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Recycling 101

I get questions all the time about what and how to recycle so I thought I'd give everyone a detailed chart that describes what can and cannot be recycled at our transfer station. Keep it on your fridge or in your car for a quick cheat sheet. Over the next year, with the help of the transfer station task force, we will show you how to recycle more efficiently, teach you the benefits of composting, give you tips on how to reuse all sorts of household items, all to help the environment and save the town money!

What is Single Stream? Single stream recycling is the lazy man's wave of the future. Traditionally, our recycling rates have been pitifully low, so the garbage world has come up with a simple way to get us to recycle better. Just throw it all in one bin. I know that sounds crazy, but it has helped us increase our recycling rates in this country tremendously. It all gets sorted in various ways at the trash plant in Hartford. Although, I am hopeful one day we can all be more conscious of better ways of recycling beyond single stream.

How and What Can Be Recycled? Over the years, we've been told so many different things about what can be recycled, it's no wonder we're all confused. Also, advanced technology has given us the ability to recycle even more than ever before. It's pretty simple once you get used to

it though: All glass jars/bottles and #1-#7 food grade containers (except the black ones) can be recycled. Make sure you rinse the containers and discard the caps, and you don't have to remove the labels. All clean newspapers, paper/mail, cereal boxes and cardboard also get thrown in with everything else. Now about those pesky plastic bags, sorry, they're not recyclable within the single stream process. You'll either need to throw them in the trash bin next to the dumpster or bring them to a location where they are recycled. Most Walmarts and Stop & Shops take them. When they're thrown in with the rest of the stuff, they get caught up in the mechanisms and conveyor belts up in Hartford. Those Old Speakers and Console TVs: Look for our new Take2 Electronics recycling container! We can now take more electronics with a bigger container as well as recycle light bulbs and batteries. Take2 is new to Haddam and will be reimbursing us 1.5 cents for each pound of electronics. So let's see those tube TVs! See info on pages 11 & 12.



*Melissa Schlag
First Selectman, Haddam*

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th

As the days get shorter and there is a chill in the air, you can feel the holiday season quickly approaching. Come join in the fun of transforming Higganum Village Center into a Winter Wonderland!

The Higganum Vision Group will be heading up decorating, hanging Christmas lights and getting the Village Center ready for the holiday season at the end of November. Volunteers will be given lights, timers, cords and additional supplies, and will be assigned a local building to decorate.

The 4th annual "Christmas in the Country" event will be on Saturday December 6th from 5-8 p.m. Santa will be there to see the kids, and many local vendors will be located in the Community Center on Candlewood Hill Rd, selling a variety of items (an easy way to do holiday gift shopping!) There will also be a great raffle.

So bring the kids, and have a cookie or piece of cake (made by our local merchants) along with some hot cocoa. Additional activities for the kids include ornament making, face painting and more. This is always a great community event. Come and be a part of all the activities!

Please contact Cindy MacNeil-Sola at jsisu92@yahoo.com or at (860) 345-3919 or (860) 301-9683 with any questions or to let her know you can help.

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The UConn Master Gardener Program

The UConn Master Gardener program is now taking applications for the 2015 class beginning in January at the Middlesex County Extension Center in Haddam. The class will also be offered at the Extension Centers in Fairfield, Windham, and Hartford Counties and at the Bartlett Arboretum in Stamford.

Students enrolled in this program receive training in an extensive range of horticultural and environmental topics, including botany, plant pathology, entomology, integrated pest management (IPM), herbaceous and woody ornamentals, edibles, turf grass, invasive plants, and diagnostic techniques for the home gardener.

Following formal classroom instruction, Master Gardener students receive hands-on training in the Extension

offices or the Bartlett Arboretum; they are supervised in researching a broad range of horticultural questions, including identifying insects and plants, diagnosing plant diseases, and providing sound cultural recommendations. In addition, interns engage in a wide range of community outreach projects. Examples include community gardens, horticultural therapy, educational booths for programs ranging from Earth Day celebrations to agricultural fairs, and working with the CT Invasive Plant Group, just to name a few.

For additional information: <http://mastergardener.uconn.edu/2014/08/26/2015-uconn-master-gardener-program-application/>

Probate Court Update

It is hard to believe that it has been almost four years since the individual town courts were merged into a regional court, serving nine towns of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook. The total population of these towns is over 62,000 citizens. The Court is now a full time court and is open week days from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. It is located on the second floor of the Old Saybrook Town Hall, at 302 Main Street.

The statewide consolidations continue to be a financial success in that it has saved the taxpayers almost \$12 million dollars, over the past three fiscal years and those savings will continue. Despite the increase in files, the Saybrook Court has been able to keep its budget the same over the last three and a half years.

We open and process approximately one thousand new matters, of all types, per year. As a result, I have presided over more than 3,000 hearings since the consolidation. In addition to Decedent's Estates, the two areas which create a substantial amount of hearings are Conservatorships and Children's matters. Because there is an aging population and there are several facilities in this area, the Court receives numerous applications for the appointment of a Conservator. These applications require a hearing at which information is presented including medical and financial reports. If the person proposed to be conserved cannot come to the Court, I will go to them and we will have the hearing there. Children's matters usually involve granting or removing custody from a parent. If the parents are removed, often the child is placed with a grandparent. There is usually an investigation by the Department of Children and Families. These can be difficult matters but the Court's focus is always on what is in the best interest of the child. We have also had the pleasure of approving adoptions which is always an uplifting event.

Last time I mentioned that the legislature had adopted extensive new rules for probate court proceedings which went into effect on July 1, 2013. Additionally, new forms, consistent with these rules, are available online at www.ctprobate.gov. Most of these new forms are fillable for the convenience of the public. The implementation of



these new rules and forms has been going well. One of the major changes is that someone filing documents with the Court must certify that they have sent copies to all the other interested parties. Another significant change is that the prior, somewhat confusing, Final Account form has now been replaced with a simpler Financial Report.

In addition to the normal duties of a Probate Judge, I was fortunate to be the only new Judge elected to the Executive Committee of the Probate Court Assembly. The Executive Committee meets monthly to discuss the rules and policies of the Connecticut Probate Courts. I am also a member of the National College of Probate Judges, so that I can stay current with the national probate trends and procedures. In addition to attending state seminars regularly, I also attend national seminars annually. I have also had the opportunity to address several of the local senior's groups as well as civic organizations, and I have presented a 3 part series at the local library.

Thanks to the efforts of the chief clerk Valerie Shickel, and the other clerks and assistant clerks, Sharon Tiezzi, Marjorie Calltharp, Stella Beaudoin, Helene Yates, Peggy Schroeder and Jackie Craco, I am pleased to say the Court continues to operate smoothly and efficiently.

Terrance D. Lomme
Judge of Probate, 33rd District

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Haddam Events

We encourage community organizations, town departments and service clubs to send information for consideration for publication in *Haddam Events*.

Please send your articles to kathy@eventsmagazines.com

The next deadline for submission is December 22nd.

Thank you,
The Staff at Events Magazines

From the Assessor's Office

Marilyn R. Baumann, CCMail, Assessor
 Tammy Anderson, CCMAI, Assistant Assessor
 860-345-8531

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS

FARM, FOREST OR OPEN SPACE

New applications for property owners claiming land as Farm, Forest or Open Space must be filed with the Assessor's Office between September 1, 2014 and October 31, 2014. All forms for the above programs are available in the Assessor's office and on our web page at www.haddam.org.

ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES

Any active member of the United States Armed Forces (defined as United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force and any reserve component thereof, including the Connecticut National Guard) is eligible for the exemption of one motor vehicle. Applications for the exemption must be completed annually and forwarded to the Assessor's office no later than the December 31st following the date on which property tax is due in the town in which the motor vehicle is registered. In other words, for the 2013 Grand List year, the deadline is December 31, 2014. The forms are available in the Assessor's office.

PERSONAL PROPERTY DECLARATIONS

Personal Property Declarations were mailed from the Assessor's office in September. Anyone not receiving a personal property declaration should contact the Assessor's office. Even though a declaration was not received, it does not preclude you from filing. Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to pay Personal Property taxes in the Town of Haddam that they must return to the Assessor's office, on or before the first day of November (see below*), their personal property list (declaration). Failure to declare will force the Assessor to apply an arbitrary assessment and a 25% penalty. ***Since the first day of November falls on a Saturday in 2014 the deadline is November 3.**

The personal property declaration shall include all furniture, fixtures, equipment and machinery of all commercial and industrial businesses; unregistered motor vehicles, snowmobiles, farm machinery and horses. Manufacturing Machinery Exemption Applications must also be filed at this time.

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

If you have received a personal property declaration and will not be conducting any business in Haddam as of October 1, 2014 you must complete the Affidavit on the front page of the declaration and return it to the Assessor's office prior to November 1, 2014. This signed affidavit is mandatory as proof to allow the Assessor to remove you from the Grand List. If the documentation is not received it will force the Assessor to apply an arbitrary assessment and a 25% penalty.

Commercial Vehicle Exemptions (M-65 MV)

Certain newly registered (never registered in any state or jurisdiction prior to August 1, 2014, but must be registered in Connecticut on or after that date) commercial trucks, truck tractor and semi-trailers in excess of 26,000 pounds, gross vehicle weight rating, and used exclusively 100% of the time for the interstate or intrastate transportation of freight for hire, may be exempt as outlined in 12-81(74) of the Connecticut General statutes. Guidelines, information and applications are available in the Assessor's office.

PLEASE NOTE that the application deadline is November 1, 2014. If you need any assistance on any of the above information, deadlines or programs, we would be happy to assist you. Please call our office at 860-345-8531.

REVALUATION INFORMATION

As many of you are already aware, the firm of Vision Government Solutions, Inc. (formerly Vision Appraisal Technology, Inc.) has been awarded the contract by the Town of Haddam to assist in the next state-mandated revaluation project which will be effective for the October

1, 2015 Grand List. In 2010 we conducted a full revaluation with inspections of all properties in town.

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

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

Since Haddam's last revaluation in 2010, changing economic conditions have caused inequities to develop, which means that some properties may have become overvalued or undervalued when compared to similar properties. The revaluation returns properties to current market values and their fair-share basis.

The ultimate goal of the revaluation is to establish uniformity in property valuation and to assure that all property owners they are paying only their fair share and to value all properties by the same standard at the same point in time.

It is extremely important that all property owners cooperate as best they can with our appraisers, data collectors and members of the Assessor's staff in order to make this a successful revaluation. Our objective always is to provide taxpayers with a high-quality revaluation with minimal intrusion.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns or questions regarding any aspects of our office. We are here to help in any way that we can.



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When you will need to apply: Applications will be available at the Assessor's Office beginning in mid-January. Completed applications must be returned to the Assessor's Office no later than the February 20, 2015 deadline.

When the hearings will be held: The Board of Assessment Appeals normally holds its hearings in March of each year. You will be notified of the date and time of your appointment

via letter. If the appointment is inconvenient, the Board will try its best to accommodate your schedule.

What you will need to bring to the hearing: You should bring any evidence that supports your position i.e. a recent appraisal, invoices, contracts, photographs, maps, letters, etc. In addition, the Board may need to schedule a site visit to see the property first hand.

What happens next: An Action Letter with the Board's decision will be sent to you within 2 weeks of your hearing.

*Judy Goldfarb, Lisa Lawrence, & Jo Ann R. Woickelman,
Board of Assessment Appeals*

HVFC Auxiliary Plans Events

The Haddam Volunteer Fire Auxiliary will be holding two fundraisers this fall.

The 35th Annual Military Whist Card Party will be held on Tuesday, October 28, at the new firehouse, 439 Saybrook Road. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., refreshments will be served at 7:00 p.m., and the game starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 and \$5.00 for seniors and will be sold at the door on a first-come basis. If more information is needed, you may call Bette at 860-345-4709. Join us on the 28th.

Also, HVFC Auxiliary's 4th Annual Holiday Vendor Fund-raiser will be held at the firehouse at 439 Saybrook Road on Sunday, November 2 from noon to 3 pm. Vendors include Tastefully Simple, CT River Candles, Avon, Kim's Jewelry, Shirley's Stitches, Thirty-One Gifts, Pampered Chef, Gifts From The Heart, VFW knives, handmade cards and seasonal decorations/ornaments. Proceeds benefit Haddam Fuel Bank. For more information, call (860) 345-7755.

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STATE ELECTION - The State Election will be held on November 4, 2014 from 6:00am to 8:00pm. In all three voting districts, please come out and vote for your next: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, District #2 Representative in Congress, District #33 State Senator, District #36 State Representative, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General and Judge of Probate. You will also be asked to vote yes or no to the following questions: 1. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to remove restrictions concerning absentee ballots and to permit a person to vote without appearing at a polling place on the day of an election?

REMINDER - If you have forgotten, please be sure to pay your DOG LICENSE fee so that you have the current tag. Our Animal Control Officer will be contacting you, if you are delinquent. Fees: A neutered or spayed dog \$8.00, an un-neutered or unspayed dog \$19.00 Kennel License is \$51.00.

Beginning July 1, a penalty fee will be charged for every month a resident is late in registering a dog. Licenses can be mailed once proof of current rabies vaccination and a spaying/neutered certificate are mailed to the Town Clerk at 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam, CT 06438, along with your fee. If you no longer have your dog, please let us know so that we may update our records. If you have any questions or concerns regarding licensing your dog(s) please call or email our office.


TRANSFER STATION - The Transfer Station is located on Route 154, just north of the Haddam Meadows State Park. If you do not have a private trash collection service, trash and recyclables should be brought separated to the Transfer Station. To assure that only Haddam residents use the Transfer Station, a current Haddam sticker must be displayed in order to use the facility. Stickers are good for the fiscal year (July through June) and may be purchased for a \$50 fee from the Town Clerk at the Town Office building. The operators of the Transfer Station are licensed by the State and will assist residents to assure compliance with the recycling law. Hours: Wednesday, 8:00am - 3:45pm, Saturday, 8:00am - 3:45pm, Sunday, 8:00am - 11:45am.

All Transfer Station permits expire July 1st. To insure that there is a clear understanding of the rules, please read below: Permit must be clearly displayed and adhered to the driver's side window shield.

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SPORTSMEN - 2014 SPORTS LICENSES are available. Information regarding regulations, permits, conservation education/firearms safety courses are available on line at <http://www.dep.state.ct.us>. All "age 65 and older" free fishing, hunting and trapping licenses obtained since October 1, 2009, must now be renewed annually. Marine Waters Fishing Licenses are required for anyone 16 years of age or older fishing from shore or from a boat in the marine district or landing marine fish or bait species in Connecticut taken from offshore waters. Licenses are issued on a calendar year basis and expire on December 31st. Please see Marine Waters Fishing License FAQ page for more information. Any active, full-time member of the armed forces may be issued a fishing and/or small game firearms license for the resident fee. Credentials indicating active full-time membership or separation subsequent to the issuance of the license and prior to its expiration date must be carried while fishing or hunting. Issuance of a free license to the blind or intellectually disabled requires proof of disability in the form of a certificate provided by any person licensed to practice medicine in this state. Any resident with the loss of a limb or the loss of the use of a limb and a doctor's certificate may be issued a free license. Qualified nonresidents who are residents of states which allow CT residents the same privileges are also eligible.

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 PETE Plastic bottles, jars, tubs and buckets (up to 3 gallons in size) made of #1 and #2 plastic (as shown at left)	Discard screw-top caps, rinse and place containers and lids in your recycling bin.	
 HDPE Examples include milk jugs, soda bottles, cooking oil bottles, water bottles, laundry detergent jugs, cat litter buckets.	Remove metal handles from buckets. Redeem deposit bottles!	
 V Food-grade packaging! Examples include laundry detergent jugs, shampoo bottles, dish detergent and skin cream containers.	Discard screw-top caps, rinse and place containers and lids in your recycling bin.	Automotive fluid (motor oil, antifreeze, windshield washer, etc.) containers Medicine bottles
 LDPE Food-grade packaging! Examples include squeezable condiment bottles and food storage containers.	Discard screw-top caps, rinse and place containers and lids in your recycling bin.	Toys Foam plastics Take-out food trays Black plastic of any kind Film plastics such as plastic wrap, grocery bags, dry-cleaning bags and trash bags
 PP Food-grade packaging! Examples include yogurt, margarine, butter, sour cream, pudding and cottage cheese containers, as well as ketchup and mustard bottles.	Discard screw-top caps, rinse and place containers and lids in your recycling bin.	Plastic or plastic-coated paper plates and cups
 PS Food-grade packaging! Solid plastics only (no foam plastics).	Discard screw-top caps, rinse and place containers and lids in your recycling bin.	
 OTHER Food-grade packaging! Examples include large water bottles up to 3 gallons, heavy food containers and Tupperware.	Discard screw-top caps, rinse and place containers and lids in your recycling bin.	

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is offering many fun and exciting programs this fall. Please visit our website (www.hkrec.com) for more detailed information. Register on-line at <http://hkrec.recdesk.com/recdeskportal/>

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- CRITTER ROAD SHOW** Wednesdays, 10:00 am
Critter Combo 11/12
- MESSY MONDAYS** Mondays, 10:00 am starting 11/10
- TUMBLE TOTS** Tuesdays, 9:30 am starting 9/30
- PEE WEE SOCCER** Wednesdays, 3:45 pm starting 11/5
- MUSIC TOGETHER** Thursdays, 9:00 am starting 10/2
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YOUTH AND TEEN PROGRAMS

- CREATIVE KIDS** Wed. 3:30 pm at BES starting 11/5
- GYMNASTICS** Tuesdays at BES starting 9/30 pr 11/18
- YOUNG CHEFS OF HK** Wednesdays, 4:15 pm 11/5, 12/3
- ROBOTICS** Thurs. at HES starting 11/20
- SCIENCE OUTREACH** Wed. 3:30 pm at HES - Germ Jungle 11/12, Human Habitat 12/10
- FENCING** Wed. 6 or 7:15 pm for ages 9 – 13 / Thur. 6 pm for HS age beginning week of Oct. 8
- BABYSITTING CLASSES** Wed. Nov. 5 – 19, 5:45 pm at HK HS
- SWIM LESSONS** T/Th starting in October
- SAT 101** Nov. 18 & 20 at 5:00 pm
- BATON TWIRLING** Wednesdays at BES, starting November 5th, 6:00 pm
- RISE & SHINE YOGA** Wednesdays, 7:30 am at HES starting November 5th
- ARCHERY** Wednesdays at HK HS Caf, starting Nov. 6th, 6:30 pm
- An **ALL-DAY CHILDCARE PROGRAM** will be held on Tuesday, November 4th (Prof. Development Day) and Tuesday, November 11th (Veteran's Day).

ADULT PROGRAMS

- ZUMBA** Mondays and Wednesdays starting 10/27
- GET FIT** Mondays and Wednesdays starting 10/27
- AQUA AEROBICS** Mondays and Wednesdays starting 10/27
- FITNESS YOGA** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 pm

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ADULT SEMI-PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

Tuesdays and Thursdays starting 10/9

MEN'S FALL BASKETBALL Sundays 12 – 2 pm

EXCURSIONS

Radio City Christmas Spectacular on 11/20, and William Inn Boar's Head Feast with Bright Nights on 12/4.

Discount Tickets to the CT Science Center are available all year-round.

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

Haddam Land Trust Inc.

During a break in my preparations for winter, chopping wood that is, on an intensely sunny, cloudless day of the kind that frequent this time of year, I sat down winded from the exertion of steel maul on black oak. Having not been accustomed to this work, at least since last year, with lower back screaming and heart rate at attack level, a breather seemed to be prudent.

Seated on a log I observed a Downey Woodpecker high up in an oak tree and heard the dull thud of fruitless effort. As he descended towards a more promising location where an old branch had broken off years ago and left a respectable hole at the base of the now missing branch, the thud became a cavernous echo like the base pipe of an organ. Much better prospects.

The inhabitants were not amused. As quick as the woodpecker knocked, out from the hole popped a flying

squirrel to chase away the annoying interloper. The woodpecker retreated up the tree briefly then returned to knock again, whereby the squirrel reappeared and scolded him roundly and finally. Imagine living inside of a pipe organ and having some joker ring it in the middle of your night! Hilarious if you aren't the victim. It reminded me of an old animated *Looney Tunes* sequence and probably answers the question of its' inspiration. Creativity frequently comes directly from nature or from the relaxation that it provides, so take some time and reap the benefits.

Haddam Land Trust is always looking for a few good people to help with the conservation of those 'creative places'. We can be contacted through our website HLTrust.org or directly at President@hltrust.org.

*Bill Cowan, President
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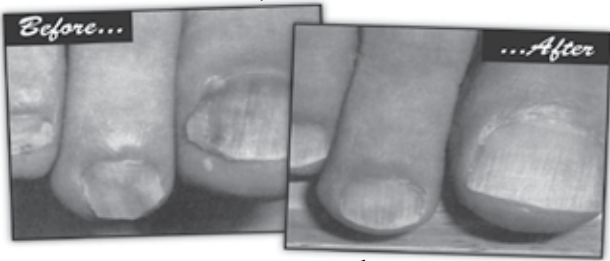
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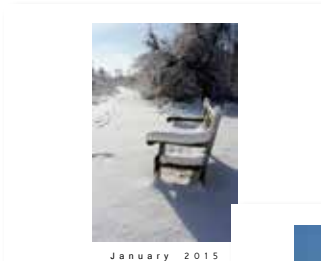
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