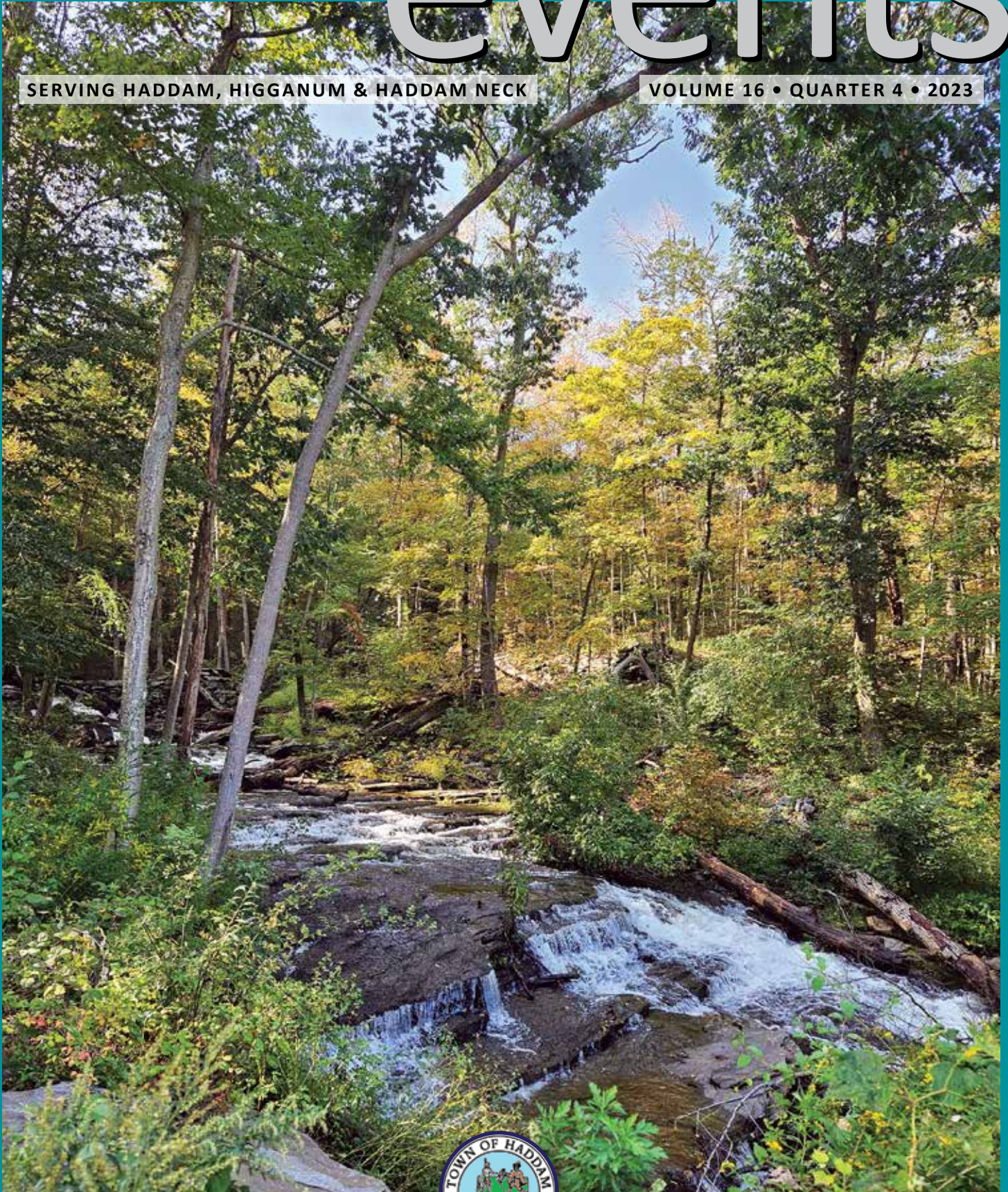


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Selectman's Corner

Well the kids are back in school, summer has drawn to a close, fair season is over and cooler weather is on the way. (I hope you had an enjoyable summer. My last article focused on what was going on with our myriad projects in town. In this article, I want to look forward to fall events and chores.

While summer is busy with fairs, vacations and events that take us out of town, our focus in fall turns to events that happen in town. We had River Days in late September. I know our Economic Development Commission is working with many other groups and volunteers to plan our traditional fall and winter events. While details for the events are still being developed, here are some key dates to keep in mind:

October 27-29 – Grimm's Haunted House

October 28 – Fall Festival (Trunk or Treat, band, Kid's Fair)

October 29-30th — Annual HK Youth & Family Services 5K Pumpkin Run

December 2 – HK Middle School Craft Fair

December – Tree Lightings, dates to be determined

In addition to fun, there are fall chores to do:

The heating season is upon us. That means wood stoves and fireplaces will be fired up. Before yours are, has your chimney been cleaned? If not, now is the time to do it. You don't want a chimney fire ruining your day.

The time changes on November 5th which means it's time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and CO detectors if they have replaceable batteries. Also, how old are your detectors? Most manufacturers recommend replacing smoke detectors when they are 10 years old and CO detectors between five and 10 years. Check the manufacturer's recommendations.

Fall is the peak hurricane season in New England and that's followed by winter storms. How prepared are you for extended

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An advertisement for Ductworks Heating & Cooling. The top half features a photograph of a two-story blue house with white trim and a red door, illuminated at dusk. The bottom half has a white background with two technicians in blue shirts. Text on the left includes "YOUR COMFORT IS OUR PRIORITY!", "Heating and Cooling Systems for Your Home", "0% FINANCING", "Up to \$4,000 in Rebates", "Call For Details!", "860.337.6002", and "www.ductworkshvac.com". The Carrier logo is present with the tagline "Turn to the experts" and "8X President's Award Winner". The Ductworks logo is at the bottom with "HEATING • COOLING". A vertical license number "LIC # S1-400300, S1-400301, SM1-5943" is on the right.

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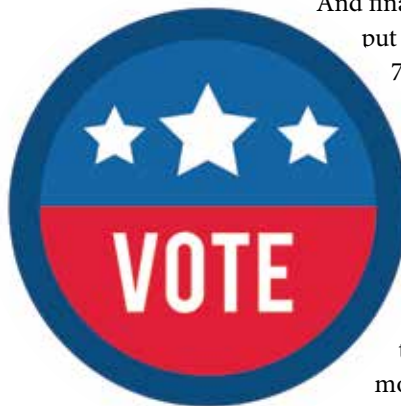
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power outages? Most experts recommend being prepared for three days but I think you should aim for seven. Extended power outages seem to occur more often. And it's more than just being without power. The same trees that take down power lines block roads. It may be days before you can drive out of your neighborhood. Do you have enough food, water and medications to last?

You can find more winter safety tips at FEMA, 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.



And finally, the most important date of all to put on your calendar. Tuesday, November 7th is election day. This year we elect our municipal officials. Turn out for municipal elections is usually lower than that for state or federal elections. I never figured that out. Municipal officials have the most direct impact on our daily lives – the roads we drive on, the taxes we pay, the quality of our schools and so much more. Please get out and vote!

Enjoy your fall activities and events. Stay safe and thanks for taking the time to read this.

Haddam Historical Society

November 3 to 10, 2023

Online Fundraising Auction

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 3 to November 10, 2023. 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 3, 2023 at 6 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 or www.biddingowl.com/HaddamHistoricalSociety

December 2, 3, 9, and 10, 2023

All Aboard for the Holidays

Train Themed Decorations at the Thankful Arnold House Museum

Join us for a train themed holiday extravaganza at the museum with history, displays and shopping.

The Society gift shop will be packed with a variety of goodies including themed gifts to capture the spirit of the holidays 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 exceptionally crafted replicas of the Historic Haddam Train Stations

A special members open house will be held on Sunday, November 18 from 1 pm to 4 pm, so become a member and you will be one of the first to experience All Aboard for the Holidays. Public Hours for the event will be Saturday and Sunday, December 2nd and 3rd from 10 am to 4 pm and Saturday and Sunday, December 9th and 10th from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is free and the museum is located at 14 Hayden Hill Road, Haddam, CT. For more information visit www.haddamhistory.org.



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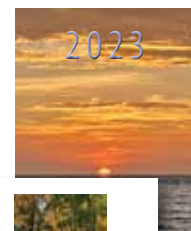
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Brainerd Memorial Library Looking into Autumn...

The Library is pleased to report that we've had a most enjoyable summer with our patrons and community. We finished the season and summer reading program respectively, with an appearance at the Haddam Neck Fair and a fun children's ice cream social! Our staff and volunteers were pleased to offer hundreds of free books and materials to Fair attendees and talk about the library's programs.

Our Children's department also held "Lunch at the Library" weekly, which will continue through the remainder of the year on the 1st Wednesday of every month. The Teen division is very active as well with: Young Adult Movie Night, and Anime, Art, Pokémon and Beyblade Clubs. The Teen Advisory Board meets the first Wednesday of each month, and Taste Test Showdowns are held on the 3rd Tuesdays. For more info check out the Children's & Teen webpages, our Facebook, or Instagram.

As of this magazine mailing, Fall Fest was held on October 14th at which there were: pumpkin decorating, Scary Gardens, and other



free crafts. The Friends held a Book, Bake, & Plant sale. Other diversions included music, free snacks & beverages, and lawn games.

There are regular Cooking and Crafting clubs for adults and new special programs every month. Sign up for our e-newsletter so you don't miss program announcements!

If you feel like a little retail therapy, The Friends of

the Library's onsite bookstore holds over 3000 books and media at the lowest prices in Connecticut. Browse the Book Nook!

A Candidate's Reception is scheduled for Tuesday October 17th, from 6 to 7pm, for residents to meet the 30 people running for office in Town. Please come out to meet them and share some refreshments!

If you missed the pumpkin decorating at Fall Fest – fear not! We have a family/group Pumpkin Carving event on Wednesday, October 18th at 5:30 pm. Visit the library website to register.

Starting in November, the Friends will be giving away their annual Holiday Children's Book Bundles. Check our Facebook page and website for availability of the free bundles.

Enjoy the spirit of the season in our spooky library, when you check out some Halloween themed materials, attend our story & music times, or look for witchy books in the Nook.

And don't forget if you're looking for a weekend or evening activity – check out a Museum Pass! Or an exciting board or Nintendo Switch game.

The library is also the place for Tech Help, printing, faxing, meeting space & quiet study, laptop & Wi-Fi Hotspot lending, and even bakeware & craft supplies for borrowing.

If you don't see it, just ask. We're happy to help.

Other Ongoing Programs:

- Children's story & music times on Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 10
- The Brainerd Book Club meets on the 4th Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Finally, we still have some commemorative bricks available in the 4x8 and 8x8 sizes to engrave and install in our new walkway. Details are on the website or at the library circulation desk.

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When you will need to apply: Applications will be available at the Assessor's Office or on-line beginning in mid-January. **Your completed application must be received in the Assessor's Office, Tuesday, February 20, 2024.**

When the hearings will be held: The Board of Assessment Appeals will hold hearings in March of 2024. You will be notified of the date and time of your appointment via a phone call. The Board will try its best to accommodate your schedule with daytime and evening appointments.

What you will need to attach to application: You should bring any evidence that supports your position i.e., a recent appraisal (not bank appraisal), invoices, contracts, photographs, maps, letters, etc. In addition, the Board may decide to schedule a site visit to see the property first hand.

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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, 2023. 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.

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 declaration received late, or not returned, will not be eligible for the exemption for the 2023 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, 2023, you must complete the Affidavit on the front page of the declaration and return it to the Assessor's Office prior to November 1, 2023. 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.

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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:

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

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 in business.

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).

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).

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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If you require a clearance for DMV and you make an online payment, call the Tax Office and let me know. You will receive an email confirmation with the payment details. The online system does not automatically trigger a clearance. Online payments are not in real-time on our website and won't show until they are manually posted in the office.

If you have taxes for Motor Vehicle or Personal Property from prior tax years contact American National Recovery Group at 845-512-8444 to make a payment.

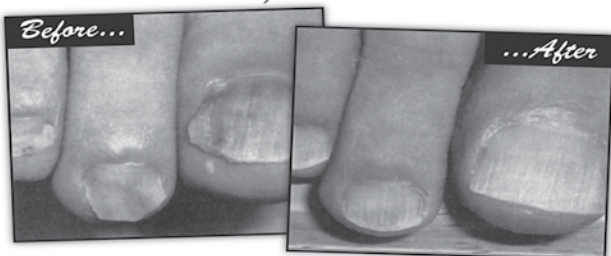
The Tax Office is open to the public Monday-Tuesday 8:30-4, Thursday 8:30-6 and Friday 8:30-12. Wednesday is by appointment only.

Please call the office at 860-345-8531 x 207 or email at tax-collect@haddam.com if you have any questions. Our website, Haddam.org, has many answers to our most common questions.

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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, 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.

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.

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

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NOVEMBER 7th, 2023 ELECTION

Absentee ballots for the November 7th, 2023 election available October 6th, 2023 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.

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The Board of Selectman recently passed a **new rule** increasing the Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) from 10,000 lbs. to 14,500 lbs. If your vehicle falls between this new weight, new fee is \$150 Seniors \$75.

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

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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:

- 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. COMMERCIAL USE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Anyone found violating this will be reported to the Resident State Trooper.

FISHING & HUNTING DEEP LICENSES

2023 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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Join the Connecticut Cancer Foundation for No Shave CT!

Starting on November 1st, put down your razor for the month and donate the cost of shaving products. Of course, you don't have to grow a beard to participate, the goal is raising money for CT cancer patients! Partner with CCF, a local organization providing help with rent/mortgage, utilities and more; know where and how much good your donated funds are doing right in your own backyard!



Go to www.noshavect.org to Sponsor, Form a Team or Make a Donation. If you Form a Team you can reach out to all your friends, family and colleagues to support

your efforts by making a \$5, \$10 or more donation. Prizes for top fundraisers make it fun while helping others in need.

Isaiah is one of the five children ambassadors for this year's 2023 fundraising campaign who desperately needs our help. Once you read his story, all it takes is to participate in No Shave CT to help this family along with others battling this horrific disease.

Isaiah is a 2-year-old who loves Mickey Mouse! He was diagnosed with a brain tumor after mom noticed him having difficulty walking and immediately took him to their pediatrician who sent them to the ER. Shortly after testing, they found the tumor and life was turned upside down. After 3 surgeries he began his first round of chemo on 8/24 which will be followed by two more rounds of chemo, a bone marrow transplant and last round of chemo if all goes well.

Single mom Tiffany has two other children, a daughter and autistic son who needs special attention with only her sister as a support system. Isaiah remains in the hospital for an undetermined amount of time and mom stays with him five days a week only to be relieved for two days by his father. Tiffany was planning to return to work as a Medical Assistant when Isaiah was diagnosed. Mom is trying to make ends meet and keep afloat with an income that is impossible to live on, SSI assistance, food stamps and Section 8. Mom says they need help with a bed for Isaiah, car seat, back-to-school items, clothing, diapers, etc. Mom does not have a driver's license so must rely on public transportation. Through it all mom wants to help fundraise and gives it her all every day to maintain a hopeful attitude.

Their hardship is just not fair, but we have the power to make it a bit more bearable and a bit less overwhelming. The CCF financial grant to them will be life changing. Please Join No Shave CT!

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HK Recreation Department

Who knew we would expand the bear population in the Haddam area!? Now, it's not what you're thinking! The M. Jones Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County (CFMC) awarded



Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department (HKRD) a grant with only one restriction: to spread some fun at camp. What does this have to do with

bears? HK Recreation Department came up with an idea that may not have included our local resident bear population, but it did provide RecCare campers the opportunity to stuff their own teddy bear!

CFMC offers a Round of Applause to HKRD for their creative use of the grant award, for spreading smiles, and for welcoming new furry friends to the neighborhood. Each bear was stuffed with friendship and care, and even went to their new happy homes sporting an HK Recreation Department T-shirt and birth certificate! It was certainly an activity the campers will remember for years to come, thanks to the generosity of the M. Jones Fund at CFMC.

The Jones family knows first-hand the importance and impact of camps on our children and teenagers. They recall the friendships, activities, adventures, and laughter — everything that makes camp great — of their own days at camp. Their experiences inspired them to ensure that youth in our community have those same opportunities, and they wanted to make sure our local services have the resources they need to offer the best camp experience. A very special Round of Applause to

the M. Jones Fund for their kind and generous ways — and to HKRD for its “bears” creative and fun-sharing ideas.



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. CFMC is proud to be accredited with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations,[®] the nation's highest and most rigorous standard for philanthropic excellence. 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.



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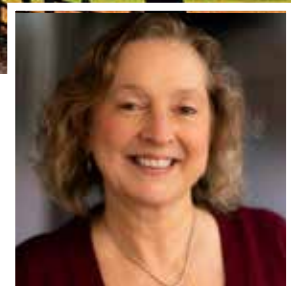
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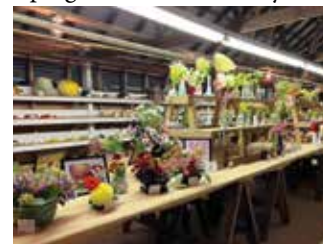
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Haddam Garden Club

The Haddam Garden Club has many meetings each year that are open to the public. HGC hosts speakers, field trips and creative demonstrations for gardeners of all capabilities.

HGC is a working club with all members contributing to the care of community gardens and helping to hostess monthly meetings. We care for gardens at Brainerd Memorial Library, Town Hall, the Haddam Green (Walkley Hill and Saybrook Rd) the Higganum Gazebo, the Welcome to Haddam Signs and more.



HGC meets the second Wednesday of each month except July and August and the first Wednesday in December to create wonderful arrangements from greens culled from member's properties. These are distributed to town offices, the library, post offices, etc.

Our October meeting will feature Gayle Wentworth, the dahlia expert from Enders Island. Prospective members are always welcome. Please RSVP to membership chair Ann-Maria English at: aenglish0535@sbcglobal.net. For more information about our club and a wonderful photo gallery of our activities, visit our website: <http://www.haddamgardenclub.org>.

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Thank You VFW post 10690

The Haddam Senior Center would like to thank the local Higganum/Haddam VFW Post 10690 for their generous donation of \$400 in support of its mobility class. The mobility class, which began in March of this year, is taught by Jennifer Gawlak of Fitness with Jennifer, and focuses on gentle but effective movements that can be done seated or standing by anyone of any ability. Participants work on stretching, strength, breathing and balance in each 30-minute session.

Jim Woodworth, Quartermaster of VFW Post 10690, stated that the classes are attended by several VFW and Auxiliary members and helps keep them active which is why they wanted to support the class.



Pictured L to R – Jennifer Gawlak, Fitness Instructor; Jim Woodworth, VFW Quartermaster Post 10690; Do-reen Staskelunas, Senior Center Activities Coordinator

The Haddam Senior Center is open every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10am – 2pm. There are a variety of informative and entertaining enrichment programs scheduled each month and hot lunch is served at noon. The mobility class is every Tuesday @ 11:15 am.

Committee on Aging



Seniors enjoy a COA picnic

The Committee is a standing body created by the Board of Selectmen, enabled by the State statute to study conditions and needs among the senior residents of Haddam, to encourage and assist where possible, the development of needed services and to bring to the Board of Selectmen matters calling for attention.

The Committee on Aging (COA) is interested in the health, safety and welfare of the elderly in Haddam. The COA is charged with studying the needs of Haddam's seniors, encouraging

the development of needed services, and reporting to the Board of Selectmen about needed attention.

The Committee is made up of Haddam residents, appointed by the Board of Selectmen for two-year terms. Meetings are generally held on the second Monday of the month at the Town Hall Annex Building, located at 11 Jail Hill Road, Haddam

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Twice a year, meetings are held at other sites, one at High Meadow in Haddam and the other at the Haddam Neck Fair Grounds in Haddam Neck. Meeting dates are changed if required due to holidays.

A variety of people make up the committee, which include a representative from the Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD), the Municipal Agent for the Elderly, the Senior Center Activities Coordinator and several retired members of the community.

Meetings are open to the public. All are welcome to attend. An open discussion period for non-members is scheduled at the end of the Agenda.

HK Recreation Fall Programs

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is offering many fun and exciting programs this fall. Please visit our website (www.hkrec.com) for more detailed information. Register on-line at <http://hkrec.recdesk.com/recdeskportal/>

Fall Programs Include:

Play-Well Level Up

Tuesdays, beginning 9/19, 3:30 pm
Killingworth Elementary School

Food Explorers - Brunch Club

Fridays, 9/29, 3:30 pm at Burr or
Mondays, beginning 10/2, 3:30 pm
Killingworth Elementary School

Wizards School of Magic

Friday, 10/20, 3:30 pm
Burr Elementary School

Creative Art

Tuesdays, beginning
10/17, 3:30 pm
Killingworth
Elementary School



Basic First Aid

Wednesday, 11/1,
5:30 pm
HK High School
Lower Media

When I'm In Charge

Wednesday, 11/15, 5:30 pm
HK High School Lower Media

Cupcake Decorating

Thursday, 10/19 pm
HK High School Cafeteria 6:00 pm

Babysitter's Training

Monday/Wednesday,
beginning 10/16, 5:30 pm
HK High School Lower Media

Adult Programs Include:

Aqua Aerobics

Mondays and Wednesdays starting 10/11,
at the HK HS Pool

Fitness Yoga

Tuesdays In-Person
and Thursdays via
Zoom, beginning
10/24 at 7 pm



Adult Co-Ed Volleyball

Wednesdays, 11/1,
7:30 pm
HK High School Field House

Adult Pottery

Wednesdays, 10/18, 5:30 pm
HK High School Art Room

Italian Cooking 101

Homemade Pasta, 10/24, 6:00 pm or
Homemade Ravioli, 11/16, 6:00 pm
Haddam Elementary School

Women's Self Defense

Thursday, 10/26, 6:30 pm
HK High School Cafeteria



Cake Decorating

Friday, 11/17,
7:00 pm
HK High School
Cafeteria

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

To Sign up:

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

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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, 2023.

Additional information and forms for the above programs are available in the Assessor's office and on our web page at 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 or 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.



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