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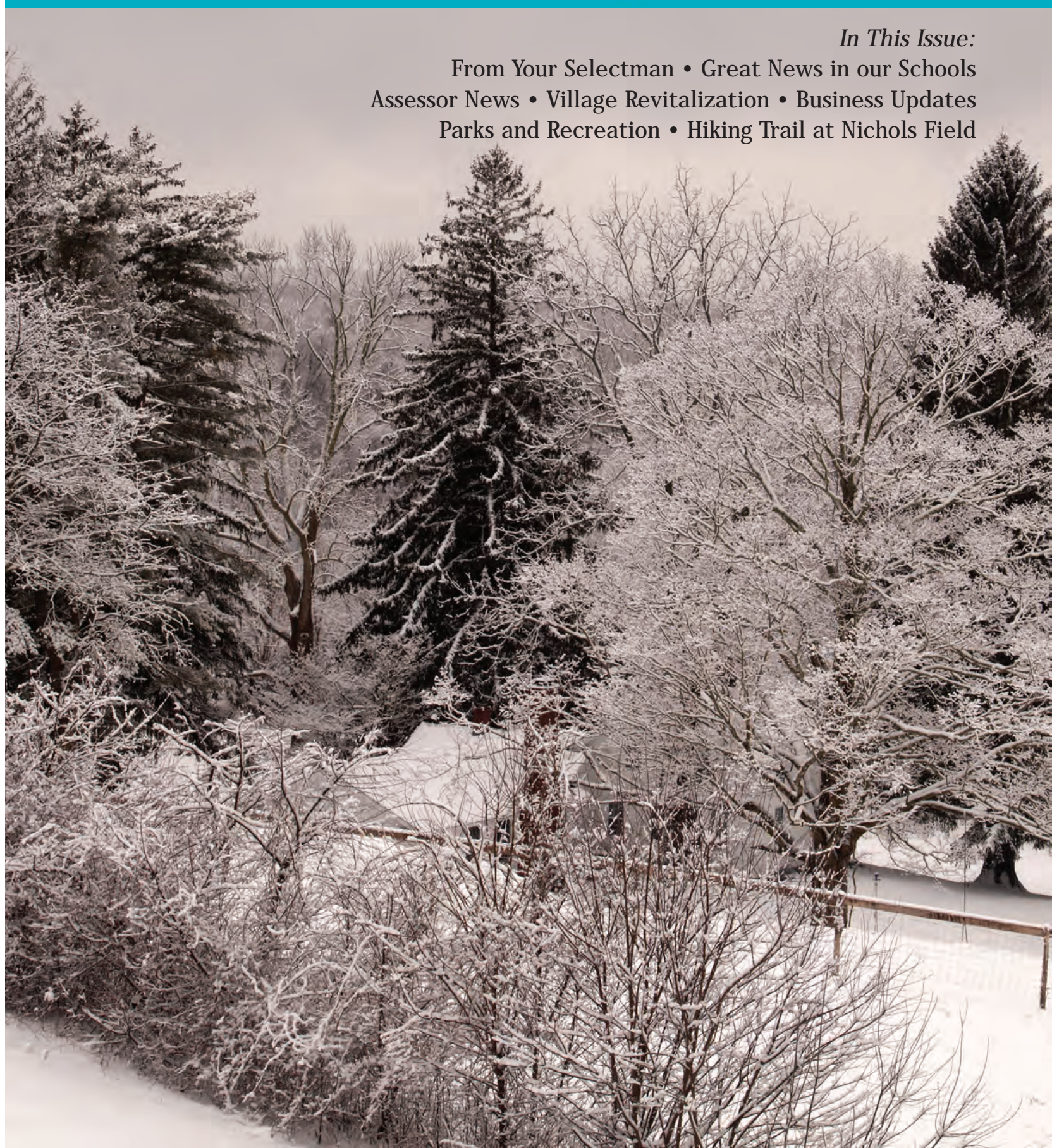
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From Your First Selectman, Mark B. Walter

Dear East Haddam Residents,

For over 300 years, East Haddam citizens have adjusted their work to suit a constantly changing economic environment; first agriculture, then ship building along the Connecticut River and manufacturing in our water-powered mills. Since WWII, we have added home construction, light manufacturing and tourism to our list of local jobs. Now, we are challenged by a difficult economy. Fortunately, East Haddam's diverse economic history provides us with unique opportunities to adapt once again. Ship building may not dominate anymore but everything else is still here including a large number of townspeople with skills that allow them to earn some or all of their living from home-based businesses.

But many towns can claim these traits. What makes East Haddam a special place, a place so special to us that we actually live here? I would argue that our interest in the arts and the outdoors sets us apart from most Connecticut communities. Mention the Goodspeed Opera House and East Haddam in the same sentence and most people know exactly where you live. The same is true with Gillette's Castle and Devil's Hopyard State Parks. Our support for open space has put us on the short list of Connecticut destination towns where everything from hiking and kayaking to hunting and fishing may all be accomplished in one spectacularly beautiful riverside town that is easily accessible but far away from the cities.

The same resources that make East Haddam an interesting and rewarding place to live also make it a great place to visit.

I attended a meeting in December, the purpose of which was the preservation of the Hadlyme Ferry. Its continuation is threatened by the State's looming multi-billion dollar budget deficit. Many residents who spoke told how their relatives and friends visit this area because of the attractions and the scenic beauty of the whole area. They always leave amazed. Bruce Elfstrom, owner of Overland Experts of East Haddam, told about training hundreds of U.S. Special Forces in off-road driving. He said the soldiers always want to ride the ferry and cannot believe the US still has places like East Haddam with operating ferries.

We have to take advantage of these incredible natural gifts. I have asked our Economic Development Commission (EDC)



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and the Conservation, Agriculture, and Open Space Commissions to spearhead the effort. I believe we should make our open space land and public parks even more accessible to our residents and visitors. One idea is to create a map system that clearly identifies places to park and enter these lands. Another idea is to identify additional acreage that could be purchased by either the town or the East Haddam Land Trust and that should be preserved for future generations of East Haddam citizens. The state has recently awarded East Haddam and the Land Trust grants to help defray the costs of purchase. Later this winter, February or March, there will be an opportunity for residents to decide whether to approve the purchase of three parcels. These properties are intended to complement others already owned by the town and to help maintain East Haddam's rural nature and agricultural heritage. If purchased, the properties will make it possible for a walking trail to be constructed along the Moodus River and hundreds of acres of farm land to be preserved. As the winter progresses, more information will be provided.

The Middle School Conversion Committee has worked very hard to evaluate the conversion of the former middle school into municipal space. The Committee just proposed to the Selectmen a \$12.2 million dollar renovation to complete the first part of their charge. I want to thank everyone on this committee for all their dedication in evaluating this project. I am, however, deeply concerned about the cost of this project and have expressed this to the Committee. The cost significantly exceeds the original estimates and under the structure of the current proposal would cost the median homeowner over \$300 per year in taxes for debt and operating costs. I believe this is too heavy a burden to place on our residents and I believe the costs far outweigh the benefits. We will need to examine a much smaller project.

To help in the evaluation of this and many of the capital projects on our plate the Board of Selectman created a Financial Needs Round Table to help flesh out short and long term

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Rendering by Fellner Associates Architects



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financial strategies for our town. This group is made up from members of our Board of Education, Board of Finance, Planning and Zoning, plus the First Selectman as chair. We will strive to continue our constant focus on not overburdening you, the taxpayers of East Haddam.

The Village Revitalization Commission has started to show off some of their conceptual drawings to gather your feedback and request interest from possible contractors that may have interest in this project. This project, years in development, would make the village a destination retail area that compliments the existing village. The vision, based on multiple surveys of town residents, would house shops, offices,

bed and breakfasts and restaurants. In addition to providing more retail options for residents, once fully developed, it will be a significant taxpayer to the town. See article on page 6.

The citizens will need to determine which of these projects the town will go forward with. It continues to be my goal that the town looks at the kind of projects that will create more jobs, increase property tax revenue and our personal and financial security knowing that we are all working toward protecting the best features and soul of our town. It's great to have visitors from all over the world actually look forward to a return trip if for nothing more than a quaint ride across a river on a ferry.

- Mark B. Walter, First Selectman

East Haddam Free Public Library News

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EHFPL's most successful year on record was 2010. Thank you to the hundreds of new patrons who have joined us in the past year and to the many more who have made visiting EHFPL part of their routine. A very special thank you to our friends at Youth & Family Services, the Early Childhood Council, Ms. Mazzotta and her talented students, the town of East Haddam, the East Haddam Lions Club, and all of our friends and donors for making 2010 such a fantastic year.

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Wait Until You See What We Do Next!

The library's New Year's Resolution is to offer even more free services, programs, and materials to the community than ever before. Make your New Year's resolution to stop by and be a part of it.

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Volunteer of the Month

Please join us in congratulating our most recent volunteers of the month: Ethan Pitney, AJ Stanulonis, Krysta Smith, Emma Peach, Zachary Jezek, and Thomas Tarbox.

If you would like to nominate someone, please do so in a letter to the First Selectman.

Holiday Closings

The Town Office Building and Transfer Station will be closed on the following holidays:

Monday, January 17 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, February 21 - Presidents' Day

Friday, April 22 - Good Friday

East Haddam Preschool

Open House and Registration

The East Haddam Preschool will be holding an open house on Tuesday, February 15, at 7 p.m. This will be an informal time to learn about our 3- and 4-year-old programs, our school, and our teaching philosophies and to meet our teachers and ask questions. We will also be taking registrations for the 2011-2012 school year. The preschool is located in a picturesque white house at 14 Plains Road in Moodus. For additional information, please call us at 860-873-8250 or visit www.ehpreschool.org. Come Learn Under the Apple Tree with Us!

East Haddam Residents Complete CERT Training

During the fall of 2010, East Haddam Emergency Management sponsored two Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trainings. The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

The East Haddam CERT Team, now totaling more than thirty members, will play an active roll in assisting the Emergency Management Department throughout the year. Already,



CERT Team members have assisted in running two flu clinics that were held in November 2010. These flu clinics were held in partnership with the Chatham Health District and provided vaccinations to nearly 400 East Haddam Residents.

Additionally, CERT team members will continue to receive ongoing training throughout the year. Planned trainings for members include shelter management, animal sheltering, and CPR/AED Training.

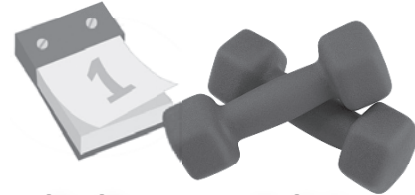
In addition to the members of the CERT Team, East Haddam has a dedicated group of Emergency Management Volunteers who are available to assist when needed. East Haddam is very fortunate to have these committed volunteers trained to assist during times of need.



Anyone interested in volunteering with the Emergency Management group should contact East Haddam Emergency Management Director Craig Mansfield at 860-873-5103 or email to ehaddamemgmt@easthaddam.org.

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East Haddam Village Revitalization

The East Haddam Village Revitalization Committee recently facilitated the completion of a conceptual design based on its vision for the conversion of the town office site property into a commercially viable area in East Haddam.



Local architect and East Haddam resident George Fellner was hired by the town to conduct the design work after the committee selected him through a quality-based, competitive selection process.

Mr. Fellner worked closely with the committee to develop a site plan and architectural designs (see examples included) along with photo-realistic concept renderings that reflect the committee's vision of the village site as a "daycation destination" - a walking village with mixed commercial



and residential/professional use, including two-story buildings, with retail space on the first floors and professional offices/apartments/bed & breakfast units on the second floors. The conceptual design includes a small village green along the Connecticut River to be used for mini-concerts, arts & crafts fairs, holiday festivals, farmers market, and other events.

The concept renderings will be used to help move the project forward, including attracting potential developers for the site. The committee meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Town Hall Annex at 7:00 p.m.

- William Gerrish
Chairman

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Hiking Trail at Nichols Field

Hale-Ray Agricultural Education students have created a new hiking trail on the Nichols Field property in East Haddam. Students have worked hard to create the trail and have added hidden letterboxes along it. (Visit letterboxing.org to learn more!) The Ray FFA Chapter has recently taken stewardship of this property and has been awarded an FFA grant that will allow them to purchase the tools to install more trails in future years. The current trail is 1/3 mile in length and is an easy and lovely walk for the East Haddam community members to enjoy!



It's Back! (Snow, that is)

We hear frequent complaints about the dangerous road conditions that result when people push driveway snow out into our public roads. We actually have an ordinance prohibiting this practice, which states, "No person shall plow, throw, put or cause to be thrown or put any snow or ice from any private property or from any area in the rear of said private property or in area between a private dwelling house or structure and the legally laid out sidewalk into any public highway in the town of East Haddam." Please keep this in mind this winter. Your neighbors will appreciate it.

Sand for Winter Ice

Residents of East Haddam are reminded that they may take only a small amount of sand from one of the municipal sand piles for their personal use in sanding steps, walkways, or ice patches in driveways. Piles are located at the corner of Haywardville and Early Roads and at the Town Garage, off Mt. Parnassus Road near Shagbark. For safety reasons, residents should not obtain sand during storm conditions when operators are loading trucks and entering and leaving the site.

It is understood that sand is provided for private, personal use and is not to be used commercially or for profit, or for any application other than as a safety precaution. Residents needing more than a few buckets of sand per winter should purchase their own supply.

A Celebration of Open Space in East Haddam

The East Haddam Land Trust and the East Haddam Environmental Roundtable jointly sponsored a Celebration of Open Space in East Haddam on Saturday, November 13. The purpose of the event was to recognize those who have committed land to permanently protected open space in East Haddam over the years.

All the honorees received certificates expressing appreciation for their foresighted commitment to preserving East Haddam's open space and rural character and for the fact that the land they have protected will be enjoyed for generations to come.

In all, forty people were recognized. Several of them spoke movingly of their attachment to the land they have preserved.

First Selectman Mark Walter addressed the group. He pointed out that open space not only preserves East Haddam's rural character, natural environment, and the quality of life of its citizens but also helps drive East Haddam's economy. People visit East Haddam to enjoy the scenic views and to hike the protected acres open to the public. The economic value of East Haddam's open space is reinforced by the fact that Yankee Magazine has recognized East Haddam as a top 25 New England foliage destination.



The commitment to open space spans the generations. Here Robbie Johnson explains the FFA's stewardship of the Nichols property and Anita Ballek describes the history of the land she has protected.



Participating Organization Reports: The newly formed Agriculture Commission reported that it is in the process of identifying all of East Haddam's farms and agricultural businesses. The East Haddam Future Farmers of America reported that, working with the Conservation Commission, they have assumed stewardship responsibility for the town-owned Nichols open space. The East Haddam Economic Develop-

ment Commission reported establishing a Tax and Business Incentive Ordinance, distributing 3,600 tourism brochures highlighting East Haddam's recreational and other attractions, other tourism initiatives, including reuse of Sunrise Resort and Grandview Camp, and EDC web site improvements.


As former First Selectman Sue Merrow pointed out, it was fitting the event occurred on a beautiful fall day looking out across Moodus Reservoir over acres of permanently protected open space.

Rotary Club of East Haddam

The Rotary Club of East Haddam sends a sincere thank you to all those in the community who supported this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive. Donations by town citizens were matched by a grant from Liberty Bank and the funds collected benefitted the town Food Bank. The Rotary Club helped to pack and distribute over 120 food baskets to local families this year.



Pictured are members of the Club with Nancy Smith of Liberty Bank and Soppie Soja of the Food Bank.



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Consider the following benefits of protected open space in East Haddam:

Promotes economic development. Open space creates opportunities for business activity that supports outdoor recreation.

Increases residential property values. Homeowners are willing to pay a premium to live in close proximity to protected open space.

Preserves rural character. Rural character is an asset that increases in value over time as more small communities in Connecticut become overdeveloped.

Keeps local taxes stable. Developed residential or commercial areas increase the need for municipal services such as roads, environmental services (e.g., storm management, water quality), education, and emergency services (e.g. Fire, Police).

Keeps government small. Developed areas increase the demand for public administration such as record-keeping, permitting, voter registration, land use approvals, dispute resolution and legal counsel.

Learn more about Open Space in East Haddam - and how you can enjoy its benefits!

East Haddam Conservation Commission - meetings held first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the River House.

* For an interesting fiscal analysis of these benefits see Fact Sheet: Cost of Community Studies, November 2002, American Farmland Trust/Farmland Information Center, www.farmlandinfo.org.

Business Updates

The East Haddam Economic Development Commission (EDC) is pleased to announce the following:

Desservir Bakery has opened in Moodus, taking special orders and providing wholesale desserts to area restaurants and retail locations, including Hilltop BBQ, Village Pizza, and Curds & Whey. Owner, Jessica Maly is a culinary school graduate, with experience as a pastry chef, who is now offering event cakes, desserts, and breakfast items to order. Delivery is available to area residents. Menu and information can be found on the website www.desservirbakery.com or by calling 860-558-8857.

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First Church of Christ Congregational

First Church of Christ Congregational in East Haddam held a Christmas Tea and Children's Fair on December 11, raising over \$850 for the East Haddam Fuel and Food Banks.

It was so much more than the money raised; it was feeling the spirit of Christmas and giving that filled the day. To see the smiles on the faces of children shopping for presents to give to family or friends in their very own 25-cent store was heart-warming. Personal shoppers were available to assist the young shoppers. Gift-wrapping was provided to complete their shopping experience.



Everyone enjoyed beverages, cookies, and Christmas music provided by Margaret Charney and Bud Haines. All this in Santa and Mrs. Claus's dining hall. Pictures were taken, as the young children felt comfortable with Santa, the photos were then mounted in a frame of their choice.

Donations at the door, Christmas cookies, and wreath sales helped to raise the funds for the fuel and food banks.

Our thanks to all who participated in making this event a success and a fun-filled day. Special thanks to the local businesses that help with the success of this event: Grist Mill Market, Village Pizza, Dunkin' Donuts, and Stop and Shop of Colchester and East Hampton.

Pictures taken by Kathy Boyce, Santa's Helper.

- Betsy Barney, Christmas Tea Chairman

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Linda Neal, Clerk		lneal@ctprobate.gov

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Holly Cummings & Laurie Alt	860-873-5029	registrars@easthaddam.org
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Senior Services - 15 Great Hillwood Road

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Moodus Tan & Nails has moved to 25 Falls Road in Gristmill Plaza (last building on the left). Owners Kimberly Caccamo and Melissa Didato continue to offer state-of-the-art tanning and piercings. Nails by Tammie offers natural and artificial nail services at the same location. Open Monday through Saturday at 8:00 a.m.; until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday; and until noon on Saturday. Other times available by appointment. Visit www.nailsbytammie.com or call 860-873-0444 for information or see us on Facebook.

Please visit the Business Directory on the homepage of the new municipal website www.easthaddam.org for a complete listing of East Haddam businesses. Also, check the Community Calendar section for upcoming events at local businesses.

Contact the EDC at mrcdm@snet.net or P.O. Box K, East Haddam, to have your business listed here. Businesses, please ask us about our drawing for a FREE ad in the next East Haddam Events Magazine or listing on one of the Directory signboards.

Save the Date: East Haddam Businesses Night, Monday, January 31, 7:00 p.m. at East Haddam Grange Hall.

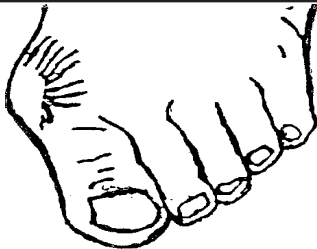
Community Foundation Announces New Officers and Grant Awards

Philanthropy Matters. Philanthropy Works. And thanks to many dedicated volunteers, the Community Foundation continues working diligently to improve the quality of life in Middlesex County. At its December meeting, Middlesex County Community Foundation Board of Directors kept the momentum going of Helping Good People Do Great Things. Officers were appointed for 2011; two new Directors were elected; and one former Board member was recognized as Director Emeritus. The Board also approved competitive grant awards on the recommendation of the Grants Committee. The awards for 2011 represent a 16% increase in funding over 2010 competitive grant awards.

Marcia Kalayjian, Clinton, will preside as Chairwoman of the Board of Directors; John Biddiscombe, Durham, will serve as Vice Chairman; Susan Barrett, Portland, will again serve as Treasurer; and Nancy Fischbach, Deep River, will continue as Secretary.

Lyn May of East Haddam and Gary Salva of Middlefield were elected to the Board. These two individuals bring a wealth of talent as the Community Foundation continues to

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provide grants and training to nonprofit organizations throughout Middlesex County.



Lyn May of East Haddam and Gary Salva of Middlefield join MCCF Board

MCCF Board of Directors paid special tribute to Ralph Shaw II of Middletown unanimously electing him Director Emeritus, in recognition of his many years of committed service to the Community Foundation. Shaw, a founding Board Member, served on the Board for nine years and as chair for seven of those years.

The Community Foundation approved \$129,500 in competitive grants to forty-eight (48) organizations serving Middlesex County communities. Funding for these grants was made possible by the Community Foundation's endowed funds as well as by donations from generous individuals and community-minded organizations, including River View Cemetery-Essex, Connecticut Humanities Council, D'Addario Family Foundation, and Citizens Bank Foundation. Go to www.MiddlesexCountyCF.org where a full listing of the organizations receiving grants can be found on the Community Foundation's website.

Annual Town Report

Copies of the East Haddam Annual Town Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 are available now in the Town Clerk's Office. This book is filled with valuable information regarding meeting dates, Boards and Commissions, reports from all Town Departments, the current 2010-2011 town budget, and the 2009-2010 summary financial report. The full 2009-2010 year-end audit can be viewed online at www.easthaddam.org. This year's cover features the new Town Website, which launched April 23, 2010. Feel free to stop in for your very own copy of the Annual Town Report.

East Haddam Emergency Notification System

The Town of East Haddam, in partnership with the Chatham Health District, has implemented a state-of-the-art emergency notification system to alert citizens about emergencies and other important community news. The emergency notification system, operated in partnership with the company Everbridge, enables East Haddam Emergency Management to provide essential information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, fires, floods, unexpected road closures, or evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods.

The process begins when the Town of East Haddam issues a message about a potential safety hazard or concern. Messages will be sent to all standard voice and text communication devices, including land-line phones, mobile phones, email, and more. If you don't confirm receipt of the message, the system will try to reach your next contact number or device you entered into the system. Having your latest contact information is the only way to ensure that we can contact you in an emergency. Please sign up on the Town of East Haddam Website at www.easthaddam.org. Click on the East Haddam Alerts link under News and Public Notice.

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This system replaces the town's AlertNow system but does not affect the Alerts that are sent by the Board of Education. We will also send out school closings and delays on this system for those that request them.

Additionally, by signing up you can choose to receive additional nonemergency alerts such as East Haddam Swing Bridge closures, Road construction affecting your area, crime watch information, and Community News and Events.

We would prefer that you self enroll through the Town's Website, but you can also sign up by email or phone: Call the Department of Emergency Management at (860) 873-5103 and leave us a message or email us at Easthad-damalerts@easthaddam.org with the following information: First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name, Address City, State, Zip Code, Location: Home, Work, Etc. Or you can mail or drop off the above information to the First Selectman's Office, 7 Main Street, P.O. Box K, East Haddam, 06423.

We will enter your information as soon as possible. Thank you for your time in this important step to help improve the safety of you, your families, and our community. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

- Craig Mansfield

East Haddam Emergency Management Director

Privacy Notice: The Town of East Haddam will never share or distribute your personal information, unless required to do so by law. Additionally, the Town of East Haddam will never use your information for any purpose other than to send emergency notifications or information pertaining to the Town of East Haddam.

**East Haddam
Garden Club News**

"The Facts of (Plant) Life ... things your nursery never told you" will be the topic of a meeting of the East Haddam Garden Club on Wednesday, March 30, at 7 p.m. at the East Haddam Senior Center, 15 Great Hillwood Road, Moodus. The speaker will be garden designer, garden coach, certified organic landscape professional, and former television news person Deborah Kent. This meeting is open to the public. Refreshments will be served, and information about membership will be available.

We hope townspeople and visitors enjoyed the holiday decorations at the Goodspeed green and Shagbark triangle; annual club projects. In November, club members, along with friends from the East Haddam Senior Center and Chestelm, created 116 centerpieces for the East Haddam Food Bank.

The club's annual plant and bake sale will be Saturday, May 28, at 8 a.m. at the East Haddam Historical Society, 264 Town St. This event always features special plants from members' gardens as well as delectable baked goods from their kitchens.

Contact Betty Gross, 860-873-8732, for more information about the garden club.

Ray of Light Farm Thanks You...

On the heels of our most well-attended Winter Wonderland, all Ray of Light Farm animals and staff members extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has visited our facility this year. Events like the Easter Egg Hunt, Chow-down Fundraiser, Not-So-Scary Halloween Hay Rides, and Winter Wonderland would not be possible without your support. On these occasions, the smiles we see upon your faces are your gifts to us!

Our instructional program continues to grow under the skillful direction of Sue Mikalson. World-renown Horsemanship Clinician Anna Twinney conducted several clinics to promote animal understanding and communication, including a Gentling Clinic with our 2010 Premarin foal rescues.

We have many things to be grateful for in 2010.



Jazzy, a favorite horse in our riding program (above left), has made a full recovery from her colic surgery. Petie, one of our 2009 Premarin foal rescues (above right), is recovering from a much-needed bone chip surgery. Monies are still needed to offset his medical costs; donations can be sent by mail or made via paypal on our website.

Homes for the Holidays - If only we could keep them all...Four equine rescues (rescued in town over a year ago) and seven Premarin Foal rescues are in dire need of homes, fostering and/or monetary donations for food and care. Photos of them are available on our website. Please contact us if you are interested!

Ray of Light Farm, Inc., 232 Town Street ~ East Haddam, CT
www.rayoflightfarm.org 860-873-1895

Moodus Sportsmen's Club Calendar

Ice Fishing Derby – January 30 - Pre Registration required. If there is no ice on the 30th the Derby will be postponed until February 6.

Earth Day Clean Up - April 9 - See additional notice, p.22.

Friends of the East Haddam Free Public Library

Want to help your community? Be a Friend. Want to support the children and youth of East Haddam? Be a Friend. Want to be a part of a legacy, over 100 years old? Be a Friend.

The Friends are a volunteer organization that raises funds for EHFPL. These funds help the library afford materials, furniture, equipment, and programs.

Here is just a sampling of how the Friends helped EHFPL in 2010:

Funded Summer Reading Programs (ages 5-18)

Expanded the library's Large Print collection

Provided funds for recent bestsellers

Welcomed 300 guests to EHFPL during Christmas on the Green

Collected donations for the Annual Autumn Auction (a giant

Thank you to all of our wonderful donors!)

Helped the library triple its attendance

Because 2011 is going to be a major year for EHFPL, join the Friends and be a part of East Haddam history. The next meeting is January 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the library. Future meetings will be planned with input from our new members. Call the library for details and join us. Be part of something great; be a Friend. 18 Plains Rd, Moodus (860)873-8248.



February and March

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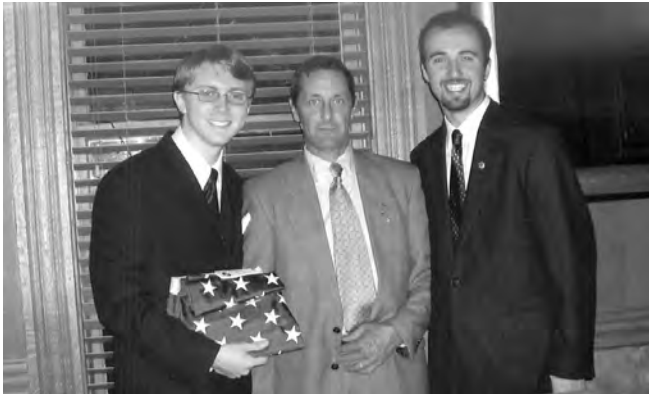
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East Haddam Lions Club



East Haddam Lions president Zac Jezek (right) and Duane Perreault (middle) present a flag to East Haddam Free Public Library Director Michael Gilroy (left).

The East Haddam Lions Club continues to provide funds for community projects. Generally, money raised from our auction/tag sale, phone books, golf tournament, and Christmas tree sales support the activities listed:

- Senior Chicken Barbecue
- East Haddam Little League
- Nathan Hale-Ray High School Scholarships
- Memorial Day Parade Food
- Little Noises Spirit Club
- National Honor Society Dinner
- Stuff the Cruiser
- East Haddam Free Public Library
- East Haddam Food Bank

- Project Safe Halloween
- East Haddam Fuel Bank
- Project Graduation
- Holiday Baskets for 170 families
- Music on the River
- Chestelm Christmas Visit
- Relay for Life Breakfast
- American Legion Girls State
- Fidelco Dogs for the Blind
- American Legion Boys State
- Yale Vision Center
- Little Noises Booster Club
- Heritage Park Picnic Area-Senior Center
- Lions International Foundation - Haiti, etc
- Camp Rising Sun – Children with Medical Needs
- Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation

Approximately \$36,000 will be used to support the activities listed. Thank you for supporting our projects for the past 55 years.

East Haddam Lions Club Needs Your Help

The Lions work hard to support the East Haddam community. Do your part to support our charitable efforts. Donate your items of value to the East Haddam Lions Club. We are always accepting items, including cars, trucks, boats, RVs, power equipment, antiques and other items of value. Donations are tax deductible. Call Joe Busher at 860-873-2994 to schedule a pick up or for more information.

East Haddam Community Lions

This fall has been exciting and rewarding for the Community Lions. Early October saw club members modeling clothing from the Dress Barn of Middletown and the Wedding Dress of Portland in their Annual Fashion Show at Fox Hopyard. On Oct. 27, the club inducted eight new members: Patricia Swift, Ann Pease, Shirley Neddo, Karan Conover, Janice Nowik, Caitlin Quinn, Jennifer Spencer, and Eileen Trautner. Lion District Governor 23C Denise Dudek conducted the ceremony, encouraging the new members to take up the Lions' motto of "We Serve" and to support and help those in need within our own community. We are now fifty-four members strong and look forward to expanding some of our programs to serve more community residents.

Also this fall, seven Community Lions took the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. These members will be available to assist town personnel when disaster strikes. The CERT members plus numerous club members manned the tables at the two community flu clinics held this fall.

The Light up the Holidays silent auction event at the Rathbun Library grew to over sixty donated holiday items this year. Final bids were cast on Dec. 3 as residents filled the library enjoying food and Christmas cheer. The proceeds from this fundraiser were

designated to the Fuel Bank, Food Bank, and Youth and Family Services. The club's goal was to brighten the holidays for many town residents.

Every year, Lions Club International sponsors a worldwide art contest encouraging youngsters ages 11-13 to draw their vision of Peace. This year under the direction of art teacher Claudia Mazzotta, seventy-four East Haddam Middle School students participated. The local winners were as follows: 1st place - Matthew Augustine; 2nd place - Nathaniel Kinsman; 3rd place - Elsa Croviter; and Honorable Mention - Hailey Andrus. Our students are competing with over 350,000 other students worldwide. The final winner will be awarded \$5000. Our local Peace Poster winners will be honored with a monetary award at a ceremony scheduled after the holidays.

Spring will be a busy time for the club, and planning has already started for our annual April Fool's Day Road Race scheduled for Saturday, April 2, at the Hale-Ray High School. This event is growing every year, and we are offering early online registration for your convenience. Pre-registration is \$15. Day-of-race registration fee: \$20. Go to www.easthaddamcommunitylions.com for sign up.

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Rathbun Free Memorial Library

Break up your winter doldrums at the Rathbun! We have many events planned, so mark your calendar:

In celebration of our 75th Anniversary year, the Council and the Friends are hosting a Gala at the Gelston House on March 19 (more information will be announced soon). Additionally, a 75th Birthday Party will be hosted for the children on February 15 at 2:30 p.m. (snow date February 16), decorate a cupcake; dress up as your favorite book character and more!

Stephen Shaw of the Sons of the American Revolution will be visiting the Children's Department in full battle dress of an American Revolutionary soldier on February 17 at

4:00 p.m. and talk about the life of Nathan Hale.

Bouncing Baby Booktime meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10:30 a.m.; Preschoolers' Storytimes meet weekly on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.; and the American Girl Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

Our Writers' Group continues on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; Computer Instruction Sessions are offered each month (see our website for dates/times).

Join us on Facebook and Twitter for alerts and updates - just click on the links on our homepage: www.rathbun.lioninc.org.

Friends of Rathbun Library News

Thank you to all who have generously given to the annual Rathbun Library Council/Friends Fund Drive.

The Friends' annual plant sale will be Saturday, May 21, at 9 a.m. at the library, 36 Main St. Please think of the Friends if you are starting flower or vegetable seedlings this winter. We will gladly accept your extras!

The Friends' annual book sale will be Saturday, May 28, at 8 a.m. at the East Haddam Historical Society, 264 Town St. Donation dates are Saturdays, April 9 and 16, from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Book Nook, downstairs at the Rathbun. We will gladly accept hardcover adult, young adult, and children's books in very good to excellent condition; CDs; DVDs; and VHS tapes. NO paperbacks, sets, textbooks, or soiled/damaged books will be accepted. Please: No donations at EHHS. They will not be included in the sale.

The book sale will also include a selection of vintage, inexpensive hardcover books for "scrap bookers" and "re-bookers." For more information about the sale, contact Betty Gross at 860-873-8732.

News of the Friends' popular summer series of author talks, "Fridays at 5:30," will be published in the spring issue of *Events*. The Friends' Farmers Market (every Saturday at 8 a.m.) will begin in July. Contact Ruth Neudecker, 860-873-8125, for information.

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The much requested Ladies Night Out has been scheduled for April 13. This wildly successful event will again provide vendors of products designed for women and local restaurants will offer their signature dishes. It is really a great fun night for Ladies Only. Location and time to be announced, but circle April 13 on your calendar now. You won't want to miss it.

Our English Tea Party will be held again at St. Stephen's in early May. It is a sellout most years and really entertaining.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you and the local businesses that support our fundraisers throughout the year. You allow us to help those less fortunate. Our goal is to serve our community. If you are interested in learning more about our club, please go to our website, www.easthaddamcommunitylions.com. You can make a difference, too.

- Lion President Sherry Langan
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From the Assessor

The October 1, 2010 Grand List of all real and personal property is anticipated to be certified on January 31, 2011. Assessment notices will be mailed for all personal property and only real estate that had increases due to improvements on the property. Any persons who wish to appeal their assessment may appeal to the Board of Assessment Appeals in March 2011. Requests to the Board are due by February 20, 2011. Written requests should include the property owner's name, name and address of the person appealing the assessment, type of property being appealed (real estate or personal property), reason for the appeal, and opinion of value. Although any written request is accepted, forms are available on: www.easthaddam.org, the East Haddam web site. The mailing address for the Board of Assessment Appeals is P.O. Box 623, Moodus, CT 06469.

The Assessor's Office will begin taking applications for the Homeowners Credit Program and Additional Veterans Benefits on February 1, 2011. To qualify, total income must not exceed \$32,300 for a single person and \$39,500 for a couple (joint income), including Social Security and Medicare.

The deadline for applications is May 13. Applications for

the Homeowners' Local Option Program will be accepted from February 1, 2011 until May 13, 2011. The age and proof of income requirements are the same as for the state programs but the income limit is \$50,000 per household.

Disabled veterans must submit proof of disability by March 31, 2011 to receive exemption benefits. Qualifying income for Additional Veterans Benefits is the same as the Elderly and Totally Disabled Tax Relief Program. Applications for the Additional Veterans Benefits will be accepted until October 1, 2011.

Any person or entity starting a new business in town should notify the Assessor's Office so that we can send a personal property declaration in the fall. Personal property assessments are based on the declarant's filing. These assessments can be appealed to the Board of Assessment Appeals in March 2011. Please note that recent legislation has raised the assessment limit for appealing to the board from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. Assessment appeals over \$1,000,000 will be tried in the Superior Court.

Any questions should be directed to the Assessor's Office at 860-873-5026.

Nathan Hale-Ray High School Project Graduation 2011

For almost two decades the goal of Project Graduation has been to keep our children safe by providing a sensational, substance-free, all-night celebration that every graduate will want to attend. Project Graduation is a totally self-supporting program. It is only through the generosity of parents, townspeople, area businesses, churches, and community organizations that we are able to provide this annual event.

The Project Graduation 2011 Committee at Nathan Hale-Ray High School is excited to announce they will be hosting the following events:

Hale-Ray Chamilla Bead. Blue and White glass bead with Hale-Ray Noises engraved on the center. Beads will fit Pandora bracelets. Priced at \$26.50.

\$5 Raffle - 1st Prize: 32" Toshiba Flat Panel Television - Seven prizes in all! Look for us around town, or contact us at projectgrad@mail.com. Drawing: Thursday, Feb 3, 7:15 - winners need not be present.

Annual Surf 'n Turf Dinner - March 26 - for more information visit our web site: www.nhrhsprojectgrad.org

Parents and community members are strongly encouraged to become part of this wonderful event. For more information visit, www.nhrhsprojectgrad.org/information, or email us: projectgrad@mail.com.

Project Graduation is a nonprofit, 501c3 tax-exempt organization, sponsored by East Haddam Youth and Family Services.

Region 14 Probate District

Effective January 5, 2011, the new Region 14 Probate District includes the towns of East Haddam, East Hampton, Portland and Marlborough. This regional office is currently located in the Town of Marlborough. Contact information for anyone requiring the services of the court is listed below.

Region 14 Probate District Court

9 Austin Drive, Suite 211, P.O. Box 29
Marlborough, CT 06447

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Email: LNeal@ctprobate.gov

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Judge: Honorable Jennifer L. Berkenstock

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Honoring Our Veterans

On November 29 Secretary of the State Susan Bysewicz honored area Korean War Veterans for their military service to the United States of America at a ceremony held at John Winthrop Jr. High School in Deep River. The following East Haddam Veterans served in Korea between 1950 and 1955. The Town of East Haddam extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude for the courage and patriotism given to our great country by these individuals:

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Elizabeth G. Northam
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Great News in Our Schools

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to tell you about some of the wonderful accomplishments happening in our schools.

Student Achievement

East Haddam Schools opened the year with the news that we have made tremendous gains (as high as 30 percent) in our 2010 Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) scores across the board for grades three through eight. CMT testing is an annual state-wide test administered to all CT public school students in grades three through eight. Subject area mastery in math, English, and science is measured by requiring students to complete a series of rigorous questions using both narrative and problem-solving techniques. Although results state-wide showed gains for many schools, East Haddam Schools made remarkable progress. It is now our challenge to maintain significant growth in our scores for the long term – a challenge we embrace with enthusiasm!

ConnCAN Ranks East Haddam Elementary School in the Top Ten for 2010

The CT advocacy group known as ConnCAN has recently notified us that it will rank East Haddam Elementary School as First in Improvement and feature us as a Top Ten School in its annual list of the top 160 Connecticut Public Schools.

Off To College

Nathan Hale-Ray High School students have already been accepted into the following major colleges and universities for the fall of 2011:

- Cedar Crest College
- Central Connecticut State University
- Coastal Carolina University
- Drexel University

- East Carolina University
- Gordon College
- University of Hartford
- Indiana University at Bloomington
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- University of Rhode Island
- Siena College
- Temple University
- Tulane University
- University of Vermont
- West Virginia University

School Safety and Security

Connecticut State Troopers Jon Holston and Jeff Rhoades have been working closely with us to improve the current safety and security protocols in our schools. The troopers have generously given of their time and their expertise in the areas of innovative security hardware and software, lock down and evacuation protocols, and increased staff awareness and training. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with Troopers Holston and Rhoades as we maintain our focus on keeping our schools safe and secure.

Communication and Technology

With all of the important events and opportunities that our schools provide, it is important that we continue to work toward better ways of getting the word out to our parents and to the community. With the help of East Haddam Board of Education members Deb Fiala, Mary Beth Mordecai, Amy Apostoleris, and Susan Taylor, who are working in tandem with our Technology Director Nancy Allison, we are making significant improvements to our website and to our Edline pages. Parents and community members can look forward to a much-improved district wide product this spring.

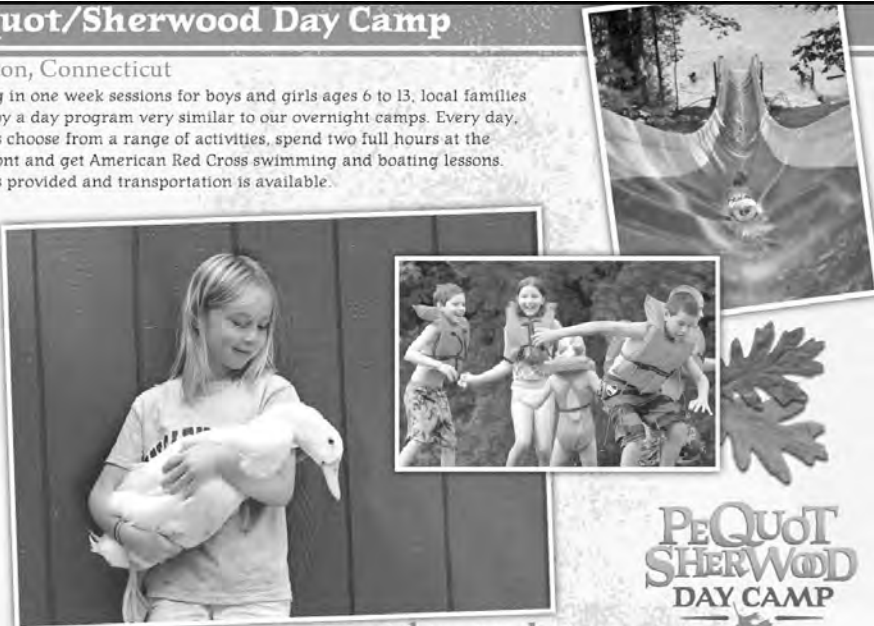
On behalf of the East Haddam Board of Education, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the parents and to the community of East Haddam for all that you do to support our children and our schools. The accomplishments that you see above are a direct result of your continued support, and we are sincerely grateful for all that you give.


*Ellen W. Solek, Superintendent
East Haddam Schools*

Pequot/Sherwood Day Camp

Ivoryton, Connecticut

Running in one week sessions for boys and girls ages 6 to 13, local families can enjoy a day program very similar to our overnight camps. Every day, campers choose from a range of activities, spend two full hours at the waterfront and get American Red Cross swimming and boating lessons. Lunch is provided and transportation is available.





860-767-0848 www.pequotsherwood.org

East Haddam Historical Society

The East Haddam Historical Society Board of Directors thanks everyone who made 2010 one of our best years ever. Major upgrades happened inside and outside the facility as we showcased educational programming, live theater, and digital technology to go with an already impressive collection of East Haddam's past.

We're always looking for new people and new ideas. Don't be shy. Contact us at 860-873-3944 or museum@easthaddamhistory.org.

The entire 7,000-square-foot complex, which is open by appointment only until the next Memorial Day, is available for rent.

All docents and volunteers will be guests at a spring recognition party organized by board member Dot Parker.



The unicorn is a bas relief carved in mabogany by East Haddam artist Barbara Gilmour Stone (1928-1995). She studied in Boston and Florence and was a prolific painter, drawer, sculptress, and photographer. A complete show of her work, curated by Audrey Meyer, is on view at the EHHS Museum. Call for an appointment.

Police Toy Drive - Thank You

It was very easy to see that the Spirit of the Holidays was in full swing in the Town of East Haddam on Saturday, December 11. As you drove through Moodus Center, you could not help but see all the flashing lights and police cars in the Moodus Plaza parking lot. No it was not an accident or other emergency, it was the 5th annual Police "Stuff a Cruiser" Toy Drive, collecting toys for East Haddam and Moodus children.

At the end of the day, over \$1,800 in cash/gift cards and an estimated 2000 toys were collected. All items were given to the East Haddam Youth and Family Services and will be distributed to East Haddam and Moodus children. According to Toni McCabe, Director of Youth and Family Services, there are approximately 100 families and over 130 children in need of assistance within our community. The toys will be

distributed based on requests received by Youth and Family Services and the money and gift cards will be used to purchase gifts for the older children within these families.



The East Haddam Resident Troopers and East Haddam Police Officers would like to thank the community for their ongoing support of this event. Even in these difficult economic times the community's generosity was truly overwhelming.

Senior News

January 20 - Blood Mobile from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Walk-in's welcome. Come donate and get a cup of our "famous" homemade soup.

January 24 - The annual Souper Bowl Party featuring several homemade soups, chili, French bread, coffee and dessert. Starts at 12:00. Price is \$5.00 for nonmembers and \$4.00 for members. The public is welcome.

Computer classes will be suspended until May as the teachers will be providing tax assistance.

Tax assistance will be available at the center on February 23, March 10, March 23, March 30 and April 6. Call the center at 860-873-5034 to schedule an appointment.

St. Patrick's Day lunch will feature a traditional Irish meal with corned beef & cabbage. We will have an "Irish" singer to provide entertainment. Cost of the event is \$5.00. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 860-873-5034 before March 10.

Our 5th annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on March 13. As usual it will feature the talents of Chef Brad. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors and children 6 to 12. Children under 6 free.

We are going to Bermuda from May 1 to 6. Details of the trip and prices are available at the center. Stop in anytime to pick up a brochure.

East Haddam's Earth Day April 9

Town-wide Clean up, Picnic to follow!

The Moodus Sportsmen's Club and the East Haddam Scout Troops are sponsoring the Annual Town-Wide Clean Up Day to be held on Saturday, April 9, 2011. The goal of these organizations is to coordinate an annual effort to pick up the streets, lakes, streams, and other public access areas in the Town of East Haddam. Would your organization or individuals in your organization be willing to participate? We are still in search of families and groups to pick up sections of the streets in which they live. Is there a section of town for which you or your group would like to take over the stewardship? Could you and your neighbors adopt a street?

We plan to start the pickup at 8:00 a.m. If you wish to join our groups, meet us at the East Haddam Town Hall on Town Street at 8:00 a.m. or start from your own street. At the conclusion of this pickup day, an invitation is extended to all participating to a picnic at the Moodus Sportsmen's Club starting at 12 noon to 1 p.m. Traditional picnic items such as hot dogs, baked beans, coffee and iced tea and lemonade will be served along with the seasonal bounty only a sportsmen's club could serve. At this time we can inventory the items collected and discuss solutions to reduce these problems. We also will have educational information about the town's natural resources and outdoor recreational opportunities that are available to all.

Registrar of Voters News

The East Haddam Registrars of Voters conducted an election on November 2, 2010, which included federal and state contests. Of East Haddam's 5,763 eligible registered voters, 3,716, or 64%, took the opportunity to vote. This included

1,315 democrats of 1,856 or 70%; 939 republicans of 1,242 or 75%; 1,434 unaffiliated of 2,614 or 54%; and 28 from other parties of 52 or 53%.

The results in East Haddam only, were as follows:

Governor/Lt Governor	Foley/Boughton- 1994	Malloy/Wyman-1612	Marsh/Booker – 111
U.S. Senator	McMahon- 1677	Blumenthal-1971	Mertens-31 Mosler -57
U.S. Representative	Peckinpugh-1643	Courtney -2017	Deshefy-45
State Senator	Nichols-1598	Daily-1963	Bennett-95
State Representative	Broder-1669	Orange -2009	
Secretary of the State	Farrell- 1633	Merrill-1861	DeRosa-48 Mosher-44 Telesca-49
Treasurer	Wright-1631	Nappier-1893	Bue-46 White-62
Comptroller	Orchulli-1522	Lembo-1860	Bennett-61 Katz-47 Dolan-69
Attorney General	Dean-1674	Jepson-1836	Fournier-119
Judge of Probate	Berkenstock-1895	Kinsella-1663	
Registrar of Voters	Cummings-1779	Alt-1758	

(This was the only local East Haddam election, and both candidates were elected.) Since the August primary, we registered 133 new electors: 35 were Republicans, 40 were Democrats, 53 were Unaffiliated, and 4 were Independents.

The Registrars want to remind all citizens that they can register or make changes to their registration by calling us and leaving a message at 860-873-5029, stopping at the Registrar's Office (Wednesday 1-4 p.m.) or Town Clerk's Office (Monday, Wednesday or Thursday 9-4, Tuesday 9-7, or Friday 9-12), or

at any Department of Motor Vehicles Office, or you can download forms online from the East Haddam Town's web site, or the Connecticut Secretary of State's Office website.

As Registrars, our most important duty is to assure that all citizens have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process. Residents should check the town web site often (east-haddam.org) for news about any upcoming news or referenda.

*Laurie Alt and Harriet Cummings
Registrars of Voters*

Tax Collector

The Tax Collector would like to remind everyone that the second payment on Real Estate and Personal Property taxes is due in the month of January. To avoid interest, payment must be received on or before February 1, 2011. Motor Vehicle Supplemental bills will be mailed in December and are also due in January. If you are having financial difficulties and are not able to pay your taxes in full, please contact the tax office and arrange a payment plan.

Payment should be made to the Tax Collector, P.O. Box 376,

East Haddam, CT 06423-0376. Please see the town website, easthaddam.org, for the option of paying your taxes online.

This office is for the collection of taxes only. Any adjustments to your bill must be made by the Assessor. That phone number is 860-873-5026 or by email to: assessor041@easthaddam.org.

You can contact the Tax Collector, Denise Dill, by email at taxcollector@easthaddam.org the Assistant Collector, Sharon Kuhn can be reached at tax@easthaddam.org. The office phone number is 860-873-5033.



Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek

Serving the Communities of East Haddam/Moodus
and Surrounding Areas

Synagogue traces its Moodus roots back to 1906

October 21 of this year marked the ten-year anniversary of the consecration of Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek (CBSRZ) as a center for Jewish religious and social life and a source of culture and learning for the river and sound communities. The synagogue was formed when two congregations joined together, Beth Shalom of Deep River and Congregation Rodfe Zedek of East Haddam-Moodus.

In 1906, Jewish families centered in Moodus formed an informal group of worshipers. Nine years later, they bought an old house and turned it into a synagogue. Congregation Rodfe Zedek was formalized. Two decades later, across the Connecticut River, a similar story unfolded. A chicken farmer, Isadore Romanoff, held services at his house using a Torah kept in his desk. This was the birth of what eventually became Congregation Beth Shalom, which purchased a Lutheran church on Union Street in Deep River, its home for more than half a century.

In its first decade, CBSRZ has endeavored to serve not only its Jewish community, which includes many inter-religious families, but to reach out to its neighbors to offer programs in music, books and authors, art, and education. A number of non-Jews are regular participants in weekly study of the Torah, the Five Books of Moses.

In 2011 CBSRZ will be sponsoring numerous events that are open to the public.

On January 16 there will be "Books & Bagels" with renowned food writer Dori Greenspan, who will discuss her newest book, *Around my French Table: More than 300 recipes from my home to yours*. This event is free.

CBSRZ will also hold its third annual Music & More series (five concerts; open to the public) beginning on Sunday, February 27 with soprano Susan Von Reichenbach singing Gershwin, Weill, Bernstein, and classic Italian and

French songs. Others in the series are ShirLaLa, hip Jewish music for families, on April 10; Howard Fishman, toast of Manhattan jazz clubs, on June 5; A Klez Act, a klezmer song and dance fest, on June 29; and Chestnut Hill Concert with pianist Mihae Lee and cellist Ronald Thomas on August 21. For further information, call the synagogue office at 860-526-8920 or visit the website: www.cbsrz.org.

CBSRZ bids a sad but fond farewell to a lovely Moodus lady

On November 24, CBSRZ was greatly saddened by the passing of its beloved congregant Miriam Klar. Miriam was renowned as a warm welcoming hostess at Klar Crest, her family's Moodus resort. At CBSRZ she was a regular member of the "Holy Scrollers," the weekly Torah-study group, where she was not shy about making the points she felt needed to be made. Miriam was born in Brooklyn, NY and received an Associates Degree from Middlesex Community College. Miriam loved her hometown of Moodus and enjoyed listening to the Music on the River with her husband, David.

Rabbi Rachel Goldenberg officiated at Miriam's funeral in the CBSRZ sanctuary. The rabbi spoke of Miriam's upbeat spirit and recalled a party Miriam held last August in her own honor to say goodbye to all her friends from the congregation,

some of whom she had known since the days when the Klars were stalwarts at Congregation Rodfe Zedek. Miriam will be greatly missed.



Deadline for next issue is
MARCH 18

The photo of the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Route 151 Bridge over the Moodus River in the last issue of East Haddam *Events* was courtesy of Barbi Batchelder.

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East Haddam Board of Education Receives Leadership Award at CABE/CAPSS Convention

East Haddam Board Of Education Receives Board Leadership Award At CABE/CAPSS Convention

The East Haddam Board of Education is a recipient of the 2010 CABE/CAPSS Leadership Level I Award. The award was administered during a reception held at the annual statewide convention on Friday Nov. 19. Board of Education members Nancy Haslam, Bryan Perry, Deb Fiala, Amy Apostoleris, and Mary Beth Mordecai and Superintendent of Schools Ellen Solek attended the conference,



From left to right: East Haddam Board of Education Secretary Bryan Perry, East Haddam Public Schools Superintendent Ellen Solek, Connecticut Department of Education Commissioner Mark McQuillan, East Haddam Board of Education Chair Nancy Haslam, and East Haddam Board of Education Member Amy Apostoleris.

which focused on a variety of valuable workshops, including school district finance, policy development, student achievement, legal issues, and a host of other topics. The conference was held at the Mystic Marriott Hotel in Groton, CT.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ellen Solek, when asked about the conference, stated that the CABE/CAPSS Annual Conference provides us with valuable insights and resources and better equips us to provide our students and staff with the best possible school district.

The CABE Board Recognition Awards are designed to recognize boards that provide effective leadership to their districts through the use of good practices. This program acknowledges the importance of school-board members and superintendents working together as effective teams and continues an important trend among school-board associations nationwide.

East Haddam Parks and Recreation

Fees and registration procedures - do you want to register for a great program? You may use the registration form to register for any of our programs except the following: Day Camp and swimming lessons...these programs have a specific registration form. In order to register, just mail in, or drop off your completed form and the appropriate fee. Forms are available on the website: www.easthaddam.org. The website contains program information, registration forms, up to date information, and details. If you have a question, suggestion, or need further assistance, please feel free to contact Tiffany at the Recreation Office at 860-873-5058, or by email at parkandrec@easthaddam.org. Office hours are Mon. through Fri., 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Forms can also be dropped off at the Selectman's Office. Pre-registration for all programs is appreciated. We cannot guarantee the class will be held, or that there will be openings for drop ins.

Adult Co-ed Soccer - Open to East Haddam residents, age 18 and up. This program will continue year round, returning to outdoor soccer when the weather permits. Sun. and Wed. nights from 6 - 8 p.m. East Haddam Elementary School. \$10/resident; \$20/ non-resident, per season.

Co-ed Adult Volleyball - Adults only. Join us at any point during the season. Wed., November 10 - Feb. 23; 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Hale Ray High School gym. \$10 per person (resident); \$20 per person (non-resident); per season.

Men's Basketball - During the winter for all East Haddam residents. Non-residents are accepted, as long as they are accompanied by an East Haddam resident (one guest per resident). This program offers pick-up basketball games on the following dates and times: Nov. 10 - March 27. Join us at any

point during the season. Wed. at the Middle School gym from 7 - 9 p.m. for men age 18 and over, Sun. at the Middle School gym from 9 - 11 a.m. for men aged 30 and over. \$10 per resident, and \$20 per non-resident.

Community Music Circle - Bring your acoustic instruments and/or your voice. I'll provide 1 electric bass to be played softly. If you don't want to play just come and listen. Questions to: swahilipete@sbcglobal.net. Every 4th Monday, from 7 - 9 p.m. at Grange Hall on Town Street.

Indoor Sports Fun - A great winter activity for preschoolers! Bring your children to the gym, they'll learn the basics basketball, soccer, parachute, dodge ball, and t-ball. Class has a maximum of 20 players so register early! Saturday mornings, children ages 2 and 3 from 9 - 10 a.m., and children ages 4 and 5 from 10 - 11 a.m.; Jan. 15 - March 12 (no class on February 19). Elementary School gym. \$30 per child.

Tai Chi - An Introduction to The Taoist Tai Chi Society® internal art and method of taijiquan (tai chi). The Taoist Tai Chi Society® internal art and method of taijiquan (tai chi) incorporates stretching and turning into a sequence of movements that improve the health of body, mind, and spirit. The class is open regardless of physical conditioning or age. Please wear comfortable shoes and loose clothing for the class. Night: Thursday, Feb. 17, 24, March 3, 10, 24, 31; 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the First Church of Christ, Congregational, Town Street. Day: Thursday, Feb. 17, 24, March 3, 10, 24, 31; 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall, 488 Town Street. \$20 per person per 6-week class.

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Yoga - This is a comprehensive yoga class designed to suit the needs of beginner to moderate-level practitioners, and is intended to give you a total yoga experience by implementing those techniques and practices that exercise and tone the body, mind, and spirit. Bring yoga mat and wear loose, comfortable clothing. Please refrain from wearing perfumes or colognes. Further questions can be directed to your yoga instructor, Nancy LaPier, at 860-344-9299. A minimum of 18 participants are needed. Wednesday evenings 6:30 -7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall on Town Street. Feb. 23 - May 11, 2011; 12-week program, \$75.00.

Boot Camp Fitness - is a challenging, total body, cross training program that focuses on your cardiovascular health, muscle strength, agility, and endurance. Classes will end with core strengthening and stretching. BASIC TRAINING: Level 1 is great for those who haven't been working out and need to start at a slower pace. LEVEL 2 is geared to those individuals who are already at a higher fitness level and looking to challenge themselves. (There are requirements to be in this level.) Tuesdays, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. January 11 - April 2. Old Middle School. 3x week \$230; 2x week \$190; 1x week \$100 and drop-in \$12. Some classes will be held outside, dress properly.

Flexibility for Athletes - Improve your athletic performance and reduce the risk of injury with flexibility training! Stiff muscles can interfere with proper muscle action and performance. This 45 minute class will guide you through safe and proper stretching geared toward common athletic repetitive sports injuries. Mondays, Feb. 14 - March 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Old Middle School. \$65 for the session or \$15 drop-in fee.

Dog Training - Understanding from the dog's perspective is the key to building the kind of relationship with your four-legged friends. "Positive reward-based training" goes far beyond giving your dog a treat when he sits, but it is the start of establishing yourself as the benevolent leader every pack animal needs. Join us every Tuesday night for six weeks, Jan. 25 - March 1 from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the "old" Middle School. The cost of the class is \$129.00 and includes a "Sensation Harness" (a \$22 value). The class will be taught by Ken Grohbrugge, New Inn Kennels. Minimum of 8 and maximum of 12 participants needed.

American Red Cross Babysitting Class - Become a safe, certified quality babysitter after taking this important class. Taught by a certified, American Red Cross instructor. Feb. 28, March 7 and 14 from 6:00 - 8:15 p.m. Elementary School. Students must be aged 11 before the class begins. \$60 per student, a textbook is included.

American Red Cross "When I'm in Charge" Class - A safety class for children ages 9-11 who may be home alone teaches kids the safe way. American Red Cross certified class and instructor. Jan. 13 or March 15 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Elementary School. \$30 per participant.

FUNtastic Kidz Fitness - 1 hour of pure fun! This class is designed for all abilities. It will introduce your child to fitness, yoga, and sports 101. We'll use balls, hoops, obstacle courses, music, yoga poses, and age-appropriate fitness techniques. Need a minimum of 6, and a max. of 25 kids to run this program. Elementary School gym. Tuesday, Feb. 1 - March 1. Grades K-5 at 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. \$45 per person.

Elementary & Middle School Day Camp - East Haddam Summer Day Camp will be held from Tues., July 5, - Aug. 12. There will be no camp on Monday, July 4th. The camp is open to East Haddam residents in grades 1-8 (as of the fall of '10). The cost will be \$75 per week, per child, and is held from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Monday - Friday. Camp is held at the Town Beach on Fridays. After Care will be \$7 per day, per child, and will be held on Monday - Thursday from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Payment plans will be offered, but all fees must be paid before camp starts. After Care payments will be due on Monday morning for each upcoming week. Registration forms will be available on the website beginning April 9. Due to low turnout, there will be no onsite registration. You may come in to the office to register, download the forms and mail them in, or call and forms can be mailed to you. We are exploring new camp options for our older campers but as of the printing of this newsletter details are unconfirmed. Please check back on the website for camp information. All camp details will be available and finalized by the April 9th registration.

Swimming Lessons - Lessons at the Town Beach. Classes held on Mondays and Wednesdays. Each session is 2 classes per week for 3 weeks at a total of 6 classes. June 27 - July 18 (no classes will be held on July 4th); July 20 - Aug. 8. \$40 per session, per child; first priority is given to East Haddam residents. Specific class times and levels on registration forms. Due to low turnout, there will be no onsite registration. Come into the office to register, download the forms and mail them in, or call and forms can be mailed to you.

Summer Employment - Interested in a summer job with us? We will begin taking applications on January 3. Beginning March 1, we will conduct interviews. We'll accept applications for the following positions: Lifeguards; must be 16 years of age, and have a minimum of the American Red Cross Lifeguard certification. Camp Counselors; must be 15 years of age to work at the Elementary School camp and 18 years of age to work at the Middle School camp. Counselors in Training; a volunteer position, must be 13 years of age. For application, contact Tiffany at 860-873-5058.

Thank you to our soccer coaches - they were fabulous! They dedicated time every week to attend practices and games. Thanks to these adults: Dave Tozier, Ben Manfull, Jen Floyd, Matt Calovis, Eric Cooley, Kaitlyn Besier, Tim Besier, Laurie Soucier, Lydia Walter, Jeremy Franchese, Deb Tischio, Kim Dominy, Mike Michalski, Nick Bonadies, Jamie Parkus, Michelle Larson, and Angela Spradlin. Thank you to the parents that pitched in during practices. Without your time, talents and energy, we would not be able to offer these programs to the youth soccer players in East Haddam!

East Haddam Newcomers' Guide

WELCOME TO OUR TOWN!

On behalf of *Events Magazines*, welcome to East Haddam. Whether you are new to Connecticut or just to East Haddam, you will find wonderful people and places to visit in town. Below are important phone numbers. Please tear out this page and keep it for future reference.

Events Magazines and Essex Printing support local businesses.

Please use this guide and "Buy Local" - we do!

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

CHURCHES

Church on the Move	873-1187
First Church of Christ Congregational	873-9084
Hadlyme Congregational Church	526-9628
St. Bridget's of Kildare	873-8623
St. Stephen's Episcopal	873-9547
Moodus United Methodist	873-8491

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion	873-8042
Boy Scout Troop 22	873-1098
Cub Scouts Pack #28	873-1872
East Haddam Ambulance Assoc.	860-790-0575
East Haddam Community Lions Club	873-9282
East Haddam Lions Club	873-2822
East Haddam Democratic Town Committee	873-3787
East Haddam Education Foundation	www.eheducationfoundation.org
East Haddam Free Public Library	873-8248
East Haddam Garden Club	873-8732
East Haddam Lakes Association	860-537-6070
East Haddam Republican Town Committee	873-9240
Friends of Gillette Castle State Park	526-2336 (434-2603 Judy)
Friends of Rathbun Library	873-8310
Rathbun Library	873-8210
Friends of East Haddam Public Library	873-8248
Hadlyme North School Society	P.O. Box 328 Hadlyme CT 06439
Middlesex County Community Foundation	347-0025
Moodus Fife & Drum	873-8837
Rotary Club of East Haddam	873-2284
St. Bridget's of Kildare Knights of Columbus Council 9358	873-9663

EAST HADDAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

www.easthaddam.net

CONSUMER PROTECTION

860-566-2294

CT STATE LEGISLATORS

Linda Orange	860-537 3936
Eileen Daily	860-399-7342
East Haddam Senior Center	873-5034
Youth and Family Services	873-3296

SCHOOLS

East Haddam Elementary	873-5076
Nathan Hale-Ray High School	873-5065
Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School	873-5081
Superintendent	873-5090

MUSEUMS & ATTRACTIONS

East Haddam Historical Society	873-3944
Nathan Hale School House	873-3399
Amasa Day House	873-8144

PARKS

Devil's Hopyard State Park	873-8566
Gillette Castle State Park	526-2366

POST OFFICES

East Haddam	873-8521
Moodus	873-8632
Hadlyme	526-6088

ARCHITECT

Fellner Associates Architects	860-345-7558
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ATTORNEYS

Polito & Quinn, LLC	860-447-3300
Peter Charbonnier	860-526-1780

BANKING

Essex Savings Bank	860-767-2573
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CAMP

Pequot Sherwood Day Camp	860-767-0848
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COMPUTER SERVICES

Enterprise Computer	860-664-3730
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CRUISES - EAGLE WATCH

RiverQuest	860-662-0577
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DENTISTS

Higginum Dental Associates	860-345-4538
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EXERCISE & PHYSICAL FITNESS

Banner Total Fitness Gym	860-615-4050
East Haddam Bootcamp Fitness	773-343-4355

GARDEN CENTER

Ballek's Garden Center	860-873-8878
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GENERAL CONTRACTOR

R.A. Parady & Sons	860-873-8687
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KENNELS

New Inn Kennels, LLC	860-873-8149
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LANDSCAPING

Green Fields Landscaping & Design	860-873-1557
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OIL COMPANY

Moroni & Son	860-388-2298
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PACKAGE STORE

Moodus Package Store	860-873-8577
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PODIATRISTS

Haddam Foot Care Specialists	860-345-3674
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REAL ESTATE

Prudential, Dee Hasuly	860-539-6699 x-556
William Raveis, Jodi LaBella	860-344-1658

RESTAURANT

Gelston House	860-873-1411
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SALON

New Image Salon	860-873-3494
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STUDIO

Riverway Recording Studio, LLC	860-873-3404
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SWISS SPECIALTIES

All Things Swiss	www.all-things-swiss.com
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THEATRES

Goodspeed Musicals	860-873-8668
Madison Art Cinemas	203-245-3456

***Want to be listed on the Newcomers' page?
Call Diane Brown at 860-383-6376***

Eagle Scout Builds Outdoor Stations of the Cross at St. Bridget of Kildare Church in Moodus

On a beautiful autumn afternoon, community members, family, friends, and parishioners of St. Bridget of Kildare Church in Moodus came together for the dedication of a newly constructed outdoor Stations of the Cross. The stations were constructed as an Eagle Scout project by Colin D'Amelio, with the blessing of the pastor of St. Bridget, Rev. Gregoire Fluet.

When asked why he wanted to take on such a project, Colin, who is an altar server at St. Bridget's, said that he "wanted to give something back to his Church and have a place that people could visit and pray at for a long time to come." He also wanted to dedicate the stations to Father Fluet's mother, Dorothy Fluet, who passed away in July. He believes that this will be a lasting tribute to her and a gift to the whole community.



Father Fluet blessing one of the stations, accompanied by Eagle Scout Colin D'Amelio

The idea for the outdoor stations was first presented to Father Fluet in June, and it was at that time that the Reverend suggested that they be constructed on the hill beside the church next to the existing Lourdes Shrine.

The shrine was constructed in October of 1988 and was in need of some cleaning and refurbishing. It became the perfect place to construct the stations in conjunction with cleaning up the shrine.



Father Gregoire Fluet and Eagle Scout Colin D'Amelio at the dedication ceremony

Funds for the project were raised through a pasta dinner and separate donations from parishioners and community members. Construction began in September and continued throughout the summer by family, friends, parishioners, and Boy Scouts from Troop 22 in East Haddam. The project included trimming of shrubs, cleaning of the existing shrine

area and walkway, excavating post holes, placing marble chips, planting boxwood plants, building station boxes, wiring outdoor lights, and placing station statues and numbers. The station statues were purchased through Patrick Baker & Sons in Southington, CT and were created in New York City.

The dedication of the stations was led by Father Fluet on Saturday, October 23. As he blessed each station, the thirty or so parishioners walked the stations, singing the *S t a b a t Mater*. The date of the dedication of the stations corresponded almost to the day, twenty-two years after the dedication of the Lourdes Shrine on October 25, 1988.



The outdoor Stations of the Cross constructed at St. Bridget's

The parish of St. Bridget's invites all to stop by and visit the outdoor stations and shrine, with the hope that they will bring peace and tranquility to those that say a prayer to the witness of Our Lord's passion and to the miracles attributed to Our Lady in Lourdes.



Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, at the center of the new outdoor stations of the cross at St. Bridget of Kildare Church

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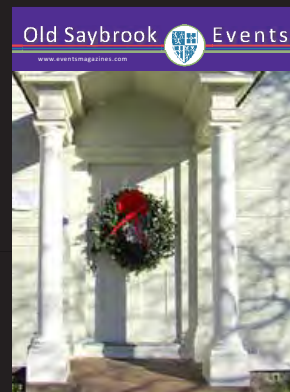
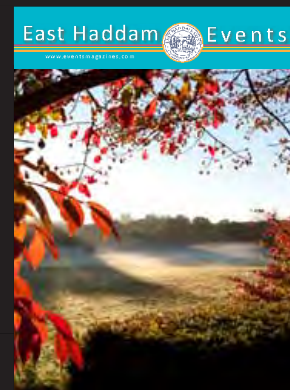
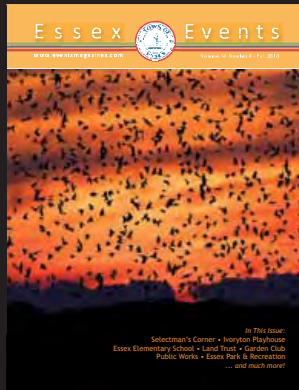
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