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First Selectman's Corner

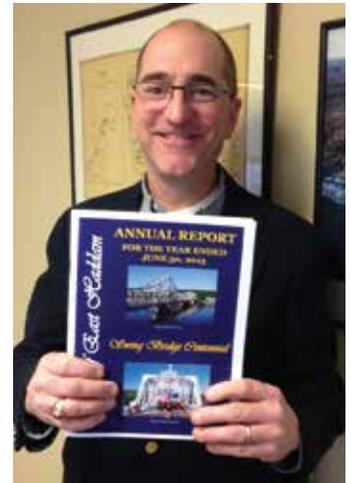
I came into office during the financial crisis, a time that ushered in a period of renewed focus on government spending. When the economy faltered, we all had to make difficult changes in our own lives in order to press on. As you sat at your kitchen tables making tough decisions, I was hard at work at the bargaining table, doing my best to figure out how government could do more with less. I am proud to have led the Board of Selectmen to work with our Board of Finance to propose budgets in line with our economy. Our fiscal conservatism was cited by one of the Nation's top rating agencies (Standard and Poor's) in November when it affirmed our Town's rating at AA+, one notch below its top score.

That credit score is crucial to us for one reason; it is a key reference point investors look to when considering how likely the Town is to repay our debts. When necessary we borrow from these investors to finance large capital projects, and this score helps determine our interest rates, similar to how your credit score impacts the rate the banks lend money to your household. Since 2008 the Town has deferred borrowing to make capital improvements; a strategic decision that was crucial to minimizing tax increases at a time when residents were stretched thin by the economic downturn.

The time is ripe for us to make crucial investments that will prepare the town for decades to come. While we can kick the can on these investments, our delay will have a real dollar and cents impact on future generations. If we take on these

projects today, we will have the advantage of fixing the interest rate we pay to borrow at a time when rates are near their all-time lows. However, as the economy recovers, property values should increase, but unfortunately so will costs of construction and interest rates. Rates have come up almost an entire percent over the past year, and the upward trend is expected to continue as our economy recovers.

We know the elementary school requires substantial upgrades. Sections of the school were constructed in 1962, 1964 and 1985 with no substantial renovations. We also know our Town's scattered multiple offices should be consolidated from their colonial era homes into one central location - the old middle school. Repurposing the old middle school into a municipal complex will give us a handicap accessible facility where our citizens will have one-stop access to the Town's core services. We will also be able to sell or lease these many town properties, generating additional revenues and taxes to the Town. Standard and



Mark B. Walter

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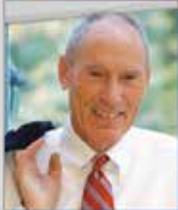
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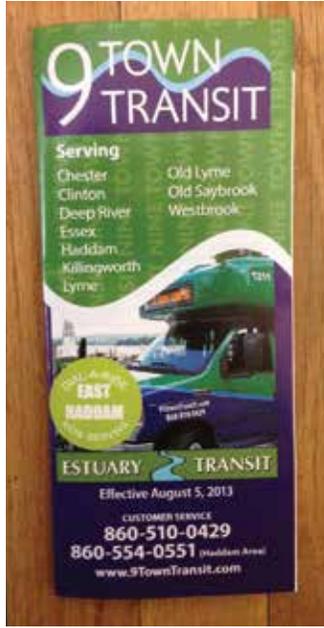
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Poor's noted in their rating report that the Town is poised to take on these two projects. We are seeking out State and Federal grant opportunities for these projects to offset the tax impact to our citizens. We expect to set a referendum date late winter or early spring.

To help you better understand the finances of our town feel free to stop into the town office and pick up a new annual report. Recognition can be found for ten very devoted citizens that passed away last year. This year's theme is a dedication to the Swing Bridge Centennial. Surely to become a collector's item!

Keep an eye out for the new 9 Town Transit Buses in East Haddam! This is great news for anyone needing a ride to anywhere in Middlesex County and beyond. We have contracted for the DIAL-A-RIDE service allowing you to pre-registrar for \$3.00 each way and same day registration at \$6.00. Seniors are only \$1.50. If the East Haddam Med Car is full, now we have the option of calling 9 Town just like a taxi service. Call 860-510-0429 for ride information or go to www.9TownTransit.com.

Have you noticed the progress on our Little Haddam Historic



District? The Town Hall and Grange Hall are undergoing some great changes with upgrades to lighting and handicap access. Our own East Haddam architect George Fellner and Landscape architect Phil Barlow have designed and helped bring back the historic nature of this valuable community meeting area. The Town and Grange Hall will once again have working windows, an improved and safer parking lot and improved heating and humidity control. Please call my office if you would like a tour, you will be very impressed. The funds for this project came from a Small Town Economic Assistance Program grant from the State.

Keep watching our town web site for updated information on all these new developments. Public notices will be posted for you to learn more about these coming referendums as well as the extensive bridge replacements in the East Haddam Village of two bridges on Route 82 over Succor Brook this April.

Please stop by or call to discuss any of these projects, my door is always open.

Mark B. Walter, First Selectman

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Mom is enjoying her new home at The Saybrook at Haddam, the region's premier assisted living and retirement community. Mom's days are filled with social activities, cultural events, and great meals, which she enjoys with friends and family.

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Moodus Reservoir Preservation Group

Our organization was formed to protect and improve the 486 acre lake for the enjoyment of its property owners, town residents and visitors. With the town beach and two state boat launches located here, the lake provides boating, kayaking, swimming, fishing, skating, water skiing and tubing for everyone.

We are now incorporated and are applying for IRS 501(c)3 tax free status. We have established a FaceBook presence at "Moodus Reservoir", and may be contacted by e-mail at Moodus.Reservoir@gmail.com.

Our Weed Control and Water Monitoring Committee is interviewing treatment vendors to develop a plan of treatment based on the 2012 Study of Moodus Reservoir by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. We have continued with water monitoring on the upper reservoir.



Our Public Relations and Education Committee has distributed information on septic system regulations and boat cleaning recommendations via e-mail and brochures at meetings. Our two other committees, Membership and Fund Raising, are working to increase the effectiveness of our goals in protecting Moodus Reservoir.

Membership is open to anyone interested in the health of the reservoir. Current dues are \$10 per household, covering the year ending June 30, and checks payable to "MRPG" may be sent to T. Varriale, Treasurer, MRPG, Inc., 76 Falls Bashan Rd, Moodus 06469; include address, phone and e-mail. Donations are always welcome. Information inquires may be sent to Moodus.Reservoir@gmail.com.

Looking Back on One Year in Office

It is hard to believe I have officially been your State Representative for almost 365 days. I am proud of many things that I have done and the promises kept since running for office in 2012.

One of the first things I promised to focus on was Sunrise State Park. While there is still work to be done, it is now a safe place for our residents to visit. Thank you to those 100 citizens who volunteered for the cleanup day and wrote letters of support for the public hearing. We made a difference!

Another promise I made was to communicate without spending tax dollars on legislative mailings. Instead, I have focused heavily on email, letters to the editor, social media, in district meetings, coffee chats and even an open house at the State Capitol. My efforts have been well received and I am proud of the thousands of dollars I have saved my constituents.

I vowed to support measures that reduce wasteful spending and support small businesses. I spent time volunteering to serve on the MORE Commission, specifically in mandate relief. We



studied issues like relaxing the prevailing wage threshold. I proposed legislation that would require 2/3 vote to enact new municipal unfunded mandates, permit towns to post legal notices on line and reduce the amount of taxpayer money used on public funded campaigns.

I also made a lot of tough decisions of an historic nature for this General Assembly. Before making any decisions on which way to vote on a specific matter I made sure to touch base with our community and to listen to the people that I was elected to represent - you. I take my job as your representative very seriously and I will continue to do so in the upcoming legislative session.

I learned a lot about the process, met great people in Hartford and made lasting friendships with legislators from both sides of the aisle. I have become a more knowledgeable and effective legislator and believe in the New Year I will put that to work for you.

Happy New Year!

Melissa Ziobron, State Representative 34th District

Tax Collector

The second half of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes were due January 1, 2014 and payable through February 3, 2014. Motor Vehicle Supplemental bills were mailed in December and were also due January 1, 2014, payable by February 3, 2014.

Payments can be made in person, by mail or on-line. To pay by mail, send to: Tax Collector, P.O. Box 376, East Haddam, CT 06423-0376. To pay on-line, go to easthaddam.org and click the link "Pay Taxes Online". There is a fee of 2.95% applied to all credit/debit transactions and a flat fee of \$2.95

for all e-checks. These fees go to the processing company, Point & Pay.

You may now look your taxes up online at easthaddam.org. Go to the Tax Collector's page and click "Online Tax Information".

This office is for the collection of taxes only. Any adjustments to your bill must be made by the Assessor. The Assessor can be reached at 860-873-5026 or assessor041@easthaddam.org.

You may contact the Tax Office at 860-873-5033 or taxcollector@easthaddam.org.

Denise Dill, Tax Collector

From the Assessor

The Board of Assessment Appeals will meet in March 2014 to hear appeals on real estate assessments. Requests to the Board are due by February 20, 2014. Written requests should include the property owner's name, name and address of the person appealing the assessment, type of property being appealed (real estate or personal property), reason for the appeal, and opinion of value. Although any written request is accepted, forms are available at the East Haddam website: www.easthaddam.org. The mailing address for the Board of Assessment Appeals is P.O. Box K, East Haddam, CT 06423.

The Assessor's Office began taking applications for the Homeowners Credit Program and Additional Veterans Benefits on February 1, 2014. The deadline for applications is May 15, 2014. Applications for the Homeowners' Local Option Program will be accepted from February 1, 2014 until May 15, 2014. The age and proof of income requirements are the same as for the state programs but the income limit is \$50,000 per household.

Disabled veterans must submit proof of disability by March 31, 2014 to receive exemption benefits. Qualifying income for Additional Veterans Benefits is the same as the Elderly and Totally Disabled Tax Relief Program. Applications for the Additional Veterans Benefits will be accepted until October 1, 2014.

Any person or entity starting a new business in town should notify the Assessor's Office so that we can send a personal property declaration in the fall. Personal property assessments are based on the declarant's filing. These assessments can be appealed to the Board of Assessment Appeals. Please note that recent legislation has raised the assessment limit for appealing to the Board from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. Assessment appeals over \$1,000,000 will be tried in the Superior Court.

Any questions should be directed to the Assessor's Office at (860) 873-5026.

Registrar of Voter News

On November 5th, 2013, 1,775 voters of our 5,772 active voters turned out for our Municipal Election. Thus, we had a voter turnout of about 31%; 14% fewer voters than at our last municipal election in 2011. (For the Presidential Election in 2012, we had a voter turnout of 79%!) This lower turnout may have been partially due to the fact that for several positions, there was no challenger to the incumbent, and that included the office of First Selectman.

This past November was also the first time that "Same Day Registration" was in effect. Eligible citizens (over 18 years of age, residents, and U.S. citizens), could register at the Registrar's office, and vote, on Election Day. Here in East Haddam, we had 5 citizens who took advantage of the new opportunity. Their doing so raised the number of active voters on our list from 5,767 to the previously noted 5,772.

Again, we appreciated the time and effort put in by our poll workers: moderator, Joel Ide, and his assistant and greeter, Lou Salicrup; tabulator tenders, Carol Loizeaux and Jane Mazzotta; booth tender, George Drenga; ballot clerk, Forest Anderson; checkers, Nancy Cummings, Louise Pear, Christina Sikorski, and Jovita Cozean. Included also in our thanks are our Deputy Registrars, Laurie Bennett, and Martha Hansen (who was on the ballot, so could not work at the polls election day!); and our Assistant Registrars, Patricia Thomas and Priscilla Hoover.

We thank too, Trish Tarnowski and her important crew of workers who put out signs across the town to remind voters to get to the polls! Nor can we forget the Town Clerk who prepares our ballots, and manages absentee ballots, and the Town Crew who so graciously moves all our equipment each election day. Many workers help to keep democracy alive.

Of all the jobs on Election Day, the one of Moderator, is the most demanding! Although we, as registrars are also certified moderators, we need a good roster of citizens to step up and become certified. To date in East Haddam; Lou Salicrup, Lloyd Neudecker, Joel Ide, Ernest Malavasi, Edward Blaschik, and Ed Gubbins are certified. Mr. Malavasi, Mr. Blaschik and Mr. Gubbins were all on the ballot, and thus, could not work the last election. If you would like to help keep democracy alive and well, by becoming a certified Moderator, please get in touch with us at 860-873-5029, or registrar@easthaddam.org.

Upcoming events will be referenda on school renovation, and office and emergency facilities renovations at the old Hale Ray middle school. Please check in at the East Haddam town web site: www.easthaddam.org to stay informed about dates for meetings and votes!

*Laurie Alt and Lucy Yacovino
Registrars of Voters, East Haddam*

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9 Town Transit

East Haddam Offers Public Transit Service with 9 Town Transit

East Haddam residents now have greater mobility with new access to a regional transit system. Beginning January 15th, the town of East Haddam began a contract with 9 Town Transit to provide general public Dial-A-Ride service throughout the town.

9 Town Transit, operated by the Estuary Transit District, currently provides Dial-A-Ride service throughout Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook. Any location within East Haddam and Moodus will now also be included in the new expanded service area.

9 Town Transit will also offer East Haddam residents service to parts of Westchester and Colchester, CT, including the Stop & Shop supermarket. In addition, East Haddam residents may travel to the Middletown Stop & Shop supermarket, Middlesex Hospital, Middlesex Community College and the Saybrook Road area medical offices.

To reserve a trip, customers should call 9 Town Transit at up to two weeks but no less than one day in advance. The fare will be \$3.00 each way, with seniors age 60 and over eligible to ride at a suggested donation of \$1.50. The hours of service are 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The service is open to the general public with no age restrictions. All vehicles are fully accessible with wheelchair lifts and service is available for any trip purpose.

When calling, be ready to provide the address of where you are going along with the date and time of the trip and return trip. If going to work or an appointment, be sure to tell the reservation agent. The agent will give you a half hour pick-up window in which the bus will arrive. Be ready to board the bus at any time during that window.

Although there is no limit to the purpose of the trip, people going to work, school or other regular appointments may set up a subscription. Once booked, a subscription will repeat regularly unless canceled so there is no need to keep calling to book your trip.

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JANUARY 1

Supplemental motor vehicle taxes due
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FEBRUARY 20

Last day to file assessment appeal application to
Board of Assessment Appeals.
(forms available from Assessor's office)

MAY 15

Last day to pay taxes due in previous July in
order to avoid a tax lien. (Tax Collector's office)

JUNE 30 – End of fiscal year.

Last day to license dog without penalty.
(Town Clerk's office).

AUGUST 1

Last day for timely payment of taxes levied on
the list as of previous October 1

SEPTEMBER

Board of Assessment Appeals meets, date to be
announced. Motor Vehicle only.

SEPTEMBER 30

Last day to file Veteran's Honorable Discharge papers
(dd214) or statement of current service to receive tax
benefit for July assessment. (Town Clerk's Office).

OCTOBER 1

List of all personal property owned on this date,
except real estate and registered motor vehicles
(to be filed with Assessor). Filing by Nov. 1

OCTOBER 31

List of personal property must be filed on or before
Nov. 1 to avoid 25% penalty. Last day to file first
time Open Space declaration.

Conservation Commission: A Fall Afternoon in the Woods

It was the last fine fall Saturday in November ... clear blue sky and crisp air ... when twelve warmly dressed and sturdy booted hikers gathered at the gateway to one of East Haddam's newest and most stunning open space properties, the Hatch Lot. Our mission that day was to help complete the goal of marking trails on this property of 238 acres of high wooded land bordered by Mill Road and the Dean easement. When completed, the Hatch Lot will have more than three miles of marked trails ready for hikers, birders, and fresh air lovers. These will connect to a network of trails on adjacent properties as well.

Conservation Commission Chair Rob Smith sorted us into teams, some for clearing with saws and loppers, some for marking trees with paint, and some for sweeping the newly marked trails. We scrambled into two pick-up trucks for the short ride to the property's highest point. Jumping down from the truck, I was brought to a stop by the westward view ... rolling hills as far as the eye could see and, amazingly, a view of BOTH the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound.

It was hard to turn from that sight, but we had work to do, and fall days are short. Off we went with our teams. As a novice, I was assigned to raking the newly marked trail, and my three-person team worked companionably for two hours, stopping now and then to remark on an unusual bush or an especially beautiful evergreen. We could hear the saw sounds of our fellow workers in the distance growing closer as we went, and as the sun grew lower in the sky, we worked our way to a point

where we all converged. Chairman Smith declared it enough for one day. We turned to retrace our steps over a mile and a half of newly cleared and marked trail to the high spot once again. With the sun getting ready to dip behind the western hills, we rolled back down the hill and enjoyed the feeling of accomplishment before going our separate ways.

I share this experience for three reasons. First, you should know that East Haddam has breath-taking open spaces for you to explore and find renewal of spirit. Second, it's important to know that we have to take care of these treasures and make them accessible. And third, and most important, the work of taking care (which we call "stewardship") is easy and a heck of a lot of fun. If I, a person well into her 60s, can take part, almost anyone can.

If you would like a handy trail guide to other East Haddam open spaces, for a small donation, look for displays at Shagbark Pet Room, Gristmill Market, Ballek's Garden Center or the East Haddam Library. (The guide does not contain the Hatch Lot. It's too new.) If you could spend a few hours helping with stewardship, contact Commission member Paul Sienna at Paulsiennajr@gmail.com. We generally hold work party days every two weeks, on second and fourth Saturday afternoons.

The hard work and love of previous generations have brought us this gift of unspoiled nature. The Conservation Commission, tasked with taking care of this legacy, does so with the joy of knowing that you will enjoy it. Come join us!

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DATE/LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Tuesday, February 11, 2014 7 pm, Nathan Hale-Ray High School	Board of Education meeting—tentative Board of Education approves budget.
Tuesday, February 18, 2014 to Tuesday, February 25, 2014	Board of Education Budget Workshops, scheduled as necessary, please check website
Saturday, February 22, 2014 9 am to 12 pm, Location to be determined	Board of Selectmen Budget Workshop
Tuesday, February 25, 2014 5 pm, Location to be determined	Board of Selectmen Budget Workshop
Thursday, February 27 5 pm, Location to be determined	Board of Selectmen Budget Workshop
Saturday, March 1 (if necessary) 9 am to 12 pm, Location to be determined	Board of Selectmen Budget Workshop
Wednesday, March 5, 2014	Deadline for Board of Selectmen and Board of Education to approve their budget recommendations to the Board of Finance.
Monday, March 10, 2014 7 pm, Grange Hall	Boards of Education and Selectmen submit budget requests to the Board of Finance.
Wednesday, March 12, 2014 7 pm, Town Office Annex	Board of Finance Budget Workshop
Monday, March 17, 2014 7 pm, Town Office Annex	Board of Finance Budget Workshop
Tuesday, March 18, 2014 7 pm, Town Office Annex	Board of Finance Budget Workshop
Thursday, March 20, 2014 7 pm, Town Office Annex	Board of Finance Budget Workshop
Monday, March 24, 2014 7 pm, Town Office Annex	Board of Finance Budget Workshop
Tuesday, March 25, 2014 7 pm, Town Office Annex	Board of Finance Budget Workshop
Wednesday, March 26, 2014 7 pm, Town Office Annex	Board of Finance Budget Workshop
Monday, March 31, 2014 7 pm, Town Office Annex	Board of Finance Budget Workshop
Wednesday, April 9, 2014	"Citizen's Guide to the Budget" mailed to every household
April 22, 2014 7 pm, Nathan Hale-Ray High School	Budget Public Hearing
May 7, 2014 8 pm, Town Hall	Annual Town Budget Meeting
May 20, 2014 Town Hall	Budget Referendum



Business Directory
www.EastHaddam.org



On the Municipal Website
Information on 250+ Town Businesses

WHERE TO EAT (snacks, dining and grocery)

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EDC Business Announcements

The East Haddam Economic Development Commission (EDC) is pleased to announce the following:

Gelston House has opened a Gastro Pub, offering a more casual atmosphere and pub menu in their tavern area, in addition to the fine dining offered in the formal dining room. Owner and chef, Iso Dedusaj, explains that the new menu includes unique twists on traditional comfort food, such as shepherd's pie, sandwiches and burgers, salads, and small plates all under \$20. There is a full bar, with over a dozen wines by the glass and an expanded beer menu, including local microbrews. During the winter months, the Gastro Pub is open Monday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; and Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. For reservations and more information call 860-873-1411 or visit gelstonhouse.com.

Swing Bridge Wine & Spirits - East Haddam's place for fine wines, beer & liquor. New owners Drew and Anne Yurasek are excited to offer a larger selection of wines and have added over 100 types of Scotch and Bourbon - the largest

selection for a store their size in Connecticut. Drew has been a wine collector for over 20 years and a winemaker for 5 years and has traveled to many different wine regions in the world. He hopes to use his experiences to help the community learn more about the variety of wine and spirits available in today's marketplace. So "swing by the little guy" for fine wine and spirits expertise and personalized service. Open Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information 860-873-9822, swingbridgespirits.com or find us on Facebook.

Please visit the Business Directory on the homepage of the municipal website www.easthaddam.org for a complete listing of East Haddam businesses. Also, check the Community Calendar section for upcoming local business events.

Contact the EDC at mrcdm@snet.net or P.O. Box K, East Haddam, to have your new business or service listed here.

Economic Development Corner

The State of Connecticut continues to offer the Small Business Express Program to assist small businesses with financing. The program is administered by the state Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). Eligible businesses need to have been established in Connecticut for at least 12-months; employ 50 or fewer people, and be in good standing with both local and state taxes. The program has three components; 1) a revolving loan fund; 2) a job creation incentive component; and 3) a matching grant component. A brief summary of each program is below:

1. Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

- a. Eligible Uses: Machinery and Equipment purchases (M & E), Construction/Leasehold Improvements, Relocation expenses (in-state), working capital, other
- b. Terms: 4% max rate, \$10k to \$100k can be borrowed for up to a 10-year term

2. Job Creation Incentive Component (loans)

- a. Eligible Uses: training, marketing, working capital
- b. Job Creation forgiveness for job maintenance of 12-months or more
- c. Terms: \$10k to \$250k can be borrowed at flexible terms

3. Matching Grant Component

- a. Eligible Uses: Training, M & E, Construction/Leasehold Improvements, Relocation expenses (in-state), working capital, other
- b. Grant size range from \$10k to \$100k

Contact Peter Simmons, Town of East Haddam Economic Development Coordinator for assistance. Businesses can also apply directly to the DECD using the application from their website (<http://www.ct.gov/ecdc/cwp/view.asp?a=3931&q=489792>), or contact Paul Hughes at the Middlesex County Revitalization Commission at 860-347-6924.

Historical Society

This winter, the East Haddam Historical Society Museum has been busy with some necessary housekeeping items. We are in the process of repainting what has historically been referred to at the museum as the "Moodus Room." As you can imagine, it is quite an undertaking!

Since we have to remove the exhibits in order to repaint, we are taking full advantage of the opportunity by digitally archiving the displayed items and re-designing the exhibits in that room. We can't wait to show you what we have been working on when the museum re-opens!

Speaking of exhibits, the museum is interested in creating an exhibit on the rich agricultural history of our town. If you have any local historical agricultural items (small farm equipment, photos, tools, glass milk bottles, etc.), please contact the Exhibits Committee at museum@easthaddamhistory.org with the subject

line "Agricultural Exhibit" or leave us a message at our main phone number listed below.

Our yearly membership drive is also in full swing. If you are interested in becoming a member of the museum or a museum volunteer, please contact us for further details.

The Museum is available for reasonable rent and cooperates with everyone looking to volunteer, satisfy community service or provide home-schooling opportunities.

Donations are always welcome. Hours are Friday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Memorial Day through Columbus Day, other times year-round by appointment. Reach us by phone at 860-873-3944. Find us on Facebook: East Haddam Historical Society Museum. Email us at museum@easthaddamhistory.org. Check out our website at www.easthaddamhistory.org.

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Visit our Website at www.easthaddam.org for more information,
including meeting minutes

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging is an advisory board that is responsible for promoting the health, safety and well-being of the town's senior citizens. In order to fulfill its responsibilities, the Commission on Aging meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. The meetings are open to the public to discuss senior issues or concerns. The board is currently discussing The Elderly Tax Relief Program in East Haddam.

Events Cover Photo Contest Winner

Jsr4638@netzero.com was the winner of the East Haddam Events 4th Quarter Cover Contest. The photo was taken in Machimoodus State Park.

Holiday Closings

The Town Office Building and Transfer Station will be closed on the following holidays:

Monday, February 17 - Presidents' Day

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday

Moodus Sportmen's Club Calendar

Ice Fishing Derby - February 9 - Pre Registration required. If there is no ice on the 9th the Derby will be postponed until February 16th.

Earth Day Clean Up - April 5 - See additional notice.

Volunteer of the Month

Please join us in congratulating our most recent volunteers of the month: Gillian Hoover, Kim Moran-Becker and Susan Pagnano. If you would like to nominate someone, please do so in a letter to the First Selectman.

Boy Scout Troop 22

East Haddam's Boy Scout Troop 22 proudly donated the proceeds from the Bottles & Cans collected in September to the East Haddam Rotary Club/Liberty Bank Thanksgiving Dinner Drive. A \$500 donation was made which was matched by a 25% donation from the Liberty Bank Foundation. The Boy Scouts collect bottles and cans throughout the year at the Transfer Station and use the monies to support the Scouts' activities. The Scouts greatly appreciate the town resident's donations!

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institution that will be able to fulfill their banking needs for years to come.

Essex Savings Bank is a FDIC insured, state chartered, mutual savings bank established in 1851. The Bank serves the Connecticut River Valley and shoreline with six offices in Essex (2), Chester, Madison, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook. Financial, estate, insurance and retirement planning are offered throughout the state by the Bank's Trust Department and subsidiary, Essex Financial Services, Inc, Member FINRA, SIPC. Investments in stocks, bonds, mutual funds and annuities are not FDIC insured, may lose value and are not a deposit, have no Bank guarantee and are not insured by any Federal Government Agency.

Master Gardener's Corner

Whether you are a lover of trees, or not, it is vital to know what is happening with Ash trees and what you can do on your own property to save your trees from the Emerald Ash Borer. The following is excerpted from the Quick Reference Guide to Emerald Ash Borer distributed by the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System.

The Lifecycle of EAB: Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a wood-boring beetle. It feeds exclusively on all species of Ash trees (*Fraxinus* spp.). In Connecticut's forests, there are green, white and black ash trees. The EAB live cycle can take one or two years depending on environmental factors.

1. EAB eggs are laid in the crevices of ash tree bark during the summer, particularly in the crown of the tree where the bark is thinnest.
2. Larvae burrow into the cambial layer under the bark, creating 's'-shaped serpentine galleries as they feed until late fall.
3. Pre-pupal larvae 'jackknife' into a self-created pupal chamber where they spend the winter.
4. In the spring, over a period of two to three weeks, pupae mature into adults.
5. Adults emerge from the tree during May through June, creating a small D-shaped exit hole on the tree. Adults consume leaf tissue before flying, mating and eventually laying eggs. [www.emeraldashborer.info]

Identifying Ash Trees: There are four identifying features of ash trees.

1. Compound leaves comprised of 7 to 11 leaflets depending on specific variety.
2. Twigs are smooth, rigid, grayish in color and resemble 'bones'.
3. Deeply furrowed bark on mature trees.
4. Opposite branching, particularly obvious on newer growth.

Identifying EAB in the Field: Adult EAB may not be the most easily observed indicator of an infestation given their small size and the limited amount of time they are active outside the tree. EAB is more likely to be found either through a formal monitoring process or due to the damage it causes the Ash tree.

1. Splits in tree bark reveal the serpentine galleries created by larvae. Galleries can be found between the outer bark and heartwood in a layer called the 'cambium.'
2. The presence of epicormic branches at the base of the tree, and/or visible decline in the health of the crown (also called crown dieback).
3. Woodpeckers flake off the outermost layer of the bark seeking larvae, exposing lighter inner-bark. Experts believe this is one of the most visible indicators of an EAB infestation.
4. Localized death of the tissue above where larvae have been feeding can cause fissures, cracks, or sloughing off of the bark as the tree continues to grow.

Since its detection in the Detroit, Michigan area in 2002, it has rapidly expanded its range and caused the loss of millions of ash trees from the Midwest to New York and south to Tennessee. The EAB was detected in CT on July 16, 2012 in New Haven County and now it's being found throughout all of CT and New England. You need to know the facts and what you can do to help prevent the spread of EAB. Just imagine East Haddam with thousands of dead Ash Trees! The following resources will provide you with ample information. AES.StateEntomologist@ct.gov; www.emeraldashborer.info; Richard.Cowles@ct.gov ; www.ct.gov.caes, and Google Emerald Ash Borer for photos and additional facts.

*Linda Stuhlman,
Certified Master Gardener; Certified Tree Warden*

East Haddam Elementary School

Dear Families:

Happy New Year 2014! We are excited to share our continued pride in our school community. Our families and staff work well together to benefit our students in many ways; PTO parents and high school volunteers assist us daily in supporting student learning. Our monthly Wall of Fame, sponsored by our PTO, recognizes students for their citizenship, leadership, creativity, and their academic progress.

So much has been accomplished this year as we continue our focus on the implementation of Common Core lessons and assessments. The development of our standards-based reporting/portfolio system has allowed staff to communicate and document student progress. The State Department of Education recently recognized East Haddam Elementary as one of the "Excelling schools in Connecticut" as we have sustained improvements in our school's state testing results.

On December 19th, our first, second, and third graders performed two holiday concerts. Mrs. Theresa Mazzaferro, music specialist, led students as they sang and danced in our wonderfully decorated gymnasium. Families, friends, and community members were entertained as they enjoyed the performances along with our youngest students from preschool and kindergarten.

The School Council's held their first community service-learning food drive before holiday break. Over 400 food-items collected and donated to the East Haddam Food Bank!

We plan to hold our incoming kindergarten transition meetings beginning in March. All parents and their children who will become five years old on or before January 1, 2015, who will attend kindergarten in the fall of 2014, will be invited to these sessions. Please inform our school office if you would like to be invited to these incoming kindergarten transition sessions.

As always, we share great pride in this special school community and, on behalf of our staff, we thank you for your support, encouragement, and involvement whenever possible.



Respectfully,

Joanne Collins and Kristine Friend
Principal Assistant Principal



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Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School

Check Out What's Happening at Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School!



A Tradition of Honoring our Veterans

This year students and staff celebrated Veterans' Day with 50 Veterans and active service men and women. The celebration started with members of the Connecticut Patriot Guard delivering the American Flag by motorcycle and raising the flag while the middle school chorus sang the National Anthem. Each grade level spent the majority of the school day learning about Veterans' Day and engaging in very powerful dialogue with the honored guests. Activities included question and answer sessions, slide shows, reader's theater, and more. The special tribute concluded with poetry readings, musical performances, and the lowering of the flag. Veterans' Day has quickly become one of the favorite and most meaningful days of the year for the students at Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School.

CT Fire Prevention Poster Contest

Students participated in the annual 'Connecticut Fire Prevention Poster Contest' under the guidance and direction of 4th-grade art teacher Lauren Cryan and 5th-grade art teacher Beth Squires. The entire 4th and 5th grade classes along with their teachers crowded together in front of the Middle School eagerly anticipating the arrival of their classmates, who were treated to a ride to school on two of the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department's engines. The winning posters will now be submitted to the Office of the State Fire Marshal to represent Middlesex County for competition with other schools and counties poster entries for the state-level contest.



Congratulations to this year's fire safety poster winners: Julia Freeman and Samantha LaFemina for 4th grade and Audrey Puia and Nora Bevedas for 5th grade.



Bringing Holiday Cheer to East Haddam Seniors

Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School's musicians made their annual trip to Cheshelm and the Senior Center to spread some holiday cheer via their musical talents. The newly formed Renaissance Recorder Ensemble serenaded the audiences with some lively music from the 13th through the 15th centuries. The Show Choir provided their own "nostalgia" with songs and dance routines from this century.



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Nathan Hale-Ray High School



G'Day for a Game at Hale-Ray High School!

Over 30 students from Waverly College in Australia visited Hale-Ray. Thanks to the great generosity of our parents, many families housed 3 to 4 boys over two nights. Our visitors attended classes, experienced public school life in East Haddam and finished off the visit with the annual basketball games with Hale-Ray. It was a wonderful opportunity for Hale-Ray students to mix with students from another country and a great experience for everyone.



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East Haddam School District

Dear Members of the East Haddam Community:

Every new year brings hope, excitement, challenges and opportunities. Hopefully 2014 will also bring renewed fortitude as the district continues to implement a number of state initiatives designed to improve student learning. We are fortunate to have a wealth of talented and dedicated teachers and administrators working to ensure that every student in East Haddam receives a high quality education.

This year we are preparing to administer the new state standardized assessment: Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). SBAC is designed to assess student progress towards the Common Core State Standards, and will be replacing the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) and the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) this spring. There are eight overall Claims – 4 English Language Arts and 4 Math – that will be assessed on the new test:

- Students can read closely and analytically to comprehend a range of increasingly complex literary and informational texts.
- Students can produce effective and well-grounded writing for a range of purposes and audiences.
- Students can employ effective speaking and listening skills for a range of purposes and audiences.
- Students can engage in research and inquiry to investigate topics, and to analyze, integrate, and present information.
- Students can explain and apply mathematical concepts and interpret and carry out mathematical procedures with precision and fluency.
- Students can solve a range of complex well-posed problems in pure and applied mathematics, making productive use of knowledge and problem solving strategies.
- Students can clearly and precisely construct viable arguments to support their own reasoning and to critique the reasoning of others
- Students can analyze complex, real-world scenarios and can construct and use mathematical models to interpret and solve problems.



Shawn Conroy



Marc Pisciotti



Michael Werner

Also this year we are pleased to welcome three new members to the East Haddam Board of Education: Shawn Conroy, Marc Pisciotti and Michael Werner. The Board of Education is an invaluable partner in educating our children, and each new member brings his own unique expertise and talents to the Board's important work.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mary Beth Iacobelli
Superintendent of Schools

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Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:

(7:00pm NHRHS Cafe)

February 11, 2014

March 11, 2014

April 8, 2014

Board of Education Members:

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Earth Day - April 5

East Haddam's Earth Day - April 5 - Town Wide Clean Up Picnic to follow!

The Moodus Sportsmen's Club and the East Haddam Scout Troops are sponsoring the Annual Town Wide Clean Up Day to be held on Saturday, April 5, 2014. The goal of these organizations is to coordinate an annual effort to clean up the streets, lakes, streams, and other public access areas in the Town of East Haddam. Would your organization or individuals in your organization be willing to participate? We are still in search of families and groups to pick up sections of the streets in which they live on. Is there a section of town that you or your group would like to take over the stewardship? Could you and your neighbors adopt a street?

We plan to start the pickup at 8:00 a.m. If you wish to join our groups, meet us at the East Haddam Town Hall on Town Street at 8:00 a.m. or start from your own street. At the conclusion of this pick up day, an invitation is extended to all participating to a picnic at the Moodus Sportsmen's Club starting at 12 noon to 1 p.m. Traditional picnic items such as hot dogs, baked beans, coffee and iced tea and lemonade will be served along with the seasonal bounty only a sportsmen's club could serve. At this time we can inventory the items collected and discuss solutions to reduce these problems. We also will have educational information about the Town's natural resources and outdoor recreational opportunities that are available to all.

Ray of Light

Warmest Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year from Ray of Light Farm!

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for the support you gave us throughout 2013!

As you may recall, we launched our "Keep the Light Shining" campaign in February of last year, and the response was overwhelming. Because of your generosity, we raised close to \$80,000! Our limited staff and volunteer force was unable to keep up with thank-you notes and donation receipts, so please contact us if you are in need of a receipt!

In addition to our ongoing community programs, Ray of Light Farm was involved with a major rescue mission involving a nurse mare farm* just over the state's border, with about thirty very hungry pregnant mares. Through a group effort, we brought eight pregnant mares out of the farm (with their eight foals-to-be), along with seven foals whose mothers had been taken away when they were only days old. This was a success story for 23 horses! We intend to remain involved in ending this horrific, unnecessary practice.

2014 is an important year for us. Although our long-term goal is still huge, our goal for the coming year is attainable as

we strive to meet or exceed the amount raised in 2013. Your donations have placed us in a position to pursue our next step of working with a lending institution. We are doing our best to remain a part of the East Haddam community, and your support will continue to be needed.

Thank you again for your generosity, visits, facebook posts and continued support. Please stop by to see us soon, and mark the following dates on your calendar:

Easter Egg Hunt: April 12th

Wine Tasting: June 21st

Stay tuned for details on our website, and "like us" on facebook. www.rayoflightfarm.org, 860-873-1895

**Nurse mares have been around for hundreds of years; they were used if a foal was rejected, or if the mother died in birth. Today, nurse mares across the country are giving birth to babies for the sole purpose of being able to provide milk to other more expensive foals, typically thoroughbreds for the racing or show-horse industry. Additional information can be found on <http://www.ahdf.org/foals.htm>.*



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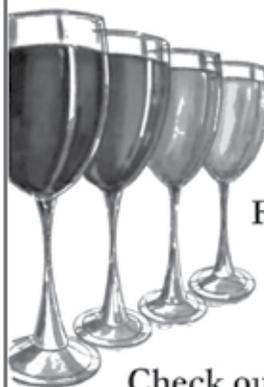
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that the meal meets the dietary needs of the diners. The meals are cooked daily by CW Resources in New Britain and delivered hot to the Senior Center. The menu varies from soup and sandwich to rigatoni & meatballs, lasagna, roast pork, etc. You can check out the menu and come on the days you like. We are now providing transportation to lunch on Thursdays if you call the center to reserve a ride. It is the mission of the center to increase the numbers of the lunch program. You can call Brad at the center [860-873-5034] to make a reservation and receive a complimentary lunch on your first visit. Everyone loves to eat so come join us!

East Haddam Community Lions

The East Haddam Community Lions, once again, held our 'Light Up The Holidays' auction and cocktail party fundraiser on December 6th at the Rathbun Library. Many individuals/groups donated a decorated holiday tree, wreath, exhibit or gift for auction. There were over 60 items! Through your contributions and support we raised \$2,096! This money will be equally divided among the Fuel Bank, Food Bank and Youth & Family Services. Thank you, thank you, thank you for another successful event!

'A Grave Mistake' A Mystery Dinner, February 23, 3:00 pm, Town Tavern Restaurant. Join us for our newest fundraiser; a night of laughs, intrigue and who dun it! A great way to spend a Sunday afternoon in February, why not get a group of friends to join you to share the experience and the camaraderie and help raise funds for our community. Complete dinner \$35. Call Alice at 860-873-9217 or Geri at 860-873-8150 for more details and tickets.

The East Haddam Community Lions Club will host its 15th Annual April Fools 5K and 10.5 Mile Road Race on Saturday, April 5 at 10:00 am. The race will start and end at Nathan Hale-Ray High School, 15 School Road, Moodus. Registration begins at 8:30 am. Awards will be given to the first three runners in each race category. A free children's fun run for children 7 years old and

under will be held immediately following the start of the main races. Walkers are welcome to register for the 5K race only. Everyone who registers by March 1 will receive a free Tek T-Shirt. Enjoy the scenic route, water stops and mile splits. Entry fee is \$20 per runner/walker. Visit www.EHCL.org to download the registration form; or register online at www.thelastmileracing.com. For more information, visit www.EHCL.org or email race@ehcl.org.

As the world changes, so too does Lions Club International www.lionsclubs.org, the largest humanitarian organization in the world, with over 1.35 million members in 207 countries and geographic areas. "The global leaders in humanitarian service," voted #1 Non Governmental Organization in the world by international businesses in polls by the Financial Times. Each club is autonomous; you need to find the one that fits your needs. Get involved; you only get out what you put in, and if you're lucky, like us, you'll get much, much more ... friendship, camaraderie, self-worth and a great feeling of achievement, all while SERVING OTHERS.

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Score in The "Paper Bowl"

Help the church score in the biannual "Paper Bowl" on Sunday, April 28 by donating paper products (facial tissue, paper towels, bathroom tissue, copy paper (color as well as white), paper plates and cups (any size), napkins!

The Moodus United Methodist Church is seeking paper product donations to be used by the church and by all who attend Worship Services as well as other functions sponsored by the church. Every donation helps the small congregation's budget.

The Moodus United Methodist Church is located at 20 Plains Road (Route 151), Moodus, next to the East Haddam Free Public Library and has Sunday morning Worship Service at 10 a.m. (with childcare), which you are invited to attend. Children's Sunday school as well as adult Bible study is at 9 a.m.

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Need to contact the church? Call 860-873-9481, and leave a message on the machine and someone will return your call.

Land Trust Partners with New Club at Hale-Ray Middle School

The Environmental Club, a new club for 7th and 8th grade students, works in collaboration with the East Haddam Land Trust to build, maintain and study a network of hiking trails on the property of the Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School.

During their monthly meetings, the club learns from members of the Land Trust about the process of trail construction and about native plants and wildlife. Students have cleared approximately 75% of their first trail, which includes the construction of several 'leak-offs' that help to divert water from the trail and thereby prevent erosion. Once completed, the initial trail will provide access to a fresh-water stream, which will be utilized by science teachers in their study of fresh water ecosystems and related topics.

In the winter months, students will be guided through several projects to support the use of the trail as a learning tool. For example, students will write short descriptions and identifying features of the plants that grow along the trail. Students will also be involved in the planning and installation of homes for native bird life. As the weather warms and trail construction resumes,



"Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School students clearing a new hiking trail."

students will also create a map of the trail, which will be available to teachers, hikers and members of the community.

Noah Ventola, with assistance and guidance from Rob Smith of East Haddam's Land Trust, started the club as part of his work as an administrative intern at the Middle School. The collaborative project was developed to fulfill one requirement of Southern Connecticut State University's Sixth-Year degree program. Danielle Michaud, an eighth grade Language Arts teacher at the middle school, is the Club's faculty advisor.

If interested in trail construction and maintenance, the East Haddam Land Trust is looking for volunteers to help construct trails throughout East Haddam's open spaces. The group meets from 1-4 every other Saturday at an open space site to clear trails and maintain property boundaries. To receive notices about upcoming events, please send Noah an email at ventolan1@owls.southernct.edu, and you will be added to the distribution list. To volunteer with either the EHLT or EHCC, contact Rob Smith at 860-873-2189 or email him at rockyneck1@sbcglobal.net.

First Church of Christ, Congregational

With the arrival January 1st, 2014, at First Church of Christ, Congregational of our new settled pastor, Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager, we all have been infused with hope and excitement. The Music Program has been challenged to perform on a higher level than we have in years, and we had a large attendance at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols as proof of what the future can bring.

Although we still hold some of our Sunday Services during the winter months in the Parish Hall to save the expense of heating the Sanctuary, we hope to be striking a middle ground, keeping services in the Sanctuary at least one Sunday each month, and most probably two. Laura appreciates good music and is a singer herself, so working with her to plan services and events is a joy.

Due to the largesse of four donations from community members the organ repair (by our local O'Dell Organ Company) was completed and paid for, and both our grand piano and upright have

also been tuned and repaired. This leaves us with all instruments in excellent shape, but little balance in our Funds.

We hope to have a Gospel Choir Concert sometime in February to commemorate Black History Month, a cabaret in March, and a Concert of classical music during the Easter/Holy Week time. The dates and actual names of performers will be published and distributed by flier, poster, in news articles, and on the signs in front of the church, and we hope all who want to will attend. The Music Program is still funded only by the revenue earned at these concerts, and by donations to the Music Funds.

For information, please go to the First Church website at www.firstchurcheh.org, or call the church at 860-873-9084, or contact Linda (Chair of Board of Music and the Arts) at Irydermunetma@juno.com or call 860-537-2052. "We thank you for your support, and hope to see you at a concert or service in our lovely 300-year-old Sanctuary!"

East Haddam Library System

Six months ago the East Haddam Free Public Library and Rathbun Free Memorial Library joined together to form the East Haddam Library System. Since then the libraries have been hard at work to bring the citizens of East Haddam the best library system possible. In addition to offering the latest and greatest books, movies and televisions series available (all for free), the East Haddam Library System is proud to announce the expansion of Library Hours.

Rathbun Library:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10:00-6:00

Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00-8:00

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East Haddam Free Public Library:

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Expanded hours mean that everyone can access the library resources they love at times more convenient to their schedules. If you haven't been to a library in a while, you'll find more than just a fantastic selection of books, including the latest hit films and TV shows. You'll also find art exhibits featuring local professionals, amateurs and even Hale-Ray students. The libraries are the perfect place to meet with friends & neighbors, and are often available for meetings. You can attend fun & engaging programs for all ages including story times, video games, teen write club, guest author visits, and much more. In addition to programs, the libraries offer free 1-on-1 help with computers, e-readers, homework, job hunting, and more. There are also photocopiers, printers, computers, faxes, and Wi-Fi. Best of all, most resources are available for free (only certain programs and services cost money, but even those are very cheap). If you can spell your name, you can get a library card and take full advantage of all the libraries have to offer.

Below are just a few of the programs available at the East Haddam Library System.

Programs available at the East Haddam Free Public Library (18 Plains Rd, Moodus):

Story Hour

Make memories with timeless tales followed by creative crafts. Every Tuesday from 10:30-11:30 (ages 3+).

Teen Write Club

The library is publishing a book of local teen literature, and it needs your help. Let your imagination loose and write alongside your fellow teen writers. Did we mention there's free pizza? The second Friday of every month from 6:00-8:00 (ages 12-18).

Terrible Thursday (Bad Movie Night)

Come and see the best of the worst films ever made. The fourth Thursday of every month at 6:30 (ages 10+; Families welcome).

East Haddam Book Club

Grab a copy of the book of the month from the circulation desk, read it and bring your opinions (and your sense of humor) to the library on the second Wednesday of every month from 7:00-8:00.

Hale-Ray Art Shows

EHFPL is proud to display the work of our most talented young artists. Beginning in March, stop by the library and support students from grades K-12 as they display their latest masterpieces. The exhibits will change monthly and run throughout the school year. Ask a librarian for details. The library will be seeking talented young stars to keep the library decorated throughout the summer, please see the library director if you or a young person you know might be interested in displaying their talents.

Programs available at the Rathbun Free Memorial Library (36 Main St, East Haddam):

Story Time

Children ages 3+ are invited to the library for weekly story times every Monday & Thursday at 10:30-11:30.

Baby Book Time

Toddlers under 3 are welcome to join the interactive Baby Book Time Program every Wednesday at 10:30-11:30.

The American Girl Club

Bring along your favorite American Girl Doll and enjoy snacks and crafts - the first Wednesday of every month from 3:30-4:30.

The FETCH Science Club

Based on the popular PBS Series, this program invites young people to use their imagination and their brains to create cool science projects like marshmallow catapults, toy parachutes, and more! - The second Wednesday of every month from 3:30-4:30.

Art Exhibits

Stop by the library and see the work of talented local artists, the displays vary from month to month. From January-March, the Rathbun will be working with the East Haddam Art League to bring you a breathtaking variety of art created by East Haddam's talented local art scene. Ask a librarian for details. If you or someone you know is a local artist interested in displaying at the library, make an appointment with the library director - we'd like to help you share your art with the community!

Guest speakers, art receptions, workshops and more are coming to the East Haddam Library System this spring. Stay tuned for details!

Above is just a sampling of all your libraries have to offer. For more details please, call the libraries - EHFPL: 873-8248 | Rathbun: 873-8210 - or stop by and visit.

With everything the East Haddam Library System has to offer - It's an exciting time to have a library card in East Haddam!

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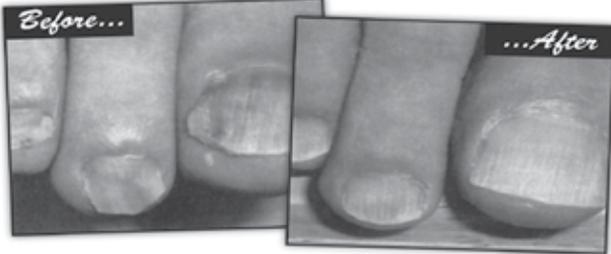
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Garden Club News

Spring Events

The public is invited to attend these free upcoming programs presented by the East Haddam Garden Club. Both events will be at the East Haddam Senior Center, 15 Great Hillwood Road, Moodus, at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a members-only business meeting at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, March 26: Karla Dalley will discuss "Waking Up the Garden in the Early Spring." A very timely program!

Wednesday, April 16: Photographer Jeff Feldman will present "Kayaking With Nature Along Connecticut's Waterways." Mr. Feldman is well-known for his photos of men's and women's sporting events. He also enjoys capturing sunrises and sunsets, cityscapes, hot-air balloons and views of nature. Most of his nature photography is taken from his kayak. His work has been widely exhibited throughout Connecticut.

Annual Plant and Bake Sale

The club's popular annual plant and bake sale will be Saturday, May 17, 9:00 a.m. to noon, at the East Haddam Grange, 488 Town St., East Haddam. This event will feature plants from members' gardens and delectable treats from their kitchens. Funds raised at this sale (and at other club events) are used for civic projects (for example, designing and



At the November Awards Meeting of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, East Haddam Garden Club member Anita Ballek received the Joyce P. Harris Award "for outstanding horticultural achievement in the recipient's club and community." Among the many accomplishments listed in the citation: her key role in founding and supporting the East Haddam Land Trust; her programs and lectures on organic farming and horticulture; and her writings in the "Connecticut Gardener" and other publications. Photo: Anita and her daughter, Nancy Ballek Mackinnon.

planting the beds of annuals at Gillette Castle, year round maintenance of plantings at the Goodspeed Green and Shagbark Triangle, and other initiatives).

Recent Community Projects

In November, club members created nearly 100 centerpieces for the clients of the East Haddam Food Bank. This is an annual club project; members provide all the plant materials, mainly from their own gardens, as well as containers and decorations.

In December, club members festively decorated the Goodspeed Green and Shagbark Triangle. Look for the club's creations at both locations throughout the year!

About the East Haddam Garden Club

The EHGC was founded more than 80 years ago "to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardens among amateurs, to aid in the conservation of native birds, animals, flowers and trees in the beautification of our community." There are currently 46 members; new members are always welcome. Club activities include hands-on civic planting projects, informative programs featuring knowledgeable speakers, visits to notable gardens, etc. For more information about the EHGC, contact Betty Gross (860-873-8732) or check out "East Haddam Garden Club" on Facebook.

Land Trust Launches Fundraising Campaign



In 2013 East Haddam Land Trust (EHLT) invested in preserving Hidden Valley Farm along the Moodus River and in two East Haddam Open Space parcels - the woodland and miles-beyond overlook of Hatch Lot and the Roaring Brook Preserve. But these investments significantly depleted Land Trust coffers, leading EHLT to initiate major fundraising efforts.

EHLT is an extremely efficient organization of dedicated volunteers (visit www.ehlt.org to see all of 2013's accomplishments). The average administrative expense over the last five

years totaled less than 0.4% of EHLT's assets. Since 1979 EHLT has directly preserved nearly 350 acres through land purchases and conservation easements. Working to protect the rural character of East Haddam, EHLT has partnered with local, state and national organizations in protecting other environmentally and/or historically critical lands in watersheds of the Eightmile, Moodus and Salmon Rivers, Roaring and Succor Brooks, Chapman Pond, and Salmon Cove. East Haddam's unique landscape means EHLT is able to tap into valuable state and national funding aimed at protecting the very land that comprises our Town - the watersheds feeding the Connecticut River, the first National Blueway in America and one of The Nature Conservancy's Last Great Places, and the nationally designated Wild and Scenic Eightmile River Watershed.

However, to tap into this funding and be ready to act when environmentally and historically important lands become available, EHLT NEEDS YOUR HELP. Please become a member of or donate to East Haddam Land Trust, PO Box 122, East Haddam, CT 06423 or at www.ehlt.org via credit card or PayPal. Your membership and donation to EHLT keeps your dollars working locally, is tax deductible, and is greatly appreciated in any amount.

MoreFit

Two-thirds of Americans are overweight or obese, and several clothing stores are marketing cute clothes for bigger people. We're getting used to big figures and we start accepting facts that being overweight is a part of our society and it's tolerable. Unfortunately it's a very dangerous trend.

It is a big difference between body shape and body size. We all were granted different shapes and we cannot control that; however we need to control the size of our body shape. Many don't understand this and they are putting their health in jeopardy by not exercising, not taking care of their diet, and not lowering their body fat percentage to the accurate level. Many illnesses of the 20th and 21st century are manmade illnesses. High blood pressure, diabetes, and even some types of cancer are caused by poor nutrition and that is only the few mentioned. Your body will look absolutely beautiful in a round shape only if it's genetically preset and muscular. You cannot change heredity. However, you can and should change as well as control and take care of the muscular structure in your body. Your muscular system is the one which allows you to move forward. If you won't build up the strength, you will lose it eventually.

Many people, who come to me and ask for help don't realize that working towards a strong, healthy body takes time and patience. It's harder with age to achieve muscular structure only because after the age of 30 we tend to lose lean muscle mass by 1% every year. With age we need to adjust our routines, work slightly harder, and watch what

we eat more often. With age we need to be more persistent to be able to see results.

To be or not to be healthy should not be a rhetorical question. We should ask ourselves constantly: do I want to deal with doctors, medications, low energy level, and pain? Do I want to be a part of the two-thirds of society that is overweight? Do I want to accept the condition my body is in? We can find these answers easily only if we don't fall into the negative, lazy, dreadful side of ourselves. Change is not easy, change needs time and effort, change requires consistent work. Change to a positive lifestyle will bring reward and happiness. We need to understand that only in our fantasy world does everything fall into place perfectly and is taking care of without attempt. If you choose personal growth, you will be rewarded with a beautiful body shape in the right size. You will be rewarded with health.

The New Year marks a fresh start. Make the most of this favorable time by implementing positive thoughts into your mind, clean up your act, and rid off any dreadful energy. Start your long life journey with one step, be patient and persistent. Focus on the practice instead of the end performance and you will find your end result bigger than expected. Get up, move, and be more fit in your body shape.

May this be the beginning of a wonderful year! We wish you the Best!

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Lions Club

This past December, the Lions Club once again sold Christmas trees to families all over East Haddam. In addition to selling trees, the Lions donated and prepared over 100 holiday feast baskets at the East Haddam Food Bank. They also arranged for their good friend, Santa Claus, to visit Chestelm. Special thanks to Lions Zac Jezek, Jim Prue, and Dave Carpenter for helping East Haddam have a simply wonderful Christmas time.

The Lions have a number of projects planned for 2014. Perhaps the most anticipated is the annual auction & tag sale in July. The club is already collecting donations for the event. If you have any "big ticket" items that you would like to donate

- especially automobiles, boats & RVs, please contact a Lion.

The East Haddam Lions are currently working on the 2014 community phone book. Many people have switched from AT&T to other carriers, but these listings are not being shared with AT&T from whom we get our listings. If you want to be in the book, please email your information to Lion Tim Curtis at ttcurtis42@gmail.com or call him at 860-537-8208 no later than March 1st. If you are a prospective advertiser, please contact Tim to discuss rates and space options.

If you have any questions about the Lions, upcoming events, etc. please contact Lion Secretary Michael Gilroy at GilroyM@gmail.com

Local Prevention Council

Are winter snow days and decreased amounts of sunlight making you feel like a hibernating bear? Looking for ways to get out of the house and connect with others? If you are feeling "bearish", we invite you to get out of the house to attend one of our upcoming events:

Coffee-Talk- What's Brewing?

Share a free, hot cup of coffee with friends. At our monthly event "Coffee-Talk- What's Brewing?" the first cup of coffee is on us! This event provides an opportunity to meet and discuss ways to create change by connecting with people, strengthening positive influences, and interacting with neighbors to help one another build strong, safe and substance free youth. Our coffee hour is held at Two Wrasslin Cats every second Tuesday of the month from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Come warm up and share ideas to grow a healthier community.

Workshops

Positive experiences, qualities and relationships influence the choices our kids make. Whether you are a coach, parent, teacher, grandparent, business owner, government or civic leader or private citizen, you can help build resistance skills and set boundaries with youth in our community? Guest speaker, Alicia Farrell, Ph.D., is providing two interactive workshops: Building Resistance and Grit on 2/20/14 and The Power of Being Proactive in Setting Boundaries on 3/20/14. Join us to explore ways to make our kids strong and ways to establish caring and consistent boundaries. The events will be held in the Nathan Hale Ray High School Library from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Contact us at 860-873-3296 to register.

Oh, My Aching Back!

With the Winter upon us and shoveling snow part of our routine, you may be experiencing more aches and pains than usual. In part those new sensations are due to new positions your body is in as well as physically doing a different activity than what you are used to doing. Add to that any prior tightness you may have had and your body is letting you know it's not a happy camper right now.

There can be several reasons why you are having this issue. One reason may be that your pain is being caused by a bone being out of alignment and you need a chiropractic adjustment. Another reason may be that your muscles are tight and causing your current pain.

In the case of upper back pain, those issues are usually caused by the front of your body right below your clavicle in the pectoralis muscles. When tight, they cause you to round your shoulders and over-extend your upper back making your neck and upper back hurt. By loosening the muscles in the front, and strengthening the area between your shoulder blades, the muscles go back in place and you usually no longer have upper back pain.

If you have pain in the lower back, there are 2 areas that

I check. One is the sacral tuberos ligament that is between the tailbone and the 'sits' bone. If tight, it causes your hip to be higher on that side which results in you walking unevenly. Joggers and power walkers can have this as an issue.

The other area is the iliopsoas muscles that are located in the front area near each hip. It is actually 2 muscles called the iliacus and the psoas. One muscle attaches to the front of your spinal column and the other is attached to the hip and meet near your hip and go down into your leg. If tight, your hips tilt forward putting undue tension in your low back. When this muscle is tight, usually your calves and thighs are tight as well since your body will try to compensate for your body being tilted. These issues can be caused by prolonged sitting, cycling, etc. Once that area is released, the person stands upright and their low back usually no longer bothers them.

If needed, please see your doctor to determine if any tests, physical therapy, etc are needed for your specific issue.

*Barbara Gaudio, LMT
Licensed Massage Therapist, East Haddam*

Parks and Recreation

East Haddam Parks and Recreation strives to serve all community members by providing diverse recreational activities. We offer leisure services, activities, classes and programs for all ages and abilities. If there is a program that you would like to see offered in East Haddam, please give us a call! www.easthaddamrec.com - All East Haddam Parks and Recreation Programs and registration information can be found at one location! You can sign up for your favorite program, download an application for a summer job, volunteer to coach basketball, make a donation to Music on the River and get directions to a new park - all in one place! Check back frequently for updated information and to see what new programs have been added.

Summer Employment Opportunities: If you are interested in working for East Haddam Parks and Recreation this summer, click on the "Help Wanted" link to the right - this will take you to the page with the job descriptions and application. All applications are due by March 1, 2014. If you have any questions, please call Tiffany at (860) 873-5058.

e Mail Newsletter: Welcome to the new East Haddam Parks and Recreation Monthly E-Mail Newsletter! This newsletter was created as a way to bring up to date information to all of you. Please feel free to share this with your friends and family! If you would like to be added to the email distribution to automatically receive the monthly newsletter by email, please sign up by using this link: <http://eepurl.com/jKq9f>.

Weather Cancellations: If a program is cancelled due to weather, we will make every effort to email all participants using the

email that you provided when you registered for the program. We will also change the recorded message on the office phone - 860-873-5058. (The office phone message will not be changed unless there is a cancellation). Cancellations will be made at least 2 hours before the start of all programs except in extenuating circumstances. If the East Haddam schools are closed, or have an early dismissal, all East Haddam Parks and Recreation activities are automatically cancelled.

Music on the River 2014: We are working diligently on lining up the best of the best for your lawn chair music events of the summer! It is never too early to send in your donation to help us get the music rolling! We will start making payments on band deposits this spring and printing up the annual flyer so early donations are always welcome! You can mail your donation to: East Haddam Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 278, East Haddam, CT 06423 (remember that all donations go directly to the concert series!).

Looking ahead to next summer?

While we don't have all of the details yet, we have added these dates for the summer of 2014 - add them to your calendar and look for details in the spring of 2014!

June 23-27, 2014 - Soccer Camp; June 23-27, 2014 - Noises Sports Academy; June 23-July 9, 2014 - Session 1 Swimming Lessons; June 30-August 8, 2014 - Summer Day Camp (Sprouts, Elementary School and Middle School Camps); July 14-July 30, 2014 - Session 2 Swimming Lessons; August 11-15, 2014 - Challenger Soccer Camp; Performing Arts Camp - TBD
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help to you or your neighbors. Minutes will seem like hours when you are waiting for help! Help us to find you!

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Leo Club

The East Haddam Leos are hosting their annual "Big Bake Sale" at locations all over town on Saturday, February 8 from 10:00-1:00. Stop by Nathan Hale Plaza, Gristmill Plaza, and Shagbark Plaza, to buy some sweets for your sweetie (or just some snacks for yourself). Simply make a kind donation of your choice, and enjoy tasty treats!

The Leos would like to thank everyone who has made their success possible. The club is now over 40 members strong and growing. The club is looking forward to another year filled with community service projects & fundraisers. Leos work alongside the Lions Clubs of East Haddam at events such as

Auctions, Road Races, Ice Cream Socials, and more. They also perform community service projects of their own design such as festivals, bake sales, food drives and more that will help East Haddam's organizations and charities such as the Senior Center, Libraries, Youth & Family Services, and Food Bank.

Any 12-17 year old interested in joining is encouraged to contact Leo Adviser Michael Gilroy at the East Haddam Library (860) 873-8248 or MGilroy@ehfpl.org.

The Leos meet the 1st Thursday and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 7:00-8:00 at the East Haddam Free Public Library; 18 Plains Rd, Moodus.



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Winner of Central Regional Tourism District's First Fall Photo Contest

East Haddam Man Takes First Place for Image of Gillette Castle

Hartford, Conn., December 20, 2013 - An East Haddam, Conn. resident who spent a beautiful fall day taking photos for miles along the Connecticut River is the winner of Central Regional Tourism District's/CenterofCT.com's first-ever Fall photo contest. Carl Buschmann's photo of Gillette Castle in East Haddam was one of more than 150 images entered in the "Fall in CT" Pinterest competition.

"Carl Buschmann's aerial photograph of historic Gillette Castle, nestled amidst colorful Fall foliage, is a spectacular representation of what makes Connecticut's River Valley a very popular site for visitors and local residents alike," explains Anne Orsene, Executive Director of the Central Regional Tourism District. "A pharmaceutical sales director, Carl told us he spent a beautiful Fall day aboard a friend's plane, taking more than 2,000 photos from East Haddam to Old Saybrook - just for the pleasure of it! This was one of his favorite images."

As the contest's first place winner, Buschmann's photo and name will be highlighted in the Central Regional Tourism District's glossy print "2014 Greater Hartford & Connecticut's River Valley Visitors Guide" and it will be posted on-line at CenterofCT.com. His winning image also will be posted on the Tourism District's social media sites.

"The Central Regional Tourism District created this contest because Connecticut offers countless Fall photo opportunities with so many appealing sites and events," adds Orsene. "To enter, photographers - of any skill - went on line and pinned one or more photos on Pinterest (www.pinterest.com), where all entries can be viewed using the hashtag #FallinCT."



The Central Regional Tourism District (CenterofCT.com) covers 65 towns and cities located along the Connecticut River, which winds its way from Greater New Haven and the Long Island Sound over hills and rolling valleys, through the capital city of Hartford, and up to the Massachusetts border. Its goal is to increase the number of visits to River Valley/Connecticut and Greater New Haven/Connecticut regions, thereby resulting in revenue growth. The Tourism District covers: Andover; Avon; Berlin; Bethany; Bloomfield;

Bolton; Branford; Canton; Cheshire; Chester; Clinton; Cromwell; Deep River; Durham; East Granby; East Haddam; East Hampton; East Hartford; East Haven; East Windsor; Ellington; Enfield; Essex; Farmington; Glastonbury; Granby; Guilford; Haddam; Hamden; Hartford; Hebron; Killingworth; Madison; Manchester; Marlborough; Meriden; Middlefield; Middletown; Milford; New Britain; New Haven; Newington; North Branford; North Haven; Old Saybrook; Orange; Plainville; Portland; Rocky Hill; Simsbury; Somers; South Windsor; Southington; Stafford; Suffield; Tolland; Vernon; Wallingford; West Hartford; West Haven; Westbrook; Wethersfield; Windsor; Windsor Locks; and Woodbridge.

To view all of the entries in the Center of CT Fall photo competition, go to Pinterest (www.pinterest.com), and use the hashtag #FallinCT. For more information the Central Regional Tourism District, its Non-Stop Connecticut travel webisodes and many on-line and print brochures, visit www.CenterofCT.com or call (860) 787-9640.

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East Haddam Welcomes New and Incumbent Elected Officials

Several new faces joined some already familiar names in the town government after the November 5th elections. Mark Walter was reelected as First Selectman; also reelected to the Board of Selectmen was Emmett Lyman for his fourth term. Ernest Malavasi joins the board as a Selectman for his first term. These three will be principally responsible for overseeing the affairs of town government and administration of its budget.

Deb Denette retained her position as Town Clerk, as did Kathy Klinck as Treasurer and Denise Dill as Tax Collector. William DiCristofaro will join returning members Robert Bennett and Raymond Willis on the Board of Finance. Bryan Perry was returned to the Board of Education, where he

will join new members Michael Werner, Marc Piscioti and Shawn Conroy.

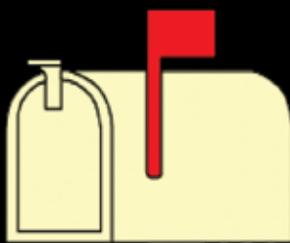
The Board of Assessment Appeals returns member Edward Blaschik. New member Richard Pettinelli and returning members Kevin Matthews, Edmund Gubbins and Harvey Thomas will take their places on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Barbara Kiley, Christine Antaya, Shea Jezek, Celina Nelan, Eileen Schwartz, Maureen Gillis, Lucille Gardner, Dawn Barlow and Andrea Pascal were elected to serve as Library Trustees.

The Town of East Haddam recognizes the service and dedication of all its citizens who put themselves forward for the demanding work of public office in our community.

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