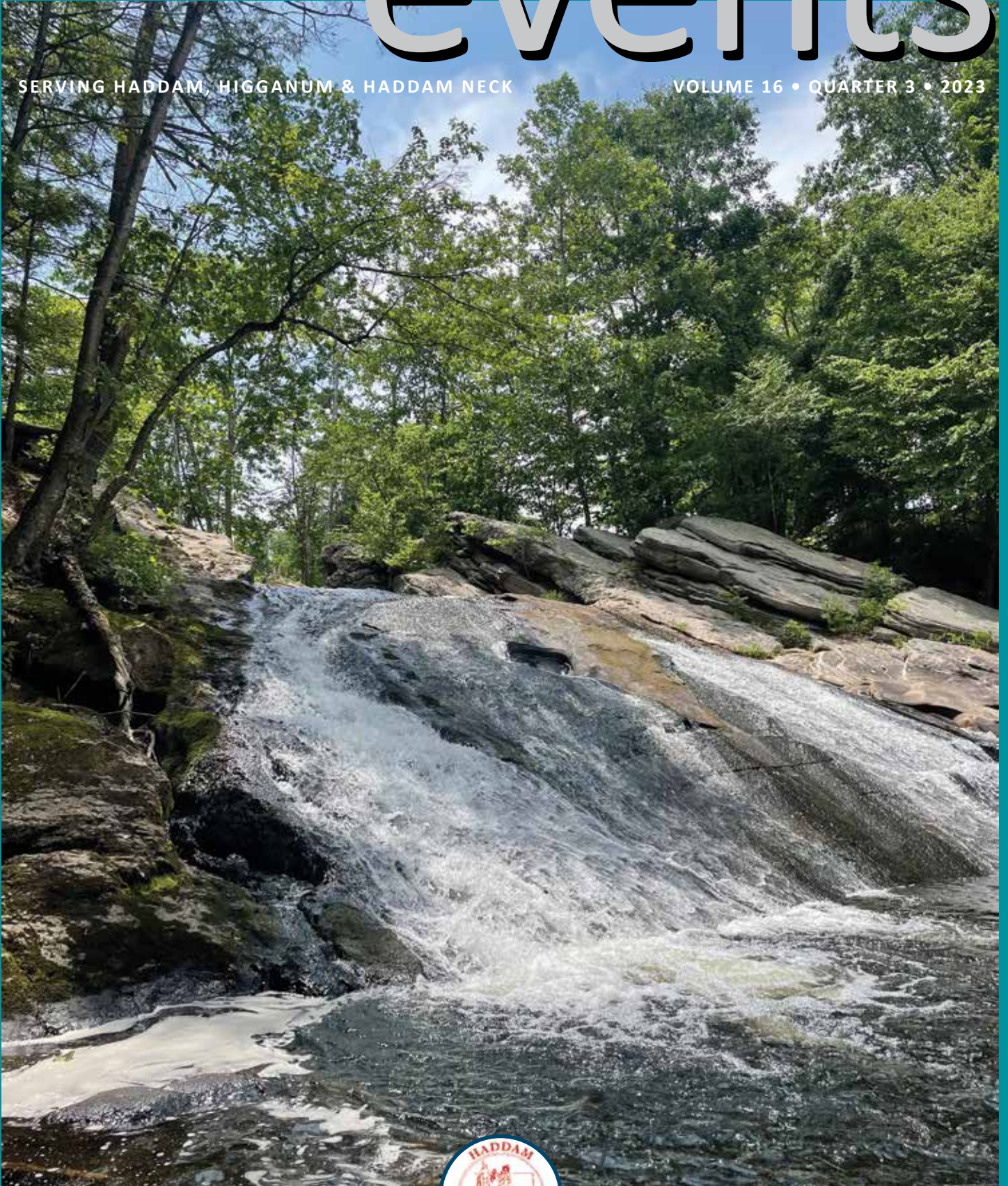


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# Selectman's Corner

I hope you're enjoying your summer. Fair season is about to begin. The first major fair, North Stonington, ran from July 13 – 16. Closer to home the Chester Fair is August 25 – 27, and our favorite, the Haddam Neck Fair, is Labor Day weekend September 1 – 4.

In this article, I'll give you an update on the major projects in town starting with roadwork.

Paving and drainage work is complete on Maple Avenue West, Saint Peters Lane, Thayer Road and Thayer Road Extension. Chip sealing was done on Nedobity Road, Hapenny Lane, Thornewood Road, Harvest Wood Lane and Camp Bethel Road. Work should be underway on Cedar Lake Road. It's a long road and it needs a lot of work. We plan to put down millings followed by chip sealing on Ruth Hill Road.

Chris Corsa and I met with CT DOT to start a safety audit of Saybrook Road from the Middletown line to just south of Higganum Center. Like many of you, I'm concerned about the traffic speed through the center but that's not all. I asked DOT to look into the poor sight line at the Thayer Road Extension intersection, and the confusing Candlewood Hill/Saybrook Road/Killingworth Road intersection (is it one lane or two?). We did a site walk on June 13th. I expect DOT will have a draft report for us in a month.

HES – We knew when we bought it that HES needed roof work. We budgeted \$400,000 for that and received another \$480,000 from the state for roof repairs and other site improvements. When we put the roof out to bid the low bid was \$1,021,489. The bid was structured so reroofing the old section of HES was the base (minimum) work to be done with the rest of the roof divided into three sections that could be added to the base. Not wanting to put that much money into a building we weren't sure how we were going use, we held an open house at HES to discuss its future. Over 200 of you attended (thanks). There were many comments and a wide range of options discussed. Based on your input we decided to reroof the old section of the building. We'll change the specifications for the section over the gym, which really needs to be done also, and rebid that. Participants at the meeting suggested hiring an architectural firm



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to do some proposed layouts moving various town and other functions into HES to help us decide how to go forward. We are proceeding with that.

Scovil Hoe – Even though it may not look like it, progress is being made at the Scovil Hoe site. Based on additional testing results, the Remediation Action Plan has been modified and approved by DEEP. We no longer need the geo-textile cap for the area of the filled-in pond. That saves almost half of the remediation cost. We either just have or will soon release a request for bid for the remediation. (We have an environmental company overseeing the remediation. The bid is for a company to do it.) Parker Benjamin, the developer, should begin their remodeling and renovation work on the buildings this summer. We expect that both the remediation and the renovations will finish in 2025.

Rossi – We have one developer interested in the property. We're reviewing his proposed plans and discussing terms of a potential agreement. Any proposed agreement will have to go to a town meeting for approval.

Swing Bridge - As I write this, we just completed the first 63-hour closure, 8:00 pm Sunday until 11 am Wednesday. They are scheduled to continue each week until Wednesday, November 8th with the exception of Fourth of July, Labor Day and Columbus Day weeks. According to American Bridge, the project is on schedule. 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.

# Higganum Farmers Market — Now on Saturdays!

For many years, the market has been held on Friday afternoons but this year the market is excited to announce that it and many of its favorite vendors have moved to Saturdays (9 am-12 pm) in the hopes that the community will find these new hours more accessible. Also new this year, grab yourself a freshly made egg sandwich and a cup of coffee as you swing through the morning market. Market sandwiches are made with eggs from local farms that will rotate throughout the season, and locally roasted coffee from Moodus Mud.

Look for the return of Bogue Farms and Walden Farms of Moodus. Each week they bring an assortment of in-season vegetables such as corn, tomatoes, peppers, beans, potatoes, cucumbers, as well as seasonal fruits such as apples, plums, peaches, and blueberries. Bogue Farms will also be bringing their started vegetable plants, perennials, shrubs, herbs and farm-fresh jams!

A few new farms have joined the ranks for this season. Join us in welcoming Chambers Family Farm from Higganum and Sugar Shoots (microgreens). The market also offers baked goods, freshly baked bread, cheese from Cato Corner, spices and seasoning mixes, local tea, local beer from Alvarium Beer and Coffee Company, freshly cut flower arrange-

ments and other goodies from Wellstone Farm Flowers, gourmet dog treats, jams and jellies, and an assortment of crafts and jewelry. The market hosts many part-time vendors, so every week is different! Town groups such as the Haddam Garden Club, Haddam Fire Auxiliary, Haddam Historical Society, and the Brainerd Library make appearances throughout the season. Live music from local musicians and picnic tables to sit at round out this new Saturday morning vibe. It's the perfect time to grab your local goodies and take your breakfast and coffee to a table and enjoy the market scene!

The market hosts different themed days throughout the season, including Kids Day, a Pet Costume Contest, and Kids Become Vendors Day! Kids Become Vendors Day is one of the bigger events put on by the market, and it requires signing up ahead of time. Find an application at the market welcome table, or email Kristy (below). Follow the market on Facebook for the most up-to-date announcements and information (on FB - @higganum-farmersmarket) or head to the website, [www.higgfarmersmarket.com](http://www.higgfarmersmarket.com) and sign up for the new weekly newsletter.

Kristy Benson-Amarante is in her fourth year of running the Higganum Market, with support from the Economic De-

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velopment Commission, her business Bittersweet Farm — a tea company, and her husband Frank and daughter Alexa. They have fully embraced the running of the market and it has become a huge part of their lives. Kristy, a farmer and tea-maker, took over running the market in the spring of 2020, having moved to Higganum in March of 2020! She is excited to finally make this move to a Saturday morning market and feels very strongly that the community will embrace and support their local market.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please email Kristy at [Kristy@bittersweetfarm.com](mailto:Kristy@bittersweetfarm.com). Please note that there are local and state requirements that must be fulfilled to be a vendor, but the market is always looking to add to the lineup. The market is also looking for volunteers, both adults and teens (high school students will earn community service hours) and local town organizations that wish to be part of the market.

## 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](mailto:haddambeautification@gmail.com).

# Happy Summer from Brainerd Memorial Library!



Scenes from Brainerd Memorial Library's Agricultural Day

Here is what has been going on at the local library, as well as what's on offer, and what we're planning...

- Last month, BML held another successful Agricultural Day featuring: farm animals, The CT DEEP mobile truck, exhibitors, food, music, free crafts & activities, antique farm machinery & demos, and books, plants, and baked goods. Our two highlights were a puppet show by the "Pumpernickel Puppets" and the hatching of our baby chicks. If you missed it, don't worry we are holding our annual Fall Fest on October 14th and our plant and book sales are ongoing.
- Right now, there are pop-up plant and beach reads sales out front as well as weekly flower arrangements created by the on-staff "BML Florists." The Friends of the Library's onsite bookstore contains over 3000 books and media at the lowest prices in Connecticut. Browse the Nook!
- The Friends also maintain four Little Free Libraries located in Haddam, Haddam Neck, Higganum, & Tylerville.
- Coming soon! Dr. Jenny - Stuffed Animal Vet. Dr. Jenny will have "office hours" on Thursday evenings to examine and mend ailing stuffed pets. An announcement will be made on the website and Facebook.

## Events, Games, Museum Passes, Programs, & More!

In case you haven't stopped in recently, the library offers many materials, programs, and services besides books, DVDs, and computer access.

- Our Techie librarians are available for computer program questions and printing as well as helping navigate those challenging issues with your devices and setting up your download apps.

- Take note! We have a Notary Public on staff who will notarize your document. Just call first for availability.
- There are quiet areas for study, work, or tutoring, as well as rooms available for gatherings. Call for groups.
- We have a wonderful collection of games that include beautiful, interesting, and exciting board games for adults and children as well Nintendo Switch games for checkout!
- BML also has laptops, Wi-Fi hotspots and a "Library of Things" [like bakeware and crafting supplies] to borrow.
- We continue to offer magazines which include the popular Birds & Blooms, National Geographic, Smithsonian, both Connecticut and Yankee Magazines, and The Atlantic to check out.

- If your family or out of town visitors would like to enjoy a day at the museum we have passes for the: Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington, Mashantucket Pequot Museum, Beardsley Zoo, Children's Museum in Niantic, Children's Museum in West Hartford & Roaring Brook Nature Center, Connecticut's Old State House, 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.

## The library has ongoing programs for everyone:

- Children's story & music times on Tuesday & Thursday mornings
- Young Adult Movie Night and Anime clubs
- Pokémon and Beyblade Clubs
- Adult Culinary Club & Crafting Connection, concerts, and gardening workshops
- The Brainerd Book Club which meets on the 4th Wednesdays at 6:30pm

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**Save the date!**

## Over the summer...

- Children's Summer Reading began on June 26th. Packets available in the Children's Department. You can access the Summer Reading page on the website for the brochure and HK schools summer reading lists. Summer Reading includes many activities and programs throughout the summer. Signup for the Children's E-newsletter online to be informed. The summer reading conclusion will be celebrated in a special event at the end of the summer. Stay tuned!
- Farmers' Market Attendance: Kelly, our Teen Librarian and a BML Friend attend the Farmers Market at the Haddam Elementary School one Saturday a month. They offer free books and children's crafts & activities as well as plants & garden items for sale. Stop by to meet them and see what they've brought!
- The Crafting Connection is held the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 pm. The Crafting Connection is a monthly in-person program! Register via the calendar on our website.

## Looking ahead to autumn...

We are planning another Fall Fest for everyone on October 14th from 10-2 and other Halloween and seasonal events and activities in October. Announcements will be made in September communications.

### SAVE THE DATE!

Brainerd Memorial Library will reprise the ever popular "A Taste of Haddam and Beyond" on September 23rd from 6-9 pm at the library. Come enjoy an Equinox evening of fabulous food and drink, provided and served by area vendors. The adult only event will also feature a raffle and silent auction of wonderful and eclectic items and experiences. Tickets are \$50pp and may be purchased online or at the library beginning August 1. Watch for details!

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.

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

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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, 2023. There were many issues last year with mail delivery. Contact me if your payment is not posted within a week. I do not hold checks.

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.

If you recently purchased a house and did not receive a bill it may also be because of the timing of the sale. The previous owner may still be listed on the bill. It can't hurt to call me if you are unsure. If you are escrowing for the first time it doesn't hurt to call your bank and confirm they are paying the July installment.

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. If you do not have the original bill please mail the payment to the office. The lockbox will not process it. Please make sure if you combine multiple bills on one check you include all the stubs for Payment A. The lockbox will not process payments if the correct payment stub is not included.

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



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An Electronic Funds Transfer can be done on the website for \$1.50. Please put the current bill number in the memo line. 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 me if you have any questions about using the online system, I walk many residents through the process.

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 is open Monday-Tuesday 8:30-4, Thursday 8:30-6 and Friday 8:30-12. Wednesday is my day to catch up and the hours are inconsistent I am open to the public. Please call ahead if you need to come on a Wednesday or plan to use the drop box. If you have any questions please call 860-345-8531 X 207 or email me at taxcollect@haddam.org.

## Haddam Historical Society



The Thankful Arnold House Museum and Haddam Historical Society will once again participate on CT Summer at the Museum program which runs from July 1, 2023, to September 4, 2023, and allows Connecticut children aged 18 and under — plus one accompanying Connecticut adult free admission!

The museum is open on Wednesdays 9-3, Thursdays 2-8, Fridays 12-3 and Sundays 1-4 and is located at 14 Hayden Hill Road, Haddam, CT. Kids

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First, Connecticut law requires that the person in possession of the original will of a deceased person must deliver the will either to: (1) the person designated to be the executor, or (2) the Probate Court. If the will is delivered to the Probate Court, it should be delivered to the Probate Court where the deceased person last resided with an intent to stay (referred to as their domicile). If the person was domiciled in Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Saybrook or Westbrook, the will should be delivered to the Saybrook Probate Court located on the second floor of the Old Saybrook Town Hall at 302 Main Street in Old Saybrook. Sometimes people wonder what happens with these wills – it can be hard to let them go. We store these original wills in perpetuity, first in our office, then in the Town Clerk's vault at the

Old Saybrook Town Hall, and eventually at either the State Library (wills executed in 1976 or earlier) or at Meyer Records Management.

Second, Connecticut law also requires each person in actual or constructive possession of any property of the deceased person to file a Form CT706 NT (a Connecticut Estate Tax Return for Non-taxable Estates) with the Probate Court. The Form CT706 NT must be filed for each deceased person who, at the time of death was a Connecticut resident, within six (6) months after their date of death. When all assets are held jointly between spouses, filing the Form CT-706 NT may seem like an unwelcome, extra task at an already challenging time. If more time is needed, a request for an extension of time should be made with the Probate Court. The request will be automatically granted as long as it is filed before the due date of the Form CT-706 NT (6 months after death). If spouses jointly own a home, it is very important that the Form CT-706 NT is filed, and lists the home. The reason why the home must be listed on the Form CT-706 NT even if it is owned jointly by spouses, is because a release of estate tax and probate fee liens from the Probate Court is needed in order to clear title to the home so it can later be sold. If the release is not obtained soon after the first



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spouse dies, it will still need to be obtained before the house can be sold, and can cause unwelcome delay at the time of the real estate closing.

Fortunately, if all assets of the deceased person are owned jointly or pass by a beneficiary designation, an abbreviated process (called a “tax purposes only estate”) allows probate to be completed quickly, often in several months’ time.

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Brainerd Memorial Library is always looking toward the future and how it can



best serve the community. In addition to the current building renovations, BML is designing a new website, an endeavor that CFMC is proud to support through grant funding. The pandemic reinforced the need for libraries to maintain a digital presence and provide a remote library experience. This project will accomplish that and much more! The new website will feature multi-media content, offer easier access to online resources, be designed for users with disabilities and learning differences, and provide a mobile-friendly experience (so you can find your next favorite read or game from anywhere in town). On top of all that, the website will host a new events calendar so you can stay up-to-date on all the latest fun to be found at the Library. A Round of Applause to the Brainerd Memorial Library staff for embracing a variety of technology enhancements to help build



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## Vista Life Celebrates Juneteenth

In June, Vista Life Innovations (Vista) welcomed The Lost Tribe to our Madison Campus to celebrate Juneteenth. Founded in 1989, Vista Life Innovations is a full-service organization supporting individuals with disabilities. As part of Vista's DREAM initiative, educational events are held for our Students and Members to attend. The Lost Tribe put on an amazing educational performance about African folk music and its evolution into Afro-Caribbean music and modern hip-hop. Events like this play a big role in helping educate our Students and Members about other cultures, they create unique social experiences, and it's just a fun event to attend!

Kitty Fitzpatrick, who has been a part of this initiative since it started in 2019, spoke about DREAM and its goals. "DREAM stands for Diversity Represents Everyone, Acceptance Matters," Kitty explained. "The DREAM Committee has

two to three initiatives each year to bring the idea of diversity, acceptance, and Vista's core values forward through creative activities and discussions with staff, Students, and Members." The committee has also organized events for Pride Month and Black History Month.

It's clear how fun these creative activities can be. As soon as The Lost Tribe started performing Vista's Students and Members were feeling the beat, from tapping their feet along to the music to jumping up and dancing. The members of The Lost Tribe answered everyone's questions about their instruments, the cultures the music represents, and even taught some basic breakdancing moves.

Dream Committee member William Goble shared his thoughts on why events like these are so important for Vista. "The Lost Tribe's focus on creating community and togetherness through music was in-



spiring to watch as they led Vista audience members through a guided journey of music and dance born of the West African diaspora. They invited our members to be involved in the performance, to dance, to learn, and enjoy fellowship that extended well beyond the scheduled workshops into an impromptu dance party that left everyone smiling and fulfilled."

To learn more about Vista Life Innovations and our programs and services, visit [VistaLifeInnovations.org](http://VistaLifeInnovations.org). To learn more about The Lost Tribe and their upcoming performances, visit [LostTribeCT.com](http://LostTribeCT.com).

# Town Clerk's Office

## 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.

Phone (860)-345-8531

Bob ext. 212

Dawn ext. 211

Fax (860)-345-3730

### Email:

Bob Siegrist  
townclerk@haddam.org -

Dawn Tarbetsky  
townclerkasst@haddam.org

### Address:

30 Field Park Drive, Haddam

### LAND RECORDS AVAILABLE ONLINE TO VIEW FOR FREE TO THE PUBLIC

Visit the Town Clerk's page at: [www.haddam.org/town-clerk](http://www.haddam.org/town-clerk). Select "Haddam Land Records" on the left side of the page. You will be directed to create an account, once you do that, you will be able to view/print records.

### BALLOTS

Deadline to issue absentee ballots for the September 12th 2023 primary is September 11th 2023.

Absentee ballots for the November 7th, 2023 election are available October 6th, 2023 in the town clerk's office.

In person: at the Town Clerk's Office, during normal business hours. Or by mail: Send your application to the Town Clerk's Office and we will mail you the ballot.

Mailing address: Town Clerk's Office, Town of Haddam, 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam, CT 06438

Drop Box: Located in front of Town Hall to drop off applications and absentee ballots.

### TRANSFER STATION

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

If you do not have a private trash collection service, trash and recyclables should be brought separated to the Transfer Station. To assure that only Haddam residents use the Transfer Station, a current Haddam 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



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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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To insure there is a clear understanding of the rules, please read below:

- Permit must be clearly displayed and adhered to the driver's side window shield.
- Registration must be written on the permit itself.
- Any vehicles without a current permit or without a sticker on vehicle will not be allowed to leave its contents at the Transfer Station.
- 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.

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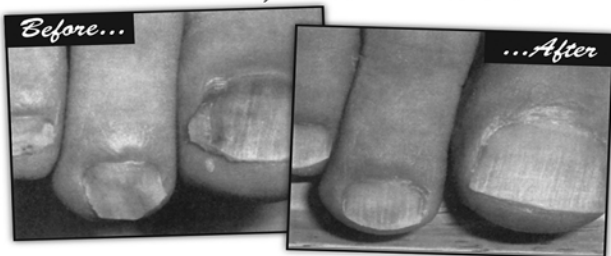
2023 SPORTS LICENSES are available at the Town Clerk's Office. Additional information regarding regulations, permits, conservation education/firearms safety courses are available online at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP>. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection reminds anglers age 65 and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



the free resident fishing, hunting and 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.

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## Haddam Sustainability Committee brings back the Welcome Packet



When my husband and I first moved to town in 2004 we were not very familiar with the area except it was beautiful, on the Connecticut river and a central location between our two jobs. When we first moved in we received a welcome packet that had coupons and letters from many places including the local floral shop, hardware store, hair salons and churches. I don't know who put that packet together but it hung around on the counter for several months as we figured out where could we get the best deal on bird seed to the hours the library was open.

It is now 19 years later and some shops have turned over and new ones have opened. Our church combined with another and we changed our name but our roots were planted in our first year in town because of a simple welcome to town packet.

The Haddam Sustainability Committee wants to bring this back! We are putting together a traditional welcome packet for new residents to Haddam, Haddam Neck and Higganum. It will be mailed out unless we get a volunteer to deliver them in person. We are inviting all business, organizations, committees and sports teams to share what you do in the community. Put together a letter, flyer or special offer that can be handed out.

We also want to hear from residents that have been in town for a while. What type of information would you like to share? Have you been in town your whole life and want to share your favorite hiking trail or fishing spot? Maybe you help organize an annual event? What if we could create a calendar of town events in one single place?

Let's make new residents excited about all the wonderful events and opportunities we have to get involved in here in Haddam!

Contact [HaddamSustainabilityCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:HaddamSustainabilityCommittee@gmail.com) or stop by the Haddam Tax Office.

Kristin Battistoni

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How so? After sorting through the clothing that is donated (either in the big, white Baystate trailer or in the bin outside the

front door of our building), items that are unusable due to being stained, torn, or more than gently used, are loaded back into trailer. This trailer is picked up once a week and is taken back to headquarters by Baystate Textiles. From there, they weigh all items, and write a check to the tune of \$120 per ton to Haddam Social Services, which gets deposited directly into our Fuel Bank account! Of the clothing and textiles that are unusable, about 85% gets recycled into washing rags or broken down into fibers and made into new material. In this way you can help those in need with oil and propane in the colder months, at the same time preserving the environment.

Last year the clothing collection enriched our fuel bank by more than \$1000. Our hope is to multiply that number this year



by raising awareness of this excellent opportunity to help your neighbor!

The Community Closet is open to anyone, and we encourage everyone to shop or donate. You can drop your bags in the trailer, or in the bin by the door of the office/food bank. We are open from 9-2 on Tuesdays and 9-6 on Thursdays. We have a variety of men's, women's and children's clothing, and also accept shoes, hats, purses and coats, as well as accessories.



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## HK Recreation Summer Programs

Please call The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department at 860-345-8334 for more information or go to <http://hkrec.recdesk.com/recdeskportal/> to register online.

### PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

#### Curious Campers (ages 4 – K)

July 24 – July 28, July 31 – August 4, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, at HK High School .....\$80/session, NR add \$10

#### Summer Soccer fun with Vale

Tuesdays or Thursdays beginning July 11 (ages 3 – 4) 5:00 – 5:45 pm or (ages 5-7) 5:45 – 6:45 pm at KRP .....\$75/session, NR add \$10



### YOUTH / TEEN PROGRAMS

#### HK Summer Camp / Extended Care

June 26 – August 11 (no 7/4) / weekly sessions

#### Karate Kids

Mondays and Wednesdays starting July 26, 3:45 – 4:45pm at Parmelee Farm .....\$48/session, NR add \$10

#### Gymnastics

Wednesdays, July 26-August 18, 4:30 -5:30 pm at the HK Old MS Gym .....\$82/session, NR add \$10

#### Crossroads Driving

Mon-Th. starting August 1, 9:00 am or 6:30 pm, via Zoom .....\$600 (Full Course) / \$300 (Classroom) / \$150 (Safe Driving)


#### Babysitter's Training

July 24, 26 & 27, 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the HK HS Lower Media Center .....\$76/session, NR add \$10



#### When I'm In Charge

Wednesday, August 2, (ages 9 & up) 5:30 – 7:00 pm, HK HS Lower Media Center .....\$26, NR add \$5



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### Mad Science Crazy Chemworks

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### Abrakadoodle Art Camp

July 24 – 28, 9:00 – 12:00 pm, HK HS Lower .....\$159,  
NR add \$10

### Summer STEAM Camp

July 24 – 28, 9:00 – 12:00 pm (Gr. 1-3), 12:30 – 3:30 pm  
(Gr. 4 – 6), HK HS Café .....\$200, NR add \$10

### Casablanca's Modeling/Fashion Camp

August 7 – 11, 9:00 – 12:00 pm, HK HS Lower Media Center  
.....\$115, NR add \$10

## SPORTS CAMPS

### Skyhawks Basketball Camp

July 17 – 21, (Gr. K-2) 9:00 – 12:00 pm .....\$145, NR add \$10  
or (Gr. 3-5) 9:00 – 3:00 pm at the HK HS Field House .....\$195,  
NR add \$10

### Skyhawks Mini-Hawk for (Ages 4–6)

August 7 – 11, 9:00 – 12:00 pm at HK HS Multi-Use Field  
.....\$145, NR add \$10



### Skyhawks Flag Football Camp (Ages 8–12)

July 24 – 28, 9:00 – 1:00 pm  
at the HK HS Multi-Use  
Field .....\$175, NR add  
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### Vale Soccer Camp

July 31 – August 4, (ages  
3-5) 9:00 – 10:30 am

.....\$75, NR add \$10; (Gr. K-4) 9:00 – 12:00 pm .....\$150, NR  
add \$10 at the HK Middle School

### Skyhawks Multi-Sport Camp (Ages 7–10)

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 26 – August 11 (M – F, 9:45 am or 10:30 am  
classes, one-week sessions) / evening classes (Thursdays June 29  
– July 27 or Tuesdays July 11 – August 8, 6:30 – 7:10)

### Parent/Tot Swim

Session 2, July 24 – 8, Session 3 July 31 – August 4, 9:00 – 9:30  
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### Pre-School Swim (age 3)

Monday – Friday, July 17 - 21 or Aug. 7 - 11, 9:00 – 9:30 am  
.....\$60 / \$50 with pool membership, NR add \$10

## ADULT PROGRAMS



### Fitness Yoga

Tuesdays (In-Person & Thursdays (Zoom), June 20 – July 25; 7:00 – 8:15 pm) (No 7/4) .....\$100 (2x a week) / \$55 (1x a week) / \$12 Drop-In, NR add \$10

### Aqua Aerobics

Mondays & Wednesdays, July 5 – July 24, HK HS Pool

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## SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT

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- July 21st (Sideways at Parmelee Farm)
- July 28 (WhoDat at Parmelee Farm)

Discount Tickets will be available through August 31 for Lake Compounce, Adventure Park (Storrs or Bridgeport) & CT Science Center.

**For more information about any of our programs,  
please call the Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Dept.  
at 860-345-8334 or visit [www.hkrec.com](http://www.hkrec.com).**

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We will send text alerts for bridge closures and re-openings, closure cancellations, and any emergency closures.

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