emergency planning. Pets require special handling. Pet owners should research pet boarding facilities now within a certain radius of where they may evacuate, since animals may not be welcome in all shelters or hotels.

Equally important, businesses should be prepared with emergency plans in place to stay afloat. Putting a disaster plan in motion will improve the likelihood that your company may recover from a disaster. Ready Business ([www.ready.gov/business](http://www.ready.gov/business)) outlines measures business owners and managers can take now to start getting ready.

Hurricane season is also the time to consider flood insurance coverage; most homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage. Not only are homes and businesses in hurricane-prone states at risk for flooding, but inland flooding is common in nearby states. To assess flood risk for a home or find a local agent selling national flood insurance, visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) or call toll-free at 1-888-379-9531.

Knowing the four terms that meteorologists use when forecasting tropical weather may also help you navigate to safety.

**A hurricane watch** is an announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are possible within the specified coastal area. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane watch is issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

**A hurricane warning** is an announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are expected somewhere within the specified coastal area. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

**A tropical storm watch** is an announcement that tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are possible within the specified coastal area within 48 hours.

**A tropical storm warning** is an announcement that tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are expected somewhere within the specified coastal area within 36 hours.

With the ongoing recovery efforts from the tornadoes and response to areas with flooding, we are reminded that everyone should be prepared to address all hazards, including hurricanes, tornadoes and inland flooding.

For more preparedness information, please visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) and [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov).

For the latest information on weather, <http://www.noaa.gov/themes/tropical.php>

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## Shoreline Community Women - Boxes for Soldiers

Shoreline Community Women has been sending care packages to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2006. We have sent over 800 boxes to date and do this through continuous community support from businesses, schools, scout troops, churches, and everyday citizens. We send boxes all year... not just during the holiday season.

We generally have 25-30 military addresses on our list ... some are local servicemen and women. We welcome military addresses from anyone all year long ... it doesn't matter where the soldier is from, since they are all fighting for us.

Our boxes are generally 20-25 lbs and are about the size of a copy paper box.

Shipping costs are paid through donations we collect. Each box costs an average of \$20-\$25 to send, and includes toiletries, socks, wet wipes, drink mixes, paperback books, healthy snacks, and notes, letters, and cards from school children.

The notes from the children are a big hit with the troops and we are always looking for more from teachers and scout troops. We put plenty of everything to share in each box!

We receive heartfelt thank you's from many of the soldiers, and they've said that it means so much to them that people they don't know take time to think of them. We are happy to show our gratitude to them for their service, and we know the boxes brighten their day.

Items we need: wet wipes, socks (white or dark), hot and cold drink mixes, nuts, hard candy, gum, instant oatmeal, sunscreen, bug repellent (not aerosol), men's razors, movie DVD's (used or new), sudoku/crossword books, foot powder, healthy snacks/raisins/granola bars, trail mix, etc.

Drop off locations: Madison town clerk's office (see Nancy), Clinton library children's room, Clinton Sport Shop, Northeast Fitness Factory, Spazzo salon, Stewards Ace Hardware in Clinton. Monetary donations can be made to Shoreline Community Women, P.O. Box 51, Clinton, CT 06413.

*Information, or if you'd like to give us a military address, contact Cindy Stevens, 860-669-1109, email [snowblock@aol.com](mailto:snowblock@aol.com), or call Brenda Farrel at 860-669-0750.  
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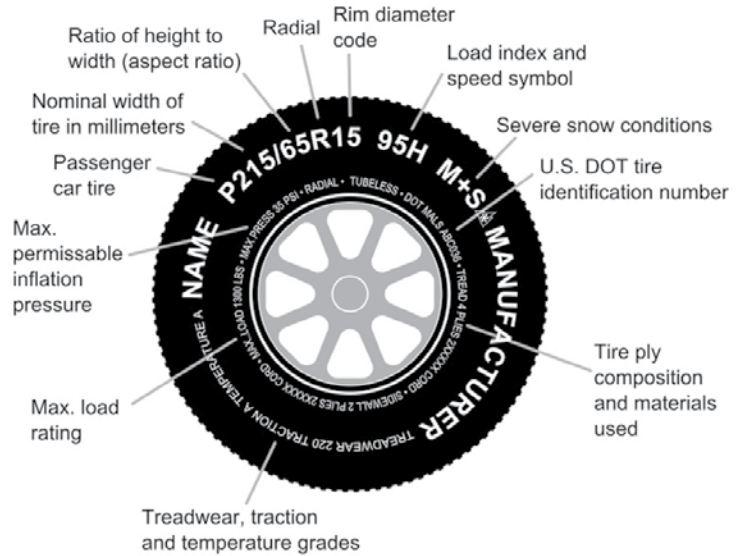
Wow, what a summer we have had here this year! With fall approaching you may want to start thinking about better tires for the winter. Here is a quick rundown on tires, and all of those numbers on the side and what they mean. A Mini Cooper for example has a P195/55/R16 85H. P stands for passenger vehicle. The 195 is the width in millimeters of the tire at its widest point. The 55 indicates the sidewall is 55% of the width of the tire. R is the fact it is a radial tire. 16 refers to the rim diameter: 16 inches. 85 is the load rating indicating a maximum load of 515 Kg per tire. Finally, H is the max speed rating of 130 mph.

There are more numbers to look at also. There is usually a tread wear number, temperature, and traction letter designation. Tread wear can range from 100 to over 600. A tire with a 200 wear index has in theory twice as long a life as one with 100. So the higher the number, the longer it will last. Traction is a measurement of straight ahead wet braking. These included AA (being the highest) A, B, and C. Temperature is the resistance rating to the maximum temperature can withstand. A, B, and C are given. "A" being the highest.

Finally ask about a road hazard warranty. Should you hit one of those beautiful New England granite curbs, it is nice to have a free replacement. Please see our ad on page 4.

I hope this is helpful when you are looking to replace your tires this fall.

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