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# The First Selectman's Corner

## Trunk or Treat

Madison's annual Trunk or Treat will take place on Halloween - Thursday, October 31 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm on the Madison Green (no rain date). Sponsored by the Town of Madison, the Department of Police Services, and the Madison Chamber of Commerce, this annual event is anticipated by children and adults alike. Decorated car trunks are welcome, and hundreds of costumed children are expected.

Residents or businesses planning to bring a vehicle to hand out treats MUST be in place on the Green no later than 3:45. Please enter from the Meetinghouse Lane side (NOT the Post Road side), and feel free to decorate your trunk/vehicle for Halloween. Trick-or-treaters may arrive any time after 4:00. All children at the Trunk or Treat must be accompanied by an adult. The winner of the Chamber of Commerce's "Scarecrows Invade Madison" Contest will be announced at Trunk or Treat!

## Holiday Festivities

*There are lots of things to do during the upcoming Holiday Season:*

**Small Business Saturday** takes place on Saturday, November 30 in downtown Madison. This year, the Chamber of Commerce's visits with Santa will take place on the same date. He will arrive at 2 pm by horse-drawn carriage and will meet with children from 2 pm until 4 pm on the porch of Café Allegre in downtown Madison.

Other activities that date will include special sales in the shops, free hayrides, storytelling and strolling singers.

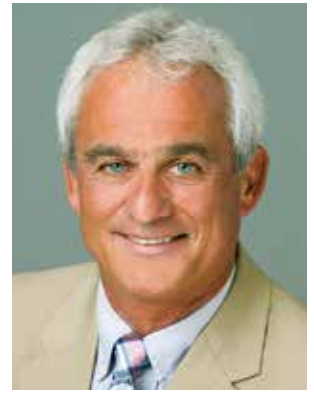
On Friday evening, December 6, we will have the Tree Lighting on the Madison Green, sponsored by the Madison Beach and Recreation Dept. Starting at dusk, there will be caroling and holiday songs with summertime favorite Larry Stevens.

We can count on a "surprise" visit from Santa, who will join in the fun.

Madison ABC's Annual Concert takes place at the First Congregational Church on the Green starting at 4:30 pm. This is always a festive way to get into the holiday spirit.

The Madison Historical Society is planning its second annual Holiday Lantern tour of the houses on the Madison Green at a date not yet determined as of press time.

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## Attention Madison Veterans and Families



*Thank you for your service!*

The Town of Madison's Veterans' Advisory Committee is now available to you as a resource for questions and concerns. This is a result of a requirement by the State of Connecticut.

You can contact The Veterans' Advisory Committee through the Madison Town Clerk's office.

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# Madison Public School Unveils New Playground



Madison students entered Brown Intermediate School on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and were greeted by a brand new playground.

Designed for fourth and fifth graders, the playground includes a poured-in-place play surface, play structures, swings, and two gaga pits. The playground is fully accessible and has been a big hit with

students at lunch, recess, and even on the weekends.

The Madison Public Schools contracted from six schools to five schools this year, shifting Brown from a middle to an intermediate school model. The playground is the result of a commitment made by the local Board of Education, school admin-

istration, and broader school community to make sure Brown Intermediate had a playground appropriate for fourth and fifth graders when school opened this year.

Staff and students gathered at Brown for a formal opening of the playground on September 4, 2019.

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# Madison Land Conservation Trust

Sunday, November 3, 1:00 pm

## Geocaching Hike, Summer Hill Trail

Learn the popular sport of geocaching with MLCT board member and active geocacher Ian Taylor. There are geocaches hidden on all 22 MLCT trails and Ian has found them all.

Discover how to access clues, then use your GPS or cell phone to navigate and locate hidden treasures. Meet in the trail parking lot on Summer Hill Road, just north of Route 80. No dogs please. Heavy rain will cancel.



Frank Gallo

## Friday, November 8, 7:00 pm. MLCT Annual Meeting, North Madison Congregational Church - "Birding in Connecticut" with Frank Gallo

Join us for a book talk and signing with Frank Gallo, former director of the Connecticut Audubon Coastal Center in Milford. Birding in Connecticut is the definitive guide to

where, when and how to find birds in the state.

Frank is a leading expert on where to find birds in Connecticut and has led birding expeditions all over the world. He is a tour leader for Sunrise Birding, LLC, a member of the Connecticut Avian Rare Records Committee, and a federally licensed master bird bander.

Frank is also the author of two children's books and is a published freelance photographer. Visit [www.madisonlandtrust.org](http://www.madisonlandtrust.org) for more information.



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# Taking Chance

## A Special Veteran's Day Event at the Madison Senior Center



Lance Corporal Chance Phelps (USMC) was just nineteen years old when he was killed during active duty. Now, as Lance Corporal Phelps is prepared for his final journey back home,

Lieutenant Colonel Michael Strobl (USMC) makes it his personal mission to ensure that his fallen brother is laid to rest with the proper respect. Kevin Bacon stars as Lt Colonel Strobl, whose life is changed after taking an assignment to escort home the body Lance Corporal Chance, killed in Iraq in this profoundly moving HBO Films drama. One review from The Baltimore Sun, said that

it "... is one of the most eloquent and socially conscious films the premium cable channel has ever presented," and USA Today, said "A small, almost perfectly realized gem of a movie, Taking Chance is also precisely the kind of movie that TV should be making."

The film was the most-watched HBO original in five years, with over two million viewers on the opening night, and more than 5.5 million on re-airings. Bacon received a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Miniseries or Television Film and a Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Miniseries or Television Movie. Special thanks to Judy Wayland for lending us the movie. Thursday, Nov. 7th, at 1 pm at the Madison Senior Center, free!

# The Women's Club of Madison



**The Women's Club of Madison**  
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The Women's Club has started out the year with the installation of six new members which we are very excited about. Welcome one and all, we are truly delighted to have you as we work to help those in need. We are a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs International

founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington DC. The GFWC maintains nearly 100,000 members, 3,000 clubs in the USA and many more worldwide. So if you are not a member come join us. Starting this month, we are participating in a monthly collection of \$1 from each member at our meeting to send to St. Jude Hospital. We will be part of the collaboration GFWC has with



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them. We have had two exciting events in October. The first one was our Military Whist which raised money for our yearly disbursement fund. You may have noticed purple bows around town to bring recognition to the observance of October as Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. This is the ninth year that Our First Selectman proclaimed October 15th as the Special Day to distribute them and all merchants have graciously helped us.

November and December brings us to our veterans observations. For many years we provided one veteran family Christmas gifts for all family members along with food and gift cards to local supermarkets. Since we had a hard time locating a family every year, last year we found a different way of helping. Our Veteran Program chair Dee Mulqueen found an organization which caters to female veterans and their children called Homes for the Brave.

The members of the club bought clothes for the women and children along with toiletries that filled 6 large plastic tubs that were delivered to them around the Christmas holidays.

Our Madison Women's Clubs theme is:  
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## The Different Styles of Vermouth

There are two different styles of Vermouth. One is red or rosso (also known as Sweet Vermouth) while the other wine is white or bianco (also known as Dry Vermouth.)

Sweet vermouth, invented by Antonio Benedetto Carpano in 1786, is a fortified white wine with grape neutral spirit with herbs and spices. One of the key herbs in Vermouth is wormwood, which is actually where the name Vermouth was derived from. Wormwood was used for medical purpose, including as a digestive.

Dry vermouth was first produced by Joesph Noilly. This wine is made from aged white wine and mixed with fermented fortified grape juice and neutral alcohol. Although these fortified wines were originally used for ailments, they are most noted to be used for drink and cooking recipes while they both average between 16% and 18% in alcohol.

Over the years some of the vermouths are made with a concentrate of blended botanicals and spices to keep them more consistent. It is also pasteurized, filtered, and stabilized. Sweet vermouth is a bit sweeter than it was originally made. However, you can buy one called Punt e Mes from Italy which has less sweetness and more aromatics and bitterness.

Sweet vermouths are most noted to be used in a Manhattan and other cooking recipes such as chicken cacciatore. One of the uses for dry vermouth is to enhance some flavors in fish dishes.

With gin, you can make the traditional Martini. Also popular are vodka martinis made with vodka and dry vermouth, factoring the higher quality bourbons, whiskeys, gins and vodkas that are now being produced these days. Recently, the market has been open to higher end or supreme vermouths to enjoy and make the perfect cocktail. The newer popular ones are Carpano (Antica Formula) sweet vermouth, and Dolan dry or Sweet Vermouth. Try one of these higher end vermouths and make yourself a superb cocktail.

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Women who are identified as being high risk, or who think they might be at high risk, are encouraged to either make an appointment with the center directly or ask their primary care physician for a referral. Within the center, the scheduling of diagnostic tests and a meeting with a breast surgeon can happen on the same day.

Middlesex Health Cancer Center is accredited by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers. The Comprehensive Breast Center is located at 540 Saybrook Road in Middletown. The same services are also offered at the Middlesex Health Shoreline Medical Center in Westbrook. To contact the center, call 860-358-2780.

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## Pumpkin Blaze!

Madison Beach and Recreation is hosting its First Ever "Pumpkin Blaze." October 31, 2019 at the Memorial Town Hall adjacent to the green. The event is free but pre-registration is required.



### How do you enter your pumpkin?

1. Register online at [www.madisonct.org/recreation](http://www.madisonct.org/recreation) or in person at the Madison Beach and Recreation Department. You do not have to know what your design will be at time of registration but we need count in advance to make sure we have room for all our pumpkins.
2. Pumpkins have to be a "Family Friendly "PG rating." Design.
3. Pumpkins must be carved out so we can light them up. We provide the tea lights and do the lighting for the safety of all our pumpkins.
4. Pumpkins must be dropped off between 3:00 and 3:30 pm on the day of the blaze and must be removed at 7:30 pm. All abandoned pumpkins will be donated to Barberry Hill Farm for their animals to enjoy.
5. Small prizes will be awarded to cutest, best Halloween themed and most creative designs. You do not need to be present to win.

Contact Madison Beach and Recreation if you have questions at 203-245-5623 or email Carrie at [gazdac@madisonct.org](mailto:gazdac@madisonct.org).

## Madison Beach & Recreation Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, December 6th - Begins at 6:00 pm.

Holiday music by Larry Stevens and Company.

Candle lighting, Santa, Troop 490, hot cocoa, and more meets at the Old Memorial Town Hall adjacent to the green.



## Madison Senior Center

The Madison Senior is a busy place! Check our website newsletter for many more activities at [www.madisonct.org/seniors](http://www.madisonct.org/seniors).

### Parkinson's Disease and LSVT

Join Audra Stawicki, PT, DPT, CMP, CYI and Mary Jane Fegan, PT, DPT, GCS to learn about Parkinson's Disease and the LSVT approach to rehab. Learn how bigger movements help you to move better, with more confidence and safety. Thursday, Nov. 7th, 10:30 am.

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# Travel Presentations at the Madison Senior Center

America's Cowboy Country / Collette August 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 - Visit Yellowstone, Grand Teton National Park, Mt. Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorial. Spend



two nights in the cowboy town of Jackson Hole, Wyoming, the crown jewel of the Northern Rockies. Experience the Wild West as it once was at Yellowstone National Park, home to an incredible array of wildlife and Old Faithful. Search for free-ranging herds of buffalo in Custer State Park. Check off one of life's must-dos with the thrill of seeing Old Faithful erupt. Marvel at Grand Teton National Park's towering peaks, marked with mountain glaciers. Soak in stunning views of Mt. Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorials.

**Join us for a Special Travel Presentation** Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am to get all the details and get any questions you may have answered. Please register for this free event. Pricing: Double: \$3,899pp | Single: \$5,299pp | Triple: \$3,849pp (Booking before 2/17/2020).

## Exploring Greece and Its Islands / Collette October 4<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Discover the magnificent ruins of ancient Greece in their tranquil Mediterranean settings. This comprehensive journey explores Greece's most important ancient monuments, like the famed Temple of Zeus, archeological site of Olympia and ancient artifacts of Delphi. Explore Athens your way – choose a tour of the incredible Acropolis, or embark on a walking tour of some of the city's hidden gems.

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## Madison Arts Barn



The Friends of Madison Youth is a non-profit organization that runs programming out of the youth center at The

Madison Arts Barn. The Barn aims to act as a creative outlet and venue of expression for local teens and young adults. The youth of the Connecticut shoreline can attend and participate in concerts, creative workshops, theatrical performances, social events, and more all in a safe and supportive environment. It is our goal to bring the community together through music, arts and culture and to empower young people by supporting them in the exploration of their interests and passions.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Improv Studio** - Are you ready to create and act? No experience necessary. Throughout our fall session you will learn to get into character and take the stage with confidence. There will be movement, acting, and theatre games for all children between the ages of 7-18 to enjoy! 2:30-4 pm on Sundays.

**6th Grade Dance** - Friday, November 1st: Come hang out with your friends, make new friends, and enjoy a fun night out at The Barn! From 7-9 pm DJ Bry will be playing your favorite hits, game tables, and a fully stocked Madbarn Cafe with snacks, drinks, and novelties for sale! Admission: \$15.00 online - \$20.00 at the door.

**Game Night** - Friday, November 8th: **Bingo** will be our featured event! There are awesome prizes to be won. General admission is \$12 for everyone ages 6 and up. This includes a booklet with 10 games/ 3 cards per game.

**Music & Milkshakes** - Friday, November 22nd: Madbarn's spin on Ellen's Stardust Diner! The local talent will not only be your waitstaff, they will also be singing your favorite hits. Sit back and enjoy the show with a specialty milkshake in a 22 oz. souvenir cup and food off our menu!

Performers will sing from 6-8 pm, then convert over to open mic from 8-9:00 pm for anyone who wants the chance to take the stage! Admission is \$10 per person. With admission you will have a reserved seat and all food and drink orders are discounted if you pre-order.

### Cupcake Decorating Workshop

Sunday, November 24th: Enjoy decorating cupcakes? Want to improve or learn new skills? The workshop will provide cupcakes, decorating materials, tools, and a talented and experienced teacher. Just bring your imagination and maybe an apron from 12-2pm! Admission is \$35 pp.

**To register**, purchase tickets, or even just keep up with our amazing events follow us on facebook and head over to our website at [www.madisonartsbarn.org](http://www.madisonartsbarn.org).

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# Mini Explorers at Bauer Park



**Madison's Agricultural and Environmental Center**  
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Come join in the fun of exploring! We will learn about nature and science through activities such as hiking, singing, games, reading and making crafts. All classes are for ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult. \$15/class.

## DIGGING DINOSAURS

Saturday, November 9  
10:00-11:30 am

Become a paleontologist and dig for "fossils" along with making your own to take home. Learn some dinosaur facts like how big they might have been, how they moved, and how to tell the plant-eaters from the meat-eaters.

## THE WONDER OF WATER

Saturday, November 23  
10:00-11:30 am

It may be too cold to go swimming outside, but discovering the wonders of water is never out of season. As we do some fun experiments and make a craft, we will learn a few interesting facts about water.

## FASCINATING FISHES

Saturday, December 14 / 10:00-11:30 am

Fish have all sorts of adaptations to help them survive in their aquatic environments. Learn about some cool ways that fish eat, protect themselves and maneuver through their habitats. Make a festive holiday fish to take home. Pre-registration is required at [www.madisonct.org/recreation](http://www.madisonct.org/recreation) or in the Beach & Recreation Office at town campus. Questions? Call 203-245-5623.

### Learn about upcoming events at Bauer Park at:

[www.facebook.com/bauerparkmadisonct](http://www.facebook.com/bauerparkmadisonct). Educational programs can be arranged for school, scout and community groups at Bauer Park, Rockland Preserve and the town beaches. Contact the Beach & Recreation Office at 203-245-5623 for more information.

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## The Hartford Whalers – Forever and Always

by Sigrid Kun



Longtime Whalers radio broadcaster Chuck Kaiton leads pre-game ceremony with Whaler Alums at Yard Goats Alumni Weekend. Photo courtesy Hartford Yard Goats.



The iconic logo is omnipresent. There are Hartford Whalers hats, t-shirts, and sweatshirts seemingly everywhere. It doesn't take much to get the conversation going. Bumping into someone with Whalers' gear spawns a trading of stories, a bonding moment full of laughs and nostalgia. Why do we still care so much, yearn for the past, and continue to hope for the future?

Alums like Chuck Kaiton, the beloved voice of the Whalers and John Forslund, former Whalers PR director/television broadcaster and now television broadcaster for the Carolina Hurricanes and NBC, provide some answers.

They fondly recall the Whalers as a pioneering organization that focused its efforts around the community and the fans. Together, they can compile a number of firsts: the first National Hockey League (NHL) team to earmark a charity as its own (the UConn Children's Cancer Fund); the first NHL team to have a team store right in the arena; the first NHL team to boast a blimp that dropped prizes and gift certificates to the crowd. Kaiton points out that the Whalers came up with the idea for a skills competition for the 1986 All-Star game held in Hartford. The team spearheaded youth hockey development that ultimately evolved into today's local elite programs. "We were ahead of our time," explains Kaiton. "Speaking engagements, school visits. It cemented the relationship between the team and the community. The 1980s were a great period with a lot of innovation that has carried into today."

Forslund agrees. The tradition continued into the 1990s with events like the "Tip-a-Whaler" fundraiser (soon after adopted by the Kings) and Casino Nights (also later in vogue). "When we had PR and marketing meetings, we talked about programs with high schools and boys and girls clubs. It was grass roots." The community connection remains, he says, due to the hands on nature of the team.

The history is also special - beginning with the upstart World Hockey Association (WHA) to become the only U.S. based WHA team to enter the NHL in 1979. There are so many names and moments. Gordie Howe, of course. The playoff run in 1986. And there were the low moments. The Ron Francis trade in 1991. The ultimate heartbreak? The move to Carolina.

The Whaler passion endures. For the past three years, the Hartford Yard Goats host a Whalers Alumni Weekend. "It's terrific," says Kaiton. He, among other Whalers, attends every year. The weekend kicks off with tradition - visiting patients at the UConn Health Center. A luncheon on Saturday precedes the first pitch that is thrown out by the Whalers alumni. There is an autograph session.

The Whalers Booster Club continues a presence. Once down to 30 or so members it is 140+ strong.

The club meets monthly. It provides for an annual scholarship for a CT student, organizes a trip to see at least one NHL game a year, and continues to hope for a Whalers return. "We do what we can to try to bring back a team," says Mark Anderson, a member since 2011. "Since we can't do it with money, we keep the name out there. We keep the spirit alive."

There are Whalers, too numerous to mention, still making a hockey impact. A few examples include; Joel Quenneville (Florida Panthers' coach), Dave Tippett (Edmonton coach), Ron Francis (Seattle GM), Mike Liut (agent), Ray Ferraro (broadcaster), and Mark Johnson (University of Wisconsin women's coach).

Both Kaiton and Forslund refer to the Whalers in terms of "we." Kaiton was there for the NHL start. "I was the luckiest person to be chosen and to broadcast from day one. I will never forget it. The relationships with management, the players, the fans ... so passionate. I really cherish the memories. 18 years - I wish it were 28 or 38." Forslund joined the Whalers shortly after the Francis trade. "We were doing damage control," he recalls. The ticket base went from over 11,000 to around 6,000." But there were still high moments. "We got through a lot of adversity. The fans came back. We wanted to be more competitive. The team was good enough to make the playoffs."

Forslund vividly recalls broadcasting the last Whalers game. It took him until a few years ago to actually watch. He wasn't sure he had done the moment justice. "It was the toughest thing I've ever done in my career," he notes. "How do you go on the air for the last game? There's no playbook for closing a franchise and leaving a city. How do you present that so it makes sense... is poignant? No one wanted to see it happen. We did [the broadcast] in the right way. You could feel the emotion of the fans."

As Kaiton puts it the Whalers years "were special years and it was a special place." The same goes for Forslund. "That's the one thing to convey, how special that time was... It was like family."



Ulf Samuelsson signing a hockey puck at the "Tip-a-Whaler" fundraiser. Photo by Diane Sobolewski Photography.

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