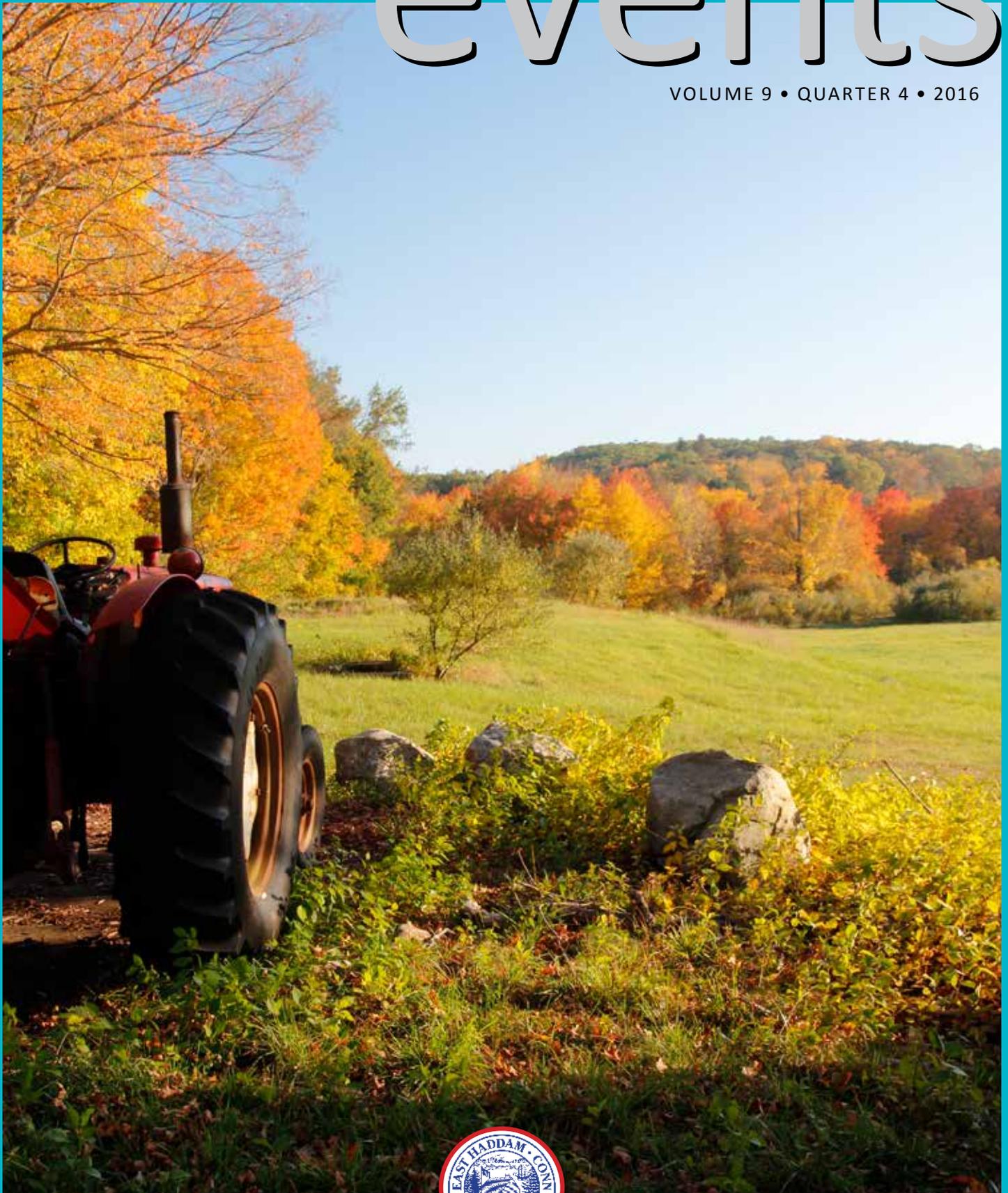


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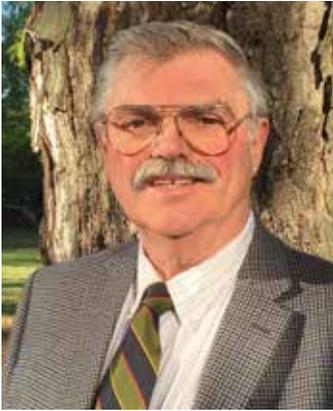


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## First Selectman's Corner



Emmett Lyman, First Selectman

This past July I found myself in a position I had not anticipated so soon. My tranquil retired life keeping bees, gardens and grandchildren has certainly changed. I had always planned to eventually run for the office of First Selectman but never imagined it would happen in this fashion. I can tell you that it is the most challenging, demanding and at the same time

the most rewarding position I have ever held. It is an exceptional opportunity to move East Haddam forward which I must pursue with care and balance. One thing which has repeatedly impressed me, over many years, is how much we owe to our countless volunteers and dedicated employees. Their endless attention and support are what keeps this town moving forward. Through the years I have been amazed to see how quickly and how well we have been able to pull together in order to address an unexpected problem or special need. Hurricanes or blizzards, fires or floods, regardless of the problem East Haddam can and does respond as a community, ready and willing to do whatever is needed to solve the problem.

We held a special luncheon at the Senior Center to celebrate National Senior Center Month. It was such a popular event that the parking lot was filled to capacity. Fortunately, I was a little early and found a spot. The dining room was packed and everyone was having a grand time. The lunch and entertainment were terrific. Brad Parker was an exceptional host and kept the place rocking. He reported that we had nearly 24,000 participants at Senior Center events last year. Our seniors are making full use of the opportunities at their Senior Center and beyond. They have theatre events, exercise options, informational workshops, trips to Washington and any number of other exciting opportunities and events for members to participate in. If you have not stopped by to see what is happening your missing one of the great benefits of being a senior in East Haddam.

Our Elementary School Renovation Building Committee, Operations Director Ron Turner and Superintendent of Schools Brian Reas hit the ball out of the park this summer. Careful planning and a well-organized team effort completed the renovation project on time and under budget. The tired old traffic pattern has been completely reworked. Busses have their own arena, parents and visitors are totally separate. You will no longer have to find your way through a line of busses

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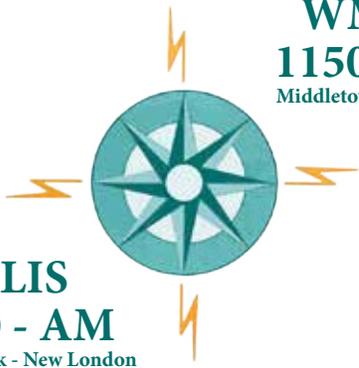
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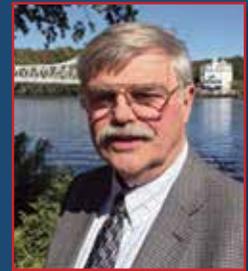
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- East Haddam 2nd Selectman, 8 years, 2007 – 2015
- East Haddam Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission  
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- East Haddam Town Moderator 15+ years
- East Haddam Police Study Committee
- East Haddam Charter Study Committee
- East Haddam Transfer Station Study Committee (Chaired)

**Currently an active member of:**

- East Haddam Emergency Management
- East Haddam Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- East Haddam Radio Committee
- East Haddam representative to the Salmon River Watershed Partnership
- East Haddam Republican Town Committee (EHRTC) member since 1986, Chairman for 6 years

**Other**

- All essential National Incident Management System (NIMS) courses completed (Required of all Selectmen)
- BA University of Connecticut
- MS Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Retired Small Business Owner
- Mason
- East Haddam Land Trust member
- East Haddam Historic Society member
- Vietnam Vet
- Veterans of Foreign War (VFW)
- American Legion
- Sons of the American Revolution (Huntington Br)
- Moodus Sportsman's Club

*Paid for by Emmett Lyman for First Selectman, Forrest Anderson - Treasurer, approved by Emmett Lyman*

## FIRST SELECTMAN'S CORNER... continued from page 1

when visiting the school or dropping off or picking up students. For those who have not had a chance to take a look please visit and see how much has been accomplished and how well it was done.

Our three remaining major capital projects are also moving forward. The "Conversion of the Former Middle School to Municipal Offices" project is well along. The plan for the internal office organization has been the subject of numerous ongoing reviews. We now have consensus on a final arrangement and we are ready to move forward. A construction manager has been approved and the preliminary work is progressing. A completion date late in 2017 is planned. Our "Town-Wide Radio System Improvements" project is on track. The long promised erection of a communication tower, by the Connecticut Department of Public Safety, on Mount Parnassus Road was the hold up. Tower construction started in August. The "Town Street and Moodus Firehouse Improvements" project has been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and they are in the process of seeking bids and finalizing their plans.



Wade Turner, Public Works Superintendent with his dog Drake

I want to welcome Wade Turner to our Public Works Department as our new Superintendent. Wade previously served as a foreman for Connecticut Natural Gas and has worked in construction for most of his career. Wade has shown himself to be an effective leader and a self-starter who is eager to learn and always ready to lend a hand when needed. His readiness to contribute in solving other department's problems has been greatly appreciated.

I must note that the challenge of how the Courant Community delivers its paper continues. I receive complaints on a regular basis. The litter remains and with winter approaching it only promises to get worse. You can call 800-472-7377 and give special delivery instructions. I have done so and most weeks no paper is delivered - my vacant property next door remains an issue. I do plan to explore what other options we have as a town.

Fall can be one of the best times in the year to enjoy our Town. Find some time to get out and see the foliage, buy some apples or cider and take a walk. Remember, my door is always open.

Emmett J. Lyman



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# East Haddam Garden Club News

## THANKSGIVING CENTERPIECES

On Monday, November 21, East Haddam Garden Club (EHGC) members will be creating Thanksgiving centerpieces for the East Haddam Food Bank. For more than a decade, this has been an annual club project. Members provide all the supplies, including plant materials from their own gardens. We will meet at the East Haddam Grange at 11:30 am. Anyone interested in helping out – and having some fun – is welcome to join us! You do not need experience or expertise in centerpiece design. It's an opportunity to meet some club members, learn about our activities, and enjoy delicious refreshments.

## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The club's annual Holiday Luncheon will be December 9. There are no meetings in January and February.

## BEAUTIFYING OUR TOWN

With the restoration of the antique urn at

the Goodspeed green now complete, the green was carefully tended by club members throughout the hot, dry summer months (along with the planters at Shagbark triangle).

Next, watch for colorful holiday displays at both locations. Slow down and enjoy as you cross the bridge into town!

## OUR OTHER PROJECTS

Other EHGC civic beautification projects are not quite so noticeable to residents on a daily basis, but they require extensive planning and member participation. These include butterfly and vegetable gardens at the middle school, maintenance of plantings at the Blue Star Memorial Marker in front of Town Hall, and the planting of annuals at Gillette Castle.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2017

Everyone will definitely be “thinking spring” by March 29, when garden

designer Harry Link of East Haddam will present “Gardening for Seasonal Interest.” Harry is well-known to many residents because of the beautiful gardens he created at the Senior Center in memory of Lee May. The program will be at 7:30 pm at the East Haddam Senior Center, and will be open to the public. Mark your calendars now!

“Why Use Native Plants? Underused Stunners of Our Native Landscapes” and “Edible Flowers” will be the topics of other spring 2017 EHGC meetings.

## EHGC INFO

The East Haddam Garden Club currently has 45 members...and new members are always welcome! The programs and projects described above are a sample of our activities. Trips to notable gardens, our annual Plant & Bake Sale (scheduled for May 20, 2017), annual scholarships

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awarded to East Haddam seniors, Arbor Day sponsorship at the East Haddam Elementary School, an annual photography contest at Nathan Hale-Ray High School, and helping out our town however we can are some others. Our membership includes several master

gardeners who can assist with gardening problems.

The East Haddam Garden Club is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, and you can learn more about us on Facebook and Instagram.

For more information, contact Betty Gross (Publicity Chair) at 860-873-8732, Nancy Borge (Co-President) at 860-891-8191 or Nancy Seaman (Co-President) at 860-891-8039. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 193, East Haddam CT 06423. Come sample a program or two!

## Hadlyme Hall Garden Club



Hadlyme Hall Garden Club - Hadlyme Circle

Do you enjoy gardening and getting together with like-minded people to learn about gardening? If you do you might be interested in joining the Hadlyme Hall Garden Club.

The Hadlyme Hall Garden Club was established in 2000 as an offshoot of the Hadlyme Public Hall Association. The goals of the club are civic beautification and gardening education. Membership in the club is open to anyone who is interested in gardening, whether they are male or female, old or young, experienced or a beginning gardener. Meetings are held eight times a year in the evenings at either the Hadlyme Public Hall or in members' homes. There are several trips and social gatherings

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taking place during the year. Some of the events planned for the 2017 year are a bus trip to the Boston flower show, a hypertufa work shop, a bonsai demonstration and a fall container workshop, to name a few.

Presently the garden club is planting and maintaining the garden in the circle at the crossroads of Rte. 82 and Ferry Road, the plant-

er at the Hadlyme Ferry, the triangle at Ferry Road and Joshuatown Road, the garden and planters at the Hadlyme Fire Station, the window boxes at the Hadlyme North School, and the gardens around the Hadlyme Public Hall.

For more information please contact Ellen Fennema at 860-434-2373 or ellen.fennema@att.net.

## Family Night on Moodus Green

On Wednesday, December 7th beginning at 6:00 pm, join your friends and neighbors for the annual Family Night on the Moodus Green.

This fun-filled event begins with a parade that kicks off at 6:00 pm and that includes the Moodus Drum & Fife Corps, East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department and of course, the Clauses – Santa and his wife. First Selectman Emmett Lyman will greet the crowd, and then holiday

songs & Christmas carols will be sung by local chorus students, followed by the traditional tree lighting on the Moodus Green.

The rest of the event, which comes to a close at 8:00 pm, will include more fun – such as meeting Santa at the Methodist Church (hosted by Youth & Family Services) and a visit with Mrs. Claus (and a free gift) at the East Haddam Free Public Library.

Children can make reindeer food and decorate cookies at the East Haddam Little Village preschool, and all can enjoy a dessert downstairs at the Moodus United Methodist Church.

Oh, and be sure to bring your letter to Santa! Our friends at East Haddam Parks & Recreation will be delivering letters to the North Pole. Simply bring your Christmas wish list to EHFPL during

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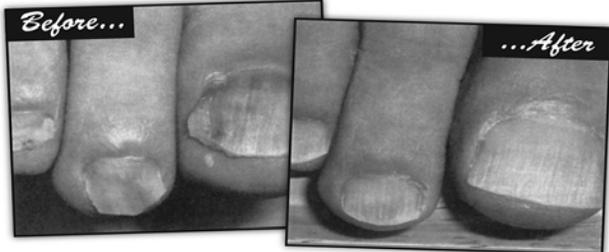
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the event (or write one while you’re waiting to meet Mrs. Claus), and you’ll get a personal response from Santa (be sure to include your name and address).

Thanks to everyone who makes this free, family friendly event possible. We’ll see you December 7th at 6:00. Happy Holidays!!

**Take a Hike**

**Spotlight on Rose Farm Homestead**



Have you seen this blue sign as you travel south on Rte. 82 headed toward Hadlyme? It marks the spot of yet another great outdoor experience opportunity for East Haddam citizens. The Rose Farm preserve, acquired by our town in 2009, offers 68

acres of scenery, hiking trails, and exceptional wildlife habitat, and it’s convenient to the center of our town to boot.

Your Conservation Commission has made a visit to Rose Farm easier by creating off-street parking lots and tree marked trails. The first, called the Yellow Trail, is a .4 mile loop. The White Trail connects to it with .3 miles of additional marked trail. The third, called the Red Trail, offers .8 miles of hiking in a loop that is reached from its own parking area on Silas Homes Road off of Petticoat Lane on the west side of the preserve. The Conservation Commission hopes to enhance the hiking experience of Rose Farm by linking these two loop trails with a bridge over a central wetland in the near future. Stay tuned.

In the meantime, there’s something else quite special about the Rose Farm Preserve. The Conservation Commission recently invited Audubon Society bird experts to evaluate town preserves for their bird habitat. We learned that the Rose Farm Preserve offers especially fine habitat because of its varied vegetation of shrubs and large trees and its bird-friendly wetland area. Woodpeckers, turkeys, and owls live here in great numbers year-round, and it’s a big favorite with migratory birds. Warblers aplenty have discovered Rose Farm. If you’re a birder, it’s time you discovered it too.

A map and information about this preserve and all the others that await you are easy to find on the Town’s website. Just go to [www.Easthaddam.org](http://www.Easthaddam.org), click on Town Boards, then click on Conservation Commission, and locate the Trail Maps section. Come out soon and visit this special place.

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# Annual Stuff a Cruiser Toy Drive

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The East Haddam Police Officers and Resident State Troopers will host our 11th Annual Stuff a Cruiser Toy Drive on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The event will be held at the Nathan Hale Plaza located at 26 Falls Road, Route 149 in Moodus.

New, unwrapped toys are needed for children from infants to age 18. In addition to toys, donations of hats, gloves, scarves and socks are needed for children of all ages. All donations will be distributed through East Haddam Youth and Family Service (EHYFS) to children within the community.

Any family in East Haddam or Moodus that is in need of assistance during the holiday with gifts for their children should contact Kaitlin Hagan at EHYFS. She can be reached at 860-873-3296.

For additional information on the Stuff a Cruiser Event please contact Trooper Ian Hawes at 860-465-5400, Officer Craig Mansfield at 860-873-6019 or email to [police@easthaddam.org](mailto:police@easthaddam.org).

## EHYFS Holiday Campaign



Christmas is just around the corner and once again East Haddam Youth & Family Services (EHYFS) is in need of donations for our annual Holiday Campaign. Anyone interested in “adopting” a family for the holidays should contact the office at 860-873-3296. Donations can be delivered during regular business hours now through December 14th.

As always, our greatest challenge is providing gifts for youth ages 12-18. Any gifts for these older children, including gift cards, toiletries, nail polish, jewelry, watches, wallets, sweatshirts, pajamas, hats/gloves/scarves, board games, sporting equipment or books are greatly appreciated.

Families that require assistance providing gifts for their children are encouraged to contact EHYFS. To register for this program, parents/guardians and their children must live in East Haddam/Moodus. Please contact Kaitlin Hagan with any questions, or to receive an application. A completed application and proof of residency must be received by EHYFS no later than December 9th.

## East Haddam Ambulance Association

Over the past few months, members of East Haddam Ambulance Association (EHAA) have been busy with various training sessions and community events.

EHAA Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) had a great time at the 3rd Annual East Haddam Summer Palooza held at Heritage Park.

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EHA members participating in trauma training.

Over the past few months EHA EMTs and EMRs have continued with ongoing education and training. An EMT course sponsored by East Haddam Parks and Recreation ended in June. Fourteen students, including four students from East Haddam, spent four months learning about patient assessment, cardiac arrest management, airway management, patient immobilization, diabetic emergencies, respiratory emergencies and trauma. Students are currently going through certification testing.



EHA members participated in a training exercise at Gillette Castle.

In June, EHA members participated in a training exercise at Gillette Castle. Everyone worked together navigating the narrow staircases and narrow halls while practicing with various extraction methods. Thanks to the Castle staff for allowing use of the Castle after hours.

EHA held a short ceremony in July. Rev. Ron Thompson blessed EHA's new ambulance and crew.



This summer, EHA took delivery of a new ambulance. Members worked together in preparing the new ambulance to be put into service. EHA held a

short ceremony in July. Reverend Ron Thompson blessed EHAA's new ambulance and crew.

Please visit our new and improved website. Our website has information about the history of EHAA, how to become an EMT or EMR, and a course listing of CPR/First Aid classes held monthly right here in town.

Please visit [www.easthaddamambulance.org](http://www.easthaddamambulance.org). EHAA is also on Facebook. Please search East Haddam Ambulance and "Like Us."

## Early Childhood Council

The East Haddam Early Childhood Council is excited to announce that Early Learning Play Groups have begun at the Family Resource Center! Children ages birth to age 5, and their



caregiver, can gather, learn, sing, hear stories and create with others in a play-based setting. The playgroups take place on Mondays and Fridays from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. This no cost program does not require registration. Email or call Early Childhood Coordinator, Lauren Kasperowski at [lauren.kasperowski@yahoo.com](mailto:lauren.kasperowski@yahoo.com) or 860-873-3296 with any questions or to be added to the EHECC email list. The Family Resource Center is located in the East Haddam Elementary School, 45 Joe Williams Road, Moodus, CT.

## Tax Collector

Please remember, due on January 1, 2017, is the second installment of Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills that were mailed out July 2016. A second bill will not be sent on these accounts. If you are a new owner of real estate property and need a copy of your tax bill, please contact the tax office immediately. Motor Vehicle Supplemental bills are also due January 1, 2017. Supplemental bills will be mailed by the end of December 2016. The last day to pay these bills will be

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## TAX COLLECTOR... continued from page 11

February 1, 2017. Payments may be made in person at the Town Office Building, by mail to: Tax Collector, P. O. Box 376, East Haddam, CT 06423-0376 or online at easthaddam.org and click the link "Pay Taxes." There is a fee associated with online payments which goes directly to the processing company, Point & Pay, for its service. This fee applies to online and in the office credit/debit card payments. A secure lockbox is located

in the front hallway for payments dropped off after normal business hours. Anyone wishing a receipt must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with their payment.

Tax information is available online at easthaddam.org. Click the link "PAY TAXES ONLINE." You will be able to check your current amount due and view past payments.

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

The Tax Collector may be reached at 860-873-5033 or taxcollector@easthaddam.org.

Denise Dill, CCMC  
Tax Collector

## Holiday Closings

The Town Office Building will be closed on the following holidays: Regular hours will resume on the next business day.

Veterans Day Friday, November 11  
Thanksgiving Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25  
Christmas December 23 through December 26,  
reopen December 27  
New Year's December 30 through January 2, reopen January 3  
Martin Luther  
King Day Monday, January 16

The Transfer Station will be closed on the following holidays:

Veterans Day Friday, November 11  
Thanksgiving Friday, November 25  
Christmas Saturday, December 24 at noon  
& December 26  
New Year's Saturday, December 31 at noon  
& January 2  
Martin Luther  
King Day Monday, January 16

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# A Note from the Assessor

All persons having taxable personal property to declare such as: unregistered motor vehicles, horses and ponies, farm equipment, or any furniture, fixtures, and equipment used in the operation of a business, must do so by November 1, 2016. Declaration forms are available at the Assessor's Office. However, they will also be mailed to all businesses and residents who have declared property in the past. Please be aware if you have taxable personal property, and do not declare it, state statutes allow the assessor to add it at an estimated amount, plus a 25% penalty.

Applications for Farm, Forest and Open Space will be accepted from September 1 until October 31, 2016. Forms are available at the Assessor's Office, or online at the town website.

Any persons who acquired a new motor vehicle after October 1, 2015 will receive a supplemental motor vehicle bill for their new vehicle by January 2017. These bills will be prorated, based on the date of registration, for the 12-month period starting October 2015 and ending September 2016. Vehicles acquired in August or September do not receive supplemental tax bills.

Please call the Assessor's Office at 860-873-5026 if you have any questions.

# East Haddam Registrars of Voters

Voting for the 2016 Presidential Election will take place on Tuesday, November 8th at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.

In order to vote in the November 8th election, your mail-in or online application must have been received by November 1, 2016. Election Day Registration is available for the Presidential Election. Please call our office for details at (860) 873-5029.

A Special Election to elect a First Selectman will also be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Election Day Registration will not be available for the December Special Election.

If you wish to register in person, the Registrars are in their office at the River House every Tuesday between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm. Or, you may register at the Town Clerk's office on

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# Town of East Haddam

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## Administrative Office Building

Main Number: 860-873-5020

Fax: (1st floor) 860-873-5042, (2nd floor) 860-873-5025

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm,  
Tuesday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am to Noon

### Selectman's Office

Emmett Lyman, First Selectman	860-873-5021	admin@easthaddam.org
Linda Zemienieski, Executive Assistant		admin@easthaddam.org

### Assessor's Office

Loreta Zdanyis, Assessor	860-873-5026	assessor@easthaddam.org
Patty Veselak, Administrative Assistant		

### Building Department

Gerald Russ, Building Official	860-873-5024	building.dept@easthaddam.org
Karney Cavanaugh, Administrative Assistant		

### Chatham Health District

Liz Davidson, Sanitarian	860-873-5101	liz.davidson@chathamhealth.org
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### Finance Department

Cynthia Varricchio, Finance Director	860-873-5022	financeadmin@easthaddam.org
Dawn Snow, Finance Assistant	860-873-5040	finance@easthaddam.org
Kathy Klinck, Treasurer	860-891-8502	

### Land Use Offices

Jim Ventres, Administrator	860-873-5031	admin.landuse@easthaddam.org
Zoning Enforcement Officer		zeo.landuse@easthaddam.org
Nancy Talbot, Administrative Assistant		landuse@easthaddam.org

### Tax Collector's Office

Denise Dill, Tax Collector	860-873-5033	taxcollector@easthaddam.org
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### Town Clerk's Office

Deb Denette, Town Clerk	860-873-5027	townclerk@easthaddam.org
Beverly Christopher, Assistant Town Clerk		

### Public Works Department

f ax: 860-873-6014

Town Garage	Hood Lane Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm	
Transfer Station	Nichols Road Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday 7:00 am to 4:00 pm	
Elizabeth Lunt, Public Works Administrator	860-873-5023	pwadmin@easthaddam.org
Wade Turner, Public Works Superintendent		pwsuper@easthaddam.org
Shirley Dill, Administrative Assistant		publicworks@easthaddam.org
Don MacKenzie, Transfer Station Foreman	860-873-5030	

### Other Departments

Don Angersola, Fire Marshal	860-873-5004	admin@easthaddam.org
Brian Auld, Fire Chief	860-891-8400	firechief@easthaddam.org
Tiffany Quinn, Parks & Recreation Director	860-873-5058	parkandrec@easthaddam.org
Michael Olzacki, Animal Control Officer	860-873-5044	animalcontrol@easthaddam.org
Economic Development Coordinator	860-891-8503	edeveconomist@easthaddam.org
Craig Mansfield, Emergency Management Director	860-873-5103	ehaddamemgmt@easthaddam.org
Ronald Turner, Director of Operations	860-873-5090	ronald.turner@easthaddam.org

### Resident State Trooper

East Haddam Police	860-873-1226	police@easthaddam.org
	860-873-5041	police@easthaddam.org

### Probate Court

Jennifer Berkenstock, Judge of Probate	860-295-6239	
Linda Neal, Clerk		lneal@ctprobate.gov

### Registrars of Voters

Lucy Yacovino & Laurie Alt	860-873-5029	registrars@easthaddam.org
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### Senior Services - 15 Great Hillwood Road

Brad Parker, Municipal Agent	860-873-5034	seniors@easthaddam.org
Patricia Puia, Program Assistant	860-873-5034	

### Food Bank

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If you would like a voter registration card mailed to you, please call us at 860-873-5029, leave your name and address and we will mail a voter registration card to you to complete and return to us. You may also register online. You will find the link on the East Haddam Town website at the Registrar of Voters page or at the <https://voterregistration.ct.gov> and follow the online instructions.

It is also a good idea to contact us if you have a new address or name change so that we may keep our records as accurate as possible. Don't lose your right to vote. REGISTER!!!

## Absentee Ballots

### FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

An elector may vote by absentee ballot due to:

1. the elector's absence from their town for all of the hours of voting;
2. illness or physical disability;
3. active service in the US armed forces;
4. religious tenets forbid secular activity on Election Day; or
5. service as a polling place official in a town other than their own.

Beginning November 18 absentee ballots are available from the Office of the Town Clerk for the December 20, 2016 Special Election. Absentee balloting is a two step process. The ballot may not be issued until an application for the ballot has been received. Applications may be filed in advance of the ballot becoming available.

To obtain the application for an absentee ballot, call 860-873-5027 or come into the Town Clerk's Office. Forms may also be downloaded from the town's website [www.easthaddam.org](http://www.easthaddam.org) (elections under Town Clerk) or [www.sots.ct.gov](http://www.sots.ct.gov) (elections & voting, voter resources, absentee ballot and procedures, application for ballot). The absentee ballot application with an original signature must be on file in order for a ballot to be counted.

Debra H. Denette  
East Haddam Town Clerk

## Sand for Winter Ice

Residents of East Haddam are reminded that they may take only a small amount of sand from one of the municipal sand piles for their personal use in sanding steps, walkways, or ice patches in driveways. Piles are located at the corner of Haywardville and Early Roads, and at the Town Garage, off Mt. Parnassus Road near Shagbark. For safety reasons, residents should not obtain sand during storm conditions when operators are loading trucks and entering and leaving the site.

It is understood that sand is provided for private, personal use and is not to be used commercially or for profit, or for any application other than as a safety precaution. Residents needing more than a few buckets of sand per winter should purchase their own supply.

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# East Haddam Public Schools

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the East Haddam School District is to develop a community of lifelong learners who are prepared to become independent, creative and productive citizens for our diverse and ever-changing global society.

Welcome to the East Haddam Public Schools section of the Events Magazine!

The 2016-2017 school year is off to a great start. Our students at the elementary school arrived to a new and safer parking lot, a new efficient heating system and, of course, a leak proof ceiling.

Nathan Hale Ray High School staff have made it through the NEASC accreditation process. The visiting team commented on the feeling of community and pride that is so prevalent at the high school to the outside observer. The NEASC committee from the high school and all the staff did a commendable job in preparing for this very important process.

World Language is here at the elementary school! Starting in Kindergarten, our students are learning about different cultures and speaking Spanish every week. Students benefit so much more by speaking and writing in a new language. Students that take a second language are shown to be more successful in school in the future. By learning about grammar of a different language, students develop a deeper understanding of the English grammar. From the front lines, our elementary students report that the classes are a lot of fun and enjoy sharing their new words with friends and family.

Please check out our new website, the link to the online curriculum site and our strategic plan for more information about all the good things happening at EHPS!

Brian S. Reas

Superintendent of Schools



## Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

November 15th —7pm— HS Café

December 13th —7 pm—HS Café

January 10th —7 pm—HS Café

A complete listing of the Board's regular and Subcommittee meetings can be found on our website: <http://www.easthaddamschools.org/>



# East Haddam Elementary School

**Principal  
Joanne Collins**

**Telephone: 860-873-5076**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 8**  
No School  
Professional Development  
Day

**November 17**  
7:00 PM  
PTO Meeting

**November 23**  
Early Dismissal

**November 24-25**  
No School  
Thanksgiving Break

**December 5-  
December 9**  
PTO Holiday Fair  
Gym

**December 23**  
Early Dismissal

**December 24-  
January 2**  
Holiday Break



East Haddam Elementary School has had a terrific September-start to this year and we're excited to see all children and families in school again! With the school's construction project behind us, our rooms are beautifully adorned with Class Constitutions for expected behaviors, colorful charts, and other pertinent resource connections for student learning. Thankfully, we have so many dedicated PTO volunteers, along with the Kindergarten Lunch Bunch team, to assist us each day in school.

We are sincerely grateful to our school community for taking great care of the elementary school children, staff, and families! Summer construction projects began when school ended in June and school re-opened with an amazingly safe and beautiful school, inside and outside! Additionally, we're grateful for the support of Superintendent Reas and the central office staff, including our Director of Operations, Board of Education, Elementary School Renovation Building Committee, elementary and middle school staff, and the school and district crews that worked tirelessly through the summer heat to coordinate our school's projects.

We welcome our school's new World Language teacher, Señorita Krause, our School Psychologist, Miss Susco, Physical Education teacher, Mr. Sheeler, and Miss Holmgren, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Dorr, and Mr. Pettinelli to our paraprofessional staff, Mrs. LaBella, our Food Service Manager, and Mrs. Haentjens to our Food Service staff!

We've had a smooth opening to school, with two memorable Open Houses, Summer Reading and Math Celebrations, an extremely successful PTO Book Fair and Family Night, and our school mascot, Easty, is back with us again this year! We sincerely thank our community members who work in partnership with us on behalf of the children! We have lots of fun learning activities planned for this year and we appreciate the opportunity to work with our students, their families, and this special educational community.



**World Language Exploration Class**

# Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School



Principal  
Jason Peacock

Assistant Principal  
Roy Parker

Telephone: 860-873-5081

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 4-5**  
Variety Show

**November 8**  
No School  
Professional Development  
Day

**November 9**  
Fall Sports Award Night

**November 11-12**  
MS Production  
Dracula –The Twilight Years

**November 23**  
Early Dismissal

**November 24-25**  
No School  
Thanksgiving Break

**December 23**  
Early Dismissal

**December 24-  
January 2**  
Holiday Break

## East Haddam School District Celebrates the Life of Dennis Coburn.

The East Haddam School District lost an irreplaceable member of its family in early September 2016 as Dennis Coburn, Building Supervisor at Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School, passed away.

Dennis took great pride in his work and the relationships that he had with everyone in the school community. Additionally, he was known to always “go above and beyond” in making sure the students and staff had what they needed and to keep the middle school in pristine condition. Dennis was well known for his dedication to the students, faculty, staff, families, his love of music, and his Hawaiian Shirts.



As a celebration of his life, the entire school district participated in Hawaiian Day to remember their MVP. On September 30<sup>th</sup>, students and staff wore their favorite Hawaiian shirt and purchased a lei. With the money collected several initiatives will be put into place including “The Dennis Coburn Love of Music Award.” This monetary award will be given annually to an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who has displayed a love of music. Donations are still being accepted. Checks can be made out to NHRMS and mailed to the middle school.



MPAC (Middle School Principal Advisory Council) is actively seeking new members and volunteers. This dedicated group of parents will host conversations on topics such as bullying, internet safety, school nutrition, cultural arts, and other day-to-day operations. You can find information about MPAC such as how to join or when the meetings are by accessing the link through the schools website [www.easthaddamschools.org](http://www.easthaddamschools.org)





# Nathan Hale-Ray High School

## NOISES NEWS



Principal  
Eric Spencer

Assistant Principal  
Michael Regan  
860-873-5065

School Counselors  
Laura Corbett  
Mary Little-Finnegan  
860-873-5068



This September Nathan Hale-Ray High School celebrated the culminating work of a 2-year accreditation self-study process with a visit from a team of educators representing the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). This four-day on-site evaluation visit will determine the extent to which the school meets the Standards for Accreditation and writes an evaluation report identifying the school's strengths and areas in need of improvement based on the NEASC standards. This process is in place to ensure that public secondary schools throughout New England meet challenging and reasonable expectations while striving to maintain and improve the systems, processes, practices and conditions that support and enhance student learning. We at Nathan Hale-Ray High School are committed to a growth model of continuous improvement with the goal of providing the students of East Haddam and Moodus the best possible education. The process of our self-study has been deeply enriching and rewarding and as a result we are confident that the information provided through the evaluation will be both positive and validating!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2  
PSAT's

November 8  
Election Day—Prof. Dev. Day  
No School for Students

November 5  
National Honor Society  
Induction Ceremony  
6:30 p.m. H. S. Auditorium

November 23  
Early Dismissal

November 24-25  
No School  
Thanksgiving Break

December 5  
Early Dismissal

December 23  
Early Dismissal

December 24-  
January 2  
Holiday Break



### The Epitome of Senior Project

Eager to leave her mark on Hale-Ray, Emily Ciccarello took on an enormous task for her Senior Project. As a culminating high school experience, all Hale-Ray seniors complete an independent project that connects and demonstrates fulfillment of the school's 21<sup>st</sup> Learning Expectations and showcases a personal concentration outside of the classroom setting. Considering her love for creating and sharing her art, as well as her plans to pursue graphic design in college, Emily not only had an idea for her Senior Project, she had a big vision. An 8 x 8 foot vision of the East Haddam swing bridge and a tribute to her high school; all done in cut paper.

"As her mentor," art teacher Deborah Batt said, "I'm truly impressed. Emily communicated with me throughout the summer and aside from some counseling on medium choice, composition, and some logistics, my main role was to cheer her on along the way. A mural that size and complexity is an incredible accomplishment. I'm also impressed that while Emily could have used her creativity for a self-serving goal, she gave the school community a lasting gift."

**Imogen Grzemeski, a ninth grade student at NHRHS was invited to attend the USA Archery Regional Dream Team camp in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in September.** Imogen started archery two and a half years ago and while she shoots both compound and recurve bows, she competes with the recurve in the Olympic Recurve Cub division.

She is a member of the Hall's Arrow All-Star team, the elite division of the JOAD team at Hall Arrow in Manchester. So far she has achieved USA Archery Silver Olympian status within the indoor JOAD program where she shot 290 of a possible 300 from 30 arrows.

Imogen has competed in a number of tournaments in Connecticut and interstate including Alabama, Arizona, Massachusetts, and Ohio. She came in second in the New England division of the USA Indoor Nationals and was in the Final 16 at the USA Outdoor Nationals in Decatur, Alabama, over the summer. Imogen is hoping to compete in the USA Team National tournament series in 2017.



## It's Back! (Snow, that is)

We hear frequent complaints about the dangerous road conditions that result when people push driveway snow out into our public roads. We actually have an ordinance prohibiting this practice, which states, "No person shall plow, throw, put or cause to be thrown or put any snow or ice from any private property or from any area in the rear of said private property or in area between a private dwelling house or structure and the legally laid out sidewalk into any public highway in the town of East Haddam."

As a reminder to residents the town also has an ordinance regarding the clearing of sidewalks adjoining or fronting a resident or business property. The ordinance states, "Whenever the sidewalk, or any part thereof, adjoining or fronting any building lot of land or any street, square or public place in the Town of East Haddam, shall have upon it an accumulation of snow, sleet or ice, it shall be the duty of

the owner, occupant or any person having the case of such building or lot, to cause such sidewalks to be made safe and convenient by removing the snow, sleet or ice therefrom, or by covering the same with sand or some other suitable substance, and in case such owner, occupant or other person having the care of such building or lot shall neglect to do so for the space of eight (8) hours during the daytime, the person whose legal duty it shall be to clear the sidewalk, and so neglecting, shall be fined not more than twenty five (\$25.00) dollars for each occurrence, and every hour of neglect to make the sidewalks safe in accordance with the provisions of this section, after notice from the First Selectman or his designee, shall constitute a separate offense."

Please keep this in mind this winter. Your neighbors will appreciate it.

## East Haddam Library System

If you haven't been to a library in a while, you'll find more than just a fantastic selection of books. The libraries have the latest hit films and TV shows that are usually available the week they're released in stores. You'll also find art exhibits featuring local professionals, amateurs and even Hale-Ray students. If your volunteer or student group needs a meeting location, the libraries can easily accommodate groups up to a dozen. The libraries are also a great place to get work done and 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 inexpensive). All you have to do is get a library card and take full advantage of all the libraries have to offer.

Perhaps you can attend fun & engaging programs for all ages including story times, video games, teen write club, guest author visits, and much more. On average, the libraries offer over 30 programs a month. Below are just a few of the programs coming soon to the East Haddam Library System.

### MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

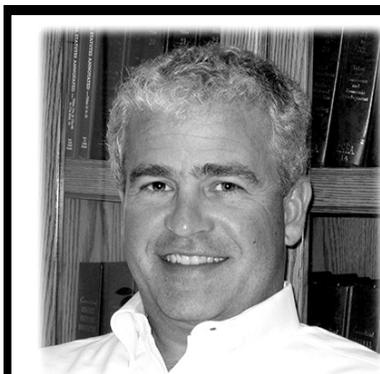
**Saturday Storytime:** Perfect for parents & kids who can't come during the week!

The last Saturday of every month at 11:00 am at the Rathbun. (All Ages)

**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 pm. (Grades K-5)

**Science Club:** 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 pm. (Grades 4-8)

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**Anime Club:** Otaku unite! Celebrate a love of Japanese pop-culture with games, activities, cosplay, and (of course) anime. The third Thursday of every month from 6:00-7:30 pm at EHFPL. (Grades 6-12)

**Teen Write Club:** 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 pm. (Grades 6-12)

**Rathbun Book Club:** Grab a copy of the book of the month from the circulation desk, read it and join us for a discussion at the Rathbun on the third Thursday of every month at 2:00 pm.

**Tech Help w/the East Haddam Leos:** Having trouble with your smartphone, tablet, or laptop? The EH Leos are here to help! Bring your device and any questions to EHFPL on the 4th Wednesday of Every Month from 4:30-6:00 pm.

And many more, see our website for details!

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

**Fandom Friday feat - Pokémon:** Friday, November 18 from 6:00-8:00 pm at EHFPL - Celebrate the launch of Pokémon Sun & Moon and bring your favorite Pokémon game to play with other trainers. (All Ages)

**Make Your Own Plaster Christmas Decorations:** Tuesday, December 6 & Thursday, December 8 from 4:00-5:00 pm at EHFPL. A two part program. On night one, cast your ornaments in plaster, on night two, decorate them to add a personal touch to the holiday season.

**Your Guide to Black Friday Online:** Monday, November 14, 6:00-8:00 pm at East Haddam Senior Center. Learn how to shop safe, and save money online this holiday season.

**Your Guide to eBooks from the Libraries:** Monday, December 12, 6:00-8:00 pm at East Haddam Senior Center. Learn how to get free eBooks/audio books/magazines!

**8th Annual All-Ages Holiday Hootenanny:** Thursday, December 22 from 5:00-8:00 pm at EHFPL. Free presents for all who attend, light refreshments, holiday trivia games followed by a cheesy holiday movie at 6:00 pm. (All Ages)

Unfortunately, there's not enough room to list every event the library is doing in the next few months. So please visit our website for more including the guest speakers, art receptions, workshops and more that are coming to the East Haddam Library System very soon.

If you have any questions, would like to register for a program, or would just like to

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Bruce Dutch is a current member of the East Haddam Fire Department, and has served on many town boards and commissions, former little league coach and past president he continues to support our community in any way that he can! Bruce has donated financial support to the East Haddam Community Lions, East Haddam Farmers Market, Gillette Castle Summer Program, NHRMS & NHRHS sports programs and project graduation and in 2016 awarded the first annual Dutch Oil Scholarship to a deserving member of our community. Dutch Oil & Propane gave away



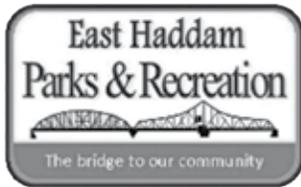
several heating systems to those in need and are currently installing a free central air conditioning system to a lucky winner.

The Lower Mill building was recently purchased from the Brownell Company. Currently under renovations, this site will serve as propane storage and the mill building will be used as a warehouse. The world headquarters for Dutch Oil Co., Inc. is located at 35 William F Palmer Road in Moodus with the Propane office just across the street. Feel free to stop by and let us know how we can be "At Your Service!"

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know what else is available, please contact us: EHFPL: 873-8248 | Rathbun: 873-8210; visit our website [www.easthaddamlibrarysystem.org](http://www.easthaddamlibrarysystem.org); or stop by and see us in person: Rathbun Free Memorial Library, 36 Main St, East Haddam | East Haddam Free Public Library, 18 Plains Rd, Moodus. With everything the East Haddam Library System has to offer, it's an exciting time to have a library card in East Haddam!

## East Haddam Parks and Recreation



**MISSION STATEMENT:**  
The East Haddam Parks and Recreation Department seeks to create recreational opportunities for the growth and enhancement of all community members by developing diverse programs that promote citizen involvement and a strong sense of community while striving to increase the social, cultural, and physical well-being of its residents. We believe that working in cooperation with local businesses, organizations and community members we can achieve success in meeting the needs of all residents.

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### OUR MOTTO

"East Haddam Parks and Recreation - the Bridge to our Community"

### VISION STATEMENT

East Haddam Parks & Recreation will be considered an essential and valued service in the community by developing, promoting evaluating and sustaining innovative programs. Our staff will be known for their leadership, honesty and genuine commitment to excellence as well as their ability to grow and change with the community.

### HOW TO REGISTER:

1. Online at [www.easthaddamrec.com](http://www.easthaddamrec.com) (click "Register" on the right side of the home page").
2. By mail, print out a registration form at [www.easthaddamrec.com](http://www.easthaddamrec.com), under the "forms" tab and mail it to P.O. Box 278, East Haddam, CT 06423
3. Call Tiffany at the Recreation Office at 860-873-5058 and ask to have a registration form mailed to you.

### HOW TO CONTACT THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

1. By phone, 860-873-5058
2. By email, [parkandrec@easthaddam.org](mailto:parkandrec@easthaddam.org).
3. By fax, (please put Attn: Tiffany on all correspondence - faxes will go to a different building and be placed in my mailbox) 860-873-5025
4. In person, 7 Main St., in the River House, 8 am - 2 pm on M/W/Th/F and 8 am - 7 pm on Tuesday. Please call ahead to be sure that I am in the office and not at a meeting or a program!

### HOW TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH NEW PROGRAMS AND INFORMATION:

#### Follow us on social media:

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# Middle School Principal's Advisory Committee (MPAC) 2016-2017

We started the new school year at Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School with brand new t-shirts and a great attitude! We are looking forward to an exciting year. MPAC will be supporting our great students and teachers this year by volunteering during our fall events. Our fall book fair was a great success and we were able to give the library and the school more than \$3,000 in scholastic dollars to purchase books for our students. Walkathon, our largest fundraiser, is scheduled for October 28th – students and staff always have a great time at this event. MPAC will be helping with ticket sales and snacks during the annual Variety Show in November. Lastly, MPAC will host the best breakfast in town for our veterans on Friday, November 11th.

MPAC is thrilled that we can provide \$1,500 to each grade level, 4th-8th, and Unified Arts team. This money supports field trips, class supportive items, and special events.

MPAC is sponsoring a school-wide event in the spring for a local author to come and talk to all of our students. We meet the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the library. We have topic driven meetings and always give parents a chance to get together to discuss our students and our school. Please join us if you can. You can reach MPAC through the middle school and our mailbox located in the office. You can always contact co-presidents, Patty Stricker at [dpjstricker@att.net](mailto:dpjstricker@att.net) or Trish Tarnowski at [katoabby13@gmail.com](mailto:katoabby13@gmail.com).

## Hale-Ray Connections – High School Parent Group

### “CONNECTING PARENTS, STAFF AND STUDENTS FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS.”

Our Connections group strives to encourage and compliment communications throughout our

High School Community, improve the High School Experience for our students, and provide an opportunity for parents to discuss and share experiences with school staff, other parents and students.

Parents and teachers met for an informal meeting during the summer to introduce ourselves and have a round table discussion to bring forth agenda items. Our first meeting of the school year was **continued on page 24**



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held September 28. Lisa Conroy presented a history of Red Ribbon Week which will be October 23-31. There will be a contest for the clubs at the high school to see who can best promote Red Ribbon week. On October 11, there was a workshop for making red ribbons that will adorn mailboxes, trees, office buildings in town.

Martin Ryczek also gave an overview of the health classes that are taught for 9th/10th grades and 11th/12th grades. A variety of topics were covered for the approved grade level including wellness, risky behavior, environmental and genetic risk factors, and mental health, such as anxiety, depression, and stress. His class helps promote conversation among the students and welcomes parents to join his class.

During the high school parent/teacher conferences, Connections provided treats for the teachers in support for all they do for our children. Connections will work with coaches, club directors, etc. to help promote their fundraisers. We will be supporting Project Graduation in their upcoming events as well as EHYFS.

We are a small but mighty group. For more information about Connections, please contact Chris vanValkenburg at cvvalkenburg@snet.net or Eric Spencer at eric.spencer@easthaddamschools.org

## Hale-Ray All Class Reunion A Great Success Again!

Each year the Hale-Ray All Class Reunion grows bigger & bigger. The Nathan Hale-Ray Alumni Association is proud of the product that we put out with great food, live entertainment and renewed friendships. This year's event featured classmates from the class of 1946 to the class of 2016.

We would like to thank everyone who attended - especially the staff!

The Nathan Hale-Ray Alumni Association is very appreciative for the continued support from the following businesses: B&B Pest Control, MP Impressions, Wrasslin Cats, Novak Brothers Landscaping, Jansky Rubbish, Staehly Orchards, Susan's Fine Salon, Coffee's Country Market-Old Lyme, Panfili's Farm Stand, Fox Hopyard, Sunny Buns Tanning Center, La Vita Gustosa, Fireworks-Haddam, Paul & Sandy's Too, Maus & Son, Dean Farm, Wine & Spirits of Colchester, Swing Bridge Wine & Spirits, Eddie's Auto Body, Nathan Hale Pharmacy, Moodus Package Store, Coneheads Ice Cream, Gung Ho Colchester, Hyacinth Nails & Spa, Inishmor Pub, Two Brothers-Westchester, Goodspeed Opera House, Grist Mill Market, Mark's United Auto Parts, Fresh Kitchen, DaVinci Pizza, Toyo-Colchester, Maria's Pizza, Papa Z's Restaurant, Alan's Small Engine, Ballek's Garden Center, Tony's Package Store, Gelston House, Haddam Pizza, Village Pizza, Town Tavern, Shagbark, Stop & Shop Colchester, Westchester Market, Black Birch Golf Club, Valvoline Express, Priam Vineyard, Starbucks, and Berryhill Farm.

Additionally, the Nathan Hale-Ray Alumni Association would like to express their gratitude to these individuals for donating their time and/or items to the event: John & Cookie Gowac, Mary & Jeff Ventres, Deb Lewis, Jim Way, Jeff Shumbo, Bob Grady, Kathy Golec, Suzy, Chris, Ryan & Jack Miner, Michelle Shea, Carol & Dick Parker, Dave & Cheryl Hurlbut, Irene Parady, Troy Shumbo, Mary Geary, Kevin

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& Joann Maynard, Kathy Daigle, Joni Gagne, Marty Ryczek, JoAnne Rozniak, Kim Lake, Amber Lake, Donald Snell, Ray Baker, Angie Jansky, the Cone family for parking, the Sportsman's Club, Ed Gubbins for being the highest bidder on the Hale-Ray framed picture, the people who brought desserts, and especially chef extraordinaire, Jim Ventres, with his multi-talented assistant, Vincent Shipe.

Please mark your calendar for next year's all class reunion. It is always the third Saturday in August and it is held at the Moodus Sportsmen's Club. The Nathan Hale-Ray Alumni Association is a non-profit organization and, through our fund raisers, we have been able to annually award 2 scholarships to graduating seniors, sponsor the Middle School Essay Contest and Middle School Basketball Tournament, assisted a gymnast with travel expenses to the national competition, sponsor a plaque honoring Peg Sievers, Project Graduation, June Thomas Art Award, cross country meet, and contributions in memory of individuals who had an impact on the schools and community. In the future we are looking to offer mentoring/job shadowing experiences for current students, career networking opportunities for alumni, community outreach programs, and to help in the purchase of needed equipment for the schools.

Please consider joining our organization. Help and ideas are always welcome. Please visit [www.halerayalumni.com](http://www.halerayalumni.com) or email us at [halerayalumni@gmail.com](mailto:halerayalumni@gmail.com). Hope to see you next year!

## Project Graduation 4th Annual Car Show a Success!

Despite a variety of trials and tribulations, the 4th Annual Nathan Hale-Ray Project Graduation Car Show was a go! After a postponement due to rain, and the unfortunate absence of one of the judges, the event moved forward and at 8:00 am on Sunday morning, October 2. Volunteers flocked to Heritage Park to begin the necessary set up. While the show started slowly, it picked up momentum throughout the day, ultimately drawing 64 vehicles to the competition. Furthermore, the event drew a variety of businesses, from established mainstays such as Jackson Chevrolet to start-ups like Elliot Candles which is run by Hale-Ray senior, Nathan Donner. These businesses not only helped to draw more townsfolk but also to cultivate a strong sense of community at the event. Support from organizations such as Youth and Family Services, the PTO and East Haddam Leos helped make the event possible, while automotive companies donated gift bags and prizes for those who entered vehicles. In the end, the car show managed to win out over the weather challenges of the weekend and was a resounding success!

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Thanks so much to all the vendors, vehicle owners, and spectators who helped to make the Project Grad Car Show day so enjoyable!! The Project Grad Committee and the Class of 2017 would like to extend special thanks to our Car Show Sponsors who ensured that all our expenses were covered and that all funds raised will go directly to Graduation Celebration!! Thank You: Jackson Chevrolet Co.; LAZ Parking, Cardone & Daughter Automotive; Jukonski Truck Sales; Bob Thomas Ford; Reynolds Subaru, MoreFit, LLC; East Haddam

Elementary PTO; East Hampton Lions Club; East Haddam Fire Department; Bradley Builders; Engineered Septic & Sewer; Parason Machine, Inc.; Rapid Prep, LLC. And, last but certainly not least, a very heart felt 'Thank You' to the East Haddam Police for their incredible gift to our fundraising efforts and for the work they do tirelessly, each and every day to keep our community a safe place to live - we appreciate you all so much!!

## The Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation

### Kid Sight Program

If you could save a child's sight with the press of a button, wouldn't you? According to educational experts, 80% of learning is visual. So if a child can't see well, he can't learn well. Yet most young children don't get their vision screened until they have problems learning or paying attention in school. By then, it may already be too late. Unless vision problems are detected early and corrected, they risk becoming permanent by age 7.

The Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation (CLERF... of which every CT Lion is a member) through its Lions Eye Health Program has funded WelchAlly SPOT pediatric scanners that are available to every Lions Club enabling us to screen FREE of charge ALL children from 6 months through grade school, with the primary emphasis on the 0-6 years.

The East Haddam Community Lions actively promote this program in East Haddam's pre-schools, daycares, elementary school and kindergarten. The screenings are offered free by the Lions, resulting in early detection of vision issues and allowing children the opportunity to reach their full potential through referral and follow-up.

Last year, with just two of these devices in our district (Middlesex, Tolland, Windham and New London Counties) we screened over 10,000 children in pre-schools, kindergartens and elementary schools. The protocols we use are HIPPA compliant and everything needed to carry out this program is funded by CLERF. Thanks to a matching grant of \$100,000.00 received from LCI (Lions Club International) and the funds raised by the Lions of CT we will have more devices available this year to meet the projected demand. Thanks to the success of this program, many schools,

if approached by a Lions club, are now taking advantage of this free service when they see the scope of the screening offered. It is over and above the simple acuity charts currently used in schools.



LCI has launched this program nationally as KidSight USA and proudly uses our CT program as one of its models.

Our mission to ensure Free Vision Screening is given to all kids because every child deserves to learn and see the world clearly. It is our

children in our communities who benefit..... there are approximately 250,000 children in our target age range (0-6 years) in CT.

This program is easy to implement. The scanner is very user friendly, requiring no cognizant input from the child. Screening

results from the past 3 years show that typically 10-12% of kids screened in this area will be referred for a follow-up exam by an eye-care professional. Approximately 5% of all children in this age group (6 mos. - 6 yrs.) will have amblyopia, a treatable disorder that can result in permanently reduced vision when not addressed by an early age. The screening device detects risk factors for amblyopia, such as strabismus (eyes that cross or wander), refractive errors and unequal vision between the two eyes, and potentially even more serious issues such as cataracts and eye cancer. It is non-invasive, takes less than 10 seconds, is just like taking a photograph and gives the parents an immediate printout via a wireless printer that they can take to an optometrist or ophthalmologist of their choice if necessary.

Contact us to hear more about the CT Eye Research Foundation and the KidSight program. John & Linda Bradshaw, Lions District 23C Cabinet Chairs for CLERF, KidSight and Opening Eyes. [bradshaw751@sbcglobal.org](mailto:bradshaw751@sbcglobal.org) or 860-873-8933. If we can save the sight of just one child, isn't it worth it?

## East Haddam Lions Club Thanks...

The East Haddam Lions would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's annual Lions Club Auction a success. Thanks to your kindness,

generosity and support, the club raised over \$20,000 that will be put to good use in the community. The club uses 100% of the proceeds from these events to help

various town organizations, charities and efforts such as the Food Bank, Fuel Bank, and Nathan Hale-Ray Senior Scholarships.

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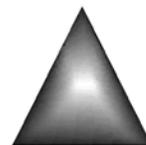
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A special thanks to Lion Joe Busher for his outstanding efforts in organizing this outstanding event!

The Lions would also like to thank all the businesses, sponsors, and participants who helped make the annual East Haddam Golf Tournament and East Haddam Phonebook successful. The proceeds once again benefit the entire town. A special

thanks to Lions Scott Goodspeed, Bill Nelson and Tim Curtis for making the tournament and phonebook possible. These fundraisers help make events like the Senior Chicken BBQ possible (thanks to Lions Don Goss and Dan Ballek for putting the BBQ together).

The Lions will once again be selling Christmas Trees every Friday evening and Satur-

day/Sunday morning in December. Stop in for freshly cut trees at the cheapest prices around. The club will also be packaging food baskets at the East Haddam Food Bank in December. If you would like to donate to the club and help serve the East Haddam Community or become a member, please contact Lion President Michael Gilroy at GilroyM@gmail.com or 860-759-5445.

## East Haddam Community Lions

The East Haddam Community Lions Club is holding a "Holiday Tech Gadget Raffle." We are raffling off four prizes: a LG 50" Smart TV with 4K Ultra HD, an Apple Watch Sport 42mm-Space Grey Aluminum Case, a GoPro HERO Session HD Waterproof Action Camera and a Bose SoundLink Mini Bluetooth Speaker II. The donation is \$10.00 per ticket. Four lucky winners can surely shorten their holiday shopping list. The drawing will be held on Friday, December 2, 2016 at EHCL Light Up the Holidays event at Rathbun Free Memorial Library at 8:30 pm in East Haddam, CT. To contact EHCL for tickets, email us at [aageorge27@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aageorge27@sbcglobal.net).



It's that time of year, and once again we are inviting everyone - individuals or groups - to donate Holiday décor, gift baskets or services for our silent auction. Many organizations, businesses and people write a check during the holidays. Show your civic pride and be acknowledged for it.

Let us 'Light-up' East Haddam for a common cause. This coordinated event can raise more \$\$ than individual efforts alone. All proceeds from this community-wide fundraiser will go to the East Haddam Fuel Bank, East Haddam Food Bank and Youth & Family Services.

The donated items will be exhibited in the Rathbun Library from November 21 through December 2. During this time, advertising and a catalog of items will be available in the Library, and a silent auction will take place. All donations will be acknowledged in the program and on signage where exhibits are displayed. You can bid on the items anytime during library hours.

We will host a holiday party at the Library with wine, refreshments and entertainment on Friday, December 2 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Please join us as we take final bids for auction items and hold the drawing of the Community Lions 'Tech Raffle.'

Christmas is coming – Let us make it BRIGHT! For more information, go to our website at [www.ehcl.org](http://www.ehcl.org) or call Lion Mary Lee at 860-873-9776 or [mlabkemeier@gmail.com](mailto:mlabkemeier@gmail.com)

The Community Lions Annual April Fools 5K Walk/Run and Half Marathon - April 1st, 2017 - for more info and to register go to <https://www.facebook.com/AprilFoolsRace>.

If you are interested in becoming a Lion, please check out our website at [www.ehcl.org](http://www.ehcl.org) and 'Like' us on Facebook! Or call Membership Chair Janice at 873-9609.

## East Haddam Leo Club

The East Haddam Leo Club held its fifth annual Apple Festival on Saturday, October 8th. Many families stopped by to join in the activities of games, bounce house, live music, face painting, and more. The Leos extend a special "thank you" to others who volunteered their time, talents, contributions, and baked goods to make the Apple Festival a

fun-filled day for families. We also appreciate the support of everyone who purchased our apple-themed baked goods. Again this year, your donations are a major part in the success of this event. All proceeds raised at the bake sale are donated to various local community organizations that help others.

In addition to the Apple Festival, the Leos host many community service and fundraising projects throughout the year, such as the Annual Pumpkin Walk, Valentine's Day Bake Sale, and Technology Help workshops. Other proud achievements include working side by side the Lions

Clubs at their Annual Auction, Triathlon, Christmas Tree Sales, Road Race, and collecting funds for the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation on Sight Saver Day. For all their hard work, the Leos have earned their reputation as the pride of East Haddam.

The East Haddam Leos are a group of 12-18 year olds who want to make a difference in the East Haddam community.

This club is sponsored by the East Haddam Lions Club and the East Haddam Community Lions Club. The Leo meetings are held

on the 1st Thursday and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

For more details, email Leo Advisors Michael Gilroy at [gilroym@gmail.com](mailto:gilroym@gmail.com) or Kathy Bristol at [fourbristols@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fourbristols@sbcglobal.net).

## Chronic Dry Eyes

Dry eye is a disease that affects millions of people. Normally, blinking helps replenish our tear film which provides the moisture eyes need to stay comfortable. A healthy cornea facilitates clear vision and a healthy tear film supplies nutrients that are necessary for corneal health. The tear film protects our eyes by fighting off infection and removes environmental debris that can cause ocular allergies. The high usage of electronic devices has resulted in a decrease in our blink rate causing red, itchy, gritty, burning, and tired eyes. Contrary to what people may think, excessive tearing is a sign of dry eye disease. Though dryness can be transient, it becomes problematic and potentially vision threatening when it persists into Chronic Dry Eye disease.

A poor tear film on your ocular surface can lead to inflammation of the cornea which can lead to blurry vision. In severe cases, corneal scarring may lead to permanent vision impairment.

Certain medical conditions may also cause Chronic Dry Eyes. Autoimmune diseases (e.g., Sjogrens, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Lupus, etc.), Bell's Palsy, Menopause, Skin disease (e.g., Rosacea, eczema, etc.), and thyroid disorders are only some of the more common conditions. Medications such as anti-histamines, anti-depressants, birth control pills, tranquilizers, and certain blood pressure medications can also cause dry eyes.

Fortunately, there are many treatment options available for dry eye disease. It is important to customize and tailor these treatment options to each individual and what is best for their eyes. Regardless of the severity or cause, dry eye disease should be addressed and treated accordingly before it threatens vision.

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# East Haddam's Important Bird Areas



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Native maple leaf viburnum leaves with berries that help feed birds and other wildlife at EHLT's William Jezek Memorial Preserve, part of the Lyme Forest Block Important Bird Area.

East Haddam's Important Bird Areas Birdwatching is one of the great pleasures of visiting any East Haddam Land Trust (EHLT) preserve or other protected acreage where woodland birds find ample and clean water for drinking and bathing; berries, nuts, seeds, and insects to eat and feed their young; and adequate shelter for protection and nesting. Living in a mostly wooded town it's easy to assume that such habitat is readily available, but habitat loss is a major threat to both endangered and common birds.

Audubon Connecticut (<http://ct.audubon.org/>) and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection recently highlighted the importance of bird habitat by designating 62,000 acres of East Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme, East Lyme, Colchester and Salem as the Lyme Forest Block Important Bird Area (IBA).

## Moodus Reservoir Preservation Group

We are a charitable organization whose mission is to improve the quality of Moodus Reservoir through programs to control invasive weeds, combat lake pollutants and improve the lake's water quality and overall health. The East Haddam Town Beach is in Moodus Reservoir.

This year, 2016, we initiated a "toolbox" approach to implement more effective ways to control the invasive weeds.

We hosted an "Invasive Investigator" class held by CT DEEP to train boat launch monitors on ways to educate boaters to

identify and remove invasive weeds from their boats before and after using the lake. We built and tested Lake-Bottom Blankets (aka, Bethnic Barriers) to determine their effectiveness in controlling weeds along the shallow shore line. The test has been positive with significant weed reduction after installation of the blankets for 6 weeks. This approach will be productive for shorefront property owners to combat weeds in swimming areas.

We have continued to investigate alternative weed control solutions, including biologic controls, such as Sterile Carp and mechanical methods of control including

weed harvesting. This has led us to a promising mechanical harvester, called the EcoHarvester which pulls weeds for the lake bottom rather than just cutting them.

In 2017, we will continue to pursue our toolbox approach, expanding boat launch monitoring efforts, creating and installing more lake-bottom blankets and raising funds to purchase and maintain an Eco Harvester.

Why not herbicide treatment? In prior years, test applications of herbicides

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This acreage, which is more than 70% forested, encompasses most of East Haddam's eastern half, including EHLT's Sheepskin Hollow, Ayers, Hammond Mill, Ballahack, Olde Field, and William Jezek Memorial Preserves. The Lyme Forest Block also includes all or part of the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Watershed, Nature Conservancy lands, many private properties and several parcels of state land.

Many bird species live in the young and mature woodlands of the Lyme Forest Block, or find food there during migration. Some are species of concern such as the cerulean warbler, worm-eating warbler, scarlet tanager, brown thrasher, eastern wood-pewee, and alder flycatcher. (Find info on these at All About Birds).

IBAs impose no legal or regulatory restrictions on land or landowners. Rather, IBAs encourage collaborative land and natural resource management among towns, conservation groups, and landowners to protect essential bird habitat. (See <http://ct.audubon.org/audubon-at-home> for recommendations.)

Volunteers manage EHLT preserves to protect wildlife habitat while keeping trails open for your enjoyment. You can help these efforts by respecting that preserved land is home to birds and other wildlife, and minimizing your impact on their home by removing trash and remaining on trails. Also help by joining our volunteer Stewardship team (contact [president@ehlt.org](mailto:president@ehlt.org)) and/or donating to East Haddam Land Trust at [www.ehlt.org](http://www.ehlt.org) or by mail at PO Box 122, East Haddam, CT 06423.

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## East Haddam Agricultural Corner Local Livestock are National Champions!

Sixteen year old Jenna Sullivan of Moodus has a fairly unique lifestyle, compared to most 16 year olds. Jenna has been raising and showing Hampshire sheep since she was 10 years old. Her flock has grown from two

sheep to more than 30, which takes up quite a bit of any spare time. While "Shear We Go Farm" is a family farm and Jenna's mom and dad and brothers all play active roles, the success of these East Haddam sheep is a testament to Jenna's dedication and perseverance. Not only do her show sheep take top honors in the show ring, but many locals have also grown out her market lambs and said they were the freshest and most delicious ever! Recently, other Hampshire producers have been interested in her successful genetics and she is beginning to sell show stock to others around the country.

This summer, Jenna took nearly every top honor possible at the All American Junior Sheep Show in East Lansing, Michigan, where over 2000 sheep competed. Her Hampshire yearling ewe and January born ram lamb were named Grand Champions out of nearly 300 other Hampshires. In the "Top Gun" competition, Jenna actually earned the highest score out of all the other 360 youth exhibitors, based on success in the show ring, livestock evaluation and management skills, and promotional contests supporting American lamb and wool producers. She repeated again with top honors at the Northeast Youth Sheep Show in Massachusetts and again at the Big E, where she was not only up against junior/youth exhibitors, but also adult sheep producers from all over the eastern half of the United States.

Jenna is now busily preparing for her biggest show of the year, the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky later this month. She is hoping the feeding and management techniques she employs with her animals will bring some more national titles back to Moodus. After Jenna and the flock make the long trek back from Kentucky, it will be just in time for the holidays! Jenna and her family will be filling the barn with enough hay for the winter, checking everyone's weight, trimming hooves and planning penning strategies. Ewes will be ultrasounded for pregnancy checks, and have their vaccinations updated. The last of this years' lambs will be marketed to some local restaurants or private buyers, and Jenna might have some down time.... at least until the first lambs are born sometime around January 1st.



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# Boy Scout Troop 22 of East Haddam

## Troop tours our Capitol and talk legislation with Rep. Ziobron



Back row, left to right: Ben Manfull, Committee Chair; Chris Behilo, Scoutmaster; Tony D'Addeo, Scoutmaster Emeritus and Camp Coordinator and Jason Guernon, Advancement Coordinator

Boy Scout Troop 22 met with Rep. Ziobron on Saturday, September 24, touring the State Capitol complex and the Legislative Office Building in Hartford.

Boy Scout Troop 22, hailing from East Haddam, started their morning meeting with State Rep. Melissa Ziobron, in a question-and-answer setting. Rep. Ziobron led a mock committee meeting with the scouts playing the role of legislator. During that mock session, the scouts debated the idea of a longer school calendar and practiced the art of asking tough questions in a respectful manner. They especially liked using the microphones and referring to one another as "Representative."

Rep. Ziobron, ranking member of the General Assembly's Appropriations Committee, and a member of the committee on Children and Environment, thanked Troop 22 for coming out and encouraged them to remain civically-minded.

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“These boys are our future,” Rep. Ziobron said following the meeting. “It was my pleasure getting to know them and address their intelligent questions. East Haddam should be proud of these boys – their strong character and moral code is truly inspiring.”

Led by Committee Chair Ben Manfull, Scoutmaster Chris Behilo, Scoutmaster Emeritus and Camp Coordinator Tony D’Addeo and Advancement Coordinator Jason Guernon the scouts discussed the legislative process and the role of a state representative with Rep. Ziobron. In addition to the mock session in the Legislative Office Building, Troop 22 had a chance to tour the House Chamber, Senate Chamber and were given a behind the scenes tour of the basement and the outside grounds of the historical Capitol.

To schedule a Capitol tour with Rep. Ziobron please contact her office at [Melissa.Ziobron@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Melissa.Ziobron@cga.ct.gov) or 800-842-1423.

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# Rep. Ziobron Named Connecticut Patriot By State's Sportsmen



Rep. Melissa Ziobron

On Sunday, October 16, State Representative Melissa Ziobron, who represents the towns of East Haddam, East Hampton and a portion of Colchester, was honored by the Coalition of

Connecticut Sportsmen for her work to promote sportsmen's issues in the General Assembly.

The Coalition of Connecticut Sportsmen noted of Rep. Ziobron: "For your unwavering support in protecting and promoting sportsmen's issues. Your understanding, courage and dedicated commitment to constitutional rights and environmental issues have significantly benefited the state and Connecticut sportsmen through the enhancement, preservation and continuation of our heritage and activities."

Rep. Ziobron said, "Receiving this award is an honor – to say the least. I am grateful for the opportunity to protect the rights and values of sportsmen across Connecticut and the people of the 34th District. I take my job of protecting our constitutional rights very seriously, and I look forward to continuing that work in the upcoming legislative session."

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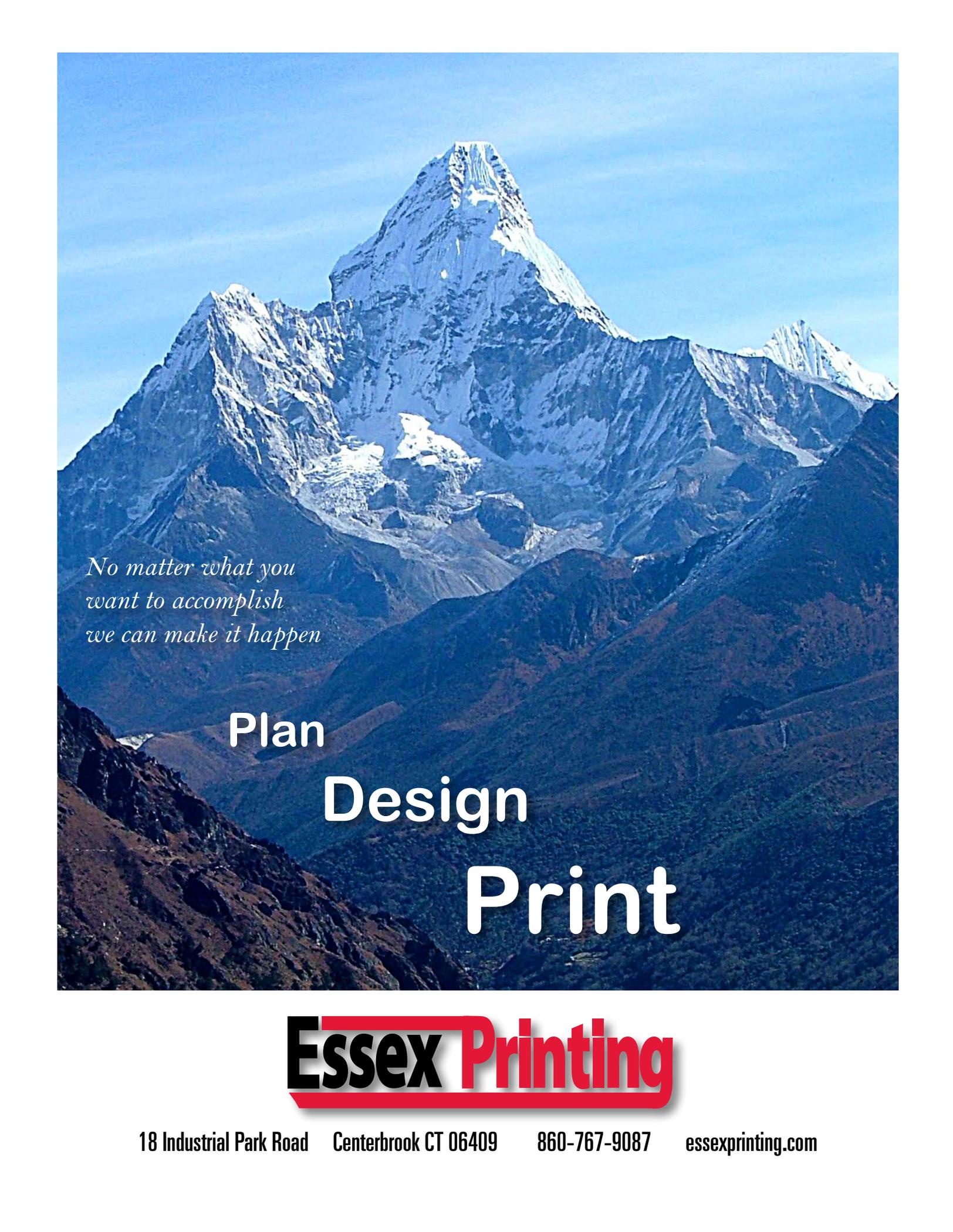
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