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First Selectwoman's Corner

Lots of exciting things going on in Haddam! We have started on our road improvements with the funds that were approved for bonding and we are finalizing the additional road work to happen in the spring. The town received a favorable rate of .89% on a short term BAN (bond anticipation note) thanks to our strong credit rating. The bridge in the center, the bridge on Dish Mill Road and Phase 1 of McTigh Road will be completed soon. Thank you to all of the residents for their patience and support during construction. It is exciting to see things coming together.

Building improvements are also in the process of being made to the Old Town Hall, the Community Center, the Senior Center and the Veteran's Museum. These are long overdue and will help preserve the buildings and prevent costly repairs down the road. New paint and cosmetics are also being done and we are taking pride in our historic buildings and history.

Our new health district is running very smoothly and have office hours at the Town Hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. There will be a flu shot clinic and some public health seminars coming soon. Please refer to the town website for those dates and times. We also are excited about our new senior calendar and event brochure. This is available at the Senior Center and Town Hall. If you would like to hear about some of the new programs that we are doing please call the center at 860-345-2480.

A few of our long time employees and friends have retired from the town and we have some new faces. Please welcome Jennifer Gauthier, our new Tax Assessor, Christopher Corsa, Public Works Assistant Director, Pete Santoro, Public Works Foreman and Suzanne Wintsch, Senior Center Director. Also, I would like to publicly thank and congratulate Jim Connelly on his retirement. We have been blessed to have him as our resident trooper for the past 18 years. We wish him well and thank him for serving our community, especially for his work with the students and their families.



Lizz Milardo, First Selectwoman

Please keep in mind that the cold weather is coming and be careful while traveling. If you are aware of a citizen that is in need or home-bound or in need of assistance during a storm, please notify the First Selectman's Office at 860-345-8531, ext. 204 to be placed on our list of residents who need to be checked on.

Lizz Milardo,
First Selectwoman



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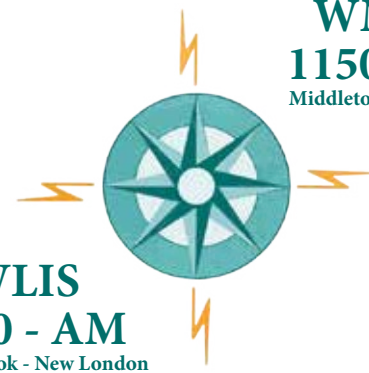
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Assessor's Corner

NEWS

We would like to announce the retirement of Marilyn Baumann who has been the Assessor for the Town of Haddam since 2008. We appreciate all of her hard work and dedication in serving the citizens and taxpayers in our town and want to wish her the best in her new endeavors. She will be missed by many staff and citizens. We welcome our new Assessor, Jennifer Gauthier. Please stop by and meet her next time you are in the Town Hall.

Important Deadlines and Information

FARM, FOREST OR OPEN SPACE

New applications for property owners claiming land as Farm, Forest or Open Space must be filed with the Assessor's Office between September 1, 2016 and October 31, 2016.

All forms for the above programs are available in the Assessor's office and on our web page at www.haddam.org.

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 2015 Grand List year the deadline is December 31, 2016. The forms are available in the Assessor's office.

PERSONAL PROPERTY DECLARATIONS

Personal Property Declarations were mailed in September. Anyone not receiving a personal property declaration should contact the Assessor's office. Even though a declaration was not received, 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 apply an arbitrary assessment and a 25% penalty.

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farm machinery and horses. Manufacturing Machinery Exemption Applications must also be filed at this time.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you do not receive a personal property declaration and you are a resident business in the town of Haddam it is your responsibility to file one according to the Connecticut General Statutes. Failure to declare will force the Assessor to apply an arbitrary assessment and a 25% penalty.

If you have received a personal property declaration and will not be conducting any business in Haddam as of October 1, 2016, you must complete the Affidavit on the front page of the declaration and return it to the Assessor's office prior to November 1, 2016. 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 apply an arbitrary assessment and a 25% penalty.

If you have any questions regarding the declarations, or need assistance completing the form, or want to understand why you might be getting a declaration at all, please call us so that we can help you. If you do not fill it out and return the form on time,

we will be forced to enter an arbitrary assessment and apply a 25% penalty.

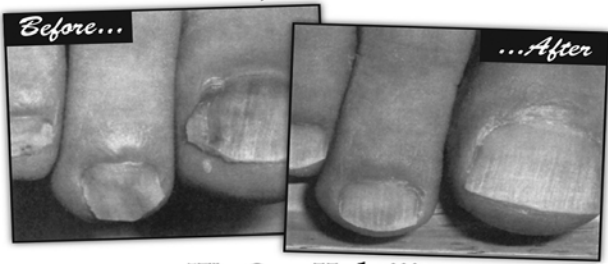
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If you need any assistance on any of the above information, deadlines or programs, we would be happy to assist you. Please call our office at 860-345-8531.

Jennifer L. Gauthier,
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Tammy Anderson CCMAI,
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50TH ANNIVERSARY

This year the Auxiliary celebrates its 50th anniversary. It was established in 1966 with the main purpose of aiding our volunteer firefighters. Members provide refreshments during major fires and they give funds periodically to the fire department to purchase items related to firefighting. 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.

AUXILIARY PLANS WHIST AND VENDOR FAIR

The Haddam Volunteer Fire Auxiliary will hold its Annual Military Whist Card Party on Tuesday, October 25, 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, first-served basis. You may call 860-345-4709 for more information. Mark your calendar!

ANNUAL HOLIDAY VENDOR FUNDRAISER

Also, the Haddam Volunteer Fire

Auxiliary's Annual Holiday Vendor Fundraiser will be held at the firehouse at 439 Saybrook Road on Sunday, November 6 from noon to 3 pm.

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Pre-School Programs

CRITTER ROAD SHOW

Wednesdays, 10:00 am - Turtles 10/19, Critter Combo 11/30

MESSY MONDAYS

Mondays, 10:00 am starting 11/7

TUMBLE TOTS

Tuesdays, 9:30 am starting 11/15

SCIENCE OUTREACH

Wednesdays, 1:30 pm - Magnets 11/9/Comets & Meteors 12/14

Youth and Teen Programs

WIZARDS SCHOOL OF MAGIC

Wednesday, 3:30 pm 10/5 HES

Thursday, 3:30 pm 10/20 BES

Wednesday, 3:30 pm 12/7 KES

PEE WEE SOCCER

Tuesdays, 3:45 pm starting 11/15 at HES

KARATE KIDS

Mondays, 3:30 pm at HES, starting 9/12

CREATIVE ART

Mondays, 3:30 pm at KES starting 10/17,

Tuesdays, 3:30 pm at HES starting 10/25,

Wednesdays, 3:30 pm at BES starting 11/2

GYMNASTICS

Tuesdays, 3:30 pm at BES starting 11/15

Fridays, 3:30 pm at KES starting 11/4

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Mondays, 3:30 pm at BES starting 10/17

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Wednesday, 3:30 pm – Roller Coaster 11/23

Reverse 12/7 at HES

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Wednesday, 3:30 pm at HES, Magnets 11/9

Comets & Meteors 12/14

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Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6 pm - for high school age beginning

Oct. 18 at the HK Middle School Cafe

BABYSITTING CLASSES

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Thursdays 3:30 pm at HES, starting 10/6

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ALL-DAY CHILDCARE PROGRAM

An all-day childcare program will be held on:

Wednesday, October 12th (Yom Kippur)

Tuesday, November 8th (Professional Development Day)

Friday November 11th (Veteran's Day).

Adult Programs

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MEN'S FALL BASKETBALL

Sundays, 12 - 2 pm, starting 10/2

ADULT/CHILD CPR, AED, FIRST AID

Tuesday/Thursday Oct. 18 & 20, HK HS Lower Media

EXCURSIONS

Radio City Christmas Spectacular 11/18

UConn Women vs. University of Texas 12/4

Christmas in Newport 12/15

For more information about any of our programs, please call the Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department at 860-345-8334 or visit www.hkrec.com.

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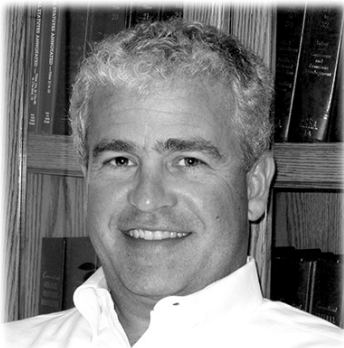
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Sixth Yuletide Quilt Show

The sixth YULETIDE QUILT SHOW at the First Congregational Church of Haddam will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. The church will be beautifully decorated for the holiday season. All the quilted items will be displayed in the sanctuary. Christmas quilts will be featured. There will be a display of work completed by the Community Quilting Group that meets twice a month at the church.

The Haddam Café, set up in the fellowship hall, will be serving homemade doughnuts in the morning and homemade soup, homemade bread and homemade pie for lunch. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate is served throughout the day.

There will be vendors in the Fellowship hall. There will be Christmas crafts for sale made by other Haddam churches.

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If you have a quilted piece that you would like to display in the show, please contact the church before November 15, 2016 for an application (860-345-2742).

Please visit our website to view last year's show. Go to www.haddamcongregation.org. Go to "photos" then click on Quilt Show.

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