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# First Selectman's Corner

The past few months have been as busy and as demanding as anything our town has seen in many years. Once the holiday celebrations were over we found ourselves swept into intense and seemingly endless cycles of preparing to relocate our Municipal Offices, developing next year's budget and dealing with unending weather crises. We can only hope that spring treats us more gently.



Detail of our new Municipal Office Complex. Photo by Dorothy S. Gibb.

On February 16th we took possession of our new Municipal Office Complex. We had been preparing for the move for over a month and it goes without saying that all were eager to get the move underway. Some were able to handle it on their own but most depended on help from Professional Moving and Storage who had been retained to do the heavy lifting for us. The following week was dedicated to settling in. While pressing business was attended to, we

did not officially reopen until February 26th. During that week we unpacked and rearranged furniture without end. Our support staff from Downes Construction was impressive in their energy and eagerness to help. We cannot thank them enough for their thoughtful and energetic efforts to smooth the process. Today we

are largely settled but work continues on remaining details. The official grand opening and ribbon cutting is scheduled for May 12th. By then landscaping should be finished, weather will be better and most remaining details will be complete.



Emmett Lyman  
First Selectman

A short history of our new Municipal Office Complex is in order. The Nathan Hale section of the building was constructed in 1923-1926. Its construction is vintage and during the reconstruction was the object of endless interest and examination by engineers and workers alike. That school housed all classes at that time. In 1941 a separate building dedicated to Frederick Ray was added and, in 1952, the addition of the gymnasium connected the two buildings. Subsequent additions in 1968 and 1986 completed the school. In 1963 we built a separate elementary school for our younger students and, in 1997, our current high school was completed. The original building then continued to serve as our middle school until 2007 when our current middle school was completed. The old school building remained vacant until work to convert it to our new Municipal Office Complex commenced in February 2017, just over a year **continued on page 3**

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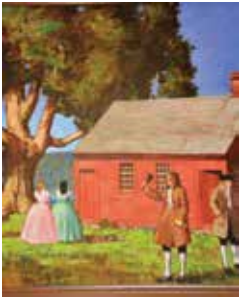
Finance and Selectman lobby at the Municipal Office Complex. Photo by Dorothy S. Gibb.

## Municipal Office Complex Ribbon Cutting

The Municipal Office Building Committee would like to invite the community to the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the new Town of East Haddam Municipal Office Complex located at 1 Plains Road, Moodus. The ceremonies will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm.

This new facility now supports all Town Office Functions, the Board of Education, Park and Recreation, Police Services, Fire Marshal Office and the Emergency Management Emergency Operations Center. In addition to the ceremonies, attendees can see the property and be provide with guided tours of the building by the committee. Light food and beverages will be served. We hope to see you there!

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Portion of the restored mural in the Municipal Office Complex.  
Photo by Dorothy S. Gibb.

ago. Starting in 2007 three separate committees participated in developing plans for its future use. After the Middle School Conversion Committee was convened in 2007 it soon became apparent that an in depth examination of long term Town needs was in order and a Financial Need Roundtable Committee to assess future needs was created. This resulted in four separate committees being created. These included the Municipal Office Building Committee

(MOBC), the Fire House Renovation Building Committee (FHRBC), the Elementary School Renovation Building Committee (ESRBC) and the Town Wide Radio System Building Committee (TWRSBC). Many of the members of these committees have served for all or most of the 12 years involved. They deserve our heartfelt thanks.

To get back to our Municipal Office Complex, in early 2017 final plans were released. They called for the removal of the Ray portion of the school, construction of a smaller new office wing to replace it and refurbishment of the remaining building. Of utmost concern was the protection and future display of historic artwork and fixtures dating to the earliest history of the building. Work

commenced and today we have seen a rebirth of that historic building which will be a treasure to our Town for generations to come. If you haven't visited yet, please do, you will be impressed.



Coast Guard ice breaker on the Connecticut River.

Mother Nature has been anything but kind to us over the past three months. In January alternating warm and cold weather led to the Connecticut River at first freezing solidly and then having that ice suddenly cascade down the river only to pile up in massive ice jams at our bridge and then farther down the river above Essex. For the next week we watched and waited while Coast Guard ice breakers struggled to first reach us and then to slowly break up the jams. East Haddam became a destination for sight-seers and the news media as our bridge struggled to remain **continued on page 4**

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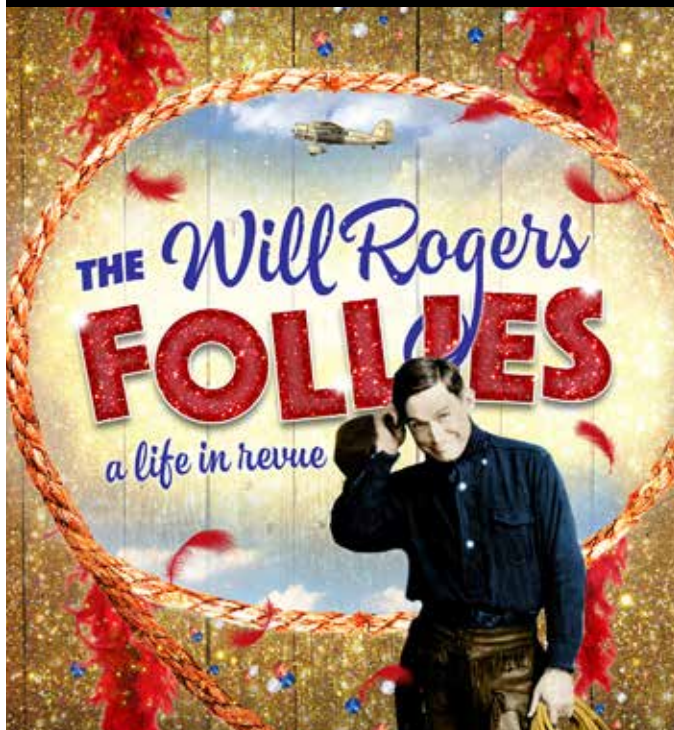
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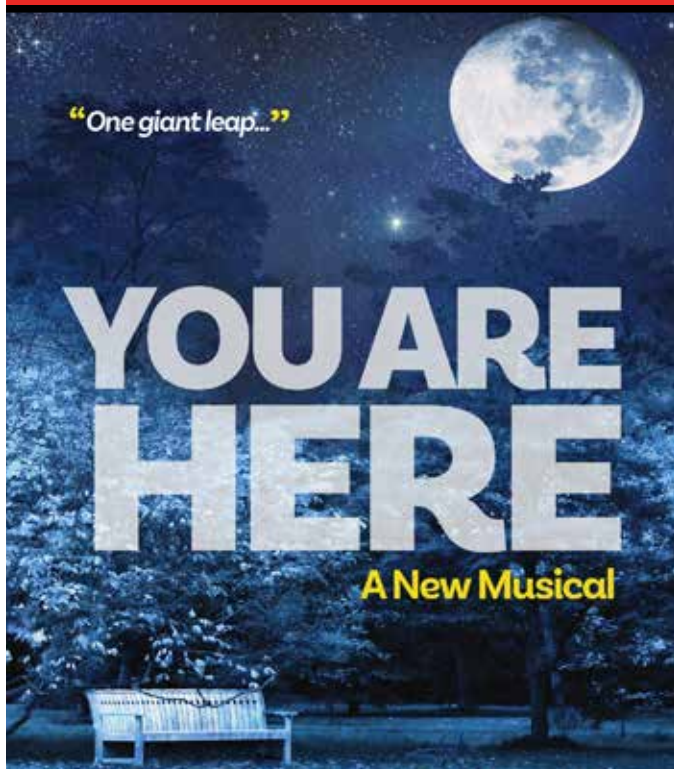
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open. One bright spot was that at a time when our restaurants were in their off season they found themselves in great demand. Not satisfied with the ice, in March, Mother Nature commenced to throw one Nor'easter after another at us. The first was a near miss; the second hit us squarely resulting in 82% of our town losing power. It should be noted that Ever-source did a fine job in restoring that power. The remaining storms were less damaging with 42 homes losing power in the third and little damage from the last. We seem to have finally entered spring but don't say so too loudly, Mother Nature is listening.



I want to welcome Lisa Conroy, left, as our new Recreation Director. Lisa is already well known in East Haddam. She grew up here and was a star athlete while in high school. Her first job was with our Recreation Department. After college she settled in town with her husband Shawn to raise a family. They have two boys in our school system today. She has already worked as an athletic trainer at our high school for many years. She and her family have a long history of varied community services. Lisa is a self-starter with many new ideas for the coming season. We look forward to an exciting and fun-filled year.



We also welcomed Christopher Sennik, left, and Sean Shea, below left, to our staff. They have assumed the responsibility of keeping our beautiful new offices in order. Sharing a work day which stretches from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm you will see them endlessly caring for our new home.



Always ready with a cheerful hello and eager to offer any needed assistance they are fast becoming an important part of our team.

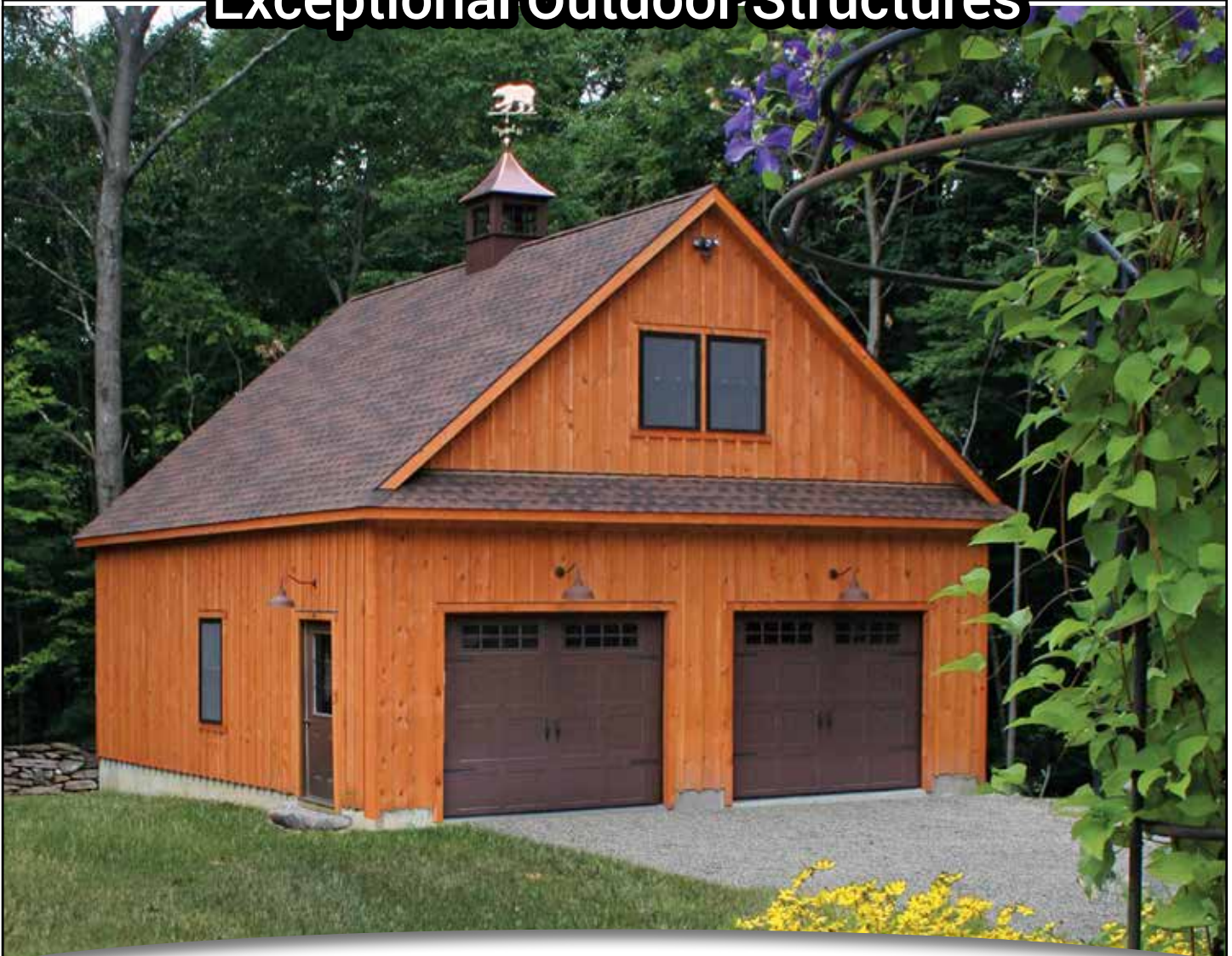
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East Haddam has endless opportunities. No better time exists to enjoy our great out of doors than the spring. Trails are open, few biting bugs are active and our woodlands are exploding into life. Flowers appear in an endless changing display where ever you look. An evening spent quietly next to a frog pond is a remarkable musical experience. Put out some straw or twigs and watch the birds scramble to get them for nest building. Best of all we have nine untouched months ahead of us before winter rears its head again. I'll be looking for you on the trails.

Emmett Lyman,  
First Selectman

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### Dog Licenses

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The cost for a dog license is \$8.00 for a spayed/neutered dog and \$19.00 for a

dog that has not been altered. Current law assesses a \$1.00 late penalty per month. In addition to being the law, a license serves as a ticket home should your pet become lost. *An unlicensed dog may also subject the owner to an infraction.*

Reminder notices will be mailed to licensed dog owners at the

end of May. If sending in your payment via the mail, please include any updated paperwork. It will be returned to you with the license. If you have any questions regarding licensing your dog, please contact: Deb Denette, East Haddam Town Clerk at: 860-873-5027 or Mike Olzacki, East Haddam Animal Control Officer at: 860-873-5044. Thank you.

License #1 and #2 will be reserved for the winner and runner up chosen by the students at the Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School in the annual Number One Dog tag contest. See below.



### Number One Dog Tag Contest

Please submit a RECENT photo of your dog, (size not to exceed 4" x 6" *Photos will not be returned, so please retain a copy if it's a favorite photo.*) along with the following information by May 17th:

1. Owner's name, address, phone number, and email address
2. Pet's name, age, and breed

**Submit entry to:**

TOWN CLERK, PO BOX 385, 1 PLAINS ROAD, MOODUS, CT 06469  
or email to: [townclerk@easthaddam.org](mailto:townclerk@easthaddam.org).

Photos will be compiled and forwarded to the Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School for voting. The contest is designed to promote the importance of licensing your dog; the students have a lot of fun judging the contest. Licenses are required pursuant to Connecticut law for all dogs over 6 months of age. The winner and the runner up will receive the #1 and #2 tag (rabies vaccine must be up to date); license fees will be paid by the Town Clerk's Office.

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# Registrar of Voters

The Registrars of Voters office is up and running in our new location at the Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Road, Moodus. Please keep in mind that the 2018-2019 budget referendum is currently scheduled for Tuesday, May 8th. Our Municipal Office Complex gymnasium facility is still undergoing renovation and this work will not be completed in time to use it for the budget referendum. We will be utilizing the old Town Hall to conduct this referendum.

Once all the renovations have been completed, voting events will take place in the gymnasium of the Municipal Office Complex, 1 Plains Road, Moodus. This is, of course, a change from previous years where referendums took place at the Old Town Hall with elections being held at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School. A Town Meeting will be held within the next couple of months in order for the legislative body of the town to vote to move our polling

location for all regular elections from the Nathan Hale-Ray High School Gymnasium to the Municipal Office Complex Gymnasium.

If you are a resident of East Haddam and are eligible to vote and wish to become a voter, please make every effort to get registered prior to the cutoff time of noontime, May 7th. You may apply to register online at the Secretary of State's website or by mail or in person at the Municipal Office Complex. If you are not registered to vote in East Haddam, and you are a citizen of the United States, have reached the age of 18 years or more, and are liable to the town of East Haddam for taxes assessed against you on an assessment of not less than one thousand dollars on the last completed grand list you would be eligible to vote. The registrars are currently conducting their annual canvass of registered voters to keep our records as up to date as possible.

## Holiday Closings

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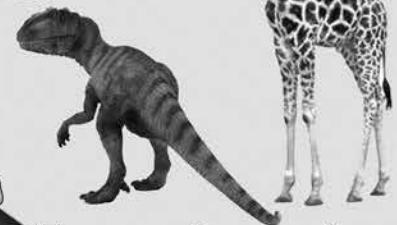
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(Town Clerk/Assessor/Tax Collector) 860-873-5042

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Tuesday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am to noon

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### Registrars of Voters

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## From the Assessor

The Assessor's Office is accepting applications for the **Elderly and Totally Disabled Renters Rebate Program** until October 1, 2018. Applicant's total income must not exceed \$35,300 for a single person, \$43,000 for a couple (joint income), including Social Security and Medicare. Applicants must be 65 or older or totally disabled and bring all income, rent, and utility information from 2016.

In addition, the deadline for filing for the **Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners Program** is May 15, 2018. Qualifying income and age requirements for the **Homeowners Program** and **Additional Veterans Benefits** is the same as the Elderly and Totally Disabled Renters Rebate Program. There is also, by local option, an additional tax credit to homeowners 65 and older whose household income does not exceed \$50,000 (including Social Security). Applicants must bring proof of income including Social Security for 2017. Applications for the Additional Veterans Benefits will be accepted until October 1, 2018.

As the Tax Collector's Office prepares the July tax bills, those residents whose motor vehicles have been sold, stolen, totaled, or who have moved out-of-state may be eligible for a pro-ration of their car taxes.

Two forms of proof are necessary to pro-rate or remove a vehicle from the grand list. Residents must bring a copy of the plate receipt issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles at the time of cancellation of registration, and a copy of one of the following; bill of sale, transfer of title, receipt from junkyard, notification of total loss, trade-in papers, or some other document showing the date on which the vehicle was disposed.

The Assessor's office has its own web page on the town website. Included is information on real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle assessments; property tax relief for seniors, veterans, and the disabled; renters' rebate; information on revaluation; access to applications and forms pertaining to the Assessor's office.

## Tax Collector

The Tax Office is busy preparing for the mailing of the 2017 Grand List tax bills. All bills will be in the mail June 29, 2018 with a due date of July 1, 2018, payable by August 1, 2018 without interest. **Payments by mail must be postmarked by August 1, 2018 to avoid interest.**

### WE HAVE MOVED!

Please make note of our new physical and mailing address:  
1 Plains Road, P.O. Box 403, Moodus, CT 06469-0403.

If you still owe taxes on the 2016 Grand List, an attempt should

be made to clear up the back taxes before the new bills come out. Liens will be placed on all outstanding Real Estate balances in May. This is an additional charge.

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This office is for the collection of taxes only. Any adjustments to your bill must be made by the Assessor. Email: [assessor@easthaddam.org](mailto:assessor@easthaddam.org). Phone: 860-873-5026. The Tax office may be reached at: 860-873-5033 or email: [taxcollector@easthaddam.org](mailto:taxcollector@easthaddam.org).

Denise Dill CCMC, Tax Collector

## Economic Development Commission Updates

This Commission's purpose is to promote compatible and sustainable economic development by encouraging business growth and expansion that is consistent with East Haddam's historic character, quality of life and natural environment.

This commission works in collaboration with Planning and Zoning, the East Haddam Village Revitalization Committee and the East Haddam Business Association. The EDC works to encourage new businesses to locate in our town. In this last year we have welcomed 360 Cadence/Karate Kazekai, Sunny Buns Tanning, EMP Apparel, Julia Balfour Design/JulyOGA and Weaver & Associates PC.

One of the areas where the EDC works is in promoting the tourism of East Haddam. The EDC will be responsible for putting out the 2018 East Haddam Visitors Guide, due out by Memorial Day 2018. For information contact [ehedcsmith@gmail.com](mailto:ehedcsmith@gmail.com). There will be a continued collaboration with Haddam for tourism related projects that will economically benefit both East Haddam and Haddam. The first weekend in October, we will host the 3rd Annual Fall Weekend. There will be events held throughout East Haddam Village, Moodus, and Hadlyme. For information contact [Kevin@staehlys.com](mailto:Kevin@staehlys.com).

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During the 2018 holidays the focus will be on the "Holiday Doors" and a shop local campaign. For information contact [ihaines20@gmail.com](mailto:ihaines20@gmail.com).

For 2018 the East Haddam EDC meets

on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Office Complex. These meetings are open to the public. The EDC is a commission consisting of 7 members and 2 alternates. The committee is made up of local citizens and business

owners. For 2018 the EHEDC members are R. Casner, (Chairman), S. Smith (Vice-Chair), D. Bergeron, K. Staehly (Tourism), R. Parady, J. Albuquerque, F. Weissbach. Alternates are J. Fennema and I. Haines.

## Nathan Hale-Ray High School Music Boosters Yard Sale



The Nathan Hale-Ray High School Music Boosters will host a yard sale at the Grange Hall on Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Hot dogs and baked goods will be available for purchase.

Donations gratefully accepted Friday, May 11, 2018 from 3:30 - 7:00 pm or call 860-873-2284 to arrange for pick up.

## East Haddam Library System

### Frequently Asked Questions about the East Haddam Library System

#### WHO OWNS THE LIBRARIES?

Both libraries are operated by the Town of East Haddam. The town employs the staff, provides 80% of the funding, and handles repairs & maintenance. Prior to 2013, the libraries were operated by private endowments (however, the town has been providing the majority of library funding for decades).

**The Rathbun Library** building was transferred to the town in 2013. Due to various complications, the EHFPL building was unable to be transferred at that time. After five long years of meetings, lawyers, and paperwork - EHFPL's endowment is now in a position to transfer the building to the town.

#### IS THE TOWN BUYING THE EHFPL BUILDING?

No. The building is being offered to the town for free. Transferring the building will incur no additional cost and will have no impact on taxes, the budget, or the capital plan. A Town Meeting will be held to decide if the building will be accepted. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend and vote. The date for this meeting is TBA, please check the town or library website for updates.

#### DO THE CURRENT LIBRARY FACILITIES NEED ANY MAJOR UPGRADES?

Neither library is 100% handicap accessible. The Rathbun has a wheelchair lift to the main floor of the library, but \$25,000 in upgrades are needed to make the main floor fully ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. East Haddam is one of six municipalities in CT that does not have an ADA compliant library.

#### HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST TO MAKE

#### THE LIBRARIES FULLY ADA COMPLIANT?

Complete accessibility for EHFPL would be around \$265,000; Rathbun would be around \$236,000. These figures come from a Handicap Access Study completed by Architect George Fellner. The studies are available at the libraries, or on the East Haddam Library System website under the Resources tab.

#### ARE THERE OTHER SOLUTIONS?

Yes. The Library Board is investigating options for accessibility including possible expansions, or a new facility. These solutions will take many years, and all input is appreciated. The Library Board's current focus is on maintaining the services and buildings that we have.

#### WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF THE LIBRARY SYSTEM?

The future is up to you. The library board is eager to get input from the community on where to go next. Visit the town website for a schedule of upcoming Library Board meetings if you'd like to participate in this process. The library director is also available to meet with you to listen to ideas or answer questions. Simply call one of the libraries to make an appointment.

Nearly 5,000 East Haddam Residents have library cards, and many more attend library programs and use library services. If you haven't visited in a while, stop by and find out why. There's something for everyone at your local libraries!

# Music on the River 2018

HERE IS A SNEAK PEEK OF THE LINE-UP  
FOR MUSIC ON THE RIVER 2018!

## July 2nd – US Coast Guard Dixieland Jazz Band

Organized in 1970 to perform classic jazz, blues, and rags with a “New Orleans” flavor, the 6-piece Dixieland Jazz Band has entertained audiences across America and around the world.

## July 9th – Alex Shillo

This young singer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalist from Manchester, CT cut his teeth as a touring musician with his Dad’s band, Silverado. With his Dad’s and Bruce Springsteen’s (his hero) influence, he has developed his own brand of rock/country music.

## July 16th – Neal and The Vipers

A Rhode Island based band playing American Roots music; encompassing blues, rock and roll, rockabilly and surf. They have been entertaining fans for over 30 years! Neal Vitullo and the Vipers have shared the stage with many music legends, including BB King, Bonnie Raitt, Greg Allman, Jimmy Vaughan, and Robert Plant.

## July 23rd – Suitcase Junket

The Suitcase Junket, Matt Lorenz, grew up in Vermont and learned to sing copying his sister, a touring member

of the trio Rusty Belle. After finding a beat up guitar in the dumpster, he taught himself to play and refine his singing. Since then, he’s built a huge fan base and was named as Spotify’s Best on its 2016 Folk and Americana Blues list.

## July 30th – Auburn Mode

A cornerstone of Hartford’s music scene. Their style ranges from poignant and evocative to light and whimsical...an original fusion of progressive and energetic folk pop.

## August 6th – The Grays

An original jazz-funk music project, which mixes electric gypsy jazz with odd-time tribal funk beats. The Grays offer deep grooves and dynamic improvisation for listening and dancing; encouraging audience participation.

## August 13th – Chris Smither

An American folk/blues singer, guitarist and song writer, his music draws deeply from his formative years in Louisiana learning the picking styles of Mississippi John Hurt, and Lightnin’ Hopkins. Moving to Cambridge in the 60s, he became a forerunner in the burgeoning folk scene. His songs have been recorded by a long list of well-known artists. The 2014 album “Link of Chain A Songwriter’s Tribute to Chris Smither” is **continued on page 12**

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## Music on the River 2018... continued from page 11

testimony to the respect and admiration for his songwriting by an all-star list of artists including Bonnie Raitt, Josh Ritter, and Patty Larkin.

All concerts are 6:30 - 8:30 pm on the green at the Goodspeed Opera House. This year we have the option of a Tuesday night rain date at the green for all performances, except for Suitcase

Junket and Christ Smither. In the case of rain, these two concerts will be held at NHRHS the evening of their scheduled performance.

Donations can be sent to Music on the River, PO Box 377, Moodus, CT 06469. Donors of \$100 or more will receive a Music on the River t-shirt. Please include t-shirt size with your donation.

## I-Park

Did you know there's a place right here in East Haddam where you can meet artists from around the world, experience their work, and explore 26 forested trails dotted with inspiring art?

Often called East Haddam's hidden gem, I-Park artists-in-residence program is a peaceful enclave where gifted artists immerse themselves in creative pursuits, inspired by nature and unhindered by outside distractions. Set within a 450-acre nature preserve just north of Devil's Hopyard State Park, at 428 Hopyard Road, I-Park is normally closed to the public. At the conclusion of every residency, however, I-Park hosts an event called Open Studios, when visitors are invited to meet the artists in their studios, attend a presentation featuring some of their work, enjoy complimentary refreshments, and stroll the trails winding through I-Park's bucolic, art-filled campus.

I-Park will be hosting Open Studios at 2:00 pm on Sunday, May 20, June 17 and July 15. Admission is free, but reservations are requested at: [i-park.org](http://i-park.org).

On Saturday, June 2, from 2:00 to 6:00 pm, I-Park will be participating in



A visitor, above, peruses the art at an I-Park Open Studios event. Photo by Michael Orzell.



I-Park's forested trails and exuberant flower gardens enchant visitors of all ages. Photo by Christina Goldberg

Connecticut Trails Day. Walk the art-lined paths, watch artists at work and admire the bird life. Pre-registration is recommended at [i-park.org](http://i-park.org). In case of rain, the event will take place Sunday, June 3.

As a not-for-profit organization, I-Park relies on volunteers to keep its programs running and its grounds looking sharp. If you'd like to lend a hand, join us Saturday, May 12, at 9:00 am for Volunteers Day. We're looking for people 14 and older who can help with trail maintenance, gardening, and support with artists' projects. No special skills are required, but work clothes and rugged shoes are recommended. Lunch will be served. To help us plan our food needs, please register at [i-park.org](http://i-park.org).

We look forward to seeing you at I-Park!

To download previous issues of East Haddam Events  
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and download the issue you desire!

# East Haddam Stage Company

The East Haddam Stage Company has come a long way since its inception in 2002. With productions featuring innovative original works, tours of living history programs, and the summer season at Gillette Castle State Park, the company has maintained its motto Minimal Set-Maximum Connection! Always featuring professional, Connecticut-based talent, 2018 is the company's most ambitious year yet. Offering opportunities for actors in 4 different productions, this small business is proud to be part of the economic health of the community. In 2017 EHSCO was granted the status of Resident Theatre Company at Gillette Castle State Park. It makes sense that this state park has a theatre company in residence, since... William Gillette was an actor!

**More exciting news:** EHSCO is the recipient of a Connecticut Office of the Arts Regional Initiative Grant to launch a one-man presentation on William



East Haddam Stage Co., Resident Theatre Company of Gillette Castle State Park, East Haddam CT.

Gillette's Japanese valet, Yukitaka Osaki. The fascinating life of this 'behind the scenes,' but always 'there' Victorian employee, gardener and friend of Gillette's will have its premiere at Gillette Castle State Park in September, then be available for touring. And by the way, Mr. Osaki's brother was the mayor of Tokyo and gave Washington D.C. the famous Cherry trees!

The East Haddam Stage Company is celebrating its 10th anniversary season of live theatre at Gillette Castle State Park with an adaptation of William Gillette's Victorian farce, *The Professor*. The 30-minute shows are at 1:00 pm and again at 2:30 pm, Saturdays and Sundays only from July 7th through August 12th. Shows are on the outdoor stage near the Castle. While there is bench and bleacher seating available, you can bring your lawn chair (and a picnic) and enjoy the free show! The park address is 67 River Road, East Haddam, CT.

**But wait, there's more!** During the entire month of October the company will be touring New England with Gillette's 1930 radio drama *Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Speckled Band*. If you want to come see the show, EHSCO's website and Facebook pages will have locations, dates and times. More info at [www.EHSCO.org](http://www.EHSCO.org) and on Facebook. You can also follow EHSCO on Twitter!

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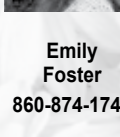
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# Nathan Hale-Ray All School - All Class Reunion 2018

## SAVE THE DATE!

The Nathan Hale-Ray All School – All Class Reunion 2018 is Saturday, August 18 at the Moodus Sportsmen's Club, Colchester Turnpike, Moodus. Festivities start at 3:00 pm. Dinner is 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, with entertainment from 7:00 pm until 11:00 pm.

Tickets are available at the door. For only \$20 a ticket, you get delicious food and outstanding entertainment. The menu includes pulled pork, BBQ chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, tossed salad, iced tea, lemonade, coffee, and more. Please note that the Reunion is a BYOB event.

You do not have to be a Hale-Ray graduate to attend the Reunion. Anyone who went to Hale-Ray or is part of the Hale-Ray extended family of parents, teachers, staff, and former teachers is welcome. Teachers who have attended include Lou Milardo, Jim Meyer, Irene Parady, Jack Salbinski, John Nahas, Ray Flaherty, Kevin and Joanne Maynard, and Charlie Boynton, just to name a few. Who will you see this year? Come and find out!

All proceeds go towards helping our students. In 2013, our first year, we gave one scholarship. Since then, we have expanded to awarding two \$1000 scholarships. The Nathan Hale-Ray Alumni Association has also sponsored the June Thomas Art Award, essay contests, Project Graduation, and the MPAC Walk-A-Thon.

**Here is what you can do to help** the Nathan Hale-Ray Alumni Association have another successful Reunion and raise funds for the scholarship program and our students:

1. Attend and bring your classmates, friends, and family.
2. Spread the word through Facebook, e-mail, mail, or word of mouth.
3. Donate a gift for our awesome raffle!
4. Bring a dessert.
5. Bring your stories, memories, and old photos - anything you would like to share about what a special place Hale-Ray is.
6. Become a member of the Alumni Association and contribute your ideas!

The Nathan Hale-Ray Alumni Association is a not-for-profit organization, so your donation is fully tax deductible. For more information, email: halerayalumni@gmail.com, or call Ed Gubbins at: 860-873-8012, or Roy Parker at: 860-873-2367. You can also visit us at: www.halerayalumni.com or on Facebook at Past Students of Nathan Hale-Ray High School.

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**\$5 Raffle Tickets:** A huge THANK YOU to our generous donors and supporters - over 1,000 raffle tickets were purchased! Congratulations to the winners: Carly Gamberall, Jennifer McVerry, Susan Kinsman, Jim Sales, Rich Gable, Elena Zajac, Jim Phillips, Shirley Gable, David Tozier and Denise Murphy.

Over 70 people attended the Annual Team Trivia Night on February 9th. It was a fun night and we raised over \$1200 dollars. Thanks to everyone who donated their time or items to the event.

**Class of 2018 Project Grad Lawn Signs:** Show your support for our graduating seniors by purchasing a lawn sign and displaying

Stay tuned for details on the Dan Larosa Hypnotist show!

## Hale-Ray Connections – High School Parent Group

*“Connecting parents, staff and students for academic success.”*

Our Connections group strives to encourage and complement 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, teachers, administrators and Board of Education members are always welcome. In the fall, there was an open discussion on the school dress code. We have added an open agenda “Ice Breaker” where parents can share something with the group, positive or negative, regarding their own student and the school. The


purpose of this is to have open discussions within the group so administration can become aware of some issues and if necessary take action.

The main discussion in February was on school safety and security at the high school and the lessons learned. Administration asked the parents how they felt about the National School Walk-Out and it was the consensus of the group that if the students had something to promote and show support for change using signs and speeches, and students move to the court yard for their own safety, the school should support this. If the school supported this, it would show that there can be an open dialogue for issues such as this, though students would need to be made aware of the expectations. It was

well received. There were around 160 students who participated and walked around the perimeter of the school. Every student acted appropriately and with dignity throughout the event. Kudos to HR Students!

We are preparing for teacher appreciation day where we will provide breakfast on May 8. We can't thank the teachers and admin enough for all their support and dedication.

We are a small but mighty group. For more information about Connections, please contact Chris van Valkenburg at [cvvalkenburg@snet.net](mailto:cvvalkenburg@snet.net) or Eric Spencer, Principal NHRHS, at: [eric.spencer@easthaddamschools.org](mailto:eric.spencer@easthaddamschools.org).



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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 Event Magazine pages!

While it is hopefully a distant memory by the time this is published, I am at my desk thinking: how at this time of year can it be snowing? Spring is here and yet I am going to have to brush snow off my car before I can drive home.

Sitting here and having a question come to my mind is the beginning of a process that we are focused on here in East Haddam Public Schools called “inquiry based learning”. As simple as it sounds, great learning starts with a question. A question leads to a list of questions. An initial answer can lead to more questions. What started out as a simple question can become the basis for learning about how things work, learning vocabulary, and answers to questions that you did not know you had in you. Why do we teach our students to develop this process you might ask? Well, first, the answer to your own question has more personal meaning to a person than an answer to someone else’s questions. With students, just the fact that they put the question into their own words makes the learning more relevant and more real. The other day I witnessed a student ask about why a yo-yo comes back up? The ensuing conversation evolved into many questions and then words like gravity, momentum, acceleration, and Newton’s laws. Most of the words were not new to the student, however, the student did not know they were related to her yo-yo. Her vocabulary has new meaning because of a question. Many parents ask, “What can I do to help my child learn?”. One simple way is to seize the moment when their child asks a question. Help the child develop their question, and encourage them to make some guesses about the answer. Talk about where the answers might be found. In many cases you will be surprised at the vocabulary your child produces and who knows you might learn something new with your child as well.

Thank you for reading the education section of the events magazine. We are very proud of our schools. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to reach out to me at the new Municipal Office Complex.

Sincerely,

Brian S. Reas  
Superintendent of Schools



Students experiencing Inquiry Based Learning in the elementary & middle school STEM Classes



## Upcoming

### Board of Education Meetings

May 8th —7pm— HS Café  
June 12th —7 pm—HS Café

A complete listing of the Board’s regular and subcommittee meetings can be found on our website:  
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# East Haddam Elementary



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## COMING EVENTS

May 4  
Basket Bash

May 16  
Family Math Night

TBD  
Spring Concert

PTO Meetings:  
7:00 pm Room 304  
5/17/2018

## **READ ACROSS AMERICA**

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, schools across America celebrated Read Across America Day in honor of Dr. Seuss's 114th birthday. East Haddam Elementary School took it a step further and dedicated the *entire* week leading up to March 2<sup>nd</sup> as Read Across America Week! Throughout the week, students participated in fun activities such as dressing in clothing representing Dr. Seuss characters and by reading with book-buddy students across grade levels. Some kindergarteners actually made, *and tried*, green eggs and ham! Adding to the fun, grade levels were visited by guest readers, such as East Haddam Elementary School Principal Joanne Collins, Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School Principal Jason Peacock, Board of Education Secretary Marc Piscioti, and Superintendent of Schools Brian Reas. The third-grade classes welcomed a special guest reader, WVIT Chief Meteorologist Ryan Hanrahan, who brought a copy of his favorite book, Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs, to read aloud to students. The week culminated with a visit by *Fancy Nancy* author, Jane O'Connor and an author's luncheon with students, sponsored by our PTO. Our school community felt both honored and a bit saddened to learn this was the last school visit of Jane O'Connor's career! She spent the morning discussing her writing process with the students and reading a copy of her latest book, Oodles of Kittens. It was an amazing day! We can't wait to celebrate again next year and we encourage everyone to keep reading!



# Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School



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Jason Peacock

Assistant Principal  
Roy Parker

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## COMING EVENTS

May 7

June 4

MPAC Meetings

May 9-11

8th Grade Trip to Gettysburg

May 11

Spring Choral Concert  
(held at the High School)

June 7

Spring Chamber Concert

## CT Invention Convention

Middle School students express their  
creativity at the Annual Connecticut  
Invention Convention!



The goal of the Connecticut Invention is to provide the children of Connecticut with meaningful and age-appropriate opportunities to develop and enhance their critical thinking skills using creative problem solving techniques. Students have created new inventions to help make our lives easier. The students are required to create a prototype of the invention, keep a log of progress throughout the inventing process, create a tri-board describing the work involved, and prepare for questions asked by judges and fellow inventors. They spend months working on hypothesis as to how the prototype might work, experiment to see how it is most effective, and researching their idea to make sure it is original, practical, and needed. Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School has been participating in this yearly event since 2009. In the past, we have had many local, regional, state, and even national winners. Students have gone on to enter their ideas in other science competitions and have won in the 3M competition as well. Mrs. Bernard, the Gifted and Talented Teacher for grades 4-8 has been named to the "Brain Trust" for the CIC where she meets in Hartford to help promote ways to improve this activity every summer. This year was another success for our school as well! Our local competition occurred at our middle school on March 12. The following students went on to compete and win at the Regional Competition at Hamden Middle School on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Grade 8 student, Sam Harmon, invented the Smart Eyes. This invention will help blind people lead independent lives, without relying on a seeing-eye dog or cane. The technology consists of a camera system that attaches to the arms, runs on battery, uses Blue Tooth technology, and is waterproof. It will increase the person's ability to move freely. His Raspberry Pi technology is fantastic!

Grade 5 student, Cate Tarnowski, invented the Beverage Breezer. She created a working prototype as well. Cate's invention attaches to the top of cups filled with hot beverages, especially for tea, cocoa, and hot cider. A fan built into the lid will cool the liquid to the proper temperature quickly. For those of us who have burned our mouths thinking the liquid was cooled enough, or waited too long and it is too cold, this is a perfect invention for you!

Grade 5 student, Cooper Mondelci, invented the Helping Hand Card Holder. This invention replaces the current options available to those who have difficulty holding playing cards. His new method has a kid friendly version for little ones learning to play cards, and more options for adults as well. He hopes this will help elderly people with arthritis to continue to play their favorite card games.

These three students moved on to the state competition at University of CT. Sam Harmon automatically receives a free 3 credit UCONN course he can use in his high school career for making it to States. We look forward to cheering them on.



# Nathan Hale-Ray High School

## **NOISES NEWS**



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Eric Spencer**

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Mary Little-Finnegan  
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### COMING EVENTS

**May 7-17  
Advance Placement  
Testing**

**May 17  
Band Concert**

**May 22  
Choir Concert**

**May 30  
Underclassmen Awards  
Night**

**May 31  
Music Dept. Awards  
Banquet**

**June 7  
Senior Awards Night**

**June 7  
Spring Choir Cabaret**

## **National Honor Society**



The National Honor Society held their annual Induction ceremony on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. It was a special evening with many heartfelt speeches from our senior members about the juniors. This year's guest speaker was Theresa Govert, a 2009 Hale-Ray Alum and former NHS President.

Nine new members were honored: Sierra Cazassa, Teagan D'Addeo, Alexander Gerrish, Jack Lavarreda, Shayna Moffat, Isaac Manfull, Jack Rogerson, Samantha Soucier, Madison Zuckerman

## **Unified Sports**



On February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Unified Sports team participated in the Unified Shoreline Conference basketball tournament at Westbrook High School. The Noises emerged victorious, winning all three of their games! The event was attended by several conference schools including Westbrook, E. Hampton, Cromwell, Coginchaug and Old Saybrook. Join coaches Boccaccio, Delaney and MacDonald in congratulating our athletes - Giovanni, Mikayla, Sage, Gabe, and Jack along with our partner athletes - Brenna, Madison, Jack, Jenna, Ethan, Emily, Chris and Alex - for not only their winning performance but for their great sportsmanship!



## **Accelerated Chemistry**

Students in Accelerated Chemistry have been studying the patterns in the Periodic Table of Elements. As a creative challenge, students designed periodic tables of everyday objects, and identified patterns analogous to those of the elements. The students shared their work through an expo-style event, presenting their work to classmates and visitors while also taking time to inquire about each other's projects.





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# East Haddam Youth & Family Services, Inc.

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## A Note from East Haddam Youth & Family Services:

High school prom and graduation are fast approaching. They are celebrations filled with excitement and anticipation that highlight important milestones our youth have achieved as they move from adolescence toward adulthood. They are occasions to be shared and enjoyed and many of our teens are already thinking about post-prom/graduation parties with friends. For some, this also means thinking about alcohol and drug use. For many, the temptation to drink or use drugs is greater during this time than any other time during the year. Parents must be aware of the pressure their teens might be under and set appropriate boundaries and expectations about drinking and drug use.

### Some Tips for Parents

#### Party Your Child Is Giving:

1. Expect and encourage calls from parents of teens who are invited confirming the party time and place.
2. Inform parents and teens that there will be no alcohol or drugs permitted in your home or on your property.
3. Plan on being home during the entire party and exercise proper supervision.
4. Inform teens that leaving and then returning to the party will not be permitted.
5. Call parents of teens who arrive at the party under the influence.
6. Know who is invited. Enforce a NO CRASHING policy!

### Please remember:

Party Patrols are not about arresting kids.  
Calling the Tip Line is not a betrayal of trust.

#### Party Your Child Is Going To:

1. Call the parents of the party giver to:
  - Verify the occasion.
  - Make sure a parent will be home.
  - Be sure that alcohol and drugs will not be permitted.
2. Agree upon a specific time your child will return home before your child leaves for the party.
3. Know how your teen will get to and from the party, and if needed, be available to provide transportation.
4. Give your child a "safe word" – one they can text to you as an alert if they are in an uncomfortable situation and don't want their peers seeing them make a phone call.
5. Tell your child never to ride home with a driver (including an impaired adult) who has been drinking or is under the influence of drugs. Instruct them to call you for a ride if needed.
6. Be awake, or be sure to have them wake you when they arrive home.
7. Avoid spontaneous "sleepovers" when possible.

The best way to avoid the occurrence of parties where underage drinking and drug use is happening is to prevent them from ever getting started. Police and trained civilians will be doing Party Patrols during prom weekend, the weekend after graduation and randomly throughout the spring and summer. Parents, concerned citizens and youth can report underage drinking, drug use and parties any time by calling or texting our confidential tip line.

### Confidential Tip Lines

Voice Message: 860-873-5013

Text Message: 860-615-9909



# East Haddam Local Prevention Council



The East Haddam Local Prevention Council (EHLPC) is an alliance of individuals and groups working together to create a strong, safe and substance free environment for East Haddam youth.

Building that healthy environment takes a collective voice from all parts of our community. We need the insights, skills, and participation of a wide range of local stakeholders to achieve our goals, and building community collaboration is integral to addressing our local needs. By developing opportunities and building positive relationships, we decrease the risk of youth drug and alcohol use.

The East Haddam Local Prevention Council is seeking representatives from our community to volunteer their time in the service of our youth.

## What's Happening?

### Community Needs Assessment Results

The East Haddam Local Prevention Council just wrapped up its Community Needs Assessment in February, and the results may surprise some residents. The report, compiled using local, state and federal sources, paints a picture of substance use in East Haddam and the region. Notable findings include that marijuana use and vaping are on the rise among local youth. Alcohol use remains widespread, though rates are declining.

The increase in marijuana use is of particular concern, considering recent research that links adolescent marijuana use with a range of negative consequences. One recent UConn study found that subjects who had used marijuana frequently as teenagers were less likely to be married, have a full-time job, or get a college education later in life. Other studies have noted changes to the developing brain and a significant drop in IQ points. Evidences continues to mount, suggesting marijuana use detrimentally impacts teens at a crucial point in their lives, as their preparing for college and their careers. Currently, one in four East Haddam high school students are using marijuana.

Tackling the precipitous rise in vaping has also become a priority for the Local Prevention Council. Research has shown that the heated vaping liquids can leech dangerous chemicals off of metal components of commercial vaporizers and e-cigarettes. Another study links vaping to cardiac episodes, with vapers being two times more likely to have a heart attack than non-vapers. Most vaping liquids also contain nicotine, introducing a whole new generation to nicotine-addiction.

These findings, among others, will help drive the work of the Local Prevention Council over the next year. They help us understand the local issues, target the risk factors leading young people to use substances, and implement the initiatives that are most likely to make a difference. For the full Needs Assessment report, go to: [www.ehlpc.org/needsassessment2018](http://www.ehlpc.org/needsassessment2018).

### Unplug East Haddam

The Local Prevention Council hosted its third annual Unplugged event throughout East Haddam on March 9, 2018. This year activities took place at the town Grange Hall, the First Church of Christ, Congregational, and the East Haddam Public Library. The night is meant to encourage residents to turn off their cellphones, tablets, and other electronic devices, and spend time interacting with their family and friends. Dozens of residents played games, ate ice cream sundaes, and took a break from the constant flood of information that we live with every day. The best part? Experts say these kinds of activities are good for us and for our children. The SEARCH institute has identified a wide range of developmental assets, including family support, positive family communication, and caring neighborhoods. The more assets kids have, the more likely they are to succeed in life and the less likely they are to engage in risky behaviors like substance use!

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## Middle School Principal Advisory Committee (MPAC) News

### BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Each and every day, a contingent of unsung heroes transports our kids safely to and from school. On Friday, February 9th the East Haddam Elementary School PTO and Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School MPAC celebrated the group of dedicated bus drivers with a breakfast celebration at the East Haddam Elementary School. Breakfast items were donated by families of school children. Ms. Joanne Collins shared kind words of thanks along with a poem as she addressed the attendees. In addition, handmade cards from the students and candy was delivered to their favorite bus drivers. Thank you again to the bus drivers who watch over our kids and keep them safe. We appreciate you!

**MPAC has openings for the school year 2018-19, including:** First Day Committee, Teacher Appreciation Day Committee and Treasurer. Please contact any MPAC members to learn more!

## East Haddam Leo Club



The East Haddam Leos are a group of 7th - 12th Graders who work hard to make a difference in the East Haddam community. In addition to hosting free events for the public (such as the Pumpkin Walk), the Leos also create and run their own fundraisers that raise money for local charities and non-profits - including Youth & Family Services, the Senior Center, and the Food Bank. Sponsored by the East Haddam Lions Club and the East Haddam Community Lions, the Leos have grown to over thirty members and have earned a reputation as a group of charismatic young volunteers with a strong work ethic and the ability to get things done. As the future of our town and our country, it's no wonder that these young leaders are the Pride of East Haddam.

The Leo Club motto is Leadership, Experience, Opportunity, Service (LEOS) - if these ideals appeal to you or a loved one, the Leos are always looking for new members. Any interested teen is encouraged to stop by a Leo meeting and see what the club is all about. The Leo meetings are held on the 1st Thursday and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the East Haddam Senior Center. For more details, email Leo Advisor Michael Gilroy at gilroym@gmail.com or stop by the Grist Mill Market for an application.



# Annual Lions Club Auction!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL LIONS CLUB AUCTION!

The East Haddam Lions Club will be hosting its annual auction & tag sale on Saturday, July 14th at the East Haddam Grange Hall. The tag sale begins at 8:00 am. The auction begins at 10:00 am. Good food & good times will be had all day.

Currently, the lions are seeking donations of all sizes. Cars, boats, trailers, and other large items of significant value are in special demand. The Lions Club relies on your kind donations to make the auction a success. All donations are tax-deductible. Donations can be dropped off during the week leading up to the auction.

There are few feelings more satisfying than knowing you helped your hometown. All earnings from the auction go directly to good causes all over East Haddam. In the past, proceeds from the annual auction have helped to fund emergency vehicles for the fire department, holiday food baskets, lighting for Legion Field, little league field equipment, aid to the local food & fuel banks, and much more. For more details please contact Lion Auction Chairman Joe Busher at 860 873-2994 or email Lion President Michael Gilroy at [GilroyM@gmail.com](mailto:GilroyM@gmail.com).

## East Haddam Community Lions Club

P.O. Box 328 | East Haddam, CT 06423 | [www.ehcl.org](http://www.ehcl.org)




Fred Hunt, receiving Melvin Jones Award.



### 2018 HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR

This year the East Haddam Community Lions chose Fred Hunt as our 'Humanitarian of the Year.' The competition was stiff as there were eight other nominees

from surrounding Lions Clubs. The Humanitarian Awards luncheon took place on January 20 in Groton, where Fred  
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received a Melvin Jones Award from Lions District 23C and proclamations from Governor Dannel Malloy and State Representative Melissa Ziobron. The eight other Lion-nominated Humanitarians from surrounding towns were honored as well by the Lions Club in their town and State Representative or Senator. Shagbark, under Fred's direct leadership, donates all the shirts for the East Haddam Park & Rec Basketball & Soccer teams, sponsors the East Haddam-Moodus Little League T-ballers, collects cash donations at all events for the East Haddam Food/Fuel Banks, donates gift cards to community fundraisers, gives free feed prizes to the last place winners at the local fairs, lets local organizations/clubs use the front of the store to promote their causes and supplies floats and tractors to be used by organizations in the local Memorial Day Parade.

In 2014, Shagbark installed a 150kw solar rooftop array of solar panels that now provides 100 percent of the facility's needs with clean energy. With the strong performance of the roof-top solar array, Fred turned his attention to a six-acre plot of land adjacent to the lumber yard which he would repurpose for a new community endeavor. Working with the State of Connecticut, the Solar Farm was born. It consists of 4,554 ground-mounted, 335-watt photovoltaic solar panels and covers 6 acres of land. The system will produce more than 1,736,000 kwh of low-cost renewable energy annually. All that energy will be passed on to the East Haddam three public schools, reducing their energy bill by a projected \$750,000 over the next 25 years. The system came on line August 15, 2017. The East Haddam Community Lions proudly endorsed Fred Hunt for Humanitarian of the Year and is thrilled that he won!



From left to right: Brenda St. Peter with sponsor Lion Nan Alexander, and sponsor Lion Dick Gerber with Carmen and Arthur Artino. 1st Vice District Governor Laura Rowe inducted the 3 new members

### THREE NEW MEMBERS

Our membership continues to grow - a very encouraging sign in these times when we regularly hear of other organizations struggling to recruit volunteers to help improve their communities...not in East Haddam! Our 3 newest members were inducted by Vice District Governor Laura Rowe at our March dinner meeting. We welcome Carmen & Arthur Artino and Brenda St. Peter.

### 13TH ANNUAL ENGLISH TEA PARTY

Come and join us! This year's theme is "Royal Wedding" and a chance to gussy-up, wear a hat and join us to experience for yourselves this very British treat... Afternoon Tea. Hats are optional... but preferred to set the tone, be it formal or silly, there is a place for each... prizes for the best... or worst!?!?

Our inspired table settings seat eight apiece, so if you can get a "Gaggle of Girls" together, it will be a great treat to just sit, be waited upon and have time to talk, laugh and share a lovely Tea together. Or you can come alone and meet many new Friends. What an ideal "Mother's Day" treat for Mom, Sister, Daughter and Best



Cardboard Boat Race, Joey Plude nearing the finish line.

Friend. There is entertainment, fun and lots of indulgent goodies to eat ...you won't be disappointed. Each person will also receive a favor.

Saturday May 12th at 2:00 pm at

St. Stephen's Parish Hall, East Haddam. Tickets are \$25. For information and tickets please contact Diane at: ddvp40@aol.com or 860-434-5611 or visit our website at: www.ehcl.org. All proceeds are donated back to this Community and Lions Club Sponsored Charities. Tickets go quickly. Don't delay, book early... an ideal treat for the special people in your life in your life.

**BATTLE OF THE CARDBOARD BOATS!** We will try to improve on our 3rd place in last year's event, organized by our town's phenomenal LEO Club. Planning has started to design a craft capable of winning the race (or, more likely, capable of sinking the

opposition thanks to a subtle rule change that we may just need to take advantage of!) The Battle of the Boats will be held at the Town Beach on July 7th. Build your own boat and register for the race!

**THANK YOU FROM JOHN BRADSHAW, PRESIDENT!**

My term as President of the East Haddam Lions Club ends on June 30th. A new slate of officers will be installed by that time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members, the residents and businesses of East Haddam for your support of our fundraising events and activities.

Visit our website at:  
**[www.easthaddam.org](http://www.easthaddam.org)**  
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We celebrate all of you who share the same desire to work in partnership to help our local community thrive today, and tomorrow. We invite you to learn more by calling us at 860-347-0025 or visiting online at [MiddlesexCountyCF.org](http://MiddlesexCountyCF.org).

# Harvest House Turns Ten

When Harvest House began in 2009, it used a long standing small town tradition of a community-sponsored dinner or supper as its model. Signs are still seen in small towns across the region announcing a “hot dish supper” or a “ham and bean dinner” or a variant of those themes.

Community and civic groups, churches, and other community organizations offer these dinners to foster a sense of community and to provide opportunities for conversation and companionship. That is the essence of Harvest House.

Harvest House is supported by 14 area wide civic and church organizations as well as by six families and individual groups that have made this community-wide initiative so successful. Since 2009, over 14,000 Harvest House meals have been served. And that spirit and energy continues into 2018.

After four years of service, Diane Delecke has stepped down as the Harvest House coordinator, and William Barney has been selected as the new Coordinator. Ms. Delecke did an outstanding job in upgrading the Harvest House experience,

and bringing in new groups and individuals to host a Harvest House dinner.

Harvest House is appreciative for all of the groups and individuals that have made Harvest House such important community service. It is this spirit of community that makes Harvest House thrive and grow and that makes East Haddam so special. Harvest House is always seeking additional groups and individuals that would like to become a part of the Harvest House experience and agree to host a Sunday dinner.

While 45 of the 2018 Sundays already have volunteer hosts, three dates remain available for those that are interested. They are: July 29th, September 2nd, and September 9th. Mr. Barney asked that those who may be interested in hosting a Harvest House dinner, contact him at: [harvesthouse@ststeves.org](mailto:harvesthouse@ststeves.org) for information.

Harvest House is held every Sunday evening at 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall at St. Stephen’s Church at 32 Main Street in East Haddam Village.



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All community groups are encouraged to join the parade.

If you have any questions, please call the Selectmen's Office at: 860-873-5021.

If you aren't a marcher, please join us on the sidelines. It is a great community event!



## Haddam Shad Museum

The Haddam Shad Museum will be open on Sundays 10:00 am to 3:00 pm from April 9th to June 11th.

The museum, the only one of its kind in the United States, displays the history of shad on the CT. River since colonial days.

We will be glad to open it by appointment at other times for groups interested. The museum directors are familiar with both commercial and sport shad fishing.

The museum is located at 212 Saybrook Road behind the American Oil gas station in Higganum. Admission is free. For information call 860-267-0388.



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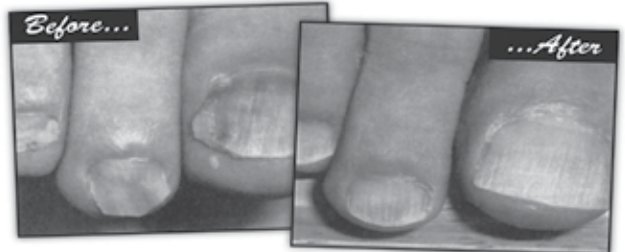
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# The Vascular Experts Becomes Team of 7

The Vascular Experts, which practices at Middlesex Hospital's Center for Vascular Surgery, recently expanded and is now a team of seven vascular surgeons with offices in Middletown and Old Saybrook.

Led by Dr. Bart Muhs, The Vascular Experts team is comprised of capable, board certified surgeons who are solely dedicated to vascular care and who can deal with simple or complicated cases. This team includes newcomer Dr. Megan Shue.

Utilizing Middlesex Hospital's state-of-the-art diagnostic and interventional suite, these vascular surgeons now have access to the latest technology, giving them the tools they need to better help their patients. The hospital's suite, which opened in 2016, allows vascular surgeons to perform a number of minimally invasive procedures, which require much smaller incisions than traditional surgeries. In turn, patients experience fewer risks when having surgery, and hospital stays are dramatically reduced.

Vascular surgery patients also benefit from Middlesex Hospital's collaborative relationship with Mayo Clinic. Middlesex Hospital is a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, and the relationship allows physicians, including vascular surgeons, to collaborate when faced with complex cases. Vascular surgeons at Middlesex Hospital work with physicians from other specialties to ensure that patients are cared for appropriately. They treat several different vascular diseases, and common procedures include leg angioplasty and stenting, peripheral bypass surgery, carotid endarterectomy and abdominal aortic aneurysm repair.

If you experience pain or ulcers in the legs, or if you have blocked arteries in the abdomen or the neck, you may need to see a vascular surgeon. If vascular diseases are left untreated, you may encounter risks, such as losing a limb. If left untreated, some conditions may also result in an aneurysm or stroke and can be fatal.

For more information, call 1-800-548-2394.

# East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department



St. Patrick's Day Dinner.



Children's Easter Egg Hunt.

The winter months have been very busy for the members of the East Haddam Fire Department involving community events, training, and emergency calls. Firefighter EMT's and EMR's responded to dozens of ALS medical calls as part of the R-1 service provided to the town as well.

Firefighters fulfilled multiple required training sessions: yearly ice/cold water rescue, Hazardous Materials refresher, and Bloodborne Pathogen training, along with quarterly SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) training, and Rapid Intervention Team training. EHFDF personnel continue to make strides with state certified training as well. Over the last several months, four members have

become certified to the State Fire Instructor 1 level, and seven members have become Certified Emergency Medical Responders. Currently, three members are enrolled in State Certified Fire Officer 1 class. March 23-25th, five fire department officers participated in the Connecticut Fire Officer Weekend at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. During that time, officers participated in a multitude of advanced executive leadership and operations courses. The National Fire Academy is the premier federally operated fire and emergency management training facility in the United States.

Additionally, the fire department held a

couple of annual community events, including a St. Patrick's Day Dinner and the Children's Easter Egg Hunt. Even with a reschedule due to winter weather, our St. Patrick's Day had a sell-out crowd! The Easter Egg Hunt was also a success with 80+ children participating.

Have you ever given thought to becoming a volunteer firefighter? We are always looking for residents who want to give back to their town. Whether you have aspirations of being an interior qualified firefighter, fire ground support, or Fire Police, we have a position for you. Reach out to us through Facebook, or stop by the Town Street Firehouse any weekday from 6:00 am to 4:00 pm for an application.

# News From the East Haddam Ambulance Association

A special savings account has been set up at Liberty Bank in Moodus to pay for East Haddam Ambulance Association's Narcan supply. A generous donation was provided by an anonymous member of the community as a start-up. The money will enable our community members to have a "second chance" when they suffer an opioid overdose.

Narcan is an intranasal medication (Naloxone) that reverses the effects of an opioid drug overdose. To prevent death, however, Narcan must be administered right away if you think there are signs of an opioid overdose emergency.

## Signs of an opioid overdose may include:

- Unusual sleepiness and you are not able to awaken the person with a loud voice or by rubbing firmly on the middle of their chest (sternum)
- Breathing problems including slow or shallow breathing in someone difficult to awaken or who looks like they are not breathing
- The black circle in the center of the colored part of the eye (pupil) is very

small, sometimes called "pinpoint pupils," in someone difficult to awaken

Thus, it is critically important that treatment take place as quickly as possible. To that end, Connecticut encourages habitual drug users to carry Narcan with them at all times and the state also offers training in its administration to all emergency room personnel and first responders such as the Ambulance Association EMTs. Studies have compared treatment by trained personnel to that provided by bystanders indicate that the odds of recovery are much greater when the drug is administered by professionals. (It is also true, however, that any treatment - even if by bystanders - is better than none at all.)

In Connecticut more than 1000 people died of drug overdoses 2017. In the first two months of 2018, each week more than 150 people have been treated by Connecticut first responders and emergency room personnel (80 of whom in Middlesex County). East Haddam is not immune to the opioid overdose issue and

has already suffered the shattering losses of loved ones. Making sure that trained personnel are not only ready to respond rapidly to emergency calls but who also have ready access to Narcan is critically important in meeting what many consider to be an opioid epidemic.

There is a need for ongoing contributions by individuals or local businesses to this "second chance" fund. Anyone who wishes to make donations can do so by sending them to Lynn Woodward, Treasurer, East Haddam Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 17, Moodus, CT 06469. For questions, call Lynn Woodward at 873-1800.

The East Haddam Ambulance Association is very grateful for this special fund that can meet the ever-increasing costs of this medication and appreciates the readiness of our community to actively address this tragic problem.

Please call 911 immediately even if you just suspect a case of drug overdose. You may save a life.

## What you NEED to know about Cataracts

There are different types of cataracts, but the most common cataract is age related. Some patients will see halos around lights, suffer from glare at night or in bright sun, or other visual disturbances. This is natural progressing eye condition, in fact, cataract surgery is the most common surgical procedure performed world-wide! The internet makes it very easy to find information about cataracts; however it is difficult to differentiate the fiction from the facts.

### WHAT EXACTLY IS A CATARACT?

As we get older, the natural lens inside our eye becomes cloudy causing blurred vision, which cannot be corrected by glasses.

### WHO IS AT RISK?

Risk factors include: age, family history of cataracts, diabetes, eye

injury, smoking, radiation treatments, and exposure to UV rays.

### ARE CATARACTS PREVENTABLE?

Some ways to slow progression of cataracts are to eat healthy, get a complete eye exam yearly, and wear sunglasses with 100% UVA & UVB protection.

How can I treat cataracts? There are a few ways to treat cataracts, including the latest advancements in eye care technology to our region and the implantation of premium lenses during cataract surgery. Using the LensX laser, surgeons have the ability to customize the procedure to achieve the best visual outcomes.

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# Essex Printing Has Just Won Seven More Awards!



That's right! Essex Printing has just recently been awarded seven more awards by the Print Industry of New England (PINE). That makes 20 awards in the last 6 years. The awards not only underscore the consistent quality of the company's work but they also exemplify the diversity of its services.

For example, the 2018 awards are for the following: calendars, a product catalogue, a services catalogue, a program/playbill, holiday cards, and a soft cover book. More importantly, the awards represent Essex Printing's commitment to its customers. Together, we can make great things happen. Previous awards have included brochures, marketing materials, pocket folders, invitations and programs, art books, and catalogues.



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# Garden Club

Members enjoyed a visit to Lavender Pond Farm last summer.



**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL PLANT & BAKE SALE**  
Our biggest fundraising effort of the year, our annual Plant and Bake Sale, will be held alongside the Historical Society Tag Sale at 264 Town Street on Saturday, May 19, beginning at 8:00 am. We usually end around noon. We know you'll be pleased with the lovingly cultivated flowers and vegetable plants, shrubs, and saplings from our members' gardens. We will have a selection of houseplants, annuals and garden ornaments/pots/etc. as well. All proceeds support Civic Beautification, school programs/awards, and other civic activities. Take the opportunity to talk to club members and get their advice on growing what you buy. We have shade and sun loving plants, and the baked goods are some of the best you'll ever taste. Prices are reasonable, so please join us!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

On May 16, the Club will tour the Torrey Life Sciences Biodiversity Greenhouses at UConn at 10:00 am (no charge). If you are interested in joining the Garden Club, this is an excellent opportunity to see what we are all about and meet members in a casual atmosphere while enjoying lunch afterwards at Dog Lane Café in Storrs (payment on your own). We carpool from the

Senior Center at 8:45 am. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

June begins our new Program Year. We have an exciting lineup for the 2018-2019 year, beginning with a "Native Plant and Fern Identification" hands-on workshop presented by Club Member Martha McLaud Tonucci on June 20 at 11:30 am at the Grange Hall. This is another wonderful opportunity to meet members if you are considering joining us. Refreshments will be served, and our members always provide a delicious and beautifully appointed spread. Let us know if you plan to join us.

## GARDEN CLUB INFO

The East Haddam Garden Club is a fun loving group, dedicated to Our Mission, which is:

- To stimulate the knowledge of gardening and related activities
- To aid in the conservation of natural resources in order to preserve our heritage while promoting civic beauty in our community
- To assist in educating the youth in our community on matters relating to our purpose; and
- To promote charitable activities in our community

We currently have over 40 members. New members are always welcome... attend one of our monthly programs or two, and get to know us. After attending 2 programs, fill out an application, pay the annual dues, and welcome to the Club! Check out our Face Book page or call Maureen Gillis at: 860-287-6228 or any club member for more information. Members are expected to participate in civic beautification projects (Goodspeed Green, Shagbark Triangle, Blue Star Memorial), our annual Plant and Bake Sale, serve on one of our committees, and participate in other projects. Our monthly Program Year runs from April-December and we generally meet the third Wednesday of the month at 11:30 am (exceptions: March and October are usually evening meetings open to the public and the November meeting is held the Monday before Thanksgiving, when we make arrangements for the Food Bank and the December meeting is holiday luncheon held early in the month).

# Conservation Commission: Take a Hike Through History

If you have hiked any our miles of marked and mapped trails through East Haddam's town-owned preserves, you know that they're famous for exceptional birding in spring, beautiful foliage in fall, and great views any time of year. Did you know, though, that a visit to town preserves can also be a hike through history? East Haddam's human and natural histories are written on the

landscapes of our open spaces. Take for example a walk to the highest point in the Davison Walking Park. As you look out over the vista to the west, you will be standing where spotters from the Ground Observer Corps stood during World War II, searching the skies for enemy planes. Search the rock outcropping nearby for a geodetic survey marker, a small engraved bronze-colored disc placed

there probably in the 1930s in the effort to include our town in a nationwide survey. And hike anywhere in our many preserves to see the stone walls so carefully laid up by our forebears in the 18th and 19th centuries as they cleared the stony ground for pasture and crops. You will be reminded of our town's rich agricultural past. It's often hard to believe that the forests you hike through



were once a farmer's field. If you know what to look for, you can sometimes find the traces of an old cellar hole, and you can close your eyes and imagine the dooryard and outbuildings that made a homestead there. In spring, you may find the poignant remnants of lilacs, fruit trees, and myrtle planted by those long-ago families. Visit our Sabine

preserve, and at the junction of the white and orange trails, you will find the cellar hole of the home of a long-ago Cone family.

Traveling back through several millennia, you will find that East Haddam is rich in geological features that belie its location where receding

glaciers left their indelible mark. Take a stroll through the Patrell property and look for an esker, a winding, narrow ridge of sand or gravel, probably deposited by a stream flowing under glacial ice. Glacial "kettles" can be found here too, as well as at the adjacent Boot Rock Preserve. In fact, many of East Haddam's land forms are directly attributable to the glaciers.

East Haddam's open space exists to connect you not just with nature, but also with the rich history that makes our town a special place. Detailed trail maps of East Haddam outdoor opportunities are always available to you online. Just go to the East Haddam town website, click on Town Boards, find the Conservation Commission, and click on East Haddam Trail Maps. If you want to know more about what the Conservation Commission does and how you can be involved, please email Sue Merrow at: Amerrow@snet.net.

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**Your land could be your legacy** - as a place for future generations to enjoy in its natural state or as a preserve with minimal human intervention.

East Haddam Land Trust (EHLT) will help landowners think through the many options available for protecting land in perpetuity. With more than \$2 million in land assets and a committed 12-member Board of Directors, EHLT is a sturdy and well-weathered group in which to entrust your land. We will provide preliminary



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Below: Autumn view of William Jezek Memorial Preserve.



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Imagine future generations enjoying the wildflowers of late summer, breathing the crisp fresh air of an autumn breeze, welcoming the babbling of a brook each spring, or finding wildlife tracks in freshly fallen snows of winter ... just as you have. Or picture your land, preserved in a name of your choosing, as a place where wildlife can exist without constant human intervention.

Either way, your land - the land you love - could be your legacy to generations to come.

## Early Childhood Council

The East Haddam Early Childhood Council is excited to announce that the Family Resource Center is holding Early Learning Play Group. Early Learning Play Group is where children ages birth to age 5 can gather, learn, sing, hear stories and create with others in a play based setting. Playgroup meets on Mondays and Fridays from 10:00 - 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. The Family Resource Center is located in the East Haddam Elementary School, 45 Joe Williams Road, Moodus.




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## Friends of Connecticut State Parks Day at the Capitol



Pictured left to right, Wendy Vincent, Rep. Ziobron and Marguerite Hayber.

State Representative Melissa Ziobron (R-34) celebrated 'Friends of Connecticut State Parks Day' at the Capitol speaking with all the

member groups in attendance. She was thrilled to welcome two in district organizations; Friends of Gillette Castle and Friends of Machimoodus & Sunrise State Parks. All across the state, 'Friends' groups volunteer to protect, support and maintain various state parks and step in where state assistance runs short. Rep. Ziobron has been a strong advocate for the state park and forest system and previously served as President of Friends of Gillette Castle State Park and she spearheaded the formation of the Machimoodus group. As a member of the Environment and Appropriations Committees Rep. Ziobron helped to create the new Passport to Parks program which eliminated all parking fees for Connecticut residents visiting statewide parks and provides a sustainable funding stream through additional vehicle registration fees. This has already led to parks being reopened for camping at Devil's Hopyard State Park, added seasonal staff for trail maintenance and much desired fall camping opportunities at both of Connecticut's premier beaches.

## Huge Annual Tag Sale

Mark your calendars for First Church of Christ, Congregational, 499 Town Street (Route 151), East Haddam, CT Annual Tag on Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Rain or Shine. Come shop for tag sale treasures, delicious baked sale items and enjoy a hot dog or hamburger for lunch. Enter our silent auction. Donate gently used items (*no electronics or exercise equipment*). Drop off Saturday, May 5th and May 12th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Email Karan at [Karancon@yahoo.com](mailto:Karancon@yahoo.com) to reserve space.

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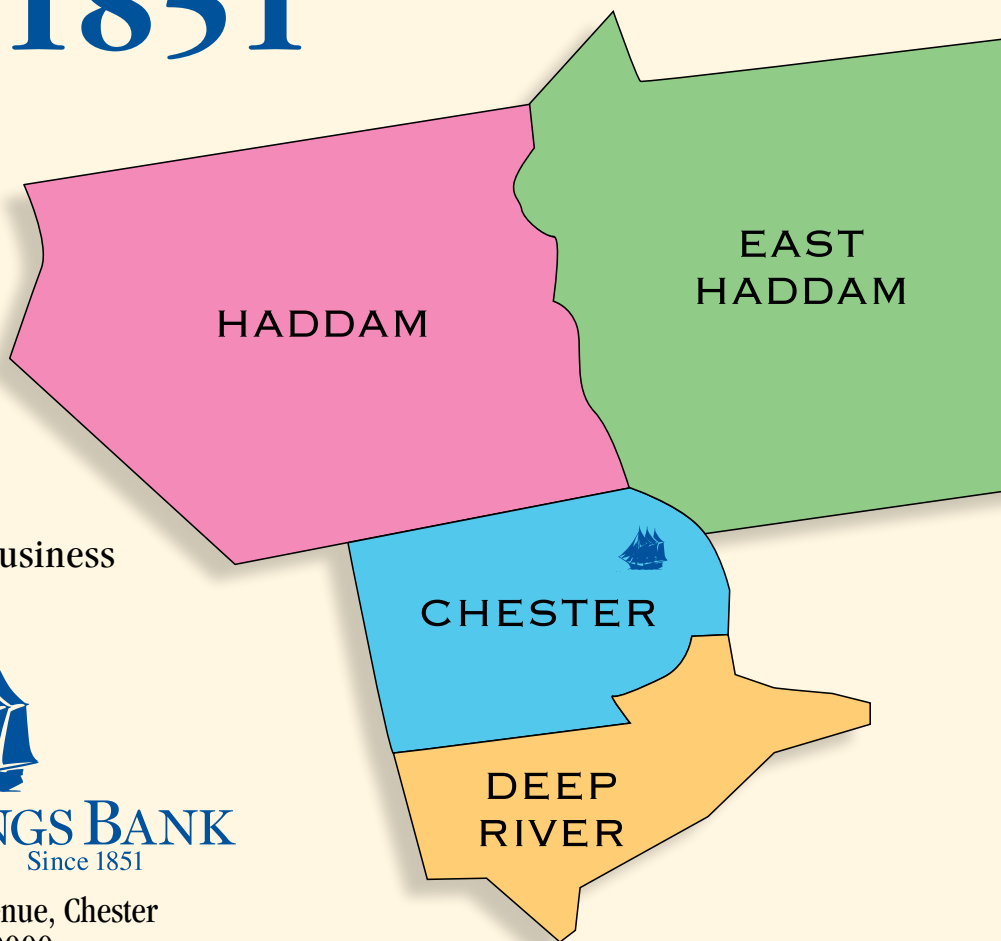
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