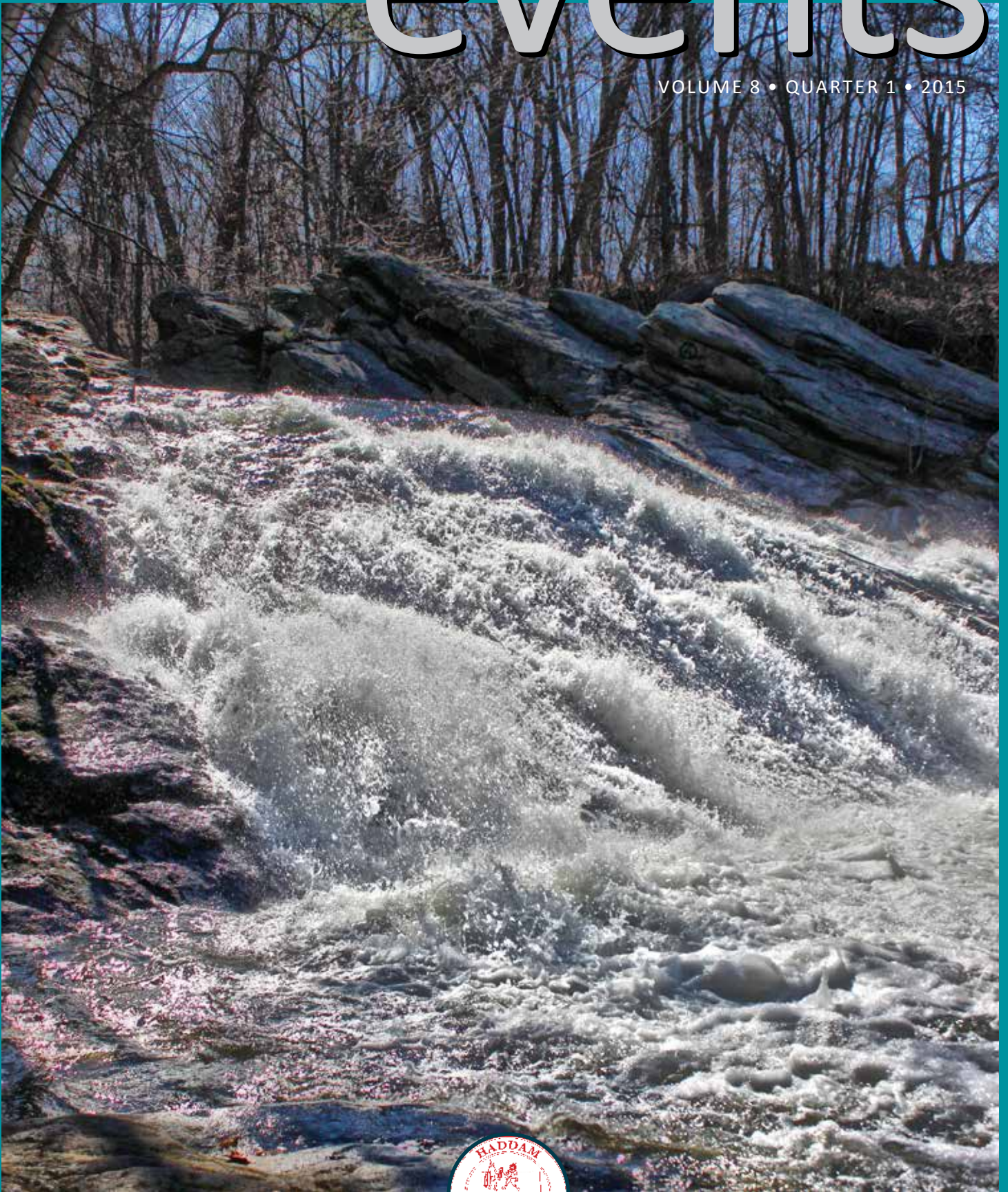


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First Selectman's Corner

We have a busy 2015 planned for Haddam!

I'm calling this the "Year of Upgrades" and we are excited to embrace some great new technology.

Information Superhighway

It's a constant battle upgrading our roadways, filling potholes, replacing broken catch basins, paving dirt roads and duct taping bridges back together. But what about our e-roads?

Lines, wires, servers, modems, email, phones, we tend to take them for granted until they fail us.

Nutmeg Network

This year, we are applying for a Nutmeg Network grant which will bring super high-speed internet service into our town office building. The Nutmeg Network in a nutshell, pun intended, is a state-of-the-art broadband network that provides cost effective and open-access services among the state's educational, library, government, civic and economic development organizations.

Once everyone is connected, it will allow municipalities to share databases, services, applications and information, saving us time and money.

CTGig

A few years ago, Connecticut received a \$4 million grant from the federal government to create a strategic plan for accessibility to and adoption of broadband services in Connecticut with the goal of Connecticut leading the nation as the first gigabit state through public-private partnerships.

I am proud to say that Haddam was one of 46 towns that signed onto a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), soliciting information from providers of high speed fiber networks to create Gig networks in our communities.

With our existing small tax base, this type of fiber network would put small towns like ours on the technology map and allow us to compete for high-tech businesses that work with large amounts of data such as

bioscience, health care and education, and that would otherwise choose large cities because of their advanced infrastructure.



Cloud Connectivity

This year we are upgrading our server and adding cloud-based systems to town hall which will facilitate better customer service and ease of sharing files, applications and information between offices.

Using cloud technology, we are in the process of upgrading our computers, integrating online permitting, scanning old maps/files, installing credit card payment capabilities and creating a more intuitive website, as well as upgrading our email and phone system.

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Diane Daudt with her mom, resident Marie Daudt, looking at all the places they've flown to as flight attendants.

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Diane Daudt and her mother, Marie, both enjoyed careers as flight attendants, traveling the world over. Now, with Marie's memory loss, Diane wanted her mom to continue to enjoy a quality life. "At Safe Harbor, Mom is able to be involved, stay active, and even go bowling with her friends. We've shared so many happy memories in the past and continue to enjoy happy moments together now. I can see that Mom is getting the quality care she deserves," says Diane.

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Senior Ambassadors

The number of households with someone age 70 or older will surge by 42 percent over the next ten years according to a report released last year by the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University. The oldest baby boomers start turning 70 in 2016, and the number of these households will jump by 8.3 million over the next ten years.

The study also shows the majority of these residents will be "aging in place" and not moving to retirement homes. We are ahead of the game being part of the 9-Town Transit network but should keep on top of the shifting needs of our seniors with respect to our local services and networks.

Our new senior ambassador group has recently met thanks to a wonderful team of volunteers. With their help, we will be looking at many exiting ideas:

- Instituting a Snow Bank that will help seniors and other disabled folks get assistance with snow removal.
- E-help with electronic gadgets thanks to our local student experts.
- Aging in place programs.
- Emergency planning and safety audits (trip/fall hazardous around the house).
- Senior tax credits and savings (state and local).
- State and federal senior programs.
- Apply for various senior and aging in place grants.

Roads and Bridges

Some long overdue projects are planned for 2015 with much of the engineering complete.

Higganum Bridge: The bridge in the center of town is still scheduled to be replaced by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) this summer.

Dish Mill Bridge: We will go out to bid for the Dish Mill Bridge this winter for a spring repair project.

Park Road: The engineering for drainage on Park Rd. is almost complete and work should begin in the spring.

McTigh Road: McTigh still continues to be a tough project with fits and starts over the past year, and even though it doesn't look like there has been much progress, the engineering for one section is complete and we're almost ready to go.

The Formidable ECS

Most of you know my frustrating challenge is getting our Education Cost Sharing Grant adjusted to reflect our current economic position. One year ago this month, even before the legislature officially reconvened, Representative Phil Miller and I met with a committee in Hartford to bring this issue to the attention of our legislature for the first time. Soon after, I had a meeting with Senator Art Linares to explain the ECS grant program and our underfunding.

If you compare Haddam with our immediate neighbors, you'll see that Killingworth, our sister town who is not only wealthier but has fewer students, receives \$439,470 more than Haddam. East Haddam, who has about the same wealth level and fewer students, receives \$2 million more.

When we all wonder why our mill rate is so high comparatively, this is one of the big explanations. Even if we brought in two Super Walmarts or even two more nuclear waste dumps (not that we'd want that!), it still wouldn't make up for our ECS losses.

If you compound the loss of \$1.5-2 million each year for the past ten years, it's depressing.

But let's not wallow, let's continue the fight for what is rightfully ours.

I'll keep fighting for Haddam in Hartford and we'll keep plugging away helping to build our important business tax base.

I wish you all a happy 2015!

Cheers,
Melissa Schlag

Letter from the Publisher

Dear Valued Readers,

If you've ever seen an Events Magazine, you will appreciate that it provides the latest information from town mayors and selectmen, town departmental schedules and activities, senior news, menus and programs, library information, community listings, economic development and other important town information helping residents to "keep in touch" with what's happening close to home. And the content ensures true shelf life of the magazine.

As we enter our 19th year in 2015 we are introducing a redesign, from cover to cover.

2015 brings excitement as we continue to grow, adding our 15th town. Our latest addition provides local and regional advertisers greater coverage and awareness with the ability to reach over 250,000 readers at a very low cost per thousand.

Our dedication to our magazines will not change and our commitment to help bring our readers their local town news will continue.

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around the world competed in a variety of printing and graphic communications categories. We are very proud of our accomplishment being selected as one of only 84 companies around the world, and are able to say we are the "Best of the Best". Having won the Print Industry of New England's two Pinnacle Awards and Award of Excellence over the last two years highlights the quality and customer dedication at Essex Printing. In 2015 we will continue to look for new ways to enhance our products and assist our clients to meet their objectives.

I would like to thank you for making Essex Printing and Events Magazines part of your marketing and advertising plan. We are especially proud of the many wonderful and complimentary letters, cards, emails, and personal reviews we receive from our satisfied customers.

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Sincerely,
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Reminder from the Tax Office

The second installment of Personal Property and Real Estate taxes becomes due on January 1, 2015. The grace period is extended to Monday February 2, 2015. Post marked dates are accepted. Interest will be calculated from the original due date on delinquent accounts.

If you mail in your payment towards the end of the month, please allow us some time to process the mail. We usually have a rush at the end of the month. We process them as they come in.

If you need a copy of your bill, go to Haddam.org and search under Pay Taxes On-Line. You can reprint the original bill, check a balance, make a payment or check on your escrow accounts! Any motor vehicle bill from the 2012 grand list and older is with our collection agency and cannot be paid on line. Please call us to arrange a payment.

All payments made on line will take about a week to reflect on our website. You will receive a confirmation number via email.

If you have any questions regarding a tax bill you received, or did not receive, please call or email the office at taxcollect@haddam.org or 345-8531.

Kristin Battistoni, CCMC
Haddam Tax Collector

Linda Walczak, CCMC
Assistant Tax Collector++`

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News & Deadlines / Assessor's Office

Marilyn R. Baumann, CCMAII, Assessor
 Tammy Anderson, CCMAI, Assistant Assessor

State of Connecticut Homeowner's (Circuit Breaker) and the Town of Haddam Senior Abatement Program –The application period for these exemptions is February 1, 2015 to May 15, 2015. Persons who file must be 65 years of age or totally disabled. Please call the Assessor's Office at 860-345-8531 to make an appointment or to discuss your qualifications.

State of Connecticut Homeowners Income and Grant Information –2014 Benefit Year
 Filing period February 1 - May 15, 2015

Income Over To	Tax Credit %		Tax Credit Maximum		Tax Credit Minimum	
	Married	Unmarried	Married	Unmarried	Married	Unmarried
\$-0- \$17,300	50%	40%	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$400	\$350
17,300 23,200	40	30	1,000	750	350	250
23,200 29,000	30	20	750	500	250	150
29,000 34,600	20	10	500	250	150	150
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Town of Haddam Senior Abatement Program

Income maximum is \$55,000. If qualified, a participant will receive \$500 for single applicants and \$750 for married applicants.

Reporting Address Changes is Crucial to Taxpayers!

It is imperative that you report any change of mailing address to the Assessor's office.

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Additional Veteran's Exemption

The application period for Additional Veteran's exemptions is February 1, 2015 to October 1, 2015. Please call the Assessor's office at 860-345-8531 to make an appointment or to discuss your qualifications.


The **Additional Veterans' exemption** for income qualifying applicants for the 2015 Grand List will be based on the following income maximums: The maximum for single applicants will be \$34,600.00; the maximum for married applicants will be \$42,200.00. Also, if applicable in your municipality, the LOCAL OPTION exemption for the Totally Disabled, Blind and Veterans' programs may use these income maximums.

100% V. A. determined Disabled Veterans will continue to use \$18,000.00 for single applicants and \$21,000.00 for married applicants (adjusted gross income only; Social Security Income is not considered).

Exemption forms for the Totally Disabled and for the Blind are available in the Assessor's Office.

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

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call us at 860-345-8531.



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The mailing address on the Assessor's records is what is used for all tax bills and other correspondence such as assessment information, assessment appeal information, etc. Not only is this information used by the tax collector, it is also used by the land use office, building department, selectman's office and other departments.

We have come across many circumstances where the mailing address on record has been incorrect. These incorrect addresses may result in interest penalties and other charges imposed by the Tax Collector's Office due to the claim that no tax bill was received. Non-receipt of a tax bill does not negate your liability to pay the bill including any interest or penalties. Therefore, we are trying to spare our residents any problems which may arise from an incorrect mailing address. Remember, if you move, your mail is only forwarded by the post office for 6 months. In some cases, because the tax bills aren't generated until the following July, your forwarding address has expired leaving the Tax Collector with no current address. According to Connecticut General State Statute we are only obligated to send it to the latest known address. Unfortunately, an incorrect address does not eliminate your liability to pay the bill, including all interest and penalties.

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

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

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

HADDAM'S 2015 REVALUATION SCHEDULED TO BEGIN

As many of you are already aware, the firm of Vision Government Solutions, Inc. has been awarded the contract by the Town of Haddam to assist in the state-mandated revaluation project. This revaluation will involve the reappraisal of all real estate with the ultimate goal of uniformity in property valuation and to assure all property owners that they are paying only their fair share. Its purpose is to value all properties by the same standard at the same point in time.

The 2015 revaluation will be an update of statistics and will utilize "data mailers" sent to all property owners along with inspections of properties which have sold and those with outstanding building permits. The data mailers are scheduled to be sent in the beginning of 2015.

Sales questionnaires will also be sent to new owners of properties to provide information regarding the details of the sales. This information will include questions such as: was the property on the open market; was the sale of a foreclosed property or proceeding of a bankruptcy; was the sale purchased from an adjoining property owner; was personal property included in the sale, etc. The intention of these questions is to determine the validity of the sale and determine if there were any extenuating circumstances that would affect value. This information will be a significant component of the data we will analyze for the revaluation.

If you receive a letter or phone call requesting an appointment to view your property your utmost cooperation would be greatly appreciated. The more accurate information we obtain through physical inspections and sales verifications the better we are able to determine current market values throughout the town.

The Assessor's most important responsibility is to be fair and equitable with all properties located in town.

All Vision Appraisal representatives will carry proper identification and their automobiles will be listed with both the Assessor's office and Troop F Barracks in Westbrook. Additionally, the data collectors will be instructed not to enter a dwelling where only children are in attendance. Any concerns regarding the identity of the revaluation employees may be directed to the Haddam Assessor's Office at 860-345-8531.

During the next several months other phases of the revaluation will be accomplished before final values are established. New assessments will not be computed until November 2015. Once established, a notice of new values will be mailed to all property owners. Vision Appraisal will give any interested persons an opportunity to attend an individual informal hearing for the purpose of discussing any issue regarding the assessment process and hear any concerns of taxpayers. At this time the company will adjust any clerical mistakes and discuss and/or adjust any valuation issues.

Your cooperation is of extreme importance in order to make this a successful revaluation. Our objective is to provide a high-quality revaluation with a minimal intrusion.

We thank you for taking the time to read this information as we feel an important part of any revaluation project is the understanding of the process by property owners.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call our office at 860-345-8531 and we will be most happy to assist you.

Town Clerk's Office

Scott R. Brookes, Town Clerk

Ann D. Riebold, Assistant Town Clerk

Office Hours: Monday thru Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to Noon.

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SPORTSMEN

2015 SPORTS LICENSES are available. Additional information regarding regulations, permits, conservation education/firearms safety courses are available on line at <http://www.dep.state.ct.us> DEEP reminds anglers age 65 and older that the free resident "lifetime" inland fishing, hunting and trapping licenses for individuals age 65 and older became "annual" licenses effective October 1, 2009. All "age 65 and older" free inland fishing, hunting and trapping licenses obtained since October 1, 2009 must now be renewed annually. Additionally, all "age 65 and older" free marine fishing licenses must be renewed annually. Holders of age 65 and older "lifetime" Connecticut inland fishing licenses obtained prior to October 1, 2009 are not required to reregister for a new license. However, should one lose this "lifetime" license, they will need to obtain a free replacement by accessing the licensing system from their home computer, or by visiting a town hall, DEP 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 DEP Licensing and Revenue at (860) 424-3105.

TRANSFER STATION

The Transfer Station is located on Route 154, just north of the Haddam Meadows State Park. If you do not have a private trash collection service, trash and recyclables should be brought separated to the Transfer Station. To assure that only Haddam residents use the Transfer Station, a current Haddam sticker must be displayed in order to use the facility. Stickers are good for the fiscal year (July through June) and may be purchased for a \$50 fee from the Town Clerk at the Town Office building. The operators of the Transfer Station are licensed by the State and will assist residents to assure compliance with the recycling law.

Hours: Wednesday - 8:00 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:

Permit must be clearly displayed and adhered to the driver's side window shield.

Registration must be written on the permit itself.


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- \$50.00 payment
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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.

H-K High School Project Graduation

What is Project Graduation? You probably read and hear about it, but do you truly know what it is? If you go to our web site on rsd17.org, you can find our newly created Frequently Asked Questions and discover what we are really all about! Go to www.rsd17.org, click on the link for High School and then the link for Boosters and Support Groups. There you will find the final link to Project Graduation.

On a monthly basis, we run our gift card program and our recycling program. In the spring, we will be selling those delicious Butter Braid Breads! For more information, visit our web site (mentioned above) or visit us on Facebook at HKHS Project Graduation. You can view pictures from past years' celebrations and get the latest news!

For any comments or questions, feel free to contact our Chairperson, Laura Roman at landdroman@gmail.com or 860-345-3583.

HK Recreation Department

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

Upcoming programs will include pre-school programs (all held at the HK Old MS):

- Messy Mondays (Mondays, 10 am, beginning January 17th).
- Practical Pilates and Play (Wednesdays, 8:45 am, starting February 25th).
- Tumble Tots (Tuesdays, 9:30 am, starting January 13th or March 10th).
- Pee Wee Soccer (Wednesdays, 3:45 pm, starting January 7th or March 4th).
- Critter Road Show (Wednesdays, 10:00 am, February 4th – Turtles; March 11 – Soft & Cuddly; April 8th – Critter Combo).

- Science Outreach (Wednesdays, 1:30 pm, March 25th (Magnets) and April 29th (Crazy Science)).

A variety of Youth programs will be offered such as:

- Young Chefs of HK (1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3 at 4:15 pm at the HK HS).
- Rise & Shine Yoga (Wednesdays at HES / Thursdays at BES, 7:30 am starting week of 1/7 or 3/11).
- Creative Art (Wednesdays at BES; Tuesdays or Thursdays at HES; 3:30 pm) Jan./March/April sessions).
- Skyhawks Basketball for gr. K-1 (Wednesdays at BES, 3:30 pm, starting Jan. 7th for 6 weeks).
- Science Outreach – Wednesdays at HES; 3:30 pm (January 14th – Bubbles / March 25th – Amazing Magnetics / April 29th – Crazy Science Color).
- Baton Twirling (Wednesdays at BES, 6:00 pm, beginning January 14th or March 11th).

- Gymnastics (Tuesdays at BES, 3:30 pm, January and March sessions).
- Swim Lessons (Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:00 pm starting January 15th / 6:00 or 6:50 pm starting in March).
- Fencing (Wednesdays (ages 9-15) or Thursdays (Gr. 9-12) beginning week of January 14th for 8 weeks; 6:00 pm, HK New MS).
- Archery (Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, beginning January 14th or March 11th for 5 weeks at HK HS).
- Crazy Gears & Wheels (Thurs. at HES beginning January 22nd for 4 weeks, 3:30 pm).
- Karate Kids (Mondays at HES, 3:30 pm, starting January 26th for 16 weeks).
- 2nd Grade Basketball (Saturdays, 10:30 am, starting January 24th for 6 weeks).
- Flag Football (Saturdays, 12:30 pm, starting January 24th for 6 weeks).
- UKI Indoor Soccer (Tuesdays at HES, 3:30 pm starting January 27th for 6 weeks).

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At the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, we know that it's the little things that count, that can change a community and improve the quality of life for all. TOGETHER we feed the hungry, shelter families, teach young and old to read, preserve local history and land, help people of all ages explore the arts, teach children to swim, support anti-bullying programs in our schools, help those with disabilities experience independence, and so much more. We do this by developing endowments, making grants that have impact, and assisting donors in meeting their philanthropic goals... all made possible by so many good people doing great things throughout Middlesex County. We invite you to learn more.

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- Group Guitar Lessons (Mondays, 4:30 pm, starting February 2nd at the HK HS).
- Play-Well LEGO Fundamentals (Mon. at BES beginning February 2nd for 8 weeks, 3:30 pm).
- When I'm in Charge (Thursday, February 5th at 5:45 pm at the HK HS).
- Wizard School of Magic (Wednesday, February 4th at HES / February 25th at BES, 3:30 pm).
- Starlab (Tuesday, February 17th starting at 1:00 pm, at HK Old MS).
- Babysitting Course (Thursday, February 19th from 8:30 – 2:00 pm or Wednesdays, beginning March 11h for 3 weeks, 5:45 pm, HK HS).
- Acting (Thursdays at HES starting February 26th for 7 weeks, 3:30 pm).
- Hip Hop (Thursday, February 26th at BES; Tuesday, March 17 at HES, 3:30 pm).
- Robotic Builders (Thurs. at HES beginning March 12th for 4 weeks, 3:30 pm).
- Fairy Garden Fun (Saturday, March 14th, 11:00 am at Town and Country Nurseries).
- Corkum Baseball Clinic (Monday and Tuesday, April 13th and 14th from 9 – 12 pm).
- Skyhawks Soccer & Baseball (Wednesdays at HES, beginning May 13th, 3:45 pm (ages 4-5) / 5:00 pm (ages 6-7)).
- LEGO Minecraft (Thur. At HES beginning April 23rd for 4 weeks, 3:30 pm).
- Field Hockey Fundamentals (Thursdays, 5:30 pm, beginning April 23rd at HK HS, for 6 weeks).
- Gem Mining (Monday, April 27th at the HK Old MS courtyard, 4:15 pm).
- Horseback Riding (Mondays or Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, beginning week of May 5th for 4 weeks).
- Parent/Tot Swim and Pre-School Swim (Tuesday & Thursdays starting in May).
- Family Fishing (Saturday, May 30th, 8 am at Killingworth Care Center).

February and April Vacation Camps will be held from 7:00 - 6:00 pm at the HK HS.

Teens can take SAT Prep Workshops, Lifeguard Training, and Crossroads Driving School. Many Adult programs include Fitness Yoga, Zumba, Get Fit, Dog Obedience, Aqua Aerobics, Semi-Private Swim Lessons, Basic Boat Course, Adult Guitar, Adult/Child/Infant CPR, Sr. Exercise and Sr. Swim. Excursions that will be offered include • UConn Women's Basketball Semi-Final Games at Mohegan Sun (3/8).

- 911 Memorial and Museum (6/23).
- Statue of Liberty (6/25).

The HK Rec. Dept. also has discounted tickets to the CT Science Museum. For more information about any of our programs, please call the Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Dept. at 860-345-8334 or visit www.hkrec.com.

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HK Relay for Life

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The Relay For Life of Haddam Killingworth will be held June 20-21 at the HK track. Relay For Life is a non-competitive community event and we are looking forward to walking with survivors, caregivers, and many teams of all ages to join in the fight against cancer.

We are looking for Relay for Life walkers from all of Middlesex County - Chester, Deep River, Essex, Old Saybrook, Clinton, Durham, Westbrook to join the Haddam and Killingworth Community to conquer cancer for future generations.

No Registration Fee

Sign up for Relay For Life for free today at RelayForLife.org/HKCT. That's right, for the first time, Relay For Life has no registration fee. So call your friends and family, form a team online, and take the next step to help finish the fight against cancer.

Our Captain's meetings will be January 29 at 6:30 pm in Room C112, at HKHS. Come join us to help fight back against cancer.

The 2015 Captain/Participant meeting dates are: 2/26, 3/26, 4/30, 5/28. Please look for updates on speakers for these meetings.

The RFL Committee is looking for awesome volunteers to be coordinators on the following committee: Logistics.

We are also seeking high school students interested in earning community service hours to help out in any way they can. "Many hands make light work".

The Silent Auction Coordinators are looking for donations of silent auction items: Gift baskets, goods & services donations. Please contact Lisa Wiese at 860-345-2529 or lwiese713@aol.com and Denise Zanardi at dzanardi@comcast.net or 860-663-3204 home or 860-391-3540 cell for donations.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ed Yantosh, rflofhk@gmail.com. Register for Relay today at RelayForLife.org/HKCT.



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Brainerd Memorial Library Newsletter

It has been 17 years since Kathleen Bailey, former Children's Librarian at Brainerd Memorial Library, called to tell me that the "Music With Margie" preschool music & movement program was something she felt would be a super addition to the Children's room. I can tell you that each of those 17 years has been a pleasure! I have been very lucky that as changes in personnel, additions to the library structure, and even a huge recession all occurred over the years, the incoming directors, children's librarians, and board members recognized the value of this wonderful program, and continued it year after year, knowing that strong children's programs grow into adults that are lifetime library lovers (and supporters)! Thank you all, past and present.

Music with Margie™ is a "joy-based" learning program rooted in the knowledge that children learn best through play, in an environment of safety, humor, and love. By using music as a tool, information learned is also retained longer. (Do you sing your ABC's when filing paperwork alphabetically?) With parents or caregivers acting as role models, we sing & dance our way through "the stuff of life". The program begins in September with a "getting to know you" class, and then begins to build skills on a bi-weekly basis, in order for children to reach developmental goals they need to enter kindergarten. Since I believe we are born "wired" to learn musically, it's no surprise that, by June, their attention to task increases, and they have learned the basics of calendar, seasons, numbers, colors, shapes, phonics, spatial orientation, as well as improvements in fine & gross motor and communication skills. Literacy sky-rockets! And we had FUN! Because music reduces stress and is non-judgmental, it allows children of all personalities to learn at their own pace in a mixed-age environment and no "forced participation", which is especially helpful with shy children. Even the grown-ups find it freeing! So, I laugh when people ask if I teach music. The simple answer is "no". It is so much more.

Margie Warner is a former preschool teacher and para-professional for the State of CT Preschool Services for the Blind. In 1996, she began writing and performing her children's music professionally; became a recording artist, storyteller, and Early Childhood Developmental Music Consultant. She is a proud member of both ASCAP and the Connecticut Storytelling Center

CALL FOR EXHIBITORS FOR BRAINERD LIBRARY

Do you have a special collection or hobby you would like to display at the library? If so, we have openings for our display case starting in February 2015. The display case is located at the library's front entrance and is enjoyed by the many patrons visiting the library. Please call Beverly Radziwon at 860-345-2204 if you would like to do a display.

COMING IN 2015 EIGHTH ANNUAL TASTE OF HADDAM

The Brainerd Memorial Library will hold its eighth annual Taste of Haddam on Saturday May 2nd from 6:00-9:00. So once again come and experience a great evening of food and wine, a silent auction, local restaurants offering samples of their fare, and local liquor stores offering wine tastings. Other beverages will be available. If there are any local businesses that would like to participate they can call Cindy Muhlback at the library 860-345-2204. Watch for more news to come about this most enjoyable evening.

Thank you, Bev Radziwon



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New England Mountain Bike Association

New Trails at Rattlesnake Ledges



A NEMBA trail crew from left to right: Brad Enerson, June Lockert, Keith Coughlin and Amy Pear.

After mapping and surveying the Rattlesnake Ledges area of Cockaponset State Forest (which rests between Haddam and Chester), Bryan McFarland decided to pursue permission to create an official trail network. As a member of the New England Mountain Bike Association, he was able to quickly complete the proposal for the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection back in January of 2014. Four months of State review later, the proposal for multi-use trails was accepted. Work didn't start until late August, but since then there have been about 75 man-hours put into rehabilitating what was at one time undesignated enduro motorbike trails. Luckily, the old single-track trails don't need to be scrapped, but there have been a good bit of projects completed regarding sustainability and rut removal. One large trail reroute was also necessary to avoid private land. There are two primary volunteer work crews that have been laboring over the trails - a small band of local NEMBA riders have put in about 40 man-hours and a State Forest volunteer group comprised of students from Rushford Academy have put in about 10 hours. The first 1.5 miles of trail rehab have been finished with another 4.5 miles to go. Once the rehab is complete, the State plans on developing a small parking area and then work may begin on cutting miles of new trails. Progress is expected to be slow over the winter months, but March and April are expected to be productive as the old crew will reassemble and new volunteers will join the campaign. Rattlesnake Ledges is a beautiful area with a remote feel and the trails will be open to hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding. If you have interest in helping to develop trails at Rattlesnake Ledges, please visit the Rattlesnake Ledges Trail-Building group on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Rattlesnake.Ledges>. Or contact CT DEEP's Wanda Torres, State Parks and Public Outreach Division in Hartford at 860-418-5963.

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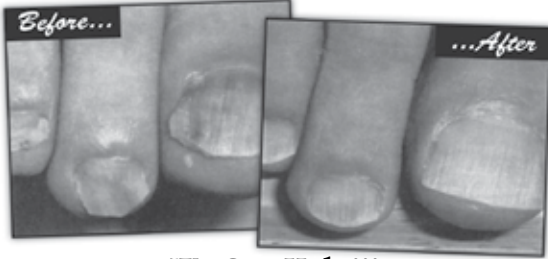
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11-4. Admission is \$15 and parking is free. 35 and younger admitted for free on Sunday. For additional information visit www.ctspringantiquesshow.com

The show attracts serious collectors, supports new collectors and brings both together with knowledgeable dealers and experts who share a passion for period American antiques and decorative arts. The show has earned a reputation not only as a destination show with quality

merchandise but also as an educational experience for visitors.

The Connecticut Spring Antiques Show benefits the Haddam Historical Society and Thankful Arnold House Museum which is located on the Connecticut Women's Heritage Trail and Connecticut's Historic Gardens. For additional information call 860-345-2400 or visit www.ctspringantiquesshow.com or find us on Facebook.



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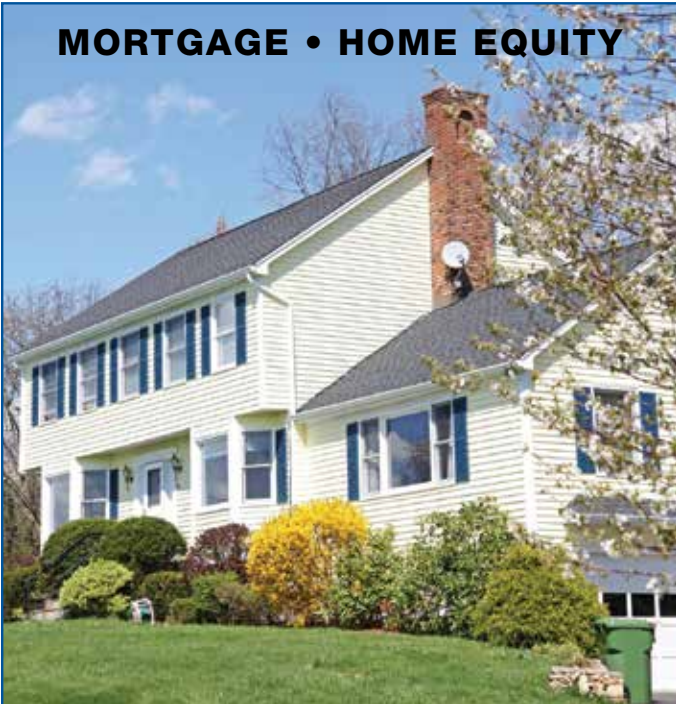


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