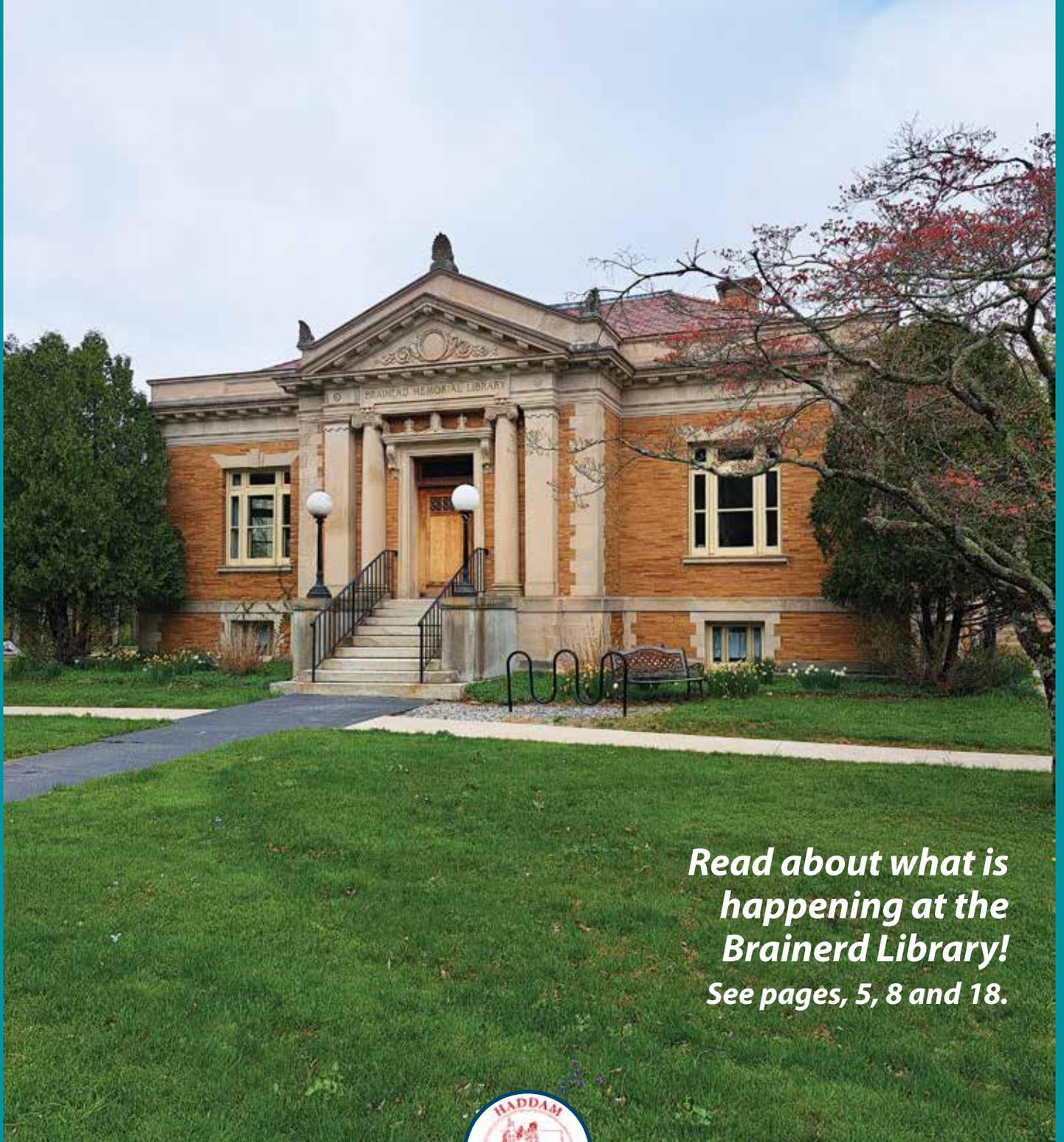


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Selectman's Corner

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.

- Maple Avenue West - Grind, grade and pave
- Thayer Road- Grind, grade and pave
- Thayer Road Extension- Grind, grade and pave
- Cedar Lake Road – The condition of Cedar Lake Road varies from section to section. We'll do the appropriate maintenance for each section.
- Silver Springs Drive – Fog seal
- Ruth Hill Road – We'll put down millings followed by chip sealing.

We'll be doing crack sealing on a number of roads. As always, we'll do drainage work where required. Because of the mild winter Public Works has been able to start the drainage work sooner than normal with Maple Avenue West.

We're well into our town budget development process. The departments have submitted their requests, the Board of Selectmen has reviewed and modified them and sent their proposed budget to the Board of Finance (BOF). By the time you're reading this the BOF either has or will shortly finish the proposed budget. It will be posted on the town website. You can get a printed copy

at the Town Office Building. The budget hearing will be on May 3rd and the Annual Budget Meeting, where the budget is voted on, will be on May 17th. About 75% of our budget goes to Regional School District 17. (That percentage is typical for most towns.) The Board of Education Proposed Budget is on the RSD17 Website. The school budget referendum is scheduled for May 2nd.

Swing Bridge Update – The 63-hour closures, 8:00 pm Sunday until 11 am. Wednesday, are tentatively scheduled to begin early this summer and continue through the fall. If you haven't, I recommend signing up for the weekly project updates and text message alerts on the DOT project website, <https://www.easthaddamswingbridgeproject.com>. More information on the project can be found there and on our website.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Enjoy your spring!



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Introducing the Haddam Beautification Committee!

The Haddam Beautification Committee is an all-volunteer group working to enhance Haddam's appearance and vitality for its residents, businesses



and visitors. Their mission is to take on high impact landscape and design improvement projects in order to bring beautification solutions to Haddam town properties, gathering spaces, and local businesses (with initial focus in Higganum center).

They are a small team of volunteers who will go where attention is needed to do things like weed whacking, leaf blowing, lawn restoration/seeding, building planters, planting, and mulching, etc.

They will also aim to partner with local businesses to offer curb appeal solutions and free interior and exterior design consultation. Together, we are trying to enhance and maintain the appearance and natural beauty of our community.

If you are interested in learning more or volunteering, you can email Mike Karam at haddambeautification@gmail.com.

Brainerd Memorial Library Friends Look Back ... and Forward!

Firstly, the Friends of the library would like to present a summary of last year's activities.

2022 Year in Review

- Friends supported the return of Agricultural Day, June 4th, by serving on the planning committee and selling plants, books, and homemade baked goods.
- "I'm a Brainerd Baby" infant welcome gift bags with board book, bib, and bookmark given to 40 families with new babies.
- "Bringing the Outside In" initiative included placement of a bluebird house in the yard [personally donated by members] and bird feeders on windows & shepherd's crook. The Friends donated 4 birdfeeders, a shepherd's crook, 2 bird guides, 2 sets of binoculars, and birdseed for patrons in the Children's Room and yard to enjoy birding.
- Fall Fest was held October 15th in partnership with the Children's Dept. earning money in sales of books, plants, and baked goods to cover the event.
- Friends served on the interior building project committee.
- The Friends Membership drive, and book & plant sales brought in over \$14500 and 5 new volunteers.
- The Friends provided rolled copies of

poems for children and adults for Pocket Poem baskets in April to promote poetry month and the June 26th poetry reading at Haddam Meadows State Park.

- Friends worked with BML Board Trustees and staff to hold the Spring Breakout Event on May 15th.
- Friends [along with 2 teen volunteers] assumed management of the 4 Little Free Libraries at Village Market, RT 81 Dairy Barn, Higganum River Valley Provisions, Tylerville, and Haddam Neck Fire department.
- Friends organized the BML table at the Haddam Neck Fair, September 2-5. Free Books, DVDS, CDS, and library literature were distributed. The Friends provided 12 passes for the volunteers, which included teens.
- A Friend accompanied the youth librarian monthly at the Farmer's Market distributing free materials, craft kits, and information about BML.
- We provided chocolate truffles for the annual "Free truffle with Nook purchase" holiday program.



- The Friends supported the Haddam Area Refugee Resettlement Program (HaRRP) by arranging transport, working with the school system, managing money, and English language lessons, etc. Members donated a laundry basket and items for the HaRRP Basket Committee to fill for the family.
- 3-5 Friends volunteer in the onsite bookstore the "Book Nook" on Thursdays. They maintain it by shelving and organizing the materials and participating in special projects (displays, free item prep, etc.)

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Before we Look Forward, we would like you to know why we enjoy being a Friend of the library, and what it means to some of our members. Here are some quotes:

"The Friends group connects me to the two things I love best - people and books. We get to know the other Friends and to interact with the community through our fun activities." - Betty

"Years before I retired, I read, on the BML website, a need for volunteers to staff the Friends book table at the Haddam Neck Fair. I signed up and worked with Dee Link! I have been a Friend ever since..." - Cherry

"I joined the Friends of the Library group when I received their yearly brochure.

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- Provided free paperback book bundles and children's bundles.
- Pop-up plant and cut flower arrangement sales were held all summer with members providing plant care and maintenance.
- We donated a Book Nook coupon voucher to the H-K Holiday telethon.
- Veterans and active-duty personnel display table and free book voucher.

Haddam Land Trust

There is so much beauty to explore right in our own backyard. From wetlands and woodlands to plant and animal life, we are fortunate to live in a place brimming with natural resources and stunning terrain. We are even more fortunate that there are incredible organizations working hard to protect and preserve our environment so it can be enjoyed today and well into the future.

The Community Foundation of Middlesex County (CFMC) appreciates Haddam Land Trust's (HLT) commitment to doing just that. Managing over 1,100 acres in total, HLT promotes the protection and preservation of many scenic sites throughout the Town of Haddam. If you are looking to get outside, get away, and get back to nature, be sure to hike the marked trails HLT manages at the Saraceno, Nedobity, Bamforth, Beaver Ledges, Ponsett Ridge, Swan Hill, and Washburn Hill Preserves. Fostering "happy trails" is not all HLT does. Their volunteers are busy



brainstorming new projects to preserve our natural environment and wildlife and welcome our neighbors to explore the scenic vistas and waterways. From acquiring a new property, to examining kayak and canoe launch docks, to exploring wooden duck house communities, HLT gives us all something to talk and "quack" about!

To celebrate CFMC's 25th anniversary, we were pleased to honor HLT's great work with a grant from the Mary Janvrin and Natalie Janvrin Wiggins Fund for Birds, Other Animals and Nature. The sisters established the Fund to preserve, protect, and steward land, waterways, and wildlife habitats for the county's ecosystem and enjoyment of all area residents. CFMC certainly believes that Haddam Land Trust is carrying out the wishes of the Janvrin Sisters as they steward Haddam's backyard.



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CT Cancer Foundation

Testicular cancer most often develops in young and middle-aged men and is the most common form of cancer in 20- to 35-year-old men. It is a highly treatable and often curable form of cancer, according to the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Testicular Cancer Awareness Month is observed annually in April to encourage men between the ages of 20 to 35 to get tested.

Many factors can affect a man's risk of testicular cancer including health history, having had abnormal development, having a family history of testicular cancer (especially in a father or brother). The NCI's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program estimates that in 2022, 9,910

men in the United States were diagnosed with testicular cancer. Testicular cancer remains one of the most treatable cancer types, with over 95% of those diagnosed surviving 5 years.

The CT Cancer Foundation recently helped Connor, a 22-year-old young man just starting his life out. After finishing college last year Connor was working at a landscaping job for the summer. He had just landed his first job in his field of study when he was diagnosed with metastatic testicular cancer. He is currently unable to work and is undergoing intensive treatment at Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Massachusetts.

The cost of Connor's cancer treatments and the added expenses of having to stay

away from home for treatment are putting great financial strain on his family at this emotional time. His parents try to be there to support him during treatment which has made them each miss many days of work. The costs of gas, food and hotel stays have been adding up and caused them to start falling behind on their monthly household bills. CCF stepped up and got them up to date on their utility bills and provided funding for food assistance at this difficult time for this family.

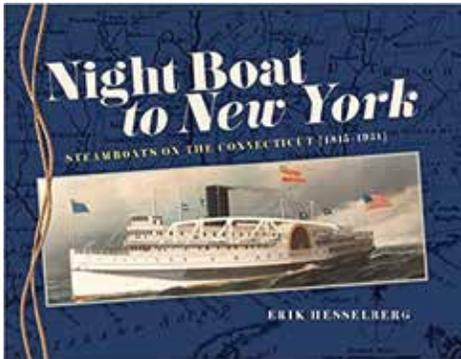
This is where your funds go when you donate to the CT Cancer Foundation. Please consider helping families like Connor's today by making a contribution at www.ctcancerfoundation.org.

Haddam Historical Society

May 5, 2023 from 5 pm to 7 pm. Tag Sale Preview at the Thankful Arnold House Museum. For more information visit www.haddamhistory.org

May 6, 2023 from 8 am to 2 pm. The Haddam Historical Society will partake in the Town Wide Tag on the museum's grounds, 14 Hayden Hill Road, Haddam. Antiques, collectables, household items and much more.

May 18, 2023 at 7pm. The Night Boat to New York presentation by local author, Erik Hesselberg. Learn about his latest book which is a portrait of the vanished steamboat days along



the Connecticut River. HHS Annual Meeting at 6:30 pm, Program at 7 pm. Haddam Fire Station #1, 439 Saybrook Road, Haddam, CT. Suggested donation \$5 for non-members.

June 10, 2023 at 4 pm. Croquet and Chardonnay Fundraiser. Visit www.Haddamhistory.org for additional information.

June 25, 2023 12 pm to 4 pm. Connecticut's Historic Gardens Day at the Thankful Arnold House Museum, 14 Hayden Hill Road, Haddam, CT. Visitors will learn how herbs, vegetables and plants were used by the Widow Thankful Arnold in the early 19th century. The Wilhelmina Ann Arnold Barnhart Memorial Garden features over 50 varieties of herbs including those used in cooking, dyeing, fragrance and medicine. Visitors can make a lavender sachet and light refreshments will also be served including our famous rhubarb tea.

Visit our website for additional information at www.haddamhistory.org



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The timing was just right. I had recently retired and moved to Higganum and was looking for a local group where I could volunteer. Having always had a great love of books and reading, this looked like a good fit — friends and books! I have not been disappointed and have felt very welcomed!” - Marie

“I admit I initially joined the Friends so I could play in the bookstore! The Friends generously allowed me to organize it and I have enjoyed being a bookshop keeper. This fun segued into selling plants and helping with events. I also want to emphasize the group’s enthusiasm, their generation & support of ideas, kindness, skills, and commitment.” - Robbie

Friends Looking Forward...

- First up - in March is our Annual Membership drive. Please check your mailbox for our flyer. We welcome any and all donations and new members!
 - We are actively planning Agricultural Day [Saturday June 3rd] with the Children’s Dept. It promises to be as much fun as ever!
 - April is Poetry month and will once again include the baskets of pocket poems.
 - We hope to have another family of bluebirds in residence soon, and continue to maintain the birdfeeders as well.
 - Pop-up book, plant, and fresh flower arrangement sales will begin in May.
 - We continue to support the HaRRP and working with the current family.
 - Fall Fest is also in the planning stage for September.
 - The Book Nook inventory is updated almost daily with plenty of children’s, adult, and young adult fiction and non-fiction in every genre and subject. There is a large collection of DVDs, CDs, vintage books, large print, oversize, and audio books on offer as well. The Nook hosts a coffee and tea table and often some nice treats!
 - Farmers’ Market attendance will continue all summer as well as the Haddam Neck Fair BML booth in September.
- Finally-
- A new initiative called the “Kindness Project” is being developed.
 - The Friends are planning to support STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics] programming or materials.
 - The Friends will be providing materials for UConn Health’s NICHE (Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders) program.
 - The Friends will support a chick hatching project in the Children’s Department just in time for “Ag Day”!

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News from the 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, 2023 to May 15, 2023. Persons who file must be 65 years of age by December 31, 2022 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, 2023 to October 1, 2023. 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:

1. Must file an application annually with the Town of Haddam Municipal Agent between April 1, 2023 and October 1, 2023. (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

Income and Expense Statements will be mailed to all income-producing property owners between April 1 and April 15, 2023. In order to assess these types of property fairly and equitably for the up-coming revaluation effective October 1, 2025, 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 annually. This year's filing of income & expense data is for the 2022 calendar year. The completed Income and Expense forms must be returned to the Haddam Assessor's Office no later than June 1, 2023. 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).



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Two forms of proof are required to remove or prorate a vehicle:

- PLATE RECEIPT from DMV indicating that the registration has been CANCELLED, LOST OR STOLEN.
- 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.

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- c. A copy of the new owner's registration - A copy of the registration from the new owner
- d. Out of state registration - Proof of residency and a copy of registration showing the date the vehicle was registered outside the state of Connecticut.
- 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.
- f. Junked vehicle - A receipt from junkyard
- g. Trade-in vehicle - A copy of the purchase agreement identifying the trade-in vehicle
- h. Donated vehicle - A Donation Letter from the organization with identifying information(VIN)

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!!

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 by it is 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.

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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.

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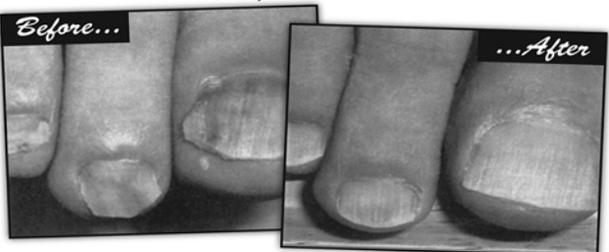
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The Transfer Station is located on Route 154, just north of the Haddam Meadows State Park.

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 Transfer Station Pass must be displayed in order to use the facility. Passes are good for the fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) and may be purchased for a \$100 for those under age 65; if you are 65 or older the fee is \$50.00. The passes are available at the Town Clerk's Office. LICENSE AND REGISTRATION ARE REQUIRED. CASH OR CHECK. The operators of the Transfer Station are licensed by the State and

will assist residents to assure compliance with the recycling law.

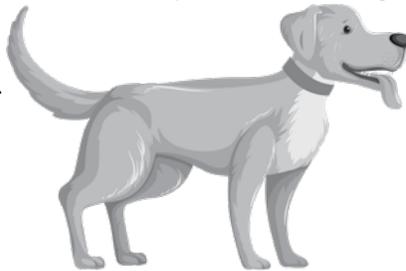
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- Permit must be clearly displayed and adhered to the driver's side window shield.
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- Transfer Station passes are required to be applied to the vehicle before use.
- Buy one get one. 50% off a second pass. There is a limit of two (2) Transfer Station passes per Haddam residence. This applies to the same household only.
- COMMERCIAL USE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED

DOG LICENSE RENEWAL - June 1st

The Town Clerk's office wants to remind you that June is Dog Licensing Month, starting on June 1st and before the 30th or a penalty will be imposed pursuant to Sec. 22-338 of the State of Connecticut General



Statutes. You will be receiving a renewal notice reminder in the mail soon.

Fee Schedule:

- Neutered/Spayed: \$8
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- Late Penalty: \$1 per month

For your convenience — renew your license by mail:

Please provide a copy of your current/updated rabies info, updated spayed/neutered certificate and a check. Make check payable to Town of Haddam with a self-addressed stamped return envelope to:

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- You are no longer a resident here.
- Your dog is no longer in your possession.
- If you have a new dog (supply new data)

FISHING & HUNTING DEEP LICENSES

2023 SPORTS LICENSES are available at the Town Clerk's Office. Additional information regarding regulations, permits, conservation education/firearms safety courses are available online at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP>. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection reminds anglers age 65 and older that the free resident fishing, hunting and



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trapping licenses for individuals age 65 and older became effective October 1, 2009. Licenses are renewed annually. For assistance in renewing these licenses, contact DEEP at (860) 424-3000 or the Town Clerk's Office at 860-345-8531 ext. 212 or 211.

MARRIAGE LICENSE INFORMATION

In Connecticut, a marriage license must be obtained from the town in which the wedding ceremony is to take place. The license is valid for 65 days from date of application.

Both spouses must personally appear at the Town Clerk's Office. A driver's license/passport or other form of picture ID is required.

Arrangements can be made directly with the Justice of the Peace you select, which is available on haddam.org. Anyone who has become ordained, either through a traditional religious organization or on-

line, is authorized to perform marriages.

Before coming into the office, please download and complete the marriage license application and email it to the Town Clerk at townclerk@haddam.org or townclerkasst@haddam.org. Upon receipt of your completed application, we will contact you to review your worksheet and schedule an appointment.

Marriage Licenses are issued during the days and times listed below:

- Tuesday and Wednesday between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm
- Thursday between 9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Fee for license: \$50.00

Certified copies: \$20.00 (we recommend one certified copy)

Cash or Check only. No cards accepted.

Town Clerk Contact Information:

Bob Siegrist - Town Clerk

Dawn Tarbetsky - Assistant Town Clerk

Office Hours:

Monday - Wednesday 8:30 to 4:00

Thursday 8:30 to 6:00

Friday 8:30 to Noon.

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Probate Fees 101



Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Saybrook District Probate Court, Photo courtesy of Laura Matesky Photography

The Probate Court becomes involved when a person dies in order to assist with transferring assets from the name of the deceased person to his or her heirs or beneficiaries under a Will. In our court, which serves a population of approximately 62,000, we saw a rise in decedent's

Basis for Computation of Fees	Total Fee
0 to \$500	\$25
\$501 to \$1,000	\$50
\$1,000 to \$10,000	\$50, plus 1% of all in excess of \$1,000
\$10,000 to \$500,000	\$150, plus .35% of all in excess of \$10,000
\$500,000 to \$2,000,000	\$1,865, plus .25% of all in excess of \$500,000
\$2,000,000 to \$8,877,000	\$5,615, plus .5% of all in excess of \$2,000,000
\$8,877,000 and over	\$40,000

estate matters with the onset of the Covid pandemic, moving from 1,419 decedent's estates in 2019 to 1,523 in 2020 and eventually 2,371 in 2021. There is much information and misinformation about what the cost is to invoke the assistance of the Probate Court in a decedent's estate matter. Calculating probate fees is very fact specific, but it is my hope that the guidelines below will assist court users in understanding how fees might be assessed for their own estates.

For anyone dying on or after July 1, 2016,

probate fees are assessed in accordance with the table above.

Any portion of the basis for fees that passes to the surviving spouse is reduced by fifty percent.

In a hypothetical scenario where the husband of a couple dies first, and the couple owns a house valued at \$500,000, a joint bank account valued at \$100,000, a jointly owned car valued at \$20,000, and the husband has a retirement account valued at \$350,000, all of which pass to his surviving spouse, the probate fee would be calculated as follows: half of the value of the jointly owned assets are attributed to the husband's estate, namely house, bank account and car, or $(\$250,000 + \$50,000 + \$10,000 = \$310,000)$. The retirement account is solely owned, so its entire value of \$350,000 is added to the \$310,000 in joint assets = \$660,000. Since all property passes to the surviving spouse, the \$660,000 in value of the husband's assets is reduced by half, and becomes \$330,000. Using the table above, the probate fee is then calculated as follows: $(\$330,000 - \$10,000) * 0.0035 = \$1,120.00 + \$150.00 = \$1,270.00$

Further information about fees associated with decedent's estates can be found in the Connecticut General Statutes, section 45a-107, and online at www.ctprobate.gov/pages/probate-fees-and-expenses. The online calculator is useful, but calculating probate fees is most accurately done by a skilled probate clerk at your local court. The Saybrook District Court serves the 9 towns of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook.



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Essex Printing – Winner of Three Awards of Excellence

Essex Printing has added three more print quality awards to its list of accomplishments. The Print Industry of New England (PINE) has announced that Essex Printing is the winner of three Awards of Excellence in PINE's New England Regional Awards of Excellence competition. Essex Printing has now won 39 awards over the last 10 years.

Essex printing is proud to have collaborated with the Old Lyme Historical Society (OLHS) on two print pieces. One is a book published by OLHS: **Run Runners, Governors, Beach-combers & Socialists: View of the Beaches in Old Lyme**. This book concentrates on the beach communities that developed in Old Lyme. The other award-winning OLHS piece is its **2023 Now and Then Calendar**.

"We are so happy to have been able to win these awards in collaboration with the Old Lyme Historical Society," noted Essex Printing President, William McMinn. "This is truly an honor,

and it is extra special to achieve this recognition with and for a wonderful partner."

Essex Printing was honored for the quality of its production of the **Women Flyfisher's Club 2022 Bulletin**.

"The Women Flyfisher's Club is also one of our longtime partners," added McMinn. "We look forward to printing this piece every year. It's a beautiful bulletin. It is even more

satisfying to win this award in that the 2022 Bulletin was the Club's 90th Anniversary Issue.

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. The judging criteria included: registration, clarity and neatness, sharpness of half-tones and line drawings, richness and tonalities of color, paper and ink selection, ink coverage, difficulty of printing, effective contrast or softness, overall visual impact, and bindery.

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.

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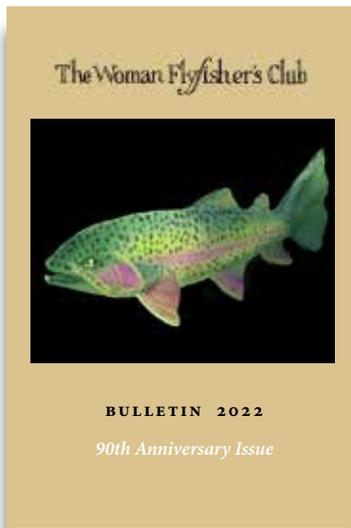
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On-line registration is available at <http://hkrec.recdesk.com/recdeskportal>

A variety of programs will be offered such as:

Art Smart – Signs of Spring (ages 1-4 w/Parent)
Fridays, starting Apr. 21, 10:00 am at Haddam Elementary School

Parent/Tot Swim (age 1-2)
Thursdays, Apr. 27 – May 25, 5:50 pm at HK HS Pool

Pre-School Swim (Age 3)
Tuesdays, Apr. 25 -May 23, 5:50 pm at HK HS Pool

Skyhawks Sport Tots Tuesdays, 5:00 – 5:45 pm (ages 2 w/ parent) 6:00 – 6:45 pm (ages 3-4); May 2 – May 30 at Haddam Elementary School outside

Babysitter's Training (age 10+)
Mon.& Wed., 4/24 & 4/26; 5:30 pm at HK HS

Abrakadoodle Creative Inspiration (Gr. K – 6)
Mondays, beginning May 1 (No 5/29), 3:30 pm at Burr Elementary School

Swim Lessons (ages 4 +)
Tuesday or Thursdays beginning, April 24, 6:30 pm

Tennis (Ages 11-13)
Tuesdays, 4:30 pm, beginning April 18 at Sheldon Park

Tennis (Ages 7-10)
Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, beginning April 18 at Sheldon Park

Archery
Wednesdays, beginning April 26, 5:30 pm at the HK High School

MARVELous Engineering with Lego
Thursdays, April 27 – June 1, 3:30 pm at Burr Elementary School

Rockets & Other Flying Things
Fridays 3:30 pm; May 5 – June 2 at Burr Elementary School

Skyhawks Multi-sport
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Spins & Sparkles (Ballet/Jazz)

Mondays, beginning April 24, 3:30 pm at Burr Elementary School

When I'm In Charge (Age 9 +)

Wed., May 10th, 5:30 pm at HK High School Lower Media Center

Cupcake Decorating Workshop (Ages 6 +)

Tuesday May 9 or Monday May 22, 6:00 pm pm at HK High School Cafeteria

Crossroads Driving (Zoom)

Mondays – Thursdays, 2:45 pm or 6:30 pm, Starting April 3rd, May 4th, June 5th

Adult programs include:

Fitness Yoga

Tuesdays (in person at HK IMS Café) & Thursdays (Zoom), 7 pm, May 9 – June 15

Basic Boating

Tuesdays & Thursdays, Apr. 20, 4/25 & 4/27, 6:00 pm at the HK High School Cafeteria

Aqua Aerobics

Mondays & Wednesdays, May 8 – May 24 & June 5 – June 21, 6:30 pm at HK High School Pool

Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)

Mondays or Wednesdays, Beginning May 10, 6:30 pm at Haddam Elementary School

Women's Self Defense

Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 pm at the High School Cafeteria

Cake Decorating Workshop

Wednesday May 17th, 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the HK High School Cafeteria

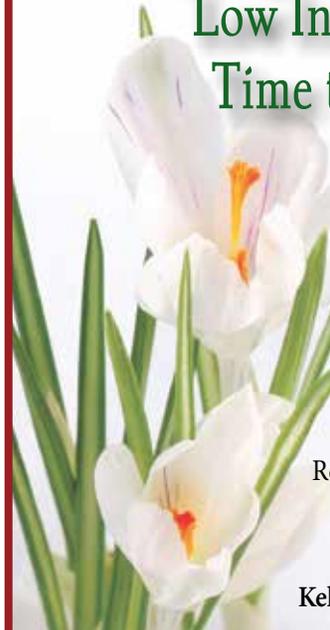
Family programs include:

NY Yankees vs Tampa Bay Rays

Saturday, May 14, 1:00 pm game. Must register by April 14.

For more information about any of our programs, please visit the Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Dept. Facebook Page or visit www.hkrec.com.

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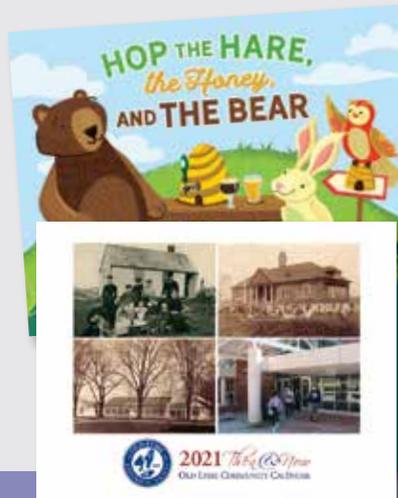
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