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# Selectman's Corner

In this article, I'm focusing on winter safety and lessons learned from past storms, but I want to start with an update on the Rossi property.

You may remember we signed a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Rossi Lumber Company (Rolumco) property in Higganum Center in October 2020. While Rolumco was an asset to the town during their operations in Higganum, since they relocated in 1994 the site has been largely underutilized and an impediment to revitalizing Higganum Center. For the last two years, Rolumco has been doing an environmental assessment and some remediation on the site. We hired an environmental consultant to conduct our own environmental assessment. The assessments are done; we're at the point when it's time to decide if we're going to go through with the purchase or not. I'm writing this in early September so there may be some changes by the time you're reading it but the Board of Selectmen will discuss the purchase at its Oct. 11th meeting, the Board of Finance on Oct. 19th and Planning and Zoning on October 20th. These meetings are all open to the public. If all the boards recommend completing the purchase, we'll hold a public hearing on Nov. 2nd and a town meeting to

vote on the purchase on Nov. 9th. Check the town website for any updates.

Storms present a year-round problem. Two big threats they present are power outages and road closures. Common emergency preparedness guidance recommends you be prepared to be on your own without any outside assistance for three days. I recommend you prepare for seven days. Maybe it's my foggy memory but week-long power outages and extended road closures seem to be much more common than they were years ago. We experienced them with Hurricane Irene and the October 2011 snowstorm, Hurricane Sandy and Tropical Storm Isaias to name a few. In all of these storms, entire neighborhoods were isolated by trees and wires blocking roads for days. Can you last for seven days? Do you have food? Enough medications? How long can your medications last without refrigeration? Do you have a back up plan for any powered medical devices such as an oxygen generator? Can you heat your house for that long? If you have a generator, do you have enough fuel? (And when was the last time it ran?) I know a week is a long time but give it some thought. Remember, it's hard to predict the impact of a major storm.

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More storm preparedness tips can be found at <https://www.ready.gov/severe-weather>.

Winter presents its own challenges to our safety. The heating season has begun. Woodstoves and fireplaces are an important heat source for many of us but they also present hazards. Have your chimneys inspected and cleaned. Replace the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors when the time changes (mid-March and early November) unless your detectors came with the 10-year batteries. Maintain and replace the detectors as the manufacturer recommends. If you're like most of us and threw those instructions out long ago check the back of the detectors for their date of manufacture. The National Fire Prevention Association and most manufacturers recommend replacing smoke detectors after 10 years. The recommendations for replacing CO detectors aren't as consistent, they range from 5 to 10 years. If either alarm sounds get your family and pets out of the building and call 911. Some websites recommend if your CO detector sounds open windows as you leave. Please don't. As a firefighter, I hate getting to a CO call and finding the house wide open. It makes it hard or impossible for us to find the source of the problem. You can find more winter safety tips at FEMA, [https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2020-08/fema\\_winterstorm\\_htp.pdf](https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2020-08/fema_winterstorm_htp.pdf), Red Cross, <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/winter-storm.html>, and Center for Disease Control (CDC), <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/index.html> among others.

Finally, please sign up for emergency alerts at [haddam.org/alert](http://haddam.org/alert). (This system is for emergencies only and not the system we use for routine notices, news and updates.)

# Announcing Brainerd Memorial Library's 2nd Annual Fallfest!

Saturday, October 15th from 10 am–2 pm at 920 Saybrook Rd, Haddam

This year our Fallfest will be featuring live music and line dancing! The music will be provided by the Swallowtails [formerly Back Swamp] with a repertoire of country, folk, and blue grass. "Tuba Kelly," our multi-talented Children's & Teen librarian will play children's favorites on various instruments. And the Valley Shore Line Dancers will present some line dancing fun for everyone.

The Friends will run their popular Books and Plants sales, offering attendees the opportunity to stock up on their reading supply for the cooler weather and replenish and expand some of their gardens that were challenged over the summer. As always there will be some tasty baked goods for sale, with emphasis on seasonal treats.

The Jumping Cow ice cream truck will be back with fall flavors! We're looking forward to trying apple and pumpkin sundaes!

Besides the pumpkin decorating for children, we will be creating Scary Gardens with lots of spooky materials, and other children's and adult crafts.

Karen, our "wreathmaster," will create a beautiful fall wreath to raffle and Rick Johnson of "Papa Elf Woodcarvings" will be on hand to demonstrate his wonderful carving skills.

This family-oriented community event has something for everyone. So please plan to stop by, have some free cider, browse, and perhaps kick up your heels!

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## Working for us in Haddam, Higganum and Tylerville

As our State Representative, Christine Palm helped:

- Calm the noise in Haddam Meadows.
- Get vaccine approval and supplies for local pharmacies during the pandemic.
- Bring \$760,000 in bonded money - with Senator Needleman - to revitalize downtown Higganum including HES roof and playground, and Higganum Cove.
- Find a solution with DOT for driveway safety variances near the Swing Bridge.
- Meet constituent needs during the height of the pandemic, from Unemployment Comp to PPP.
- Win approval for \$759,000 for the Brainerd Memorial Library renovation grant.
- Got \$300,000 to create the Office of Aquatic Invasive Species to address harmful plants in the Connecticut River, lakes and reservoirs.



*L to R: Kate Anderson, Bob McGarry, Raul de Brigard, Tom Piezzo, Christine Palm, Marijean Conrad*



Paid for by Friends of Christine Palm, Dianna Kulmacz, Treasurer. Approved by Christine Palm.

## The Art of Preserving an Ancient Cemetery

The Old Burial Ground at 30 Mile Island is a local treasure. This cemetery was established by the first settlers to Haddam in 1667. It is suspected that it may also contain an even older burial site for Native Americans. Join us on Sunday, November 13, at 1:00 pm to hear more about the evolving means of preserving such an historic cemetery. This free presentation will be held at the Haddam Fire Department Station 1 located at 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum.

Peter Cassidy from the renowned Cassidy Brothers Forge in Rowley MA will be the guest speaker. Their specialty is restoring hand forged wrought iron enclosures, many being around cemetery family plots. These enclosures were especially popular in the 1800s and are often works of art. Restoration involves careful reconstruction of the broken and missing pieces. Peter will show us how it is done.

Both the Cook family enclosure and the Arnold/Brainerd enclosure at The Old Burial Ground at 30 Mile Island have been lovingly restored by the Cassidy Brothers. Our goal is to begin work on the 3rd restoration which is that of the Clark family enclosure. This project hopefully will be completed by the spring of 2023.



The board of the Old Burial Yard of Thirty Mile Island has been working diligently to preserve this significant part of our local heritage. There will be fundraising efforts to reach the \$14,000 required to complete the restoration of this last enclosure. Donations to this 501(c)3 organization are fully tax deductible. Mail contributions to Melissa Gibson, 356 Candlewood Hill, Higganum CT 06441. More information about fundraising and volunteer opportunities will be available at the presentation on November 13.



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Paid for by Norm 2022. Lon Seidman, Treasurer. Approved by Norm Needleman.

# Town Clerk's Office

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

Effective August 1st, 2022 you will be able to view the land records online.

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.

## UPDATED WEBSITE

Please visit our updated website for any information @ [haddam.org/townclerk](http://haddam.org/townclerk).

## ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ELECTION AVAILABLE OCTOBER 7th, 2022 IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.

Connecticut law allows you to receive an absentee ballot if you cannot appear at your assigned polling place on election day because of active service in the military, absence from the town during all of the hours of voting, sickness, religious tenets forbid secular activity on the day of the election, duties as an election official at a polling place other than your own during all of the hours of voting, or physical disability. To receive your absentee ballot please complete and sign an application and return it to the Town Clerk's Office.

In person: at the Town Clerk's Office, 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam, during normal business hours.

Office Hours: Monday – Wednesday – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Thursday 8:30 am to 6:00 pm, Friday 8:30 am to 12 noon.

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 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.

Hours: Wednesday, 8:00 am - 3:45 pm, Saturday, 8:00 am - 3:45 pm, Sunday, 8:00 am - 11:45 am.

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

1. Permit must be clearly displayed and adhered to the driver's side window shield.
2. Registration must be written on the permit itself.
3. Any vehicles without a current permit or without a sticker on vehicle will not be allowed to leave its contents at the Transfer Station.
4. Transfer Station passes are required to be applied to the vehicle before use.
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## Christmas Through the Ages

To celebrate the holiday season, the Haddam Historical Society will host Christmas Through the Ages at the historic Thankful Arnold House Museum where visitors can step back, slow down and savor the sights, sounds and smells of the past.

Public Hours for the event will be Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4, 2022 from 10 am to 4 pm and Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11, 2022 from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is free and the museum is located at 14 Hayden Hill Road, Haddam, CT.



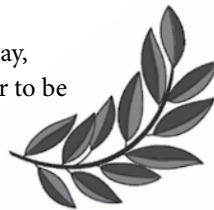
Guest curators have created unique and special period specific décor to capture the spirit of how Americans express the holiday season during each of the following periods:

- The historic kitchen will focus on early America, featuring gingerbread delights
- The Front Parlor will highlight the elaborate and sumptuous Victorian period
- The Back Parlor will illustrate a sleek, modern 1950s Christmas



The Society gift shop will be packed with a variety of goodies including themed gifts to capture the spirit of Christmas Through the Ages including old-fashioned candy, Colonial-period toys, locally handcrafted goods, kissing balls, holiday cards with scenes of area landmarks and so much more. In addition, visitors can enter our holiday raffle for fabulous prizes including a stay at the Mystic Inn, Goodspeed Tickets, restaurant gift certificates and a one-of-a-kind, luxury, handcrafted birdhouse. This is an event not to be missed.

A special members open house will be held on Sunday, November 20 from 1 pm to 4 pm. Become a member to be one of the first to experience this meaningful event. Visit [www.haddamhistory.org](http://www.haddamhistory.org) today to join.



## Board of Assessment Appeals

The Board of Assessment Appeals has completed its work for the prior fiscal year. Meetings were held in September for motor vehicles and March for real estate, personal property and supplemental motor vehicles.

The Board would like to remind taxpayers that fall means a mailing from the Assessor requiring a Declaration of Personal Property be completed. This form goes out only to someone running a business based in Haddam. If you do not complete the form or file it by the deadline, there is a penalty. The penalty is 25% of the assessment of the personal property. The Board of Assessment Appeals cannot rebate this penalty, per state statutes. Please see the Assessor or the Assistant Assessor for assistance; they are more than willing to guide you. Also, keep a copy for use in completing next year's form. If you disagree with the assessment you may file an appeal, starting Feb. 1st. Hearings will be held in March.

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At CFMC, we celebrate the many people who put their hearts and dollars to work for a better today and brighter tomorrow for all. We can't predict what tomorrow will bring, but we do know that the future will be brighter thanks to the abundance of kindness and compassion we see being practiced every day by generous individuals and families such as the M. Jones Family. The Community Foundation of Middlesex County's interests are your interests, including animal welfare, arts and culture, health and social services, education, history, the environment, civic improvements, recreation, and economic security and opportunity. We welcome conversations with good people who want to do great things. For more information, contact us at 860.347.0025 or [info@MiddlesexCountyCF.org](mailto:info@MiddlesexCountyCF.org).

## Town Clerk...

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### FISHING & HUNTING DEEP LICENSES

2022 SPORTS LICENSES are available at the Town Clerk's Office. Additional information regarding regulations, permits, conservation education/fire-arms 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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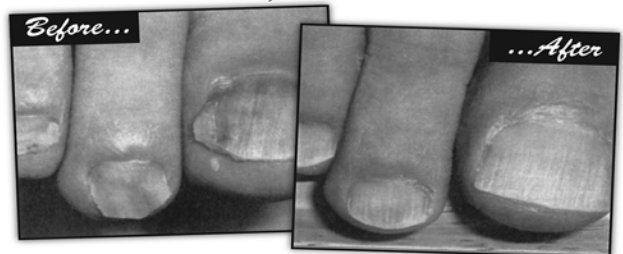
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## Nov 8th Voting Session

Haddam's next voting session is the "Connecticut State Election" on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Haddam voters will vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General and a Referendum on "Early Voting."

To register to vote: The Registrars' Office is open on Wednesdays 9:00 am to 1:00 pm or register at Haddam Town Hall, Town Clerks office (see Town Hall hours below). You may also request the Registrar of Voters or Town Clerk to send you a mail-in voter registration form, or visit our web-site [haddam.org/registrar-voters](http://haddam.org/registrar-voters).

The polls are open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.  
The three polling places are:

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### District #002\*

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### District #003\*

Haddam Neck Firehouse  
50 Rock Landing Rd  
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\*Curb side voting is available for "voters with a disability"

### Registration Sessions and Deadlines:

**November 1, 2022** – 9:00 am – 8:00 pm – All day registration and in-person cut-off to register for the November 8th "State Election" – Cut off is 8:00pm for in-person, online (a DMV license is required) and mail-in registration (must be post-marked by November 1, 2022 and received by November 7, 2022).

**November 7, 2022** – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm - Limited Registration Session to admit those seeking to vote in election whose qualification as to age, citizenship or residence was attained since November 1, 2022.

The above sessions will be held at: Registrar of Voters Office, Haddam Firehouse, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum, CT 06441

### NOTE: ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION

Individuals may register and vote in person on Election Day if they meet the eligibility requirements for voting in this state and are (1) not already an elector or (2) registered in one municipality but want to change their registration because they currently reside in another municipality. By law, a person

is eligible to register and vote if they are (1) a U.S. citizen, (2) age 18 or older, and (3) a bona fide resident of the municipality in which they apply for admission as an elector.

ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION IS ONLY at the:

Haddam Firehouse Complex  
439 Saybrook Road (Rte 154) Higganum, CT 06441

Hours: 6:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day, November 8th

The Registrar of Voters STRONGLY urge Haddam residents who are not registered to vote, to register as early as possible before November 8, 2022. Also, please visit our website — [haddam.org/registrar-voters](http://haddam.org/registrar-voters) — for election information and forms. A copy of the ballot will also be on our website.

Absentee ballot applications will be available on October 7, 2022 at: Haddam Town Hall, Town Clerk's office, 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam, CT 06438

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### *Haddam Volunteer Fire Company*

## **HVFC Auxiliary Military Whist**

The Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary will hold its Annual Military Whist Card Party on Tuesday, October 25, at the new firehouse, 439 Saybrook Road. Doors open at 6:00 pm., refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm, and the game starts promptly at 7:00 pm. Please note: The game starts earlier than in past years. Tickets will be sold at the door on a first-come basis. If you have questions, call 860-345-2775. We were not able to hold our Whist for two years due to COVID, so mark your calendar for this year!

## **HVFC Auxiliary Vendor Fair**

Save the date and shop close to home! The Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary's 11th Annual Holiday Vendor Fair will be held at the firehouse at 439 Saybrook Road on Sunday, November 6 from noon to 3 pm. Several vendors will be participating at this event and total proceeds will benefit Haddam Fuel Bank. For more info, call 860-345-4744.

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# The Probate Court and You

## Do I Need a Lawyer for Probate?

A common question asked at the Probate Court is, "Do I need a lawyer for probate?" The short answer is no. That being said, however, below are some factors that may cause you to consider hiring a lawyer to navigate the probate process:

1. There is any sort of litigation involved, such as a Will contest.
2. The decedent owned many complex and highly valued assets.
3. The decedent has a Connecticut taxable estate (\$7.1 million in 2021 and \$9.1 million in 2022).
4. You feel overwhelmed by the prospect of navigating the probate process on your own.
5. You are in the midst of your own life challenges and do not have the time to devote to probating an estate.

6. You live out of state, you are unable to easily travel to Connecticut, and the decedent owns real property in Connecticut which needs to be cleaned out and sold.
7. You do not like filling out paperwork, reading/following instructions, or doing math. For example, if you hire an accountant to file your income taxes for any of those reasons, this may be a good indicator that you would prefer to work with an attorney for probate.
8. The beneficiaries of the estate are fighting.
9. You need more guidance than the probate clerks can give (they cannot give legal advice).

If you do hire a lawyer to assist you with the probate process, select an attorney with a lot of experience in this area of the law, just as you would select a cardiologist

to assist you with medical issues concerning your heart. Also, define the assistance you would like to have (help with a particular form or assistance with the entire process), and receive a written engagement letter from the attorney you select which will define the fees to be charged.

Finally, if you decide to proceed without a lawyer and are feeling overwhelmed, don't be afraid to ask the court for help. We are sensitive to your loss, and we are devoted to helping you navigate the probate process.

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Contact:  
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# Assessor's Corner

## Important Upcoming Deadlines

### Active Members of the U.S. Armed Forces

Any active member of the United States Armed Forces (defined as United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force and any reserve component thereof, including the Connecticut National Guard) is eligible for the exemption of one motor vehicle. Applications for the exemption must be completed annually and forwarded to the Assessor's Office not later than the December 31st following the date on which property tax is due in the town in which the motor vehicle is registered. In other words, for the 2021 Grand List year the deadline is December 31, 2022. The forms are available in the Assessor's Office and online on the Assessor's Page of the [www.haddam.org](http://www.haddam.org) website.

### Farm, Forest or Open Space under Public Act 490

New applications for property owners claiming land as Farm, Forest or Open Space can be filed with the Assessor's Office between September 1st and October 31st, 2022. Please note that when filing for Forest Land, the application must be accompanied by a Certified Forester's Report which is due to the Assessor's Office no later than October 1st. The State's Forestry Department can provide a list of state foresters who can assist you. The Assessor's Office must review all applications, and accompanying reports, to determine if the property qualifies to be a part of the PA 490 Program.

### Quadrennial Reports for Tax Exempt Organizations

Tax Exempt Returns of Charitable and certain other organizations as required by Sections 12-81 and 12-87 of the Connecticut General Statutes and prescribed by the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management, must be submitted to the Assessor's office on or before November 1.

### Personal Property Declarations

Personal Property Declarations were mailed in late September. Any business owner not receiving a Personal Property Declaration should contact the Assessor's Office. Even though a declaration was not received by you, it does not preclude you from filing.

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to pay Personal Property taxes in the Town of Haddam that they must return to the Assessor's Office, on or before the First day of November, their personal property list (declaration). Failure to declare will force the Assessor to estimate the value of the property and add a 25% penalty.

The personal property declaration shall include all furniture, fixtures, equipment and machinery of all commercial and industrial businesses; unregistered motor vehicles, snowmobiles, farm machinery and horses. Manufacturing Machinery Exemption and Farm Building Exemptions Applications must be filed at this time. Anyone claiming either of these exemptions must return the Declaration and Application by the October 31st deadline. A

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declaration received late, or not returned, will not be eligible for the exemption for the 2022 Grand List.

### ----- IMPORTANT -----

If you do not receive a Personal Property Declaration and you are operating a business in the Town of Haddam, it is your responsibility, according to Connecticut State Statutes, to file one. Failure to declare will force the Assessor to estimate the value of the personal property and add a 25% penalty. Once a penalty is applied to a Personal Property account, it cannot be removed.

If you have received a personal property declaration and are no longer conducting business in Haddam as of October 1, 2022, you must complete the Affidavit on the front page of the declaration and return it to the Assessor's Office prior to November 1, 2022. This signed affidavit is mandatory as proof to allow the Assessor to remove you from the Grand List. If the documentation is not received it will force the

Assessor to estimate the value of the personal property and apply a 25% penalty.

## Defining a "Business"

There have been many questions raised over the past months regarding businesses and whether or not they should be picked up by the Assessor's Office. It is my hope that this article will help to explain and give some clarity.

The definition of a business is not easily conveyed in words because every situation is different and there are many aspects and questions that need to be asked in order to ascertain if a business should be listed with the Town.

Here are the ways we look at it; hopefully this will help answer any questions that you may have.

*Do you provide a good or service in exchange for compensation?*

*If you answered yes, then you are in a business.*

There are a couple of ways to examine your

individual situation to determine if you are a business or not. These are the most common aspects that we look to; and this list is not all-inclusive, but generally covers the most common aspects.

- 1) Advertising
- 2) Time Contributed
- 3) Assets
- 4) Compensation
- 5) Home Based
- 6) Income
- 7) Ownership
- 8) Rent a space
- 9) Sales Tax
- 10) Self-Employed
- 11) Trade Name Certificate

1) Advertising – If you are advertising, in print media, online, or in any other way, you are in business.

2) Amount of Time – It doesn't matter if you work at the business 3 hours a week, full-time, part-time, seasonally, or whenever someone calls to ask for you to provide a good or service to them. The number of hours, or time spent, doesn't factor into the determination on whether or not you are

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in business.

3) Assets – The amount of tangible business personal property also does not factor into the determination on whether or not you are in business. Business personal property can range from a hundred dollars for a part-time, home-based business, all the way up to millions of dollars (as is the case with most public utilities, and, in Haddam's case, the Connecticut Yankee property).

4) Compensation – The amount of compensation you receive also does not factor into the determination of whether or not you are in business. If you receive a 1099 for tax purposes, or you self-report your income to the IRS, you are in business. If you receive a W-2 from the business, then you are an employee and the business owner would declare the business personal property, not you as the employee (unless, of course you are an employee of your own company).

5) Home-Based Businesses – If you operate a farm, or make crafts for the local fairs, or are a CPA at home, you are in business. You are not required to rent or lease a space in order to be considered a business.

6) Income – The amount of money you make from your goods or services is irrelevant to determining whether or not you operate a business.

7) Ownership – If you have filed paperwork to be incorporated, or have created another legal entity (LLP, LP, LLC), then you are in business.

8) Rent a Space – If you rent/lease a space, then you are in business.

9) Sales Tax – If you have a Sales Tax Certificate, or if you collect sales tax, you are in business.

10) Self-Employed – If you are self-employed and work for yourself, you are in business.

11) Trade Name Certificate – If you have filed a Trade Name Certificate with the Town Clerk, or have a Trade Name that

you use for your operation, you are in business.

## Commercial Vehicle Exemptions (M-65 MV)

### CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §12-81(74) PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION INFORMATION

A property tax exemption is available for certain commercial trucks, truck tractors, tractors and semi-trailers pursuant to CGS §12-81(74). The exemption is available to two different classes of vehicles, depending their date of registration, GVW rating and use. Exemption eligibility is dependent on meeting all qualifying criteria for the class. The two categories of vehicle and qualifying criteria are listed below.

**To qualify for the exemption for vehicles used to "transport freight for hire" (CGS § 12-81(74)(A)(i)), the following conditions must be met:**

- The property for which the exemption is sought must be a new commercial vehicle,

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## Charity Online Auction for the Haddam Historical Society and Thankful Arnold House Museum

**November 4-11, 2022**

It was so successful last year we are doing it again!

The Haddam Historical Society and Thankful Arnold House Museum will hold an important online charity auction featuring an array of exceptional goods, unique experiences and one-of-a-kind items from November 4 to November 11, 2022. Peruse through our "Treasure Chest" of offerings and bid for history!

To view items and place bids visit:  
<https://www.biddingowl.com/HaddamHistoricalSociety>

A preview party will be held at Haddam Elementary School, 272 Saybrook Road, Higganum, CT on Friday, November 4, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

The auction will feature local business gift certificates for goods and services, unique experiences, special getaways, antiques, collectibles, useful goods, jewelry, libations, and so much more.

You will find the unique, unexpected and useful!

This important fundraiser will help the organization and museum continue its important activities, programming and collections care. Please visit [www.haddamhistory.org](http://www.haddamhistory.org) or [www.biddingowl.com/HaddamHistoricalSociety](http://www.biddingowl.com/HaddamHistoricalSociety).



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## High Meadow News

Residents were treated to a summer concert on August 16th by The Swallowtails. They are an ensemble of one violinist and three guitarists. The group consists of Nancy Meyers, Mary Cooke, Wayne LePard and Tom Worthley. After the



program, light refreshments were served. If anyone is willing to entertain the residents, please contact Jo Ann at 860-345-2077.

On the first day of summer, June

21st, a picnic was held. It was catered by Cyr BBQ of Middletown. Greg McKenna of Nutmeg Pharmacy provided the funding. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all!

A holiday luncheon is planned for November. A hot turkey dinner with all the fixings will be served. Board members are also working on a Christmas chorale program for December.

High Meadow is a facility for 62+/disabled individuals. There are 22 units, a mix of studio and one-bedroom apartments.



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meaning that its equitable or legal title has never been transferred by a manufacturer, distributor or dealer to anyone other than the owner who files this exemption application, or the owner on whose behalf this application is filed.

- The vehicle's Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (or GVWR) must be in excess of 26,000 lbs.
- The vehicle must be used exclusively (i.e., 100% of the time it is used) for the interstate or intrastate transportation of freight for hire. The vehicle must be used by a "For Hire Motor Carrier". This means an individual or legal entity (such as a company or corporation) that is compensated for transporting freight belonging to an unrelated party. Freight is defined as merchandise or commercial goods having value. Anything discarded as worthless (for example, garbage or food wastes) is not considered freight. However, certain recyclable materials are freight since they have value. See "Exceptions" below for exclusions from the definition of freight.

A vehicle used by a "Private Motor Carrier" is not eligible for this exemption. A "Private Motor Carrier" is a business that uses a vehicle to transport its own products to a wholesale or retail outlet, or a business engaged in renting vehicles for use by others. However, if the rented vehicle is used exclusively by a "For Hire Motor Carrier," it is eligible.

**Exceptions** Although a vehicle may be used by a "For Hire Motor Carrier," the type of freight transported may make it ineligible for this property tax exemption. Such is the case with respect to the transportation of freight excluded from federal regulatory oversight (i.e., items listed as exclusions in Chapter 135 of Title 49 of the United States Code). Examples of such items include ordinary livestock; wood chips; broken, crushed or powdered glass; agricultural or horticultural commodities other than manufactured products thereof and natural or crushed volcanic rock to be used for decorative purposes. The Assessor(s) has a copy of the federal code containing these exclusions.

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**To qualify for the exemption for vehicles with a GVW rating in excess of 55,000 lbs. (CGS § 12-81(74)(A)(ii)), the following conditions must be met:**

- The property for which the exemption is sought must be a new commercial vehicle, meaning that its equitable or legal title has never been transferred by a manufacturer, distributor or dealer to anyone other than the owner who files this exemption application, or the owner on whose behalf this application is filed.
- The vehicle's Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (or GVWR) must be in excess of 55,000 lbs.
- The vehicle is not eligible for the exemption extended to vehicles under CGS §12-81(74) (A) (i), as delineated above.

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### Brainerd Library's "Nature's Inspiration" Book List

BML's Staff and Friends decided to develop a book list similar to the one we curated a few years back that was titled "Hopeful Books for Challenging Times."

The theme of this list is "the natural world" and includes topics like: backyard habitats and gardening, climate change, outdoor adventures, rainforests, coral reefs, trees, survival, sustainability and wildlife. Represented in these fiction and non-fiction books are novels, poetry, children's, illustrated, scientific, and graphic novels. They provide entertainment and insight as well as information and education.

The list is posted on our website and available to peruse in the library or take home at one of the two displays (adults are upstairs and juvenile are downstairs in the Children's Department.) A short list of resources is included. The displays showcase several of the books in the library's collection to be checked out immediately. Our librarians are happy to request titles from other libraries if they are not onsite.

We hope you'll enjoy the beautiful illustrations, the lyrical prose, & exciting plots — and be inspired by them!



## Haddam-Killingworth Youth and Family Services The 29th Annual Pumpkin Run 5k Race For Kids!

We will be hosting our 29th Annual Pumpkin 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run to benefit Youth and Family Services of Haddam-Killingworth (HKYFS). This year the event will be held at the Haddam-Killingworth High School (HKHS) on Sunday, October 30th. The programs we run are needed now more than ever so we hope you and your family members will join us this year.

Contact [www.jbsports.com/hk-pumpkin-run](http://www.jbsports.com/hk-pumpkin-run) to register.

## Drug Take Back

October 29, 2022 is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. We will be at The Killingworth Pharmacy (183 Route 81) from 10 am – 2 pm to collect all unused or expired medication for safe disposal.

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In order to receive either property tax exemption, an M-65MV application (accompanied by all required documentation) must be filed with and approved by the Assessor(s) of the town in which the vehicle is subject to property taxation. The three-digit number on the vehicle's registration (under Tax Town Code) indicates the town where the vehicle is taxed.

This exemption is available for five assessment years following the assessment year in which the vehicle is first registered. An application must be filed in order for the exemption to be granted. If there is no change with respect to the town in which

an exempt vehicle is registered and there is no modification made to the vehicle since the initial application was filed, no application has to be filed for the balance of the exemption term after the exemption is initially granted.

If there is a change in tax town or modification to the vehicle since the initial application was filed, the timely filing of a new M-65MV, accompanied by the necessary documentation, is required.

Please contact the assessor(s) of the town in which the vehicle is subject to taxation if you have any questions concerning this application. Please note that the

application deadline is November 1, 2022.

Additional information and forms for the above programs are available in the Assessor's office and on our web page at [www.haddam.org](http://www.haddam.org).

**The Assessor's Office can be reached by phone at (860) 345-8531 x 226 or 213; you can email the Assessor at [assessor@haddam.org](mailto:assessor@haddam.org) or [assessordept@haddam.org](mailto:assessordept@haddam.org) or stop by the office. We are open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm; Thursday from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm and on Fridays from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon.**



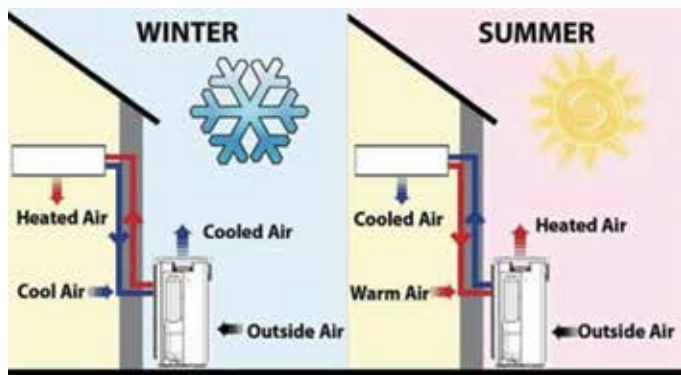
# Heat Pumps 101 and Why We're All Installing Mini-Splits

Maybe it was at your neighbor, Joe's. Or your cousin, Kelly's condo. Possibly the pizza shop you frequent on a Friday night. Wherever the location, you've probably come across those rectangular units hanging on a wall and, hopefully, providing you a nice blast of cold air on one of those steamy hot days we all experienced this summer. Those units, commonly known as mini-splits, are an example of the most energy-efficient heating and cooling equipment available: heat pumps.

Over the past ten years, tens of thousands of Connecticut homes and businesses have installed heat pumps because they provide highly efficient heating, cooling, and dehumidification in a single unit.

## WHAT'S A HEAT PUMP?

A heat pump is a high efficiency system that provides both heating and cooling by moving heat from the exterior inside, or vice versa. Heat pumps consist of an outdoor unit connected to one or more indoor units by piping, which carries heat between the two. A heat pump can replace both the heating system (your boiler or furnace) AND the cooling system (central air or window units) in a home or building.



## HOW DOES A HEAT PUMP WORK?

There are two main types of heat pumps available: air source heat pumps and ground source (or geothermal) heat pumps. Both air and ground source heat pumps provide efficient heating by pulling heat

inside your home or business from either the outside air or ground. In the summer, these systems operate in reverse, using the same kind of system as your refrigerator or window AC to keep you cool. Heat pumps can be installed to utilize your existing ductwork or you can choose to install ductless units, commonly known as mini-splits.

## WHY IS EVERYONE TALKING ABOUT HEAT PUMPS?

Heat pumps are the most energy-efficient heating and cooling system available in New England. Because these systems move – rather than create – heat, they can be up to 400% efficient. This means that for every one unit of energy used to power a heat pump, up to four units of heat energy are supplied. If you're currently heating with oil, propane, or electric resistance baseboards, this kind of energy savings can lead to saving money on your energy bills.

Heat pumps can also help you reduce your home or business' carbon emissions and dependence on fossil fuels. Because a heat pump is an electrical system, it does not directly produce emissions when operating. As New England's electricity generation mix gets cleaner, heat pumps have the potential to produce zero emissions.

## While any time is the right time to install a heat pump, many customers upgrade to heat pumps when:

- A furnace, boiler, or central air conditioner is nearing the end of its life and will need to be replaced soon
- A home has been recently purchased or is ready to be sold
- Weatherization upgrades have been completed

## I'M READY FOR A HEAT PUMP!

Great! There are some significant rebates and incentives available to offset installation cost through Eversource, your local Energize Connecticut<sup>SM</sup> Sponsor.

## To get started, we recommend these steps:

- 1. Review** the resources available at [eversource.com/home-savings](https://eversource.com/home-savings)
- 2. Contact** a contractor participating in the Energize CT Heat Pump Installer Network
- 3. Consider** your financing options and secure a loan
- 4. Complete** your installation and take advantage of incentives

If you need help at any point, you can schedule a heat pump consultation with a technical specialist. Scan the QR code, at right, to learn more about this solution and the funding available to make it happen.





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