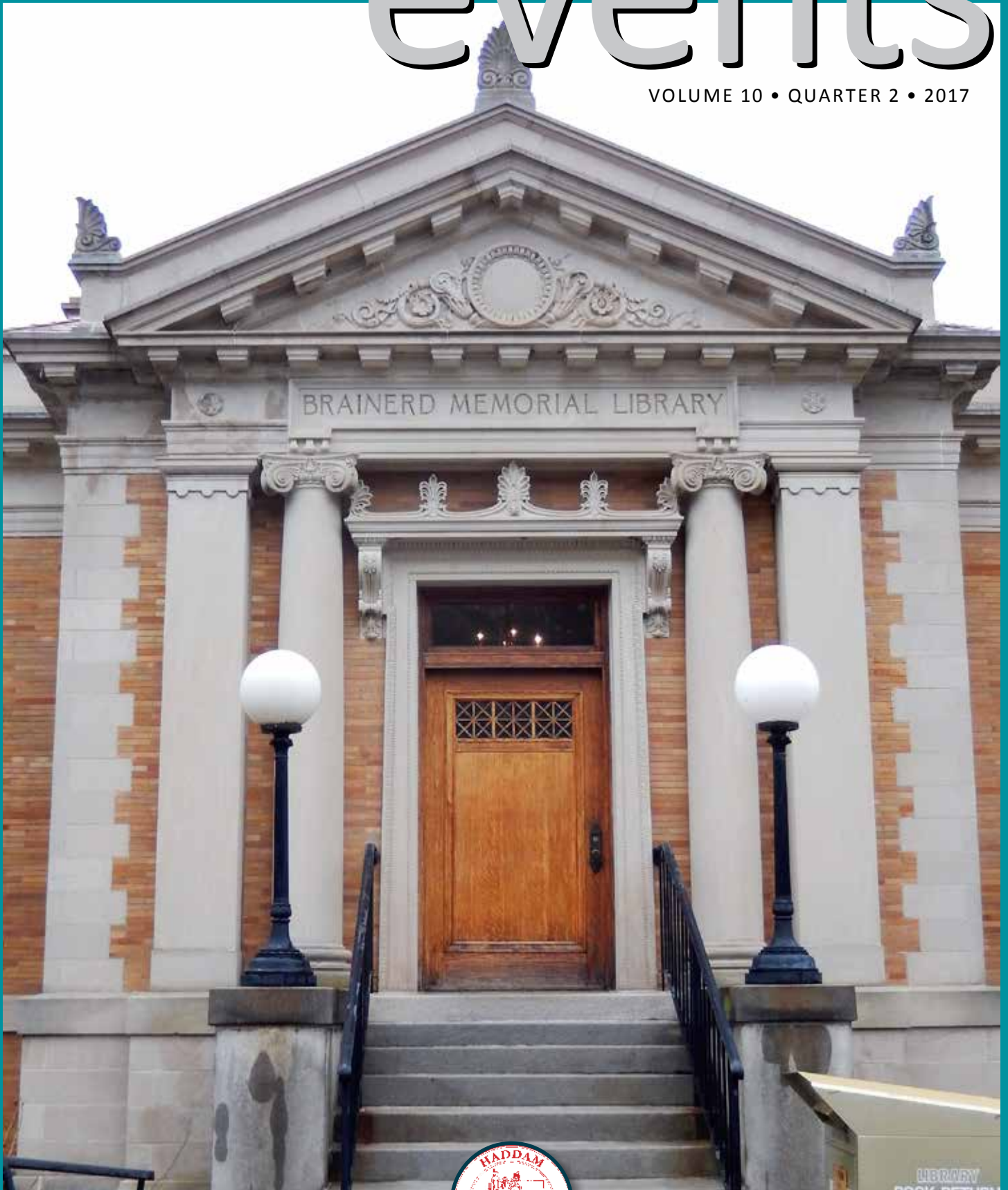


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First Selectwoman's Corner

Haddam Residents,

On February 8, 2017, Governor Malloy proposed a decrease in revenue funding to the Town of Haddam of -28.9%. The chart on pg. 3 identifies the areas affected just for the town of Haddam. The largest change is a proposed new mandate for all towns to contribute 1/3 to the Teacher's Retirement Pension. The state has been responsible for this since its inception. Legal opinion has been that this is not a municipal responsibility. The legislature will discuss how to handle this in the current session.

In addition, most towns are negatively impacted by this - only a handful of cities are receiving more funds. Killingworth will be decreased by -72.2%. This will be a significant impact for our

community being part of Regional School District 17. The state needs to take ownership of its budget and not pass this additional expense to towns that have managed their finances and budgets. We are still awaiting back up of these numbers and there are many unanswered questions. The figures may change during this session but the result is the same. Haddam cannot afford a property tax increase due to the state shortfall. I will continue to advocate on your behalf as I have testified in Hartford and have met with legislators from our area and others. I encourage all of you to do the same.

Respectfully,
Lizz Milardo
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Lizz Milardo, First Selectwoman

Annual HK Relay for Life

The 11th Annual HK Relay for Life - American Cancer overnight event will be held from Friday, June 2nd at 4:00 pm until Saturday, June 3rd at 10:00 am. The event is held at the Haddam Killingworth High School in Higganum at the track. The event has a survivor dinner, food, entertainment, silent auction, etc. Come and join us for one hour, two hours, or stay the night. Campsites are available. This is a great night for family and friends to get together to fight back against cancer! For more information, check out the HK Relay for Life website or Ed Yantosh at rflofhk@gmail.com.



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The team at Jackson Chevrolet is also committed to the community. They host numerous events throughout the year, from free and educational Corvette seminars in the spring and fall that attract car enthusiasts from all over the northeast to pet adoption events, blood drives, child safety seat inspection clinics, and more. There's always something happening and their support goes beyond their own events. TJ said: "We're not a large chain operation – we know that our success depends on valuing each and every customer and we give back to the community where we live and work as much as we can. We know we can't do everything but we can do something and we

are committed to supporting local organizations."

So if you're in the market for a new Chevrolet or any kind of pre-owned vehicle, call the team at Jackson Chevrolet! Their sales department is open 7 days a week and their service department is open 6 days for your convenience. Give them a call today at 860.346.9655 or stop in and be sure to say hi to TJ while you're there!



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Grant:	Current Year FY 17	Gov. Proposed FY 18	Gov. Proposed FY 18 v. FY 17	
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(%)
Adult Education	0	0	0	
ECS Grant	1,971,482	1,351,362	-620,120	-31.5%
LoCIP	0	135,008	135,008	
Pequot-Mohegan Grant	23,844	22,842	-1,002	- 4.2%
PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals	0	0	0	
PILOT: State-Owned Property	21,098	40,753	19,655	93.2%
Town Aid Road	246,062	246,062	0	0.0%
Grants for Municipal Projects	3,554	0	-3,554	-100.0%
MRSF Select PILOT	0	0	0	
MRSF Revenue Sharing	170,440	245,344	74,904	43.9%
MRSF Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	
Special Education (see note below)	0	792,206	792,206	
Teachers' Retirement Contribution (see note below)	0	-1,102,026	-1,102,026	
Hospital Property Tax (see note below)	0	0	0	
Total	2,436,481	1,731,551	-704,930	-28.9%

- Special Education is being shown as a new grant that incorporates the Excess Cost-Student Based funding. These are not new funds for the district, this line is misleading and overstated.
- Teachers' Retirement Contribution is the municipality's contribution to funding the TRB system.

Assessor's Corner

Jennifer L. Gauthier, Assessor
 Tammy Anderson CCMAI, Assistant Assessor

Did you know that the Town has over 500 structures that are over 100 years old?

Do you own one of these historic homes, farms or homesteads?
 Do you have a property history that you would like to share?
 Have antique or vintage photos of your property and/or its owners?

The Assessor's Office is looking to feature historical Haddam, Higganum and Haddam Neck homes on our new website to highlight the beauty and history of the buildings in our Town. Properties featured will be printed and posted in the Town Hall and also posted to the Town's Facebook page. Your property will be famous! We are hoping to gather photos and histories and feature a different property periodically.



Hazelton-Hayden House

If you are interested, please email Jennifer at assessor@haddam.org or call the office at 860-345-8531, x 213.

UPDATES

The Assessor's Office will be closed June 5th through June 9th for the Annual Assessor's School at the University of Connecticut.

The Town of Haddam has a newly designed website (www.haddam.org) and the Assessor's Page is full of important information.

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Please take some time to take a look at the new site – our page contains a great deal of information about Motor Vehicles, Personal Property and Real Estate, programs that our office administers, and general information about our office. If you have any question, start there, it very well might have the answer you are looking for.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DEADLINES

State of Connecticut Elderly Homeowner's (Circuit Breaker)/

Town of Haddam Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Program

The filing period for these programs is February 1, 2017 to May 15, 2017. Persons who file must be 65 years of age as of December 31st, 2016 or totally disabled.

Additional Veteran's Exemption

The filing period for Additional Veteran's exemptions is February 1, 2017 to October 1, 2017.

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

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

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

Assessor's Office Quarterly Spotlight – Unregistered Motor Vehicles

We get many inquiries about unregistered/non-registered motor vehicles and whether or not they are taxable.

The answer is yes.

Motor vehicle taxes are based upon ownership not registration. The fact of registration simply makes it easier to know who owns what motor vehicle(s).

According to Connecticut statutes, all motor vehicles (except those specifically exempted) are taxable. Examples of some specifically exempted motor vehicles are: the inventory of auto dealerships and upon proper application and approval of same; a modified motor vehicle for the personal transportation of a handicapped individual; certain commercial vehicles; a Connecticut serviceman's motor vehicle which is garaged out of state, etc.

Persons who own an unregistered/non-registered motor vehicle(s) are required to provide that information to the Assessor's Office, annually, by November 1st.

What if the vehicle is registered out-of-state?

If your motor vehicle is registered out of state but you also live and drive that motor vehicle in Connecticut, that vehicle is still taxable.

Connecticut Statutes state that, it must be presumed that a motor vehicle owned by a Connecticut resident and operated from a Connecticut address, is taxable unless evidence (satisfactory to the Assessor) is presented to the contrary. Connecticut Statutes also require that Connecticut registration(s) be obtained for all motor vehicle(s) owned by any person who has established residency for more than 60 days. Only non-residents who are students attending school in Connecticut and non-residents who are active duty members of the U.S. military, who are stationed in Connecticut due to military orders, are exempt.

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If you have a vehicle that is unregistered, or registered out-of-state, and primarily garaged here in Haddam, please complete a Personal Property Declaration for the vehicle and file it with the Assessor prior to November 1st annually. This form can be downloaded off of the Assessor's Forms and Applications page on the website or can be obtained in person at the Assessor's Office.

If a vehicle is found to be unregistered, or registered out-of-state, and it is not reported to the Assessor's Office, the vehicle will be added to the personal property of the land owner where the vehicle is situated. In the event that a vehicle is found like this in Haddam, the Assessor will attempt to contact the land owner of record to ascertain the necessary information. If no information is provided, an estimate of value is entered based on the best information available and added to the personal property of the land owner.

It is important to note that Connecticut State Statutes currently allow for a \$1,000 fine for owners of vehicles found to be registered out-of-state but primarily garaged in Connecticut. At our office, we strive to achieve the goal of providing a fair and

uniform administration of the local property tax. We are constantly at a loss to explain to taxpayers who comply with the law how their neighbors are allowed to register their vehicles out-of-state and avoid taxation. It is widely known that for every vehicle that goes "off the books" it creates a tax increase for those who comply with the law.

Haddam residents who have concerns and notice out-of-state plates for a period in excess of 60 days, or unregistered motor vehicles, may write, anonymously, to our office via postal mail or using the "Rumor Busters" link on the front page of the www.haddam.org website. If using the website, please indicate that your request would like to be sent to the attention of the Assessor's Office. If known, please include the name of the person, their Haddam address, type of vehicle, the state the vehicle is registered to and plate number. The Assessor's Office will follow-up on all notifications.

If you have any questions, or need any assistance with any of the above information, deadlines or programs, we would be happy to assist you. Please call our office at 860-345-8531.

Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD)

CRAHD welcomes all Haddam residents to a presentation on Community Public Health Preparedness.

CRAHD is dedicated to helping you and your family prepare and be better informed before a public health crisis arises. Our goal is to provide you with quick, accurate information, guidance and recommended actions. We want to make you aware of our public health emergency plans.

CRAHD staff will be giving a presentation:
WHEN: Thursday, April 20th at 6:00 pm

WHERE: Haddam Volunteer Fire Company, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum 06441

The presentation will consist of information on the following topics:

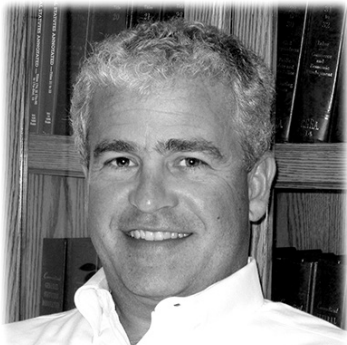
- General preparedness - Why should you be prepared?
- Mass dispensing plans
- Dispense assist tool
- Closed Points of Dispensing (PODs)
- Recruitment of public health volunteers.

CRAHD is the lead health department for Mass Dispensing Area (MDA) 39.

The towns that make up that MDA are Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Old Saybrook and Westbrook. It is essential that you are better aware of the above-mentioned topics if a real public health emergency occurs.

Please attend this open meeting and become a better-informed citizen!

If you have any questions or would like more information on this event, please call us at 860-661-3300.



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Haddam Historical Society Awarded Garden Brochure Grant from Community Foundation of Middlesex County

The Haddam Historical Society is pleased to announce that it has received a \$1250 grant from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. The Society will use the funds to support the design and publication of an informational brochure on herbs grown in the Thankful Arnold House's historic kitchen garden. The brochure will provide visitors with a useful pamphlet that will educate about the importance of 19th century kitchen garden, promote the benefits of gardening today and improve the visitor experience.

The Wilhelmina Arnold Barnhart Garden is an interpretive herb garden that displays plants that the widow Thankful Arnold would have used around 1830. The garden is a member of Connecticut's Historic Gardens and the museum is listed on the Connecticut's Women's Heritage Trail.

The Community Foundation of Middlesex County is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Middlesex County and to help Good People Do Great Things. Its two-fold mission is: (1) to work with charitably-minded individuals and organizations to build permanent endowments and other charitable funds; and (2) to support local nonprofit organizations through effective grant making, in order to address community needs, as well as Let Good Grow.

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For more information on the Community Foundation of Middlesex County visit: <https://middlesexcountycf.org/>
For more information on Connecticut's Historic Gardens visit: [http://www.cthistoricgardens.org/](https://www.cthistoricgardens.org/)
To learn more about the Thankful Arnold House and Wilhelmina Arnold Barnhart Garden visit: <http://www.haddamhistory.org/>

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SPRING PROGRAMS

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

A variety of Youth and Teen programs will be offered such as:

PEE WEE INDOOR SOCCER

(Wednesdays at HES, beginning April 19, 3:45 pm / ages 3-4)

YOUNG CHEFS OF HK

(5/3, 6/6 at 4:15 pm at the HK HS)

CREATIVE ART

(Mondays at KES; Tuesdays at HES; Wednesdays at BES; 3:30 pm, starting the week of April 24)

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Pre-school class April 26th at 1:30 pm at the HK Old MS; 3:30 pm at HES (April 26th) and 3:30 pm at KES (April 27th)

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CORKUM'S BASEBALL MINI-CAMP
 (Monday, April 10 and Tuesday, April 11
 at the HK Old MS
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WHEN I'M IN CHARGE
 (Wednesday, April 19, 5:45 pm at the HK
 HS Lower Media)

BABYSITTER'S TRAINING
 (Thursday April 13, 8:30 am at the HK
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Winner of Gardens Day Poster Contest Announced

*CT's Historic Gardens Announces Winner of 2017
Historic Gardens Day Poster Art Contest ~
Chester, Connecticut artist Leif Nilsson
paints the winning image*

Connecticut's Historic Gardens, a group of 15 distinctive historic sites and gardens dotted throughout the state, is pleased to announce Connecticut artist Leif Nilsson of Chester, CT as the winner of the fourth annual Historic Gardens Day Poster Art Contest. This contest gives local artists a chance to showcase their talents while advertising CT Historic Gardens Day, an important, statewide event. The group began the contest to encourage Connecticut artists to visit and capture these historically significant homes with beautiful gardens. They hope that these sites will provide inspiring subjects for their art. Along with a cash prize, the winning artist receives widespread exposure – at the annual Connecticut Flower & Garden Show, at each of the 15 Connecticut's Historic Gardens sites throughout the year, and at Connecticut's Historic Gardens Day itself, an event that attracts thousands of garden lovers throughout the state and beyond. This year's Historic Gardens Day takes place on Sunday, June 25, 12-4 pm; visit cthistoricgardens.org for details on activities offered at each site.

Contest winner Leif Nilsson of Chester, CT paints in an impressionistic style, en plein air to capture the beautiful surroundings of the Lower Connecticut River Valley where he calls home. Leif (pronounced Layf) studied art at the Lyme Academy of Fine Arts in Old Lyme, CT from 1980 through 1986, and continued his education on several sojourns to Scandinavia, Asia Minor and Europe. His painting style reflects the influence of early 19th and 20th century painters Monet and Bonnard for their use of color; Pissarro and Vuillard for composition; and Van Gogh for his energy. Leif has been a successful working artist for over 20 years. He exhibits his works at several galleries throughout the United States, as well as in his own studio in Chester, CT, Leif Nilsson Spring Street Studio and Gallery. You can see his works on his website (nilssonstudio.com) or visit the artist's studio at 1 Spring Street, Chester, CT, which is open weekends from noon to 6:00 pm.

The winning painting was inspired by the gardens at Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme, and was painted there during the filming of the special production "Artists in the Garden, American Impressionism and the Garden Movement." Connecticut's Historic Gardens raises awareness of distinctive historic sites and gardens within Connecticut's borders. The group was started in 2002 and has since grown to 15 sites: Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden, Bethlehem; Butler-McCook House & Garden, Hartford; Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme; Glebe House Museum &



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Artist Leif Nilsson paints the winning painting on location at Florence Griswold Museum, one of the founding sites of the consortium known as Connecticut's Historic Gardens.

The Gertrude Jekyll Garden, Woodbury; Harkness Memorial State Park, Waterford; Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Hartford; Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington; New London County Historical Society & Shaw Mansion, New London; Osborne Homestead Museum & Kellogg Environmental Center, Derby; Promisek at Three Rivers Farm, Bridgewater; Roseland Cottage, Woodstock; Thankful Arnold House Museum, Haddam; Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum, Wethersfield; and Weir Farm National Historic Site, Wilton. For more information about the group, individual participating sites, and events, please visit cthistoricgardens.org.

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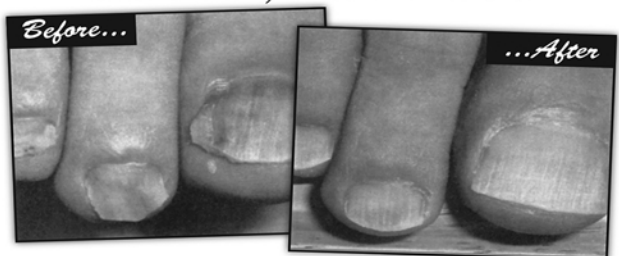
Join us for this important evening where we will share our data from our recent Search Institute Survey that addresses drug and alcohol use in our community. We will also have interactive displays and take home information to encourage discussion with your children about next steps. Students from HK will share the stats and together as a community we will address underage drinking and other drug use and how we as a community can help reduce the numbers.

We are proud to welcome Karen Sypher, a Killingworth native, and creator of the Facebook page "Love the Addict, hate the disease" as she shares her own heart wrenching story of what it is like to be a parent of an addict. You don't want to miss this evening of discussion, education and understanding as we address why we can no longer look away and assume "It's not our kids."

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Historic Bottle Talk

HISTORIC BOTTLES

On April 9, the Haddam Historical Society joined with antique bottle expert Ed Stanton of Higganum to learn about old and antique bottles. Ed was instrumental in the Thankful Arnold House Museum's archaeological dig in the summer of 2016 and helped identify many of the intact recovered bottles.



He discussed the evolution of bottle manufacturing and showed examples of Connecticut bottles made for area businesses. He also talked about what makes a bottle valuable including

markings, condition and shapes. Attendees brought bottles they may have dug up in the yard, found washed ashore or plucked from the privy pit.

Outhouse Tour

On Saturday, April 29th, from 1 pm to 5pm, the Haddam Historical Society will host a historic outhouse tour of seven area privies in Haddam and Higganum.

The self-guided tour will start at the Thankful Arnold House Museum where the newly interpreted four-hole backhouse will be unveiled. The tour will highlight a variety of "necessaries" including some with a plaster interior, four-holes and even a basement. Outhouses on the tour are found at the John Brainerd House, Levi Ward

Tavern, Ezra Kelsey House, Merwin House, Sears-Usher House, Nathan Fuller House and Thankful Arnold House.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased the day of the tour at the Thankful Arnold House Museum, 14 Hayden Hill Road where visitors will pick up their maps and visit Thankful's necessary.

For more information please visit www.haddamhistory.org or call 860-345-2400.



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With macular degeneration, you may experience symptoms such as blurriness, dark areas or distortion of your central vision, or permanent loss of your central vision. It usually does not affect your peripheral vision. For example, with advanced macular degeneration you could be able to see the outline of a clock, yet you may not be able to see the hands of the clock to tell what time it is.

The majority of people with macular degeneration experience the dry form, which does not have a known treatment, but many people benefit from a vitamin regimen. Unfortunately, vision loss cannot be reversed. The less common wet form may respond to lasers and medical injections if caught and treated early. Smoking and high blood pressure are often associated with the wet form of macular degeneration.

If you have been diagnosed with dry macular degeneration, you should use a chart called an Amsler grid every day to monitor your vision. Dry macular degeneration can quickly change into the more damaging wet form. If you notice any change of vision, you should contact your ophthalmologist immediately.

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This event is RAIN OR SHINE as the facility does have indoor space. Each rescue has its own adoption policies so please visit their websites for more information. Rescues currently scheduled to attend are: Big Fluffy Dog Rescue, Angels Among Us Animal Rescue, One More Dog Rescue, Thank Dog Rescue, PAWS New England, Labs4Rescue, Pack Leaders Rescue of CT Protectors of Animals and 3 Bunnies Rabbit Rescue and Cat Tales.

Please watch our Facebook page where we will be posting animals that are planning to attend prior to the event! We will also be collecting food, supplies & toys for the rescues in attendance so even if you're not in the market for a new four-legged, please stop by and donate some much needed supplies!
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Members also learned how to operate the foam system on the new Engine 6-13, which will go into service this spring.

“The drill allowed firefighters to physically feel and see the difference between flowing water, and flowing wet foam and dry foam,” said HVFC Captain Richard Zanelli. “Wet foam is used for fire suppression, whereas dry foam is used for exposure protection.”



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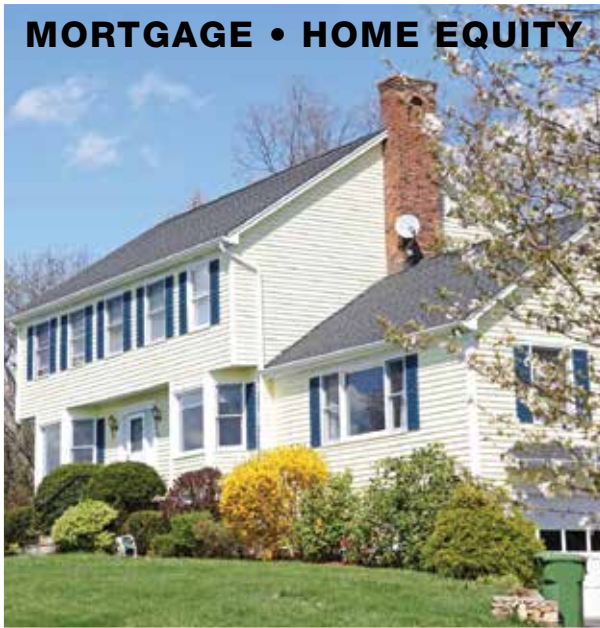


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