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## Selectman's Corner

It's spring which means it's time for my annual road work article. I'll start with my standard legal (sort of) disclosure. The plan is optimistic. With a little bit of luck, good weather and without any unpleasant surprises as we dig things up, here are the roads we'll be working on this year and the type of work we'll be doing. As always, we'll do drainage work where required. The roads are listed in the order we'll do them.

- Calliari Place – Grind, grade and pave
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- Depot Road – Mill and fill
- Laurel Heights - Grind, grade and pave
- Maple Avenue East – Mill and fill
- Maple Avenue West - Grind, grade and pave
- Thayer Road- Grind, grade and pave
- Cedar Lake Road - Grind, grade and pave
- Haddam View Heights - Grind, grade and pave
- Little City Road – At 4.4 miles this is the second longest town-owned road. We have to do every type of road work known to humankind on it at some point. We'll probably start at the intersection with

Killingworth Road (route 81) and work towards Candlewood Hill Road. It may take a couple of construction seasons to get through it.

Yes, all of these roads except Little City Road were on last year's list. Obviously, the paving gods didn't smile on us. Hopefully, we can find some way to appease them this year. (For you trivia buffs, Candlewood Hill Road is the longest town-owned road. Remember, Killingworth and Saybrook Roads are state-owned.)

### Updates on other noteworthy road projects

- Swing Bridge – DOT just posted weight limits on the bridge. They have nothing to do with the bridge renovations. They were imposed because the bridge is in poor shape and reinforce the need for the renovations. Bids for the renovation should have been opened in March and DOT should be in the process of selecting the contractor. Work is scheduled to start this summer and continue into the spring of 2025. More information can be found on our website and also the DOT project website, <https://www.easthaddamswing-bridgeproject.com>.
- Tylerville Roundabouts – DOT's project to install a roundabout on Saybrook Road

at the Bridge Road intersection and another at the Route 9 connector is moving forward. Construction is scheduled to start in the spring of 2023 and continue through the fall of 2024. We have information about this project on our website and will update it as we get more. DOT doesn't have a webpage for it yet.

If you've ever wondered what it's like in the Scovil Hoe buildings your chance to find out is coming. We plan to hold an open house there with the prospective developer in late April/early May. Obviously, we're still working on the details but keep an eye out for more information. Thanks for taking the time to read this. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.



### Publisher's Note

## Remembering Joan Joyce – Our Finest Athlete

*It is with a heavy heart that I write this note about the passing of a true legend - Joan Joyce. I had the pleasure and honor to meet her (over the phone) as part of putting together our The Last Word feature article that appeared in Events Magazines for the 4th quarter of 2020. It is a conversation I will remember forever. Her ever so clear memory of the many great moments in her athletic career was astonishing - from Raybestos Brakettes softball games, to striking out Ted Williams and Hank Aaron, to golf moments, to how her coaching career came about. (She would tell you that she has been coaching all her life). And of course, her father - whom she loved tremendously. Up until he passed, she would keep a room for him in her house in Florida and he would attend all the FAU softball games.*

*It is hard to believe that there was not more fanfare about this superb athlete who excelled in so many sports. That is until you spoke with her and found out how matter-of-fact she took everything. She could have been boastful or arrogant. But she was not. Instead, you could tell how much joy she found in all that she did. I had fun sharing stories about growing up in West Haven and the various individuals I had no idea we knew mutually. And, of course, there was the ever-competitive spirit that came through not only in talking about her Florida Atlantic softball team but also about her own goals - even at the age of 80. As I recall, she recounted the story of helping a friend move. She stumbled while carrying a box. Her volleyball training helped break the fall. She*

*did injure her hip. During the course of the conversation, it suddenly occurred to her. "Maybe I could golf left-handed," she said. If anyone can do it, I'd bet on you, I observed.*

*In honor of Joan Joyce, we are re-publishing The Last Word feature that ran in 2020. You will find it on page 18 of this magazine. For those of you who knew or knew of Joan, it is a nice reminder of her greatness and grace. For those of you who did not, it is a way to read about and acknowledge an amazing life.*

William McMinn

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## Technology Connects Heritage with Community

For 25 years the Community Foundation of Middlesex County (CFMC) has actively shined spotlights on our nonprofits (large and small, staffed and all-volunteer) and all they do for our fifteen towns. These organizations weave together interesting, amazing, and much needed services that make our communities wonderful places to live, work and play.



The Haddam Historical Society (HHS) and its Thankful Arnold House Museum is one such nonprofit. This organization's friends and supporters put their hearts, time, and energy into the past (and future) of the community they are so passionate about. They preserve and promote the history of Haddam for all, working diligently to instill a place of pride and respect for the community, and

encourage everyone to engage in activities and programs to discover and understand Haddam's past. It is a source of great pride that the Thankful Arnold House Museum is part of Connecticut Women's Heritage Trail in Connecticut's Historical Gardens – bravo!

Thanks to the efforts of the forward-thinking volunteers, CFMC awarded a grant to help fund an improved and updated website for the organization. The project will create a new visually appealing, technically contemporary website

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## Brainerd Memorial Library

# Book-a-Brick Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Brainerd Memorial Library Book-a-Brick campaign!

We still have some bricks available to complete the walkway. The new entrance to the Children's library at BML offers the opportunity for you to be a part of the future.

Purchasing a customized brick is a wonderful way to pay tribute to a friend or loved one, share a message, or give as a gift. The brick will be visible to everyone as they enter our beautiful, historic building.

There are two sizes of bricks remaining, but supply is limited so Book a Brick soon!

- 4x8: \$100: 3 lines of text with 18 characters in each line
- 8x8: \$250: 6 lines of text with 18 characters in each line

## How to order your Brick

Visit our website at <https://brainerdlibrary.lioninc.org/> and click the link on the homepage to access the Book-a-Brick page. Here you can open a PDF in the brick links, print the form, and mail it with your check to the library. Or stop in the Library, at 920 Saybrook Rd, to pick up a form and fill it out.



Engraved bricks will be installed in groups throughout the year [weather permitting].

Thank you for your donation and participation in the BML Book a Brick project!

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## Community Heritage...continued from page 4

that will continue to be an important resource for local history, engage visitors and donors, and will spark conversations, all while expanding the organization's reach.

We at CFMC are pleased to fund such an outstanding organization, and we can't wait to see the new site with its stories, events, and great history. The future looks bright for HHS thanks to the hard work and dedication of its staff and volunteers. Be sure to check out "All Things Haddam" at [www.haddamhistory.org](http://www.haddamhistory.org).



The Community Foundation of Middlesex County's interests are your interests, including animal welfare, arts and culture, health and social services, education, history, the environment,

civic improvements, recreation, and economic security and opportunity. We welcome conversations with good people who want to do great things. For more information, contact us at 860.347.0025 or [info@MiddlesexCountyCF.org](mailto:info@MiddlesexCountyCF.org).

## Brainerd Memorial Library

# Library Event Promises to Put the Fun in Fundraising!

Save the date! – Sunday, May 15th – for an afternoon of fun at Haddam's Brainerd Memorial Library Spring BreakOut fundraiser. "Fun and fundraising go well together, as we'll show on the fifteenth," says Tom Piezzo, library director.

The outdoor event will run from 3 to 6 pm, featuring great food, a local band, drinks, games, dancing and prizes. There will also be a silent auction. Note: This event is for adults only.

Tickets are \$60 each and will be available online via PayPal at <https://brainerdlibrary.lioninc.org/> or at the library [located at 920 Saybrook Road, Haddam] any time after April 1st.

Proceeds will be used for library services and programs for all age groups. The library's annual funding comes from three sources: the town budget, state grants and local fundraising.

To maximize the financial success of the event, local businesses are being solicited to sponsor some of the major production expenses, including the band "Old Dog New Trick," State Trooper traffic safety coverage and liquor license, chair rentals, decorations and a tent.

The top sponsors will receive free tickets, along with publicity and a thank you display on the fifteenth. To inquire about sponsorships, please contact Donna Brinckerhoff at [donnabr@comcast.net](mailto:donnabr@comcast.net).

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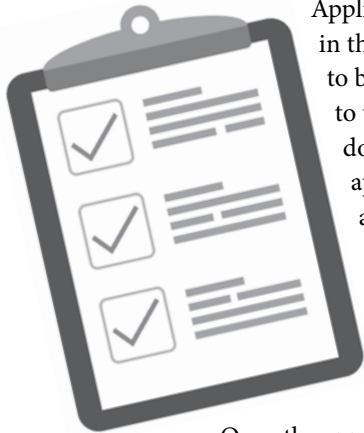
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## What Does the Board of Assessment Appeals Do?

This board is among the oldest governmental agencies, dating back to colonial times.

The BAA was created by state law and its powers affect both the municipality (Grand List – tax base) and the taxpayer. The purpose of the BAA is to “review” an assessment that the taxpayer believes the assessor erred in the valuation. In fact, the board was known as the Board of Tax Review. It is a review board that serves independently of the assessor.

The board consists of three members elected by the voters. There is no compensation for members and they serve a term of four years. The BAA meets twice a year; in March for real estate, personal property and supplemental motor vehicle appeals. In September, only motor vehicle appeals are heard. The board holds public hearings in both afternoon and early evening sessions to accommodate the tax payer.



Applications are available online or in the Assessors’ Office. They need to be completed and returned to the Assessors’ Office with documentation to support the appeal. Specific instructions are at the top of the form and you are asked to type or print when completing it.

After applications are received, appointments are made for your convenience.

Once the appeal is heard, you will receive written notice of the BAA decision. If you disagree with that decision, your next step is to file suit in Superior Court.

The BAA hopes this will assist you in understanding our job and how the process works in Connecticut. Your current board consists of; David Beckman, Craig Salonia and Jo Ann R. Woickelman.

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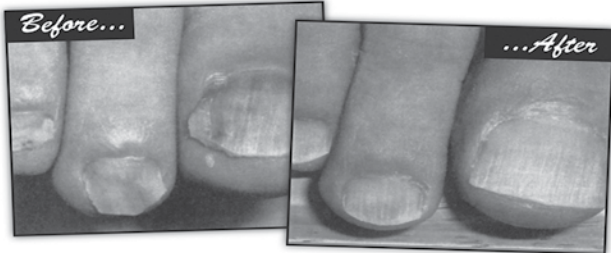
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- Farm Equipment
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- A Bounce House
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We still need Sponsors. Please help make this event a success!

You're invited to sponsor the program, provide crafts, displays, plants, livestock, farm equipment, program supplies.... If you are interested please call the library at 860-345-2204 and ask for Marissa or Robbie. Or email us At [Library@Brainerdlibrary.org](mailto:Library@Brainerdlibrary.org). Thank You!

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# Shred It Event and Women's High School Lacrosse Bake Sale

The Haddam Sustainability Committee is pleased to announce we will be holding a shredding event from 9 am-12 pm on May 7, 2022. We will be located at the Haddam Community Center on Candlewood Hill Road. You will see us across from the Gazebo in the center of town.

Last year we raised over \$1200 and shredded over 5000 lbs. of paper. Let's see if we can beat that! Even if the paper does not contain personal information it is a great way to remove it from regular single stream recycling.

This year we are lucky to be joined by the High School Women's lacrosse team.

They will have a table set up with baked goods. See page 11 for more details.

Come by to help support the environment and our young women athletes or make a donation to support Social Services in town. All questions can be directed to [HaddamSustainabilityCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:HaddamSustainabilityCommittee@gmail.com).





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November 8, 2022 – State and Municipal Election

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District #001\*  
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439 Saybrook Road  
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District #002\*  
Regional School District #17  
Central Office, 57 Little City Road  
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# Haddam Killingworth High School Girls Lacrosse — A Team, Building Synergy on and off the Field

Lacrosse, known as “stick-ball” started with Native Americans, specifically the Algonquian Tribe in North America. It was a form of dispute settlement where tribes would play to the death in order to resolve conflict. Today however, it is not such, but more of a positioned play sport relying on coordination and team synergy. The first recorded game for females playing lacrosse was in 1890 in Scotland. The key was working and playing together. And here

in Haddam/Killingworth that tradition continues.



The athletes who represent our Haddam Killingworth Girls' Lacrosse team are made up of strong independent daughters and sisters of exceptional speed, athleticism, skill, heart, and determination. The 2022 Team is synergizing

on and off the field. And as such, is planning on raising their own funds to support their team building activities off the field. To that end, the HKHS Girls Lacrosse Team will be hosting five bake sales throughout Haddam and Killingworth in May. They will be

baking and selling goods to ensure that their independence and self-reliance remains a core component of this team.

## Come Support these innovative Ladies of HKHS Lacrosse

### May 7 @ 8-12 pm with Three Sales Event Locations

1. Haddam outside of Jack's Country Restaurant  
26 Killingworth Road, Higganum CT
2. Higganum Community Center (shredding Event)  
@ the Community Center across from the Higganum Green
3. Killingworth outside of the Copper Skillet  
184 CT - 81, Killingworth CT

### May 21 @ 8-12 pm with Two Sales Event Locations

1. Haddam outside of Jack's Country Restaurant  
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# Assessor's Office

## SENIOR CORNER Important News and Application Deadlines

State of Connecticut Homeowner's (Circuit Breaker) and the Town of Haddam Senior Abatement Program – The application period for these exemptions is February 1, 2022 to May 15, 2022. Persons who file must be 65 years of age by December 31, 2021 or totally disabled. Please call the Assessor's Office at 860-345-8531 Ext 213 or 226 to make an appointment or to discuss your qualifications.

Additional Veteran's Exemption – The application period for Additional Veteran's exemptions is February 1, 2022 to October 1, 2022. Please call the Assessor's Office at 860-345-8531 Ext 213 or 226 to make an appointment or to discuss your qualifications.

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

Exemption forms for the Totally Disabled and for the Blind are available in the Assessor's Office.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call us at 860-345-8531 Ext 213 or 226.

## Renters Rebate Program

In order to receive a Renters Rebate:

Residents must file an application annually with the Town of Haddam Municipal Agent between April 1, 2022 and October 1, 2022. (860-345-4621)

1. The applicant or the spouse must be 65 years of age or older or be 100% disabled (per Social Security) or be 50 and be a surviving spouse.
2. Must have lived in Connecticut for one year.
3. Thirty-five percent of applicant's annual rent must exceed 5% of the applicant's annual income.
4. Proof of previous year's income must

be provided. If no tax return is filed with the IRS income proofs such as SSA 1099s, interest statements from banks, retirement income statement, etc. If a tax return is filed it must be provided along with SSA 1099s. In addition, rent and utility payments made in the previous calendar year must be provided.

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

## Notice to Commercial and Income-Producing Properties

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property fairly and equitably for the up-coming revaluation effective October 1, 2021, information regarding the income & expense is essential. Connecticut General Statutes, Section 12-63c as amended by PA 97-254, requires all owners of rental property to provide income and expense information for three years prior to the revaluation. This year's filing of income & expense data is for the 2021 calendar year. The completed Income and Expense forms must be returned to the Haddam Assessor's Office no later than June 1, 2022. Failure to file will result in ten percent penalty applied to the real estate. If you have any questions or need assistance with filling out the form please do not hesitate to contact the Assessor's Office at 860-345-8531.

## Has the Status of Your Motor Vehicle Changed?

Sold, totaled, moved out of state, junked or donated????

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) does not notify the Assessor's Office of any motor vehicle changes or change of address. We hope the following information will assist our taxpayers in determining the course of action should the status of your motor vehicle change. This will ensure that you receive any credit that may be due. All documentation must be dated and include the vehicle identification number (VIN).

Please Note: IF YOU TRANSFERRED YOUR REGISTRATION PLATE TO ANOTHER VEHICLE YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING. As long as you transfer the plate you will receive credit for the old vehicle when you are billed for the new vehicle.

TWO FORMS OF PROOF ARE REQUIRED TO REMOVE OR PRORATE A VEHICLE:

1. PLATE RECEIPT from DMV indicating that the registration has been CANCELLED, LOST OR STOLEN.
2. IN ADDITION TO # 1, ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PROOFS.
  - a. A copy of the Bill of Sale - The bill of sale is now on the bottom of the vehicle owner's registration form and transfer information must be recorded on the back of the registration form before being submitted to DMV - therefore the seller's obligation is to provide a copy of the signed registration form along with a copy of the plate receipt to the Assessor.
  - b. A copy of the Transfer of Title - The seller must provide the assessor with a copy of the signed title and a copy of the plate receipt.
  - c. A copy of the new owner's registration - A copy of the registration from the new owner along with a copy of the plate receipt.
  - d. Out of state registration - Proof of residency and a copy of registration showing the date the vehicle was

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registered outside the state of Connecticut along with the a copy of the plate receipt.

- e. Stolen or Totaled vehicle – A statement from the insurance company indicating that the vehicle was stolen and NOT RECOVERED or totaled or a copy of the accident report. If the owner did not return the plates then he/she must file a lost or stolen plate form with the DMV and provide us with a copy of the plate receipt.
- f. Junked vehicle – A receipt from junkyard and a copy of the plate receipt.
- g. Trade-in vehicle – A copy of the purchase agreement identifying the trade-in vehicle and a copy of the plate receipt.
- h. Donated vehicle - A statement from the organization showing the vehicle identification number (VIN) and a copy of the plate receipt.

If you move you must, by law, report your change of address to the DMV. You must be sure that the tax town code is changed. This will ensure that your vehicles will be included on the new tax town's tax list. It is important that when you change your address with the DMV that you change BOTH your driver's license AND your motor vehicle registration.

If you receive a tax bill for a vehicle you no longer have in your possession do not ignore it.

Please call our office at 860-345-8531 with any questions.

## **Reporting Address Changes is Crucial to Taxpayers!!!**

It is imperative that you report any change of mailing address to the Assessor's Office. The mailing address on the Assessor's records is what is used for all tax bills and other correspondence such as assessment information, assessment

appeals information, etc. Not only is this information used by the tax collector but is also used by the land use office, building department, selectman's office and other departments.

We have come across many circumstances where the mailing address on record has been incorrect. These incorrect addresses result in interest penalties and other charges imposed by the Tax Collector's Office due to the claim that no tax bill was received. Non-receipt of a tax bill does not negate your liability to pay the bill including any interest or penalties. Therefore, we are trying to spare our residents any problems which may arise from an incorrect mailing address.

Remember, if you move, your mail is only forwarded by the post office for 6 months. In some cases, because the tax bills aren't generated until the following July, your forwarding address has expired leaving the Tax Collector with no current address. According to Connecticut General State Statute we are only obligated to send it to the latest known address. Unfortunately, an incorrect address does not eliminate your liability to pay the bill, including all interest and penalties.

If you elect to receive your mail via a post office box, please note that we are unable to access that information through the post office or any other means, so PLEASE inform our office immediately of any change of that type.

Another important point regarding mailing addresses is that if your taxes are paid by your mortgage company we may not have your current mailing address because the bill is forwarded to them for the life of the mortgage. While this may not affect your tax bill during the mortgage period once the mortgage is paid off or ended we may not have your proper address if we are not notified of any change. In addition, it will affect any other correspondence directed to you.

If you are unsure of your current mailing address, you may call the Assessor's Office to verify the address that we have on file.

## **HADDAM SENIOR CORNER**

### *Haddam Club 60*

The club is open to anyone in Middlesex County age 60+. The club meets on the first and third Mondays at 1 pm, September through June. Meetings are currently held at the Community Center, 7 Candlewood Hill Rd, Higganum (next to Veteran's Museum). Following is this year's schedule:

#### **April 18th**

Peter Castellani, self-massages

#### **May 2nd**

business meeting

#### **May 16th**

Judge Lewis, probate judge

#### **June 6th**

business meeting –  
election of officers

#### **June 20th**

Senior picnic

All are welcome, get to know your fellow seniors.

Any questions, please call Mary Pierce at 860-685-1783.

From Committee on Aging — your fellow seniors:

Thurston Bob, Susan,  
Beth, Mary Lou, Sue,  
Mary, Marge, Gloria,  
Fran & Jo Ann

## Essex Printing – Winner of Four Awards of Excellence

The Print Industry of New England (PINE) has announced that Essex Printing is the winner of four Awards of Excellence in the PINE's New England Regional Awards of Excellence competition. With these new awards, Essex Printing has won 36 Awards of Excellence in the last 9 years.

“We are so pleased that we continue to be recognized for the quality of our work year after year,” said Essex Printing President, William McMinn. “We are especially pleased for our loyal customers, who count on us day in and day out.”

Essex Printing received awards for a 2022 calendar, a soft cover book, a business to consumer media campaign, and a specialty item (custom artwork identification tags).

“We strive for excellence in all that we do,” added McMinn. “We offer a wide array of services. And to be recognized in a variety of print categories is truly satisfying. We look forward to continuing to meet our customers’ needs in every item that we print.”

A panel of judges with extensive experience in printing and print production examined the wide range of work submitted. Each entry was judged anonymously on its own merit in a category with similar printed pieces.

Essex Printing is a commercial printing company located at 18 Industrial Park Road in Centerbrook, Connecticut. Its operations are part of the same company that produces and publishes Events Magazines for 13 towns along the Connecticut Shoreline and into the Connecticut River Valley, including Haddam Events Magazines. You can contact Essex Printing at 860-767-9087 or visit [www.essexprinting.com](http://www.essexprinting.com).

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# HK Recreation Spring Programs

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is offering many fun and exciting programs this spring. The Flyer is posted on [www.hkrec.com](http://www.hkrec.com).

Online registration is available at <http://hkrec.recdesk.com/recdeskportal/>

For more information about any of our programs, please visit the Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Dept. Facebook Page or visit [www.hkrec.com](http://www.hkrec.com).



Upcoming programs will include pre-school programs such as:

- Skyhawks SportTots at Haddam Elementary School, ages 2–3, 5:00–5:45 pm or ages 3–5, 6:00–6:45 pm, May 19–June 9)

A variety of Youth/Teens programs will be offered such as:

- Running Rams — Thursdays at 5:30 pm; April 7–28 (No 4/21) at Sheldon Park
- Parent/Tot Swim — (ages 1 – 3) Tuesday & Thursdays at 6:00 pm; May 10–26
- Preschool Swim — (age 3) Tuesday & Thursdays at 6:40 pm; May 10–26
- Karate — Wednesdays at 3:30 pm; May 4–June 8 at Burr Elementary School
- Adventures in Stem — Tuesdays at 3:30 pm; May 10–June 14 at Burr Elementary School
- Zumba Kids — Thursdays at 3:30 pm; May 26–June 16 at Burr Elementary School
- We DO Builders — Fridays at 3:30 pm; May 6–June 3 at Burr Elementary School

Adult programs include:

- Fitness Yoga — Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7 pm, May 12–June 14, Zoom
- Aqua Aerobics — Mondays & Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, May 2–18 & June 1–20, at HKHS Pool
- Pickleball — Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, May 4–June 16 at Haddam Elementary School

Family programs include:

- NY Yankees vs Chicago White Sox (Saturday, May 21, 1:00 pm Game. Must have own transportation. Ticket includes, chicken tenders or hotdog, fires and drink)





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# Haddam Historical Society

## SHAD MUSEUM

The Haddam Shad Museum will be open on Sundays from 10 am to 3 pm from April 3, 2022 to June 12, 2022. The Shad Museum, founded by Dr. Joseph Zaiantz of Haddam Neck, focuses on the importance of the shad fishing industry to Haddam and the lower Connecticut River Valley. Housed in the former Bill Maynard Shad Shack, the museum features many important and unique artifacts related to this once important local industry and is the only museum in the country solely devoted to shad fishing.

Shad Museum directors, who are knowledgeable with both commercial and sport shad fishing will be available to answer questions. Appointments encourage at 860-345-2400. Masks suggested.



The museum is located at 212 Saybrook Road, Higganum, CT behind the gas station. Free admission.

## SUMMER CAMP

The Haddam Historical Society is excited to announce the return of its annual summer program, “A Week in the Life of an Early American Child,” offered for girls and boys ages 8-12. This year the program will take place Monday, June 20 – Friday, June 24, 2022 (time of day TBD). Students will travel back in time to the year 1830 and spend the week with Mrs. Thankful Arnold and her family. All activities take place at the Thankful Arnold House Museum in Haddam, and they include caring for farm animals, crafting with wool and tin, making butter, baking, playing with



colonial toys and games, and even dancing! The fee is \$139 for the five days with all materials and snacks included. Some scholarship funding is available. For more information and registration, go to [www.haddamhistory.org](http://www.haddamhistory.org). For questions regarding the program or scholarship information, contact Sarah Neal, Education Coordinator, The Haddam Historical Society, at [education@haddamhistory.org](mailto:education@haddamhistory.org) or call 860 345-2400.



## CONNECTICUT'S HISTORIC GARDENS DAY

Sunday, June 26, 2022 is Connecticut's Historic Gardens Day. The Thankful Arnold House Museum is one of 15 distinctive historic sites and gardens throughout the state that will be open free to the public on the last Sunday of June. The Arnold House herb garden will be open from 12 noon to 4 pm with activities, tours and light refreshments. For more information visit [www.haddamhistory.org](http://www.haddamhistory.org)

## Party Transfer Reminder

State, District and Municipal Primary — August 9, 2022

**May 9, 2022** is the last day that an enrolled elector can transfer from one party to another and be eligible to vote in state, district or municipal office primary of the new party.

However, this does not apply when switching from unaffiliated to a party membership. If you are unaffiliated and want to vote in the state, district and municipal primary, you can transfer prior to 12:00 noon on the last business day before the primary, which is Monday, August 8, 2022.

## Joan Joyce - Our Finest Athlete by Sigrid Kun

Many fondly remember going to Raybestos Memorial field in Stratford, CT. Amid chants of “Joanie, Joanie,” the softball phenom mowed down the competition. Joan Joyce dominated women’s fast pitch softball for decades - beginning her amateur career at age 13 with the Raybestos Brakettes. The Waterbury, CT native excelled at every sport she tried - a true competitor, a lifelong coach/mentor. Joyce combines an unbridled, remarkable talent with a matter of fact, humble personality. While she readily speaks about her success, there is no bragging.

Many consider her as “The Greatest Woman Athlete of All Time.” Her jaw-dropping achievements/honors take pages to list, including 20 Hall of Fame inductions, Connecticut Athlete of the Year (selected by the Connecticut Sports Writers Alliance), and a softball field renamed Joan Joyce Field (a part of Municipal Stadium in Waterbury).



Women's softball coach at Florida Atlantic University.

### A LIFETIME OF ASTOUNDING ACHIEVEMENTS

Joyce’s softball career covered 1954-1963 and 1967-1975 with the Brakettes and 1964-1966 with the Orange Lionettes. The slingshot pitcher notched 150 no-hitters and 50 perfect games with a lifetime earned run average of 0.09. An outstanding hitter, her career batting average is .327. In 1974, her Brakettes were the first American team to win the World Championships.

She co-founded the International Women’s Professional Softball Association, being the star player for

and part-owner of the Connecticut Falcons. The Falcons won every championship of the IWPSA’s existence (1976-1979).

She is a four-time Women’s Basketball Association All-American and three time AAU Basketball All-American. She played on the USA Women’s National Team in 1964 and 1965, setting a national tournament basketball single-game scoring record (67 points) in 1964.

She formed the Connecticut Clippers volleyball team in 1968, and competed as a player/coach. She was named to the All-East United States Volleyball Association Regional Team. Taking up golf at age 35, she spent 19 years on the LPGA tour (1977-1995). She still holds the LPGA and PGA record of just 17 putts in one round of golf.

Now 80, Joyce is the women’s softball coach at Florida Atlantic University. Starting the program from scratch in 1994, she has amassed 12 Conference Championships, participated in 11 NCCA Tournaments, and won 8 Coach-of-the Year Awards.

### THE SECRET TO SUCCESS?

“I don’t know,” she says. “The only thing I can say about me is that I am very competitive. . . . I will beat you at just about everything. If you beat me, I’d shake hands. But I’d say to myself, you are not going to beat me a second time.”



Joan with her biggest fan - Dad (Joe Joyce).

Photo courtesy of Joan Joyce.

Her mother worked days. She, her father (above) and brother played sports all the time. “We would end up going to my father’s softball games,” she recalls. “We had no gloves. We’d run around everywhere while my father was playing. When they came in from the field, they’d put the gloves under the bench. We’d take them and start catching. When they went back in the field, they’d have to come and get the gloves back from us.” When her father played basketball, she and her brother would wait for the halftime buzzer and then fly onto the court to play.

### SPECIAL MOMENTS - JOYCE SHARED A FEW



**Striking Out Ted Williams/Hank Aaron.** She calls striking out Ted Williams (left) and Hank Aaron her favorite moments. “It’s the easiest thing I’ve ever done in my life,” she relates. “They had no chance against a softball pitcher just because of the distance.” She faced Williams as part

of fundraisers in 1961 and 1966; Aaron in 1978 in a West Hartford exhibition. There were no radar guns then. A doctorate study from USC determined her pitching speed to be the equivalent of 119 mph in baseball.

### Invited to China by the All-China Sports Federation (1979).

“It was the first team ever invited to China,” she recalls of the Connecticut Falcons. “When we played our last game sixty thousand people came to the game. I was looking out and it was like a flood of people just coming and coming and coming. And I’m thinking, ‘Oh, my God!’” The American team won all six games. In the final game, Joyce pitched a no-hitter to beat the Chinese all-star team.



### Softball World Championships (1974).

Joyce pitched a no hitter against Australia. “Only one walk. And we picked her off,” notes Joyce. “It would have been a perfect game.” She also stymied Japan, giving up only two hits. No team wore helmets then. Japan showed up wearing them. Was it to distract her or out of fear of her? “It didn’t work,” she laughs. “You did not want to get me focused or to get my attention. Stare at me? Give me looks? I would say to myself,

keep doing that ‘cause you’re never going to beat me. I just didn’t like to lose.”

Photo of Joan coaching (far left) courtesy of FAU Athletics.

Photo of Joan pitching (left) and photo of Joan with Ted Williams (above left) courtesy of Joan Chandler.

# Plane, Train, or Automobile?

## Planning An Eco-Friendly Vacation with an EV

Travel is a way to see new landscapes, try new foods, experience different cultures, find adventure in a place you haven't fully discovered yet. While we all love a little vacation, we know that taking a trip can have an impact on the environment.

**FLYING** is often the fastest way to get to your destination, and can take you far. But air travel has the highest emissions count of any mode of transportation per person. Fuel efficiency is improving, and some airlines are investing in fleets that run on more environmentally-friendly fuel alternatives, but we have a long way to go.

**CRUISE SHIPS** offer a floating vacation with quick planning and a relaxed experience, but they aren't a much more sustainable option.

**TRAINS** get us closer to our low-emission travel goals. They offer more fuel efficiency, lower emissions, and sometimes even a faster trip than planes do.

**DRIVING** with a traditional car has implications we're all familiar with, but what about an electric vehicle?

As electric vehicles become a more popular and available option, the possibilities for eco-friendly tourism expand. Whether you're ready to charge up your family car and hit the road, or you're grabbing a rental and picking your route, here are some tips to make sure you get the most out of your low-carbon adventure!

### 1. KNOW YOUR VEHICLE

Electric vehicles have their own unique features and functions. Each model varies in the range it can travel before recharging and some even require a specific type of charger. While most electric vehicles can travel 150-300 miles on one charge, you definitely want to know your vehicle's range before you head out! Start your trip armed with knowledge and a manual.

### 2. PLAN YOUR CHARGING STOPS

There are some great tools for viewing electric vehicle charging locations. Making sure you know where on your route you can charge up is key, as electric chargers aren't as visible from the

road as gas stations. Consider setting your route in advance and you can plan activities around your charging breaks!



**SOME CHARGER SCOUTING TOOLS INCLUDE:**  
**Plug Share** – helps you plan your EV route

**EV Hotels** – helps you find charger locations as well as find accommodations to help you charge overnight

**Charge Hub** – shows where you can charge and offers other EV resources

### 3. BUILD IN CONTINGENCIES

You've crossed everything off your list before leaving the house, including programming your thermostat for vacation mode, and are out the door on time. To make sure the rest of your trip goes smoothly, consider planning extra time for charging stops and know where you can get power in case something unexpected occurs.

### 4. EMBRACE THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

Hooray for trying something new and environmentally-friendly! Take the chance to chat with other EV drivers. Participate in a community of like-minded wanderers and share your tips with them.

When you return home, consider convenient charging for less with Eversource's EV charging program. When you setup a charging station at your home, you can qualify for rebates for a level 2 smart charger, and the installation costs, as well as an ongoing incentive for participation in ConnectedSolutions managed charging, Eversource's EV demand response program. Make sure you're always ready for your next electrified adventure!

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