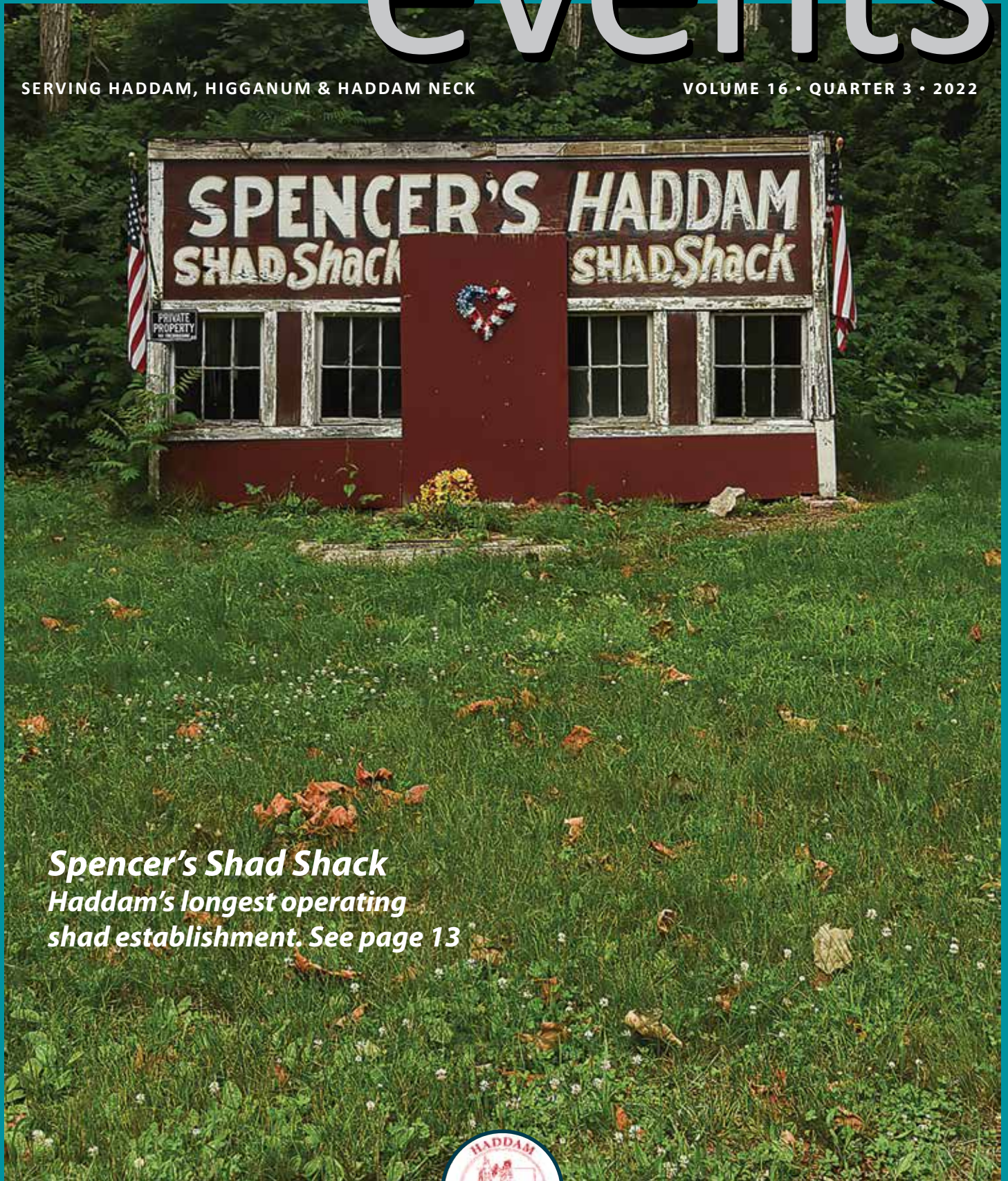


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I hope you're enjoying your summer. Fair season is about to begin. The first major fair, North Stonington, runs from July 14th – 17th. Closer to home the Chester Fair is August 26 – 28, and our favorite, the Haddam Neck Fair, is Labor Day weekend September 2 – 5.

Project Updates:

- **Swing Bridge Rehabilitation**– DOT awarded the contract to American Bridge Company. Coincidentally, they were one of the companies that built the bridge in 1912. I don't expect we'll see any significant work or disruptions to traffic before this fall. As of this writing, American Bridge Company hasn't produced its initial project schedule. This is due to the complexity of the project and the many environmental and other constraints that must be worked around. DOT expects it will take a few months to develop the schedule. You can find the latest information and project updates on our website and the DOT project website, easthaddamswingbridgeproject.com. DOT plans

to hold a public meeting on the project this summer. This project will have a significant impact on our local businesses. Please do what you can to support them.

- **Tylerville Roundabouts** – Design work continues on the project. I recently met with DOT to review the plans for a new parking area and walking trail for those who want to view the cascading falls at the Route 9 connector as well as some historic ruins in that area. DOT expects construction on the roundabouts will start in the spring of 2024 and take two years.
- **Bridge Road Sidewalks** – If you've been on Bridge Road recently, you've seen the new sidewalk that is being built on the south side of the road. The sidewalk will connect to sidewalks that are part of the roundabouts project and to the walkway being built on the swing bridge. The work is moving along well and will be completed this year.
- **Haddam Center Sidewalk** – We awarded a contract to replace the existing side-

walk along Saybrook Road from Jail Hill to the cemetery. Work was delayed pending final approval by DOT and hopefully has or will begin shortly.



- **Scovil Hoe** – At our May town meeting, voters unanimously approved the purchase of the Scovil Hoe buildings in Higganum Center from DOT, accepting the state grant for environmental remediation and the ultimate transfer to a developer at which point the property becomes taxable. The developer will renovate and rent out the space. Subsequent

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to that meeting, I signed the purchase agreement with DOT which is now going through the final review process by the state and the sales agreement with Parker Benjamin, the developer. I'm waiting for the final paperwork for the clean-up grant. I'm excited about this project. It will have a significant positive impact on revitalizing Higganum Center.

- Haddam Elementary School – We're applying for a grant to build a multi-generational playscape and park to replace the old playground at HES and build sidewalks from the school down to and along Depot Road. (We were unsuccessful with an earlier grant request that included this work and converting part of HES into a senior center.)
- Higganum Cove – The Higganum Cove Committee is doing a great job overseeing the preservation and improvement of this historic and environmental site. You should visit the it if you haven't recently. Benches overlooking the historic foundations and a welcome sign/map have been added recently.

As you can see, we have a lot going on and this list doesn't include the road-work we're doing, the Beaver Meadow Road culvert replacement or the major private projects that are underway. Have a great summer!

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Something for Everyone at Brainerd Memorial Library: Events, Games, Museum Passes, Programs & More!

The library, located at 920 Saybrook Rd in Haddam, offers many materials and services besides books, DVDs, and computer access.

We are growing a wonderful collection of games that include not only beautiful, interesting, and exciting board games like: Azul, Scythe, & Wingspan, but Nintendo Switch games for checkout!

BML also has laptops, Wi-Fi hotspots and a "Library of Things" (with items like bakeware and crafting supplies) to borrow.

Our magazine collection expanded to include Birds & Blooms, National Geographic, and Smithsonian which can be checked out as well.



We have purchased two new museum passes for the Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington and the Mashantucket Pequot Museum. We also have passes to: Beardsley Zoo, Children's Museum in Niantic, The Children's Museum in West Hartford & Roaring Brook Nature Center, Connecticut's Old State House, The Connecticut River Museum, Custom House Maritime Museum, Florence Griswold Museum, Lyman Allyn Art Museum, Mystic Seaport, New Britain Museum of American Art, New Haven Museum, and the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art.

At BML, the Friends of the Library run an onsite bookstore with over 3000 items. Twice a year the Friends partner with the Children's Department to hold a fun outside event. Last year we held Summerfest and Fallfest, with crafts and activities as well as books, plants, and baked goods sales.

Our 4th annual Agricultural Day on June 4th was a huge success, with 28 exhibitors, food, music, activities and programs, animals, a bounce house, antique farm machinery and demos, books, and plants. The day's highlight was a presentation and book signing by children's "Tractor Mac" author, Billy Steers. Over 230 people attended this free all-ages celebration of the local agriculture and environment.

Plants and lovely fresh floral arrangements are available all summer!

The library has ongoing programs for everyone like: Children's story and music times, Young Adult Movie and Anime clubs, Adult Culinary Club, Crafting Connection, concerts, and gardening workshops.

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Publisher's Note

Remembering John C. Ellis - Founder of Connecticut Cancer Foundation

When I first went by the offices of the Connecticut Cancer Foundation (CCF), I had no idea of the relationship that my company would be forming with CCF. At first glance, I was in awe of the beautiful, new building that had just opened in 2017. As a baseball fan, I admired all the baseball décor –so many images of baseball players (mostly Yankees that I had admired) were on display! Looking deeper, I saw that each of the players highlighted had recognized something more important. How CCF, founded by former Yankee John Ellis, was so vital to helping cancer patients and their families. These players saw how committed John and his wife, Jane, were to CCF. It inspired them to help as well. As the great Mickey Mantle once said: "I hope this foundation goes on forever!"

It wasn't until we got to know Jane and John a little better that we learned their compelling story. That included John's battle with cancer and how Jane and John worked tirelessly on a hands-on basis to address the very real struggles that a cancer diagnosis brings. The financial impact can be devastating. CCF helps ease that burden through assistance with everyday expenses.

Over the years, I've had the good fortune to work with CCF in numerous respects – from my company printing the Dinner Journal for CCF's annual Celebrity Dinner and Auction to attending the informative Eat Well, Live Well presentations that CCF put on pre-COVID. John was always smiling, gracious, quick with a joke. And the incredible bond between John and Jane was so evident. You can't say John without adding Jane - or vice versa.

When I learned earlier this year that John was once again battling cancer, I thought how unfair it all is. Cancer has no bounds or rules. It crosses all our paths in some way. But even in the face of it all, John was determined to fight not only his own battle but also to maintain the promise he made to help at a grass roots level, one cancer-impacted family at a time through CCF. Sadly, John passed in April. There will always be a void in the countless number of lives that he touched. But I am sure his spirit, drive and promise will continue through CCF and its work. To honor John, we are reprinting Events Magazines' The Last Word Segment published in 2018, on page 18. Please take a moment to read it and reflect on a life well-lived. You can also provide donations in his memory to CCF at: www.CTCancerFoundation.org.

William McMinn

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Over the summer...

Kelly, our Teen Librarian, and Betty, from the Friends, attend the Farmers Market at the Haddam Elementary School one Friday a month. They offer free books and children's crafts and activities as well as plants and garden items for sale. Stop by to meet them and see what they've brought!

Children's Summer Reading began on June 27th. Pick up packets in the Children's Department. You can access the Summer Reading page on the website for the brochure and HK schools' summer reading lists.

Music on the Lawn is back! The next concert, featuring Joe Flood, will be on Wednesday, July 20th at 7 pm. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and a picnic for an enjoyable evening.

The Crafting Connection

The Crafting Connection will be held the 3rd Monday of each month from 6-8 pm.

The Crafting Connection is now a monthly in-person program! Register via the

calendar on our website. Here are our first two classes:

Sea Glass Framed Art: Monday, July 25th
Do you have a bottle of sea glass on your shelf? Bring your treasures to this class to create a sea glass framed picture. If you do not have sea glass, materials will be provided.

Mandala Sea Star: Monday, August 22
A mandala is a complex abstract design, usually circular with a center point, from which symbols, shapes and forms emanate. We'll use canvases, acrylic paint, and mandala dotting tools to create a sea star shape.

Looking ahead to autumn...

We are planning another Fallfest for everyone on October 15th, as well as some other spooky happenings in October to celebrate Halloween. Announcements will be made in September.

Save the Date! The Library Board of Trustees are reprising their exciting CT River Swallows Cruise, which departs from Eagle Landing in Haddam on September 24th. Check our social media for details in the coming months. Finally, the Library Board



would like to thank all those who have purchased commemorative bricks and invite them to see the installation of the latest batch of bricks. We expect another delivery in July and still have 4x8 and 8x8 bricks available to engrave. Details are on the website or at the library circulation desk.

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

BML Staff looks forward to seeing everyone and wishes the community an enjoyable summer!

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No Grant Too Small – No Joy Too Big

What do a red tractor, a book from Brainerd Memorial Library, and a grant from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County have in common?

An instant connection between a little boy and his favorite children's author at Brainerd Memorial Library's Agriculture Day.

At the Community Foundation of Middlesex County (CFMC), we love to find ways to celebrate our friends and donors, support (and surprise!) our nonprofits, and share great stories with our community. In celebration of the Community Foundation's 25th anniversary, Sharon and Bill Griffin and Jessica and Andrew Scheff of the Peach Pit Foundation once again partnered with CFMC to award a special \$2,500 grant to each of our libraries in Middlesex County ... with

just one restriction: spread some kindness. Tom Piezzo and his staff at Brainerd Memorial Library immediately began brainstorming how they could do more to highlight their wonderful community of Haddam while spreading fun and joy.

One idea they settled on helped to expand exhibits and support the appearance of "Tractor Mac" author Billy Steers at Agriculture Day. Little did anyone imagine the real difference that small, but impactful, grant would make in one little boy's life!

Children's author Billy Steers gave a wonderful presentation to those in attendance, including animatedly reading a story and drawing a Tractor Mac picture book storyboard with input from the kids (complete with his cartoon voices for each character). Later that day, a local mother shared with

Brainerd Memorial Library Director Tom Piezzo what the event meant to her son (we'll call him "Ben"). Ben is seven years old and has struggled with reading his whole life. When Ben and his parents discovered the Tractor Mac series at Brainerd Library, something clicked, and he devoured all the copies the Library had on hand. He was excitedly counting down the days to meet Billy Steers and pose for a photo in front of the red tractor that looks just like his favorite character, Tractor Mac. His mother explained that Ben really came out of his shell during the storyboarding and participated with all the other children.

The story doesn't quite end there ... After the event, Billy was signing books. Not only did he sign three copies of his favorite Tractor Mac books for Ben, but

he also took a full ten minutes (despite a line of waiting, excited parents and children) to talk with and encourage Ben to keep up his reading.

This is the difference we make together in our commu-

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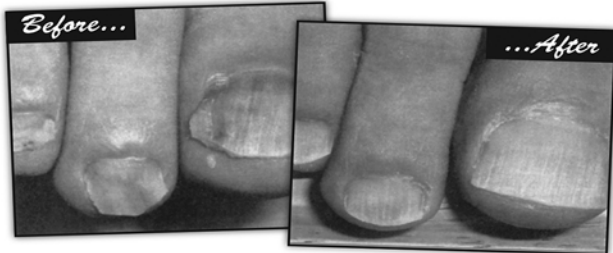
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Vista Blog Celebrates Connecting Through Art

Several years ago, the nonprofit Vista Life Innovations created a set of nine Core Values that support the organization as it impacts the lives of individuals with disabilities and the broader community. Throughout 2022, Vista has celebrated a new Core Value each month by sharing the stories of its students and members — as well as the organization — on the Vista Spotlight Blog.

For the month of June, Vista focused on the Core Value of Community & Human Connection. Developing meaningful relationships and a sense of belonging is what binds us together. A perfect example is Vista’s Create Art Program, a unique community arts program for artists of all abilities that offers literary, performing, and visual arts classes.



During Connect Through Art class, Vista Engage member Kelsey collaborates with her classmates on a collage art piece.

Vista Arts Coordinator Katie Fogg oversees art instruction and curriculum. Katie explains, “We offer a variety of creative platforms such as drawing, painting, sculpture, and many other artistic areas. Each class gives me the opportunity to witness students sharing their passion for the arts and teaching each other different skills through artistic expression.” Katie shares more about the joy of art collaboration: “As an artist, you have strengths and weaknesses within different art skills; working collaboratively is the best way to grow.”

Vista art classes foster artistic expression and curiosity among all students and members, making it clear that the arts can transform Vista’s students and members, resulting in increased self-esteem and readiness to interact with their peers and community. Kelsey, an Engage member and Connect Through Art student, discusses how Vista’s visual arts-based day program has influenced her even today. Kelsey shares, “I’ve been doing art for almost ten years, and at first, all I knew was how to draw and trace. Now I’m learning collage and painting, and I get to do it in class with my friends.”

Vista also offers a performing arts program, A Shared Stage Productions, where members of the larger community can participate in an inclusive musical production that connects people of all abilities through the arts. Kelsey has appeared in five musicals. She enjoys collaborating with theater professionals. “When I’m on stage, I feel united with everyone... we’re all performers performing for the audience,” Kelsey says. Connections made during rehearsals and performances leave an impression not only on the hearts of Vista’s students and members but also on the entire community.

Assessor's Office

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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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 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.
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If you move you must, by law, report your

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

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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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The three polling places are:

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District #002
Regional School District #17,
Central Office
57 Little City Rd.
Higganum, CT 06441

District #003
Haddam Neck Firehouse
50 Rock Landing Rd.
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Mail-in voter registration application must be received by the Registrar of Voters and post marked by August 3, 2022.

In-person voter registration by a new or unaffiliated voter (changing to vote for a party) must be in to the Registrar of Voters or Town Clerk by 12:00 noon August 8, 2022.

The deadline to transfer from one party to another party and vote was May 9, 2022 (there is a 3- month waiting period).

NOTE: There will be a special “Democratic and Republican Primary” registration session on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 from 12 noon to 2:00 pm at the Haddam Registrar of Voters Office.

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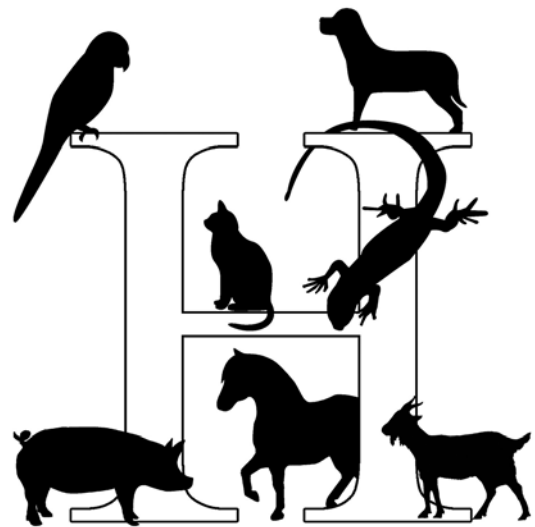
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Tax bills were mailed on June 30th. If you misplaced a bill or did not receive one they can be found under the tax page at Haddam.org. Payments must be the office or postmarked by the post office by August 1, 2022. There were many issues last year with mail. Contact Kristin Battistoni, CCMC (Haddam Tax Collector) if your payment is not posted within a week.

If you received a bill for a vehicle or a business you do not own any longer, or if you did not get a bill and you think you should have, please call immediately. These bills will not go away if they are not addressed and could cause trouble down the road. The end of the month gets pretty busy, the sooner we can address an issue the better.

Did you pay off your mortgage and not get a bill? Normally, if you are escrowed, they

receive the bill and pay the taxes. If you paid off your mortgage you should be receiving the bill. When properties sell close to the end of the fiscal year, the tax office may not always be aware of that change by the time the bills go out.

A pre-addressed envelope is included in the bills for easy payment. These payments go to a lockbox in Hartford and are processed through our bank. This makes the processing of payments much faster. Payments can also be dropped off or mailed to the office at the Town Office Building, Tax Office C/O Kristin Battistoni, 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam, CT 06438. Please make checks payable to the Town of Haddam. A drop box has been installed in the front of the building to the left of the front doors for night or weekend drops. This area is under surveillance for secure check only payments.

If you would like a mailed receipt please include a self-addressed stamped envelope

and mail to the Tax Office directly or use the outside drop box.

A credit card or a debit card can be used on our website or in the office. Payments cannot be taken over the phone. A service fee of 2.95% will be added to all payments made with a card. An Electronic Funds Transfer can be done on the website for \$1.50. The website does not update in real time. Online payments may not reflect for a few days, however, you will receive an email confirmation after the payment is made. Contact our office if you have any questions about using the online system.

Partial payments are always accepted on accounts. This is the best way to help keep interest down if the bill cannot be paid in full.

The Tax Office will have limited availability from August 8th to the 19th.

If you have any questions please call or email Kristin Battistoni, CCMC at taxcollect@haddam.org or 860-345-8531 X 207.



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Board of Assessment Appeals

Understanding Motor Vehicle Assessments

CT Motor Vehicle Department uses NADA (National Auto Dealers Assoc.) for values. The department ASSUMES all vehicles are clean, retail and average mileage. Since the state uses NADA, the town must follow suit.

In September, the Board of Assessment Appeals will hold hearings to give those of you who disagree with the town's assessment of a motor vehicle an opportunity to challenge the assessment.

When will the Board meet? Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 5:00 pm at the Community Center, 7 Candlewood Hill Road, Higganum.

How to make an appointment: Call (860-345-8531) or visit the Assessor's office in the Town Office Building, 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam.

What you will need to bring to the hearing: (1) Your tax bill; (2) The motor vehicle for our inspection, if possible; (3) If you can't bring the vehicle, bring photos that clearly show the condition of the vehicle; (4) Supporting evidence, such as a written estimate of value and/or retail sales price listings for similar vehicles. All supporting documentation will be retained for our files.

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

Spencer's Shad Shack

A local landmark since the early 1930s, Spencer's Shad Shack is located along the east side of Route 154 just south of Haddam Village. Shad has long been a vital and integral part of Haddam's history and was once one of the town's largest exports.

Native Americans harvested shad during the spring spawning run and showed Colonists how to catch and eat shad. The fish, not only became an important part of local diets, but became a thriving commercial

enterprise in the 19th century and well into the 20th century. Shad runs in the Connecticut River from April through June.

In the 20th century local fishermen and high school students

would commercially fish at night and then go to work or attend school the next day. The shad they caught was brought to local shad shacks where it was weighed, iced and either shipped to New York or sold behind the counter. Spencer's Shad Shack was Haddam's longest operating shad establishment from 1930 to the early 2000s.





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Haddam Senior Van

The senior van is a service provided and funded by the town of Haddam for seniors 60+ or disabled individuals. The van operates Monday thru Thursday. This service is available for any location within the greater Middlesex area. The van may be used for doctor appointments, physical therapy or any other medical appointment. You must call to arrange pickup, at least the day before.

In addition, the van travels to the Walmart, in Cromwell on Tuesday mornings for an hour of shopping. Seniors can request to be picked up at their home. Departure time may vary, depending on the number of pickups, or if the van is needed later or a medical visit. The driver is Diane Gondek, known to many of the seniors. She may be reached at 860-682-3301.

HK Recreation Summer Programs

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The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is offering many fun and exciting programs this summer. The brochure is posted on www.hkrec.com. Online registration is available! Visit our website and see how you can set up your household account for easy registration.

Upcoming programs will include pre-school programs and camps such as:

Youth / Teen Programs

HK Summer Camp / Extended Care
(June 27 – August 12 / weekly sessions)

Karate Kids
(Mondays and Wednesdays starting July 25 at Parmelee Farm)

Crossroads Driving
(Mon – Th. starting July 5 or August 1)

Babysitter's Training
(July 26, 27 & 28, 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the HK HS Lower Media Center)

Summer Soccer fun with Vale
(Tuesdays or Thursdays beginning July 12 (ages 3 – 4) 5:00 – 5:45 pm or (ages 5-7) 5:45 – 6:45pm at KRP)



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A Cause for Celebration

25 Years of Helping Good People Do Great Things!



We salute our founders and early donors, the visionaries who pooled resources to provide immediate and future support to local nonprofit programs.

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Haddam Historical Society

CT Summer at the Museum Grant

The Haddam Historical Society/Thankful Arnold House Museum was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$2500 from Connecticut Humanities to support our participation in the CT Summer at the Museum initiative.

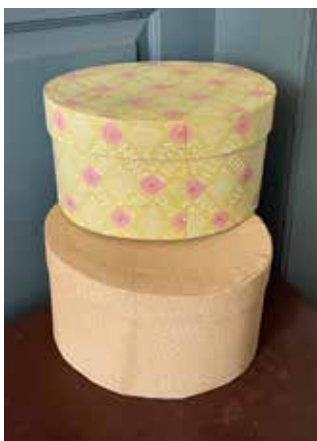
The program invites Connecticut children ages 18 and under plus one accompanying Connecticut resident adult to visit participating museums free of charge from July 1 through September 5, 2022. Funding for the initiative is provided by the CT General Assembly, the with the support of Connecticut Humanities and the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of the Arts, which also receives support from the federal ARPA.

The CT Summer at the Museum program was extremely successful in the summer of 2021, with museums throughout the state hosting hundreds of thousands of children, many of whom would not otherwise be able to afford admission. This program is even more important in 2022 given that inflation and high gasoline prices are already adversely impacting attendance at our institutions, especially among lower income families.

A visit to a museum provides a special opportunity that can positively impact mental health, demonstrably improve learning outcomes among children and youth, and offer positive activities and outlets in many of the neighborhoods, towns, and cities that we serve. As children and students missed out on more than two years of group and school visits to our institutions as part of hands-on, interactive learning, the CT Summer at the Museum Program gives these children and students a chance to experience our institutions and benefit from our programs, activities, and exhibits.

The Thankful Arnold House Museum and Haddam Historical Society will be offering activities and programs during the month of July and August including 19th century games and early American crafts. The museum is open Wednesdays 9-3, Thursdays 2-8, Fridays 12-3 and Sundays 1-4. To learn more about specific programs visit www.haddamhistory.org

Crafting at the Museum



The Haddam Historical Society will be hosting Crafting Sundays for the month of August.

August 7 – Make a Band Box

August 14 – Pierced tin craft

August 21 – Colonial Quillwork

August 28 – Quilted coasters

These programs will be free of charge but advanced registration is required at 860-345-2400 or contact@haddamhistory.org

Programs will be held on Sunday afternoons between 3 pm and 5 pm at the Thankful Arnold House Museum at 14 Hayden Hill Road, Haddam, CT

Fall House Tour

October 8, 2022

10 am to 4 pm

On Saturday, October 8, 2022 the Haddam Historical Society will host “The Next Generation of Historic House Owners” from 10 am to 4 pm. Visit six architecturally distinct properties in Haddam and Higganum which are loved and respected by their

young owners. These old house champions have carefully restored and curated their storied dwellings to fit varied lifestyles including young families to tech-savvy entrepreneurs. Some have been saved from the brink of destruction while others have been carefully rehabilitated. All six homes offer a fascinating look at how the younger generation has found beauty and tranquility in our town’s important historic structures. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 day of the tour and will be on sale at the end of the summer.





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Specialty Camps

Science or Just Fun

July 11 – 14, 9:00 – 11:00 am, HK HS Lower Media Center

Clay/Pottery Camp

July 18 – 22, 9:30 – 12:00 pm, HK HS Art Room

Casablanca's Modeling/Fashion Camp

July 25 – 29, 9:00 – 12:00 pm, HK HS Lower Media Center

Cooking with Ease

August 1 – 5, 9:00 – 11:30 am, HK HS Lower Media Center

Abakadoodle Beach Party Art Camp

August 15 – August 19, 9:00 – 12:00 pm, HK HS Lower

Sports Camp

Skyhawks Basketball Camp

July 18 – 22, (Gr. K-2) 9:00 – 12:00 pm or (Gr. 3-5) 9:00 – 3:00 pm at the HK HS Field House

Skyhawks Mini-Hawk for ages 5 – 7

July 11 – 15 or August 8 – 12, 9:00 – 12:00 pm at HK HS Multi-Use Field

Skyhawks Tennis Academy

July 11 – July 15, 9 – 12:00 pm, Sheldon Park, August 1 – August 5, 9:00 – 12:00 pm at the HK HS Tennis Courts

Skyhawks Flag Football Camp

July 25 – 29, 9:00 – 1:00 pm at the HK HS Multi-Use Field

Vale Soccer Camp

August 1 – 5, (ages 3-5) 9:00 – 10:30 am; (Gr. K-4) 9:00 – 12:00 pm at the HK Middle School

Skyhawks Multi-Sport Camp for ages 7 - 11

August 8 – 12, 9:00 – 12:00 pm at the HK HS Multi-use Field



Aquatic Programs

Children's Swim Lessons (ages 4+)

beginning June 27 – August 12 (M – F morning classes, one-week sessions) / evening classes (T/TH, June 28 – July 12)

Parent/Tot Swim

Session 2, July 18 – 22 from 11:15 – 11:45 pm, Session 3 August 1 – August 5 from 11:15 – 11:45 pm

Pre-School Swim for age 3

(Monday – Friday, July 25 - 29 or Aug. 8 - 12, 9:00 – 9:30 am)



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Adult Programs

Fitness Yoga

(Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 28 – August 16; 7:00 – 8:15 pm)

“Come Play in the Mud” Pottery (Thursdays, July 6 – August 10, 5:30 – 8:30pm at the HK HS Art Room)

Summer Entertainment

Outdoor Family Concert Series (all shows are at 7 pm on Fridays)

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July 15
The Engine Room at Parmelee Farm

July 22
Audacity at Higganum Green

July 29
1974 at Parmelee Farm

Discount Tickets will be available through August 30 for Lake Compounce & Adventure Park (Storrs or Bridgeport)

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

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Connecticut Cancer Foundation - John & Jane Ellis by Sigrid Kun

An enduring promise to help Connecticut cancer patients and their families.

The story of John and Jane Ellis is one of love, inspiration and dedication. She says he had the vision. He says she's the angel who does everything. Together, they are strong individuals who never wavered since John made a most solemn promise.

Born in New London, John was a high school standout in football and baseball. He went on to a 13-year major league baseball career. The catcher debuted in 1969 with the New York Yankees (1969-1972), hitting a home run in his first at bat. He also played for the Cleveland Indians (1973-1975) and Texas Rangers (1976-1981).

A routine life insurance examination revealed a spot. He had been a picture of health - jogging 10 miles a day. At age 38, the 1971 Topps All-Star Rookie had Hodgkin's lymphoma. He had already lost a brother, sister and sister-in-law, each to cancer. "Sitting there in the hole, getting your juice, and breaking it down. I made a deal," explains John. "If you let me live, I'm going to do this. I said I'd dedicate my whole life to the needs of the needy."

That was 1987. Together, the couple started a foundation whose mission has remained steadfast - to provide financial assistance to Connecticut cancer patients and their families and to fund cancer research. He is the Chairman/Founder. She is the President and Executive Director. The formula is simple. Many individuals affected by cancer struggle with basic living necessities. The foundation is there to help.

Oncology social workers in Connecticut provide referrals to the foundation. Applications are reviewed each Monday, with grants made within a week - an unheard of turnaround. If there is an emergency, they will do what they can right away. "It's all local. "You know where the money is going and that makes us unique," notes Jane. To date, the foundation has provided almost \$6 million in financial assistance to CT families and over \$2 million to lymphoma research. A \$7 million endowment ensures its future.

Their signature fundraiser is an annual celebrity dinner first held in 1988 at the Groton Motor Inn. Mickey Mantle, Whitey Ford and Billy Martin were there. "It was like a group of friends, getting together and telling stories," relates Jane. "It was special." The event raised \$100,000. At the end of the evening, Mickey observed "I hope this foundation goes on forever."

The event has grown markedly and is now hosted by a key corporate partner, Mohegan Sun. The next celebrity dinner will be held on February 8, 2019. The list of attendees are a testament to the relationships/trust that the couple forged over the years: Don Zimmer (who once released John), Yogi Berra, Derek Jeter, David Ortiz, Hank Aaron, Carl Yastrzemski, Joe Torre, Reggie Jackson, Mariano Rivera, and Roger Clemens. There are new fundraising initiatives: Cycle Against Cancer,



Left, John and Jane Ellis. Below, from the left, Derek Jeter, Didi Gregorius, Tommy Kahnle and David Robertson attending the 2018 Celebrity Dinner at Mohegan Sun.



New location, right, at 15 North Main Street in Old Saybrook.

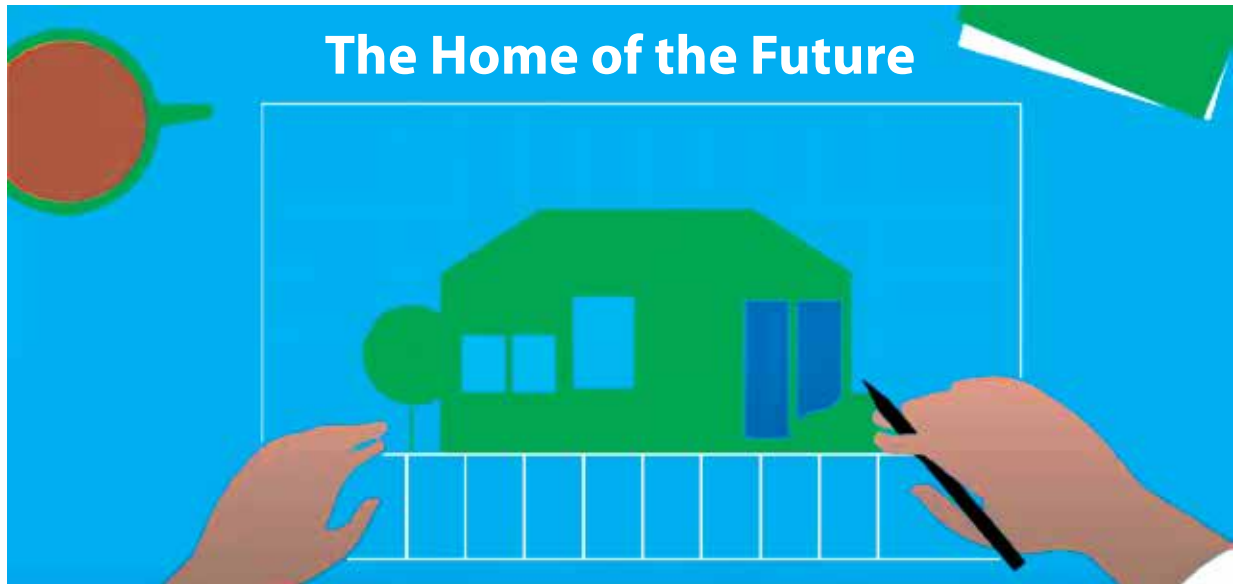


the Fishing Against Cancer tournament, and a Speakers Program. And there is assistance for ILROG - the International Lymphoma Radiation Oncology Group. "We're global in nature but local in giving," observes John.

In 2017, the foundation opened its new location at 15 North Main Street in Old Saybrook. Every aspect of the new facility focuses on the foundation's mission. There is a Hall of Fame. "It's a museum piece," says John. "A tribute to some of the wonderful baseball players who helped literally to build the foundation." There is an art gallery to hold exhibits benefitting the foundation. "It's the infrastructure for the next 30 years," says Jane.

John and Jane have assembled plenty of stories. John laughs over that second celebrity dinner when Joe DiMaggio wouldn't sign memorabilia Whitey Ford brought along for him to sign. Yogi Berra successfully intervened. And then there was a single mother whose child was suffering from a rare cancer. "I'll never forget that for the rest of my life," recounts Jane. "They were homeless. She didn't know how to feed her children that evening. We gave her \$2,000. That gave her hope. We continued to help her. We got furniture... I had John schlep it all in his truck."

Thirty years ago, the couple wondered if they'd still be needed. Surely, cancer would be beaten already. "Our mission is more relevant today than 30 years ago," explains Jane. "Everyday expenses...it's so much more expensive to live. Our help is needed more than ever." "There's plenty of work here," adds John. "We look forward to making sure the foundation goes on and on."



Technological advancements are changing our built environment, from our homes to our offices and beyond. New building materials, heating and cooling systems, and smart technologies are shifting what our buildings look like. What can we expect of the home of the future?

1. RETROFITTING and NEW DESIGN

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3. EV CHARGING

The car of the future will connect to the home of the future. Electric vehicle infrastructure is expanding, with more and more charging sites popping up along roadways and in towns. As the infrastructure grows, EVs are becoming more popular. Homes and businesses will adapt as well to support this shift, and EV charging stations will be seen just about everywhere.

4. SMART THERMOSTATS

Many homes and buildings are already starting to use smart thermostats. These tools help heat and cool homes optimally,

minimizing energy waste. Smart thermostats can provide key insight into how you can reduce your energy usage while keeping your home comfortable – you'd be surprised what a degree or two shift in your ambient temperature can do! Smart thermostats will be a default feature in the building of the future.

5. OPTIMIZED ENERGY USE DESIGN

Designing a home for energy usage gets things started off on the right foot. Optimizing the building orientation and overall layout can ensure that a building can support clean technologies like solar panels. It can also mean designers take into account how heat is conducted throughout the home, establishing energy efficiency from the get-go.

Eversource offers programs that support all of these new energy efficient technologies and more. We're working closely with the building community to communicate code changes, and we're offering rebates from heat pumps, EV charging, smart thermostats, and more. Check out our New Homes and Renovations page on [Eversource.com](https://www.eversource.com) to learn more.

While we're not quite ready for Jetson's-style flying cars and in-home robot butlers, the future is looking exciting. New tools that make homes more comfortable and keep energy efficiency in mind are coming to market every day – and we're excited to see what happens next!.





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