



THE EAST HADDAM BRIDGE

SWING BRIDGE CENTENNIAL

Event Program for June 15, 2013

EVENT PARKING LOT

(SEE MAP ON REVERSE SIDE)

8:00AM-1:00PM

Free event parking available in East Haddam courtesy of Goodspeed Musicals - for viewing Historic Crossing & Commemoration Ceremony, Goodspeed Musicals Family Lawn Party, Children's Carnival and other activities from 8:00am through 1:00pm. Free shuttle to Haddam side for additional activities. Follow signs for Event Parking - Go past Goodspeed theater at 6 Main Street, turn right after Gelston House and right into lot.

HISTORIC BRIDGE CROSSING AND COMMEMORATION CEREMONY (7 MAIN ST.)

9:00AM-10:30AM

View the Swing Bridge Crossing and commemoration ceremony from the East Haddam Town Office area beginning at 9:00am. The Moodus Drum & Fife Corps leads antique cars carrying state and local officials across the Swing Bridge from Haddam's Eagle Landing State Park to East Haddam's Town Office area. The Commemoration Ceremony immediately follows the bridge crossing and continues until approx. 10:30am. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the public is invited to attend the community activities on both sides of the river.

SHUTTLE SERVICE — ACROSS THE SWING BRIDGE

9:30AM-1:00PM

Two school buses running between Haddam's Eagle Landing State Park and East Haddam Village courtesy of Essex Steam Train and Riverboat. 3 stops in East Haddam Village: Gelston House, St. Stephen's Church, front of Town Office, then on to Haddam stop. (NOTE: No pedestrian crossing or access onto the Swing Bridge.)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES — HADDAM AND EAST HADDAM

East Haddam Historical Society Museum - Exhibit on the history and construction of the Swing Bridge, including bridge technology. Swing Bridge inspired art show. Located at 264 Town Street (Route 82). Admission donation.

Haddam Historical Society - "Crossing the River" exhibit about the ferries and bridge. Located near the Commemoration Ceremony for June 15th, and then traveling throughout town after the event.

EAST HADDAM MAIN STREET AREA

Nathan Hale Schoolhouse - free, open for tours. 29 Main Street, East Haddam.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church - Historic bell to be rung 100 times at conclusion of commemoration ceremony. Tours of church, bell history, free refreshments & Bevin bell souvenir. 31 Main Street, East Haddam.

Rathbun Library - 36 Main Street. East Haddam Art League hosting an Art Sale on the lawn from 9am-2pm. Library open from 10am-1pm for viewing of EH Art League Spring Member's Show that runs through July 31st.

GOODSPEED OPERA HOUSE AREA

Goodspeed Musicals - free "Family Lawn Party" outside of Opera House from 10:00am to 12:30pm. Community celebration with hands-on musical theater activities, such as sing-along, learn to dance, and crafts.

Goodspeed Musicals - free tours of Goodspeed Opera House, 6 Main Street, East Haddam from 10am-noon.

East Haddam Business Association Children's Carnival - free children's activities including, mini-petting zoo, face painting, and period games at former Rotary Park across from Goodspeed Musicals Parking lot in East Haddam Village from 10:30am-12:30pm. Musical performance by East Haddam School's Jazz band.

HADDAM'S EAGLE LANDING STATE PARK AREA

Antique Car Show - free viewing of historic automobiles at Eagle Landing State Park, Haddam.

Essex Steam Train - free half hour train ride boarding at 11:00am from Eagle Landing State Park for a ride along the west bank of the Connecticut River to a photo location offering panoramic views of the river, Opera House, marine vessels, & Swing Bridge. No reservations, standby walk on. (Free, by reservation, Commemoration Ceremony train trip boarding at Essex, Deep River & Chester with Riverboat connection has been filled as of 6/9.)

Becky Thatcher Riverboat - 10:15am free bridge viewing photo op ride departing Eagle Landing State Park. One time, approximately 30 minute trip. No reservations, standby walk on.

Riverquest - free "under the bridge" tours by boat with a local historian. Departing approximately every 20 minutes from 9:00am to 12:30pm from Eagle Landing State Park. No reservations, standby walk on.

BRIDGE BUNTING ARRANGED BY THE HADDAM & EAST HADDAM ECON. DEV. COMMISSIONS — TAKE PHOTOS SOON, IT WILL ONLY REMAIN UP FOR 1 MORE WEEK.

See page 2 for more information.

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VISIT EASTHADDAM.ORG AND HADDAM.ORG FOR VISITOR INFORMATION

AVAILABLE FOOD/BEVERAGES AND SPECIAL PROMOTIONS

NOTE: There are no vendors on Town property during this event. Visitors are asked to patronize the local businesses in Haddam and East Haddam. Below are some event specials we have heard about...

Gelston House, 8 Main Street, East Haddam - open early offering FREE coffee, breakfast sandwiches, and hot dogs outside on the porch, while they last.

Goodspeed's Station Country Store, 22 Bridge Road, Haddam - opening early at 8:00am with cold drinks, candy, and other treats for sale.

Hillside Sweet Shoppe, 19 Main Street, East Haddam - open early at 8:00 am with Ice Cream, candy, coffee, Avery sodas, and more! **FREE bag of chocolate **BRIDGE MIX** included with every purchase while supplies last. **

Subway, 106 Bridge Road, Haddam - mention the "Swing Bridge Centennial" and receive a FREE cookie with any purchase on June 15th. The store will be open at 8:00am.

Swing Bridge Wine & Spirits, 5 Norwich Road, East Haddam - open early at 9:00am offering cold water, soda and other beverages for sale.

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

East Haddam Historical Society Museum, 264 Town Street, East Haddam - Swing Bridge Centennial T-shirt and Swing Bridge inspired art for sale.

Goodspeed's Station Country Store, 22 Bridge Road, Haddam - Swing Bridge Centennial T-shirt, reprints of original Swing Bridge opening program, custom Swing Bridge in Cat's Meow series, other local items.

mpImpressions, 25 Falls Road, Moodus - East Haddam and Moodus T-Shirts and other local items.

Swing Bridge Wine & Spirits, 5 Norwich Road, East Haddam - Swing Bridge company T-shirt, hat and koozies.

VISITOR SERVICES

Public Rest rooms:

- Port-o-lets are located in East Haddam Village near the Children's Carnival at former Rotary Park and near the Town Office parking lot.
- St. Stephen's Episcopal Church has a public restroom, handicap accessible, available near the Nathan Hale Schoolhouse, East Haddam.
- Port-o-lets also located at Eagle Landing State Park in Haddam, including a handicap accessible facility.

NOTE: Restroom facilities at restaurants and shops are for patrons only.

Nearby ATM machines are located at:

- Tylerville Country Market, 95 Bridge Road, Haddam
- Liberty Bank, 116 Bridge Road, Haddam
- Hillside Sweet Shoppe, 19 Main Street, East Haddam

Please use available trash cans or recycle these programs and other garbage. Thank You!

