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Selectman's Corner

As I write this article spring is beginning to creep back into our lives. Daylight Saving Time has returned. It's light enough to be working outside in the early evening, the temperature is moving up, heating bills are dropping, and flowers are starting to bloom. Granted the winter was mild, but it's nice to have it behind us.

As I'm sure you know, the referendum to sell part of the Rossi property failed. (More accurately, it crashed and burned.) Bill Warner and I had a meeting the week after the vote with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development to try to salvage the \$1.5 million grant they offered us to cover the environmental remediation. While they are adamant we have to have a developer partnering with us on the project, they did agree to giving us a 6-month extension on the deadline to find one. We now have until the end of September to do that. More to follow.

Recently, there has been a lot of misinformation on Face Book (surprising, I know) about asbestos in the Scovil Hoe buildings. Hopefully, that has been put to bed by the time this article is published. We hired VHB, an engineering firm, to develop a plan to remediate the environmental hazards on the site. In 2001 EnviroMed and in 2018 Fuss and O'Neill, studied the environmental issues in the Scovil Hoe buildings. The studies are on our website.

Because the state still owned the buildings, the studies at that time were limited to what was accessible without damaging the buildings. In 2023 VHB and their subconsultant Eagle Environmental reviewed those studies and performed additional sampling and semi-destructive inspections, i.e. making holes in walls and ceilings, to inspect for hidden materials. This recent inspection didn't find any additional asbestos containing material in the buildings beyond what the earlier reports documented. None of the attic insulation or pipe insulation was found to contain asbestos.



Robert McGarry
First Selectman

In Tylerville work continues on the swing bridge. There are 6 weeks in April and May when the bridge will be closed for 63 hours, from Sunday night at 8:00 pm until Wednesday morning at 11:00 am. Don't forget to check the live cameras on the bridge to check for traffic problems before you go. Please patronize the businesses on Bridge Road. They're important to the town and need our support. DOT has started work on the two roundabouts on

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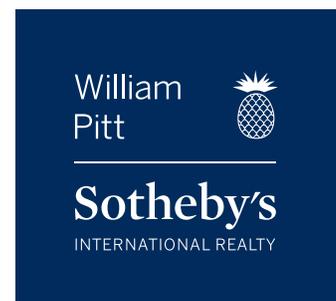
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UPCOMING EVENTS THIS SPRING INCLUDE:

- The Garden Club Flower Sale at HES **May 11th,**
- The town-wide tag sale **May 18th,**
- The Haddam Neck Memorial Day commemoration **May 19th,**
- The Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony in Higganum Center **May 27th,**
- BSA Troop 44 Can and Bottle Drive at the Community Center **June 1st,** and
- The first day of the Higganum Farmers Market at HES **June 1st.**

I hope you're able to take advantage of some or all of these events. Enjoy your spring. Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Robert McGarry,
First Selectman

Assessor's Office

Important Information 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 programs is February 1, 2024 to May 15, 2024. Persons who file must be 65 years of age by December 31, 2023 or totally disabled and meet income requirements. Please call the Assessor's Office at: 860-345-8531 Ext 213 or 226 to make an appointment or to discuss your qualifications.

Town of Haddam Senior Abatement income amount was increased to \$65,000 starting for this year's filing period.

ADDITIONAL VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

The application period for Additional Veteran's exemptions is February 1, 2024 to October 1, 2024. 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, 2024 and October 1, 2024. (860-345-4621)
2. 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.
3. Must have lived in Connecticut for one year.
4. Thirty-five percent of applicant's annual rent must exceed 5% of the applicant's annual income.
5. 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.

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Spring Market & Low Inventory Time to List!



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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 & INCOME-PRODUCING PROPERTIES

Income and Expense Statements was mailed to all income-producing property owners between April 1 and April 15, 2024. 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 2023 calendar year. The completed Income and Expense forms must be returned to the Haddam Assessor's Office no later than June 1, 2024. 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?

Was it 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



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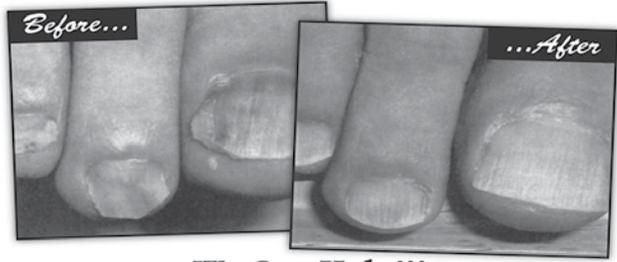
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bottom of the vehicle owner's registration form and transfer information must be recorded on the back of the registration form before being submitted to DMV – therefore the seller's obligation is to provide a copy of the signed registration form.

b. A copy of the Transfer of Title - The seller must provide the assessor with a copy of the signed title.

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)

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.

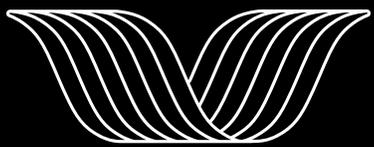
REPORTING ADDRESS CHANGES IS CRUCIAL!!

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

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

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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 mail-ing 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.

INFORMATION

If you have any question we can be reached by phone at: 860-345-8531 ext. 226 & 213; via email at: assessor@haddam.org or assessordept@haddam.org or you may stop by the office.

Thank you,
Tammy Anderson, CCMAI, Assessor
Tracy Thompson Assessment Technician

Tax Collector's Office

Updates from the Tax Office

MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES & CLEARANCE

What happens if your Motor Vehicle taxes become delinquent?

If you owe delinquent property taxes on any vehicle in your name, you may not renew any registrations at the Department of Motor Vehicles without paying your taxes first. All delinquent Motor Vehicle tax bills are reported to the DMV which then denies subsequent registration of any vehicle in that name.

ALL open motor vehicle tax bills with your name on them must be paid in full.

Payment options:

- **In person payments** by Cash or Credit Card can be made for immediate DMV clearance.
- **Online payments** through the Town of Haddam website – please call the Tax Office and let us know if you require a clearance for DMV. The online system does not automatically trigger a clearance.

- **Payments made by personal check,** clearance will be given after ten business days (2 weeks).

If you have prior year bills, you will need to contact us directly to make arrangements for payment. All money collected must be applied to the oldest bills first.

After the tax office sends the taxpayer a Demand for Motor Vehicle taxes, if taxes have not been paid by the Demand due date, the accounts will be sent to the Collection Agency where in addition to the taxes due, a 15% fee will be charged by the agency.

If you have sold a vehicle or cancelled a registration, please give our office a call. DMV does not notify us of such changes. You could continue to receive a tax bill for a vehicle you no longer own. The sooner we can address the issue the better.

If you have a new mailing address, let us know. DMV does not tell us if you moved. We cannot forgive interest because you

did not receive a bill. Motor Vehicle bills can only be adjusted for a short time after they become due. Please do not ignore these bills. They will not go away and could cause you trouble in the future.

Before you go to DMV you can now verify your tax status and other compliance issues with DMV online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Go to CT.GOV and search Compliance Issues.

Please make your check payable to:

"Town of Haddam" and mail your payments directly to the office at: 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06438.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our website at: Haddam.org
Call the office at: 860-345-8531 x 207 or 206. Email us at: taxcollect@haddam.org or taxclerk@haddam.org if you have any questions.

Sheri Berger,
Haddam Tax Collector

Haddam Social Services

The mission of Haddam Social Services is to enhance and improve the quality of life among our town's people and the self-sufficiency of those in need of social services. We provide advocacy, leadership, and planning while fostering independence among our most vulnerable population. Through statewide and local services, the social service department will guide individuals and families through their needs.



OUR SERVICES

There are several services we offer including the Emergency Fuel Bank, Food Bank, Diaper Bank and the Community Clothing Closet. We assist individuals with paperwork and applications related to these services, for example, assistance through the state and local programs of Operation Fuel and Community Renewal team (CRT). We also provide items related to basic needs.

The Haddam Emergency Food Bank offers a varied supply of nonperishable food items, seasonal produce (from our local garden share program & giving garden) along with personal hygiene products, paper goods and, when available, cat and dog food.

The Haddam Extension Center Help is available to new and existing clients in the Haddam, Higganum and Haddam Neck area. Arrangements are generally made for the items to be picked up at Haddam Social Services office during regular office hours. Other arrangements can be made as needed.

FOOD BASKETS

At Thanksgiving and again at Christmas, we provide holiday food baskets to families in need. We had many basket donations from Valley Bible and the Haddam / Higganum United Church to name a couple. We start with clients from our Food Bank list and referrals are also taken from schools, churches, families, friends, and sometimes, directly from the person in need. This past Christmas we partnered with the Haddam Lions Club who provided even more fresh produce and delivery of the baskets. This spring we are happy to be partnering with the Knights of Columbus for the first time to offer Easter Baskets.

The Haddam Emergency Fuel Bank is a local program designed to assist those in meeting their heating needs when all other sources of aid have been exhausted. The fuel bank runs year-round and is awarded as a one-time grant per calendar year and per individual or household within Haddam, Higganum or Haddam Neck. We offer financial assistance to help pay an electric bill or towards the delivery of propane, home heating fuel, or wood. During the year 2023 we assisted 37 homes with the fuel bank.

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We have also partnered with several individuals and organizations in the area to take certain items:

- Higganum Veterinary Clinic - blankets
- Tribe of Kelly Dress Swap - prom & formal wear
- Folks fostering puppies - towels
- Convalescent & assisted living homes - clothes specific to this population
- HK Middle School Theater - items for current production of Pirates of Penzance
- RSD17 elementary, intermediate & middle schools -



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Haddam-Killingworth Youth and Family Services is here to help and support young people and their families. Our services include support for family crisis/need, counseling, substance use prevention/support, mentoring, positive youth development, family programming, and restorative justice practices for at-risk youth (JRB).

HKYFS envisions a connected community where youth and families are resilient and feel safe, supported, and empowered. Take a look at programs and events offered this spring/early summer and visit: www.hkyfs.org/event/ for more details. Please keep an eye out for additional spring and summer programs and events coming soon.

HK FAMILY HIKERS

Explore HK trails and open spaces with your family and community!

Date: Saturday, May 11, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Chatfield Hollow, Witches Hollow Trail, Killingworth (with nature center visit)

Explore HK trails and open spaces with your family and community! Getting outside together improves personal well-being, health, and family/community connection. Nature-based activities at each hike make it more fun! This is a collaborative on-going project with community organizations and volunteers to enhance youth

clothes for nurses to have on hand for children

Our newest initiative is the Diaper Bank. We have partnered with Youth & Family Services of Haddam-Killingworth Inc. and Tri-Town Youth Services to provide diapers and related products to families with children 0-3 years of age who qualify and live in Haddam, Higganum, Haddam Neck, Killingworth, Essex, Deep River or Chester.

Haddam Social Services is open to the public and can be accessed Tuesday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, and Thursdays, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm or Mondays, Wednesday, and Friday by appointment.

DONATIONS

Monetary donations are always needed and welcomed and may be directed to the Haddam Emergency Fuel and /or Food Bank, c/o Haddam Social Services, 11 Jail Hill Road, Haddam, CT 06438. Donations of clothing, textiles, food, toiletries or diapers or gift cards to purchase these items may be made during hours of operation or can be dropped off at the bins located at: 11 Jail Hill Road.

and family wellness by exploring trails in Haddam and Killingworth. FREE Sign up online to stay in the loop regarding weather and changes.

together to help others. Please contact: Alli @ alli.behnke@hkyfs.org for more information.

MAY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Celebrate mental health awareness with the HKYFS Wellness Challenge. Visit: www.hkyfs.org for more information about the challenge and prizes! Two great opportunities highlighted below:

Food and Mood: Connections that Affect Kids Mental Health and Behavior (Adults too!)

Date / Time: May 15, 2024, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: Bittersweet Bistro, 176 Clinton Rd, Killingworth

Join us for an intimate conversation about the impact of food on our kids's behavior and mental health. Enjoy a cup of tea and health snack as you learn simple steps towards change, take home resources, and fun strategies to help your family. Karen Therrien, Certified Health Coach and Owner of HK Health and Fitness, will lead this conversation. Sign up early- space is limited!

Neighbors Helping Neighbors:

A program to help our HK senior citizens

HKYFS has teamed up with Haddam Senior Services to match you and your family with a neighbor who could use some extra help with yard work this spring. Giving back to others is as good for you and your family as it is for those in need! Kids learn from watching us as we work

HKYFS SUMMER SOLSTICE FAMILY FEST

Date / Time: June 20, 2024, 5:30-8:30 pm

Location: Parmelee Farm, Killingworth
June 20th marks the start of the Summer Solstice and is National Make Music Day. Haddam-Killingworth families are invited to attend a fun celebration to kick-off the summer with family, friends, and neighbors. This event will feature food trucks, bands, and Family Olympics! Empower Leadership will be joining us to engage families in games designed to promote family communication, teamwork, and FUN! Family Olympics is free of charge and appropriate for families with kids ages 5 and older. Family Olympics is limited to 100 participants so register early at: www.hkyfs.org/event/.

HKYFS SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Girls on the Run Summer Girls Empowerment Club

Girls on the Run is a nationally recognized evidence-based empowerment program for girls entering grades 3 through 6. HKYFS is offering a summer GOTR program designed to support leadership, youth empowerment, build inclusive friendships, and offer fun connective opportunities for self-expression and appreciation for our bodies and minds. High school role models from the Girls Cross Country Team are partnering with HKYFS staff and HKIS running club teacher, Becky Rodbourn, to coach this exciting new summer program!

Girls on the Run will meet once a week on **Wednesdays from 8:30 am** at the High School. Kids who need to go to Rec Camp can be walked over by a Coach. Don't worry if you need to miss a couple weeks.

We will set individual and team goals, play games, do awesome arts and crafts, run, play, and utilize storytelling! This is a safe space to have fun and spend time with other girls building each other up and achieving goals. The group may even decide to run as a team representing GOTR at the annual HKYFS Pumpkin Run! Registration at: www.hkrec.com This is filling up so sign up fast!

BE YOU AT THE BARN

Do you have an 8-12 year old child who loves animals, loves being outside, and loves having fun!? Be You at the Barn is a mini camp being offered by staff at HKYFS at our Director's horse farm. This program will include

so many fun learning opportunities with horses, as well as games, crafts, activities, and lots of time outside in nature! Spots are limited, so please sign up now! You can register directly at: alli.behnke@hkyfs.org or 860-345-7498.

TEEN TRAILBLAZERS

Join us for a summer of fun! Teen Trailblazers is a summer program for HK students & youth in grades 7th through 12th.

Tuesdays will be fulfilled activities including games, crafts, hikes, and more from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Thursdays will be field trips to a variety of locations including Lake Compounce, Brownstone, Dave and Buster & much more!

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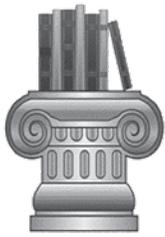
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Brainerd Library News

920 Saybrook Rd, Haddam

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Brainerd Memorial Library Looks Forward to Spring!

As most of the cold weather subsides, and our thoughts drift to warm sunny days and sprouting flowers, BML staff would like to tell the community what we've been planning and implementing over the winter.

In the spirit of spring time and planting season, BML has once again brought its **little seed library catalog** down from the attic. We are expecting a large collection of seeds in the coming weeks. So, snap up a packet when you visit or donate some from your garden!

CHILDREN

We'd like to congratulate the Children's Department on their most

successful "Take Your Child to the Library Day" ever! They had 170 attendees at their Mario themed event and enjoyed the Saturday with everyone immensely.

On March 8, we held the "Prom Dress Party" developed by Julie Wessinger of the Haddam Killingworth Intermediate School. She organized the donations and pickups of gently used dresses and planned the party which was hosted by the Library this year. The Friends of the Library happily provided items for baskets, and baked goods, while staff was prepared to be on hand to help.

In April, BML will participate once again in the state-wide **Passport to Libraries** program. Each library in the program distributes "passports" which are stamped by every library a patron visits. The passports are then turned in and 4 \$200 gift cards are awarded. Each library typically presents the visitors with a small token.

In more news from Children's - they are setting up their "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program, which is a successful project held nationwide that encourages parents and children to read. Stop in during their story or music times on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 am to find out more...

YOUNG ADULT

Now that we've described all the great things Children's has been up to - we'd like to crow about how our teen librarian is rockin' the Young Adult, YA in library-speak, Department.

YA has programs like: Movie Night and Anime and Art Clubs, Pokémon, Game Nights, Tween Night, and the Teen Advisory Board, as well as taste testing fun and special gaming events. They are working on some cooking programs and are never short of ideas. Pick up a calendar in Children's or check the website calendar.

The Friends are happy to extend their free children's and teens book bundles located in the entry and teen room. DVDs are also available.

ADULT

BML was pleased to once again partner with Senior and Social Services to host the very well attended **Friday yoga classes** in February and March.

Dedicated crafters and cooking enthusiasts are welcome to attend our **Crafting Connection** and **Culinary Club** nights the second Monday and Wednesday of the month.

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The **Brainerd Book Club**, run by a dedicated patron group, meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month, at 6:30 pm. Their book list is on the website.

In June, the Friends and staff will once again have a presence at the **Farmers' Market**. Stop by to see what's happening at the library, pick up free items like children's crafts, books, and media!

Looking for a new title or author?

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Besides traditional media – books, films, and music we offer board games, computer games, museum passes, magazines, and Wi-Fi hot spots to borrow.

In the meantime, the library has feverishly been preparing for the anticipated **Phase II Renovations**. That is why you'll notice many books are being removed to go into storage or be replaced by newer, updated titles and materials. There will be a formal announcement about the renovations soon.

The Friends Book Nook is also in the process of being disassembled for storage and small displays during renovations. When the bookstore returns in its new space, it will have a more thoroughly curated inventory offering more appeal with the same or better quality items. The Nook won't be packed away entirely, but will be housed on the lower level in bookcases and displays carrying: fiction, trade, 5x7 sized, paperbacks, children's, and special non-fiction titles. Our pop-up sales will continue during the months of fine weather. We promise you will still find something you like at the best prices in the State!

Finally, the **Library Board** reminds everyone that we still have some commemorative bricks available in the 4x8 and 8x8 sizes to engrave and install. Details are on the website or at the library circulation desk.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our website, Facebook, or Instagram pages, and sign up for our e-newsletters. Don't miss what's going on at BML! Visit us at: <https://brainerdlibrary.org/>.

BML staff looks forward to seeing everyone and wishes the community a lovely spring!



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

SPRING PROGRAMS

A Variety of Programs will be Offered Such As:

Scribble, Wiggle & Giggle (Ages 2-4)

Tuesdays, Apr. 23 - May 21, 4:15 pm
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HK RecCreation Stations (Ages 1-4)

Mondays Apr. 29 - May 20, 10:00 am
Haddam Elementary School

Parent / Tot Swim (Ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, May 7 - June 4, 5:50 pm
HK HS Pool

Pre-School Swim (Age 3)

Thursdays, May 2 - May 30, 5:50 pm
HK HS Pool)

Skyhawks Sport Tots

Tuesdays, 5:00 - 5:45 pm
(age 2 w / parent)
Tuesdays, 6:00 - 6:45 pm
(ages 3-4)

April 30 - May 28
Haddam Elementary School outside)

Tennis Anyone?

(Ages 7-10)
Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, beginning April 16
Sheldon Park

(Ages 11-13)
Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, beginning April 16
Sheldon Park

Archery

Wednesdays,
beginning April 24, 5:30 pm
HK High School)

Karate Kids

Wednesdays,
beginning May 1, 3:30 pm
Burr Elementary School

Engineering Workshops - Skyscraper City

Tuesdays, 5/21, 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Killinworth Elementary School or
Tuesdays, 5/28, 3:30 - 5:00 pm
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Zumba® Kids

Thursdays, beginning April 25, 3:30 pm
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Wizarding World of Magical Engineering with Lego

Thursdays, May 2 - May 30, 3:30 pm
Burr Elementary School

Creative Art

Tuesdays, 3:30 pm, May 7 - May 28
Burr Elementary School

Abakadoodle STEAM Dreams (Gr. K-5)

Wednesdays, beginning April 24, 3:30 pm
Burr Elementary School

Swim Lessons (ages 4 +)

Tuesday or Thursdays
beginning, May 2, 6:30 pm
HK High School Pool



Crossroads Driving (Zoom)

Mondays - Thursdays,
2:45 pm or 6:30 pm,
Starting May 6th, June 3rd

Adult Programs Include:

Basic Boating

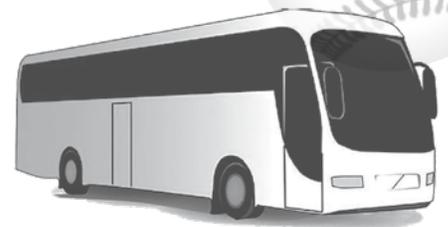
Tuesdays & Thursdays
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HK High School

Advanced Beginner Pickleball

Mondays & Fridays
5/10, 5/13, 5/17 & 5/20, 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sheldon Park

Family Programs Include:

NY Yankees vs Tampa Bay Rays
Saturday, May 18, 1:05 pm game
Must register by April 18.



Information

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



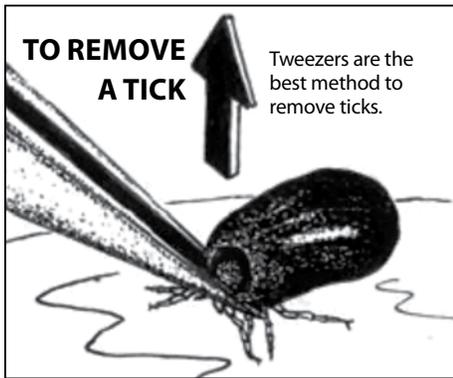
CT River Area Health District Ticks - A Year-Round Nuisance

Ticks in our area of CT have become a year-round nuisance. There are many tick species that are found in Connecticut. The tick that transmits Lyme disease is called a deer tick. For detailed information concerning this and other tick species, please visit our website at: www.crahd.info.

Quickly finding and removing ticks from the body is a crucial step in preventing infection with tick-borne diseases. **Tweezers are the best method to remove ticks.** Contrary to widespread belief, smothering ticks with petroleum jelly is not effective. Never use a hot match, gasoline or any other chemical to remove a tick.

The best way to remove a tick:

- Grasp it close to the mouth parts near the skin surface.
- With gentle, steady pressure, pull the tick upward away from the skin until it releases.



Once the tick is removed, wash the area of the bite with an antiseptic or rubbing alcohol.

Symptoms of tick-borne diseases found in Connecticut may all include

a fever and general muscle aches that can occur within 35 days from the time of the bite. If you get any symptoms of Lyme disease, or symptoms of other tick-borne diseases, contact your doctor right away.

The CT River Area Health District (CRAHD) will test ticks

Registrar

Notice: Early Voting



Starting this year, 2024, the State of Connecticut now has "Early Voting."

Connecticut residents will now be able to vote earlier than on Election Day starting with our first election for 2024 which is the "Presidential Preference Primary."

All "Early Voting" will ONLY be held at the: HADDAM FIREHOUSE 439 Saybrook Road (Rte. 154), Higganum, CT 06441

EARLY VOTING SESSIONS:

AUGUST 13, 2024 - STATE AND DISTRICT OFFICE PRIMARY

Early Voting Dates & Times:

August 5th thru August 11th, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Except August 6th & 8th, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Election Day:

Tuesday, August 13th, 6:00 am - 8:00 pm

NOVEMBER 5, 2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Early Voting Dates & Times:

October 21st thru November 3rd, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Except October 29th and October 31st, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Election Day:

Tuesday, November 5th, 6:00 am - 8:00 pm

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Haddam Rocks with the Haddam Historical Society

May 11, 2024, 10:00 am



Join the Haddam Historical Society on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 10:00 am to visit three of the town's most prominent geological landmarks.

These include Pulpit Rock (*also known as Flag Rock*), Shopboard Rock and Bible Rock. Guides, Phil Devlin and Lisa Malloy will talk about the unique history and folklore of each location. Free for Historical Society members and \$5 per person for non-members. We will meet in the Haddam Elementary School parking lot at 10:00 am. Limited attendance so r.s.v.p.

today at: contact@haddamhistory.org or call: 860-345-2400.

Haddam Historical Society 6th Annual Croquet and Chardonnay June 1, 2024, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Nestledown, Haddam

The Haddam Historical Society is thrilled to host the 6th Annual Croquet and Chardonnay Tournament Fundraiser on Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Held at the beautiful and historic "Nestledown" at 268 Walkley Hill Road, the event will feature multiple courts including the famous Heartbreak Hill. Appetizers, wine, beer, and lemonade are included. There will also be a silent auction featuring exquisite items carefully curated by the committee.



HHS Croquet and Chardonnay.

The grand champion will win the coveted golden mallet. Croquet whites are optional but encouraged, as are decorative hats. Join us for an afternoon of fun, food, and fierce competition. \$40 per person and the rain date is Sunday, June 2, 2024.

Children's Summer Program at the Haddam Historical Society June 24 - 28 and August 5 - 9 Thankful Arnold House Museum Ages 8-12

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Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28 and

Monday, August 5 - Friday, August 9 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm each day.

The program is offered for girls and boys ages 8 - 12.

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, making butter, baking, playing with Colonial toys and games, and even dancing!

The fee is \$159 for the five days with all materials and snacks included. Some scholarship funding is available.



Children enjoying a class at the Haddam Historical Society Camp.

INFORMATION

For more information and registration, go to: www.haddamhistory.org.

For questions regarding the program or scholarship information, contact Nicole Harlow, Education Coordinator, The Haddam Historical Society, at: education@haddamhistory.org or call: 860 345-2400.

All students must be pre-registered as space is limited.

Other Haddam Historical Society Events

- May 18** Town Wide Tag Sale-Antiques, Collectibles and More at the Museum 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
- May 23** Haddam Historical Society Annual Meeting
- June 8** Connecticut Open House at the Thankful Arnold House Museum 12:00 to 4:00 pm
- June 9** Pinpointing and Ponies Kid’s Program
- June 22** House and Garden Tour
- June 23** Connecticut’s Historic Gardens Day 12:00 to 4:00 pm



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Haddam Senior Van - Questions & Answers

What qualifies as a medical visit?

Primary care, eye doctor, dermatologist, cardiologist, physical therapy, treatments.

What area of town?

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Does it make a difference where my doctor is located?

Generally, Middlesex County is the area the van covers. That would be from Cromwell to Old Saybrook.

How do I make a reservation for the van?

Call right after you make your appointment. This way Neal, the driver, can make his schedule. You can reach Neal at 860- 682-3301.

What hours does the van cover?

Usually, between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. But, please call Neal. There may be some flexibility about hours.

Who can use the van?

You need to live in Haddam, be 60 + years of age or a disabled individual.

I'm in a wheelchair, can I use the van?

Yes, the van has a lift and can accommodate two wheelchairs.

Who pays for the senior van?

The town of Haddam funds the van and provides this service at no cost to the riders.

What else does the van go?

The van can pick up and bring you to the Senior Center for a hot lunch or attend activities.

How about shopping?

The van travels every Tuesday to Walmart in Cromwell for an hour of shopping. Departure time may vary depending on the number of pickups or medical visits.

What's coming in the future?

In connection with the Senior Center, there may be some day-time events planned. Check the monthly activity calendar. You will need to sign up.

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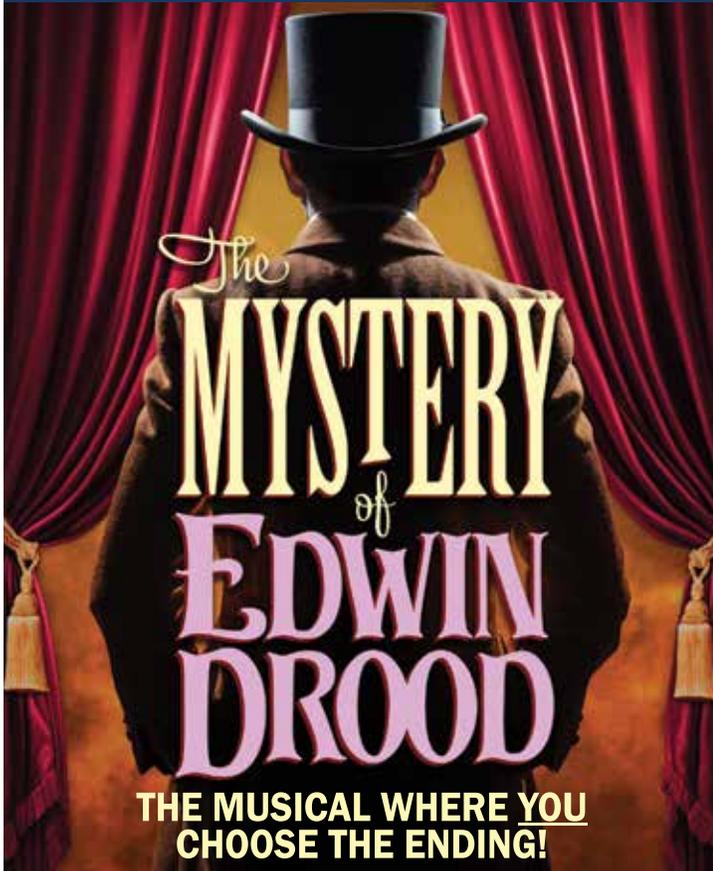


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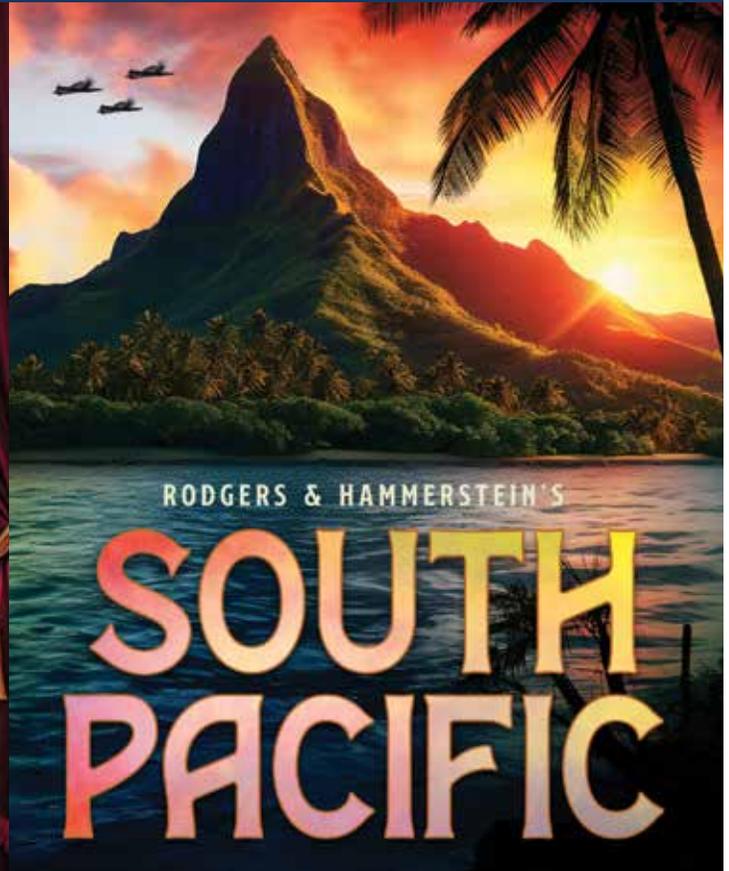


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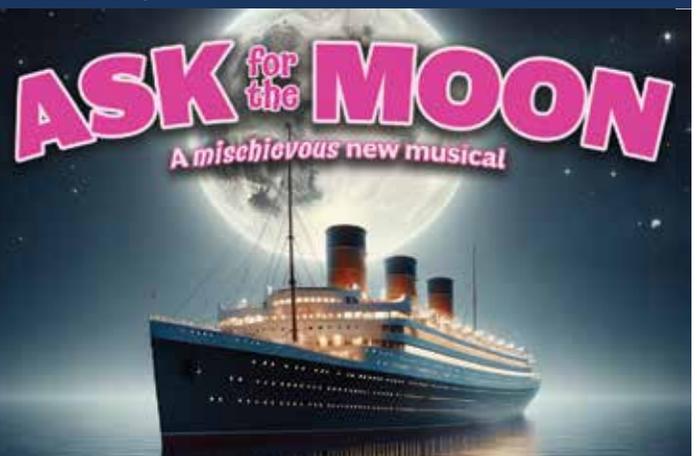


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