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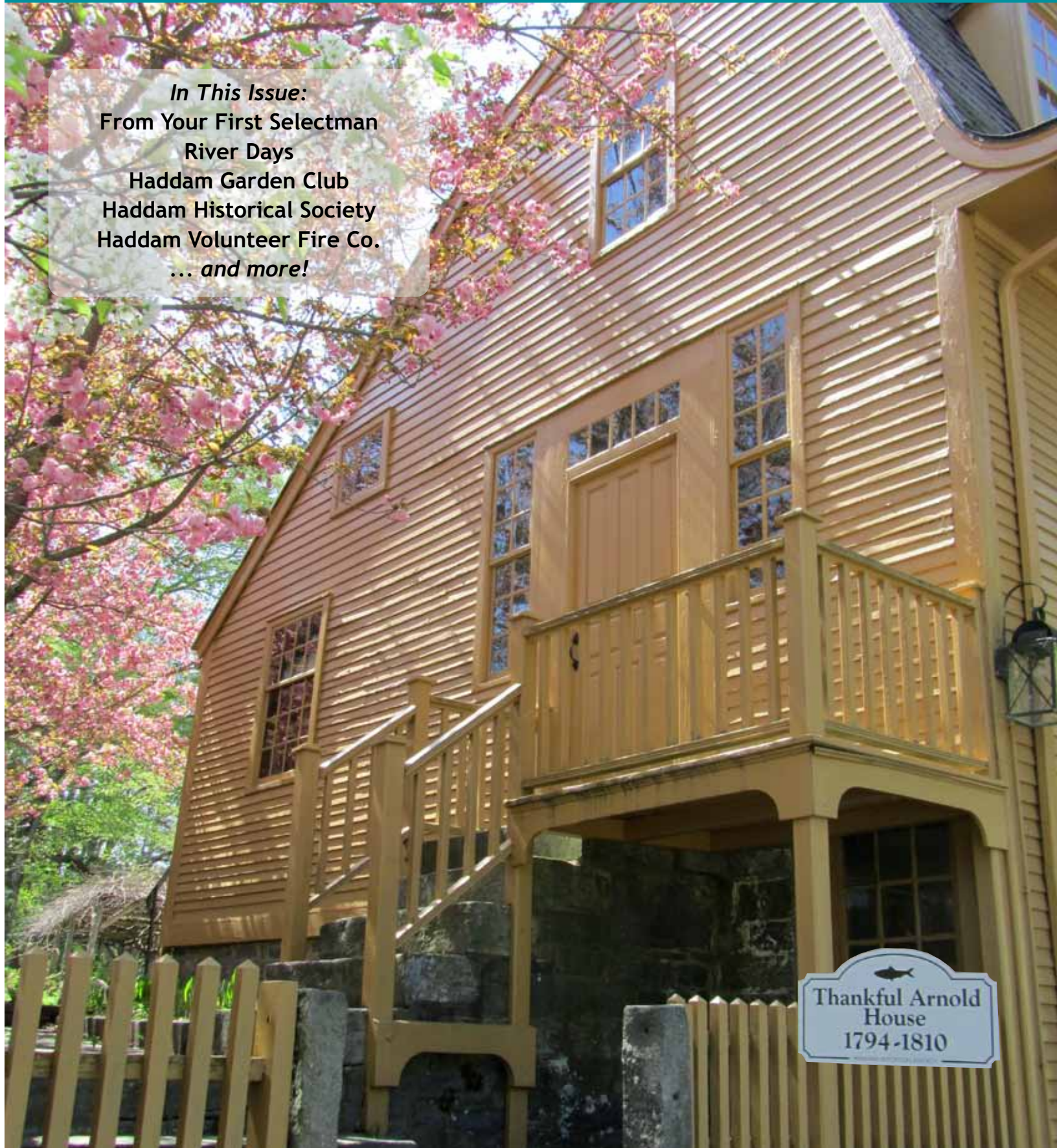
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## From Your First Selectman, Paul J. DeStefano

The age of the two person stand-up comedy team has pretty much come and gone, but I still remember a few of the classic set-ups. One of them came from the great Martin and Lewis team: Dean Martin: "Jerry, what do you like best about going to the dentist?" Jerry Lewis: "Leaving!"

I feel the same way about this year's budget season. To coin a phrase from the famed Tiger Woods when asked about last year's performance, "It wasn't pretty." Thankfully, however, our performance as a town, although wrought with concern and riddled by the ailing economy, prevented the kind of free-fall that plagued the wounded Tiger at the pinnacle of his career. Part of the reason for that, I think, is that we as a town have not yet driven our performance to a level that approached our maximum potential, thus, what we are seeing this year is a tightening of the belt and a temporary step back to gain a better perspective of the future.

It would be easy to drop to your knees and take the 'eight' count like a boxer who just got nailed by a haymaker from the blue. It would even be tempting to roll over on the canvas, close your eyes, and wait for the bell to signal defeat. It isn't unthinkable to be tired of fighting, tired of being backed into a corner, and tired of waiting for a punch from hell to jolt our world into oblivion. Would it be so unforgivable to simply shout "enough is enough," toss your gloves in the ring and say "I quit, let somebody else take the shots for a while?"

Oh, would it ever be that simple; in truth, we all know it is not. It's too late to take the easy way out, too late to hand the battle over to somebody else, too late to give up. But, it is not too late to do what Haddam has done for almost 350 years... get up and fight!

Fighting, however, goes nowhere when there is no purpose or plan. To blindly flail our arms in the dark means nothing if we strike out at ghosts. First, we must assess the threat...truly assess it, look into its eyes, listen to its howls, observe its movements, and calculate a response. Okay, so how do we get there while our heads are still spinning in disbelief? How about we get on our feet, take a deep breath, stabilize our resolve, and try to focus. For us as individuals, that means taking stock of who we are and what is really important to us in this world. For us as a town, it means much the same.

I think one of the first things we have to do is to look at who we are as a town, assess our strengths, and face our limitations head-on. Our town will soon be three hundred and fifty years old. The manufacturing, distribution, and agricultural assets are all but gone now. Town revenues are now primarily derived from property taxes and small businesses. The infrastructure to entice growth is weak, and the financial demands of education and the State Government continue to pressure the bottom line. Many from our older generation live day to day and hope for the best, and much of our younger base looks elsewhere for opportunity. We are left, then, with a hardcore, steadfast, proud band of townsfolk that bend in the wind but refuse to go down. Two hundred years

ago, if a neighbor's barn burnt down, our ancestry would have a new one raised the very next day; today, we watch gutted assets decay. In some ways, we are paralyzed by the immensity of the challenges and the clamor of voices that proclaim that the sky is really falling.

Perhaps, to deal with the challenges, we need to look within and to begin measuring our worth from a different perspective. For the last fifty years, and some will argue even longer, our country, our State, and our town have been floating through a magic field of entitlement. We have come to expect that we deserve to share the fruits of the labors of others without sharing in their efforts to bring those fruits to the table.

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# Middlesex County Camp

**CAMP AGES 7-15**

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[middlesexcountycamp.org](http://middlesexcountycamp.org)

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We have allowed ourselves to become accustomed to watching special interests take charge of our lives as long as we were able to swallow a piece of the pie and satisfy our hungry excesses. In the process, we have become addicted.

If you ask anyone who has recovered from a physical or psychological addiction, they will tell you that breaking the barrier of denial was the first, most important step to their recovery. I wonder just how many of us now, even in the face of calculated proclamation to the contrary, refuses to accept the fact that for most of us, life as we once knew it, is all but gone ... but that doesn't mean we are dead, it simply means that we have to begin living again, this time better.

As a town, that means redefining ourselves. To do this, we must first understand that the definition of who we are is neither right nor wrong; it simply is. The definition of who we want to be is a decision that will come from the collection of our experiences and needs. The key, therefore, is to be sure those elements contribute to the process and do not detract from it. We will need to be objective and unselfish, brave and creative, calculating and patient, and above all be open to a new beginning, the inception of which demands that fertile ground be pollinated with the seeds of diversification. The steadfast core then, must reach out to the newest members of our community to draw from their strength of purpose,

enthusiasm, and hope. The torch of transposition cannot be lit without a spark.

Most of you know I am a proponent for economic development through stronger infrastructure, but any development that is not part of who we want to be is unnecessary, wasteful and dangerous. We have a town Plan of Conservation and Development that requires more attention as we redefine ourselves, as does our zoning regulations. We have a variety of creative civic groups who bless us with their dreams and positive input. We continue to enhance our cadre of commissioners through education and hands-on communication. We have created a network of synergism with neighboring towns to share our strengths. We have established a strong dialogue with State and Federal legislators and demand that our intentions and needs be recognized. These are some of the elements that are helping us to start the engine to propel the process of metamorphosis, but the process will die on the vine like dehydrated grapes in a drought if it is not relentlessly refreshed.

So, as we prepare to take another evolutionary step in this journey into the future of our town, I ask that not only do you help memorialize the wonderful days of our past, but help celebrate the years that lie before us. We have to believe that the future will be brighter, we have to imagine the road ahead and we have to be collectively confident that we are on the right path.

I for one feel truly honored to be part of the process and I look forward to the day when we can look back and say "it was worth the effort."

*Respectfully, Paul DeStefano*

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## Town Clerk's Office

**SPORTSMEN** - 2011 SPORTS LICENSES are available. Additional information regarding regulations, permits, conservation education/firearms safety courses are available on line at <http://www.dep.state.ct.us>.

DEP reminds anglers age 65 and older that the free resident "lifetime" inland fishing, hunting and trapping licenses for individuals age 65 and older became "annual" licenses effective October 1, 2009. All "age 65 and older" free inland fishing, hunting and trapping licenses obtained since October 1, 2009 must now be renewed annually. Additionally, all "age 65 and older" free marine fishing licenses must be renewed annually. Holders of age 65 and older "lifetime" Connecticut inland fishing licenses obtained prior to October 1, 2009 are not required to reregister for a new license. However, should one lose this "lifetime" license, they will need to obtain a free replacement by accessing the licensing system from their home computer, or by visiting a town hall, DEP office or other participating vendor. All individuals with "lifetime" hunting or combination hunting & fishing licenses will need to register themselves in the Automated Licensing System to obtain the appropriate permits and tags along with their unique Conservation ID#. In subsequent license years, this Conservation ID# will be re-used and the free hunting

license will need to be selected annually prior to obtaining permits and tags. For assistance in renewing these licenses, contact DEP Licensing and Revenue at (860) 424-3105.

**Sportsmen Licenses** - Credit Redemption for Licenses/Permits Purchased between October 1, 2009 and April 14, 2010. Town Clerks and Agents cannot process purchase of licenses/permits when redeeming a credit. You must use the form available at [www.ct.gov/dep/sportsmensfeereduction](http://www.ct.gov/dep/sportsmensfeereduction) to purchase by mail, or purchase in person at the DEP facilities listed on the web site.

**REMINDER - DOG LICENSE** renewal is due in June. Please come in and register your dog so that you have the current tag. Our Animal Control Officer will be contacting you if you are delinquent. Fees: A neutered or spayed dog \$8.00 - An unneutered or unspayed dog \$19.00. Kennel License is \$51.00 - Beginning July 1, a penalty fee will be charged for every month a resident is late in registering a dog. Licenses can be mailed once proof of current rabies vaccination and a spaying/neutered certificate are mailed to the Town Clerk at P.O. Box 87, Haddam, CT 06438, along with your fee, and a self addressed stamped envelope.

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**TRANSFER STATION STICKERS** - Transfer Station permits; please refer to Haddam.org for updates.

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We would like to express our condolences to the families of recently deceased Haddam residents:

- Alberta Tuohy 1/2/2011
- Richard Wayne Flanagan 1/11/2011
- Neil Gallagher 1/11/2011
- Jennie A. Sciacca 1/19/2011
- Ann Goff 1/23/2011
- Ronald Donley 1/23/2011
- Warren Hunt 2/1/2011
- Dorothea E. Lydens 2/20/2011
- Charles Watrous 3/12/2011
- James Steven Czepiel 3/19/2011
- Susan Statkiewicz 3/19/2011

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

We congratulate the following on their recent marriages:

- Michael John Loin Jr. / Julie Margaret Schmelzer 1/1/2011
- Peter Frank Razowski / Joy Christine Mlozanowski 1/2/2011
- Daniel Joseph Pittari / Laura Varian Lucarelli 2/2/2011
- Patrick Guerin / Amber Leigh Farrell 2/26/2011

*Ann P Huffstetler, CMC, CCMC, Town Clerk  
 Ann D Riebold, Assistant Town Clerk*

Office Hours: Monday thru Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
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**Assessor's Office Closing**

**The Assessor's Office will be closed**  
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## Haddam Garden Club - Save the Date!

JUNE 11, 2011

Haddam Garden Club is hosting a Historic Home and Garden Tour. There will be seven local homes and gardens featuring a variety of architectural styles and garden delights.

Thankful Arnold House, c.1794, is a wonderful house/museum, home of the Haddam Historical Society. It is distinguished by its gambrel roof with an unusual bell-shaped profile. Visitors will hear the story of the Widow Arnold and the trials and tribulations she faced after her husband's unexpected death in 1823. The house remained in the family for four generations. The garden features over 50 varieties of herbs including those used in cooking, dying, fragrance and medicine.

The Congregational Church Parsonage, c.1845, is one of the best examples of a Greek Revival style farmhouse in Haddam. It was purchased by the owner in 1982 and has been extensively restored, retaining most of the original materials. The current owner, an avid gardener, discovered an old rhubarb patch and began the vegetable garden there. The rustic cedar rose arbors and much of the furniture in the home were built by the current owner. The garden features "fairie houses" in the herb garden and a vine-covered garden.

The Nathan Fuller House, c.1871, is a Second Empire style cottage with a mansard roof. The home is restored to its original luster with a unique coffered ceiling in the study, an orangerie and a gourmet kitchen with a copper ceiling. The gardens have an orchard with heirloom fruit trees. The perennial and herb gardens present a multicolor welcome mat for bees and hummingbirds.

The Steven Smith House, c.1720, retains many original features and has been fully restored. It features wide-board flooring, four fireplaces and is a "saltbox" style. The property is surrounded by 165 acres of bird sanctuary and stone walls. There is a meandering creek with bridges and small waterfalls. There are several garden areas; rose gardens; tree peonies; a secluded pool; and a farmyard area with chickens, a horse and several wandering Guinea fowl. Across from the house is a Colonial style vegetable garden with raised beds made of saplings.

The Orlando Burr House, c.1881 was built by Orlando Burr who began building this Stick-Style Victorian after searching the country to find the perfect house design...and perfect it is! There are soaring ceilings, a fabulous butler's pantry and a cook's dream kitchen. The current owner, an artist, has filled the space with original art and whimsical artifacts. The exterior was recently painted and painstakingly restored by the owners, taking three years. The gardens are also unique with trellises of heirloom climbing roses. A Victorian style post and beam barn anchors the edge of the gardens. A large vegetable garden and orchard are surrounded by sky-high nodding sunflowers.

The William and Oliver Smith House, c. 1770, is a two-story, five bay, center-chimney Colonial. This stunning home was moved back from the street to enjoy the gorgeous views of

Haddam Meadows and the Connecticut River. A recent sunroom addition takes advantage of the lovely views. The present owners have the home filled with spectacular paintings, sculptures and eclectic furnishings. The gardens feature a viewing deck, lovely plantings, a bubbling fountain and unique sculpture.

Increase Brainerd House, c. 1775, is an amalgamation of structures, one of them being the second oldest house in Chester, which was moved to Higganum in 1972. The original house is featured on the bicentennial plate created in Haddam as "the only half-house left in Connecticut". The addition of 36 solar panels on one of the barns in 2007 provides up to 7.1 kw and has brought the 21st century to this home. The gardens have a massive outdoor fireplace, stone walls and paths, as well as countless perennial beds and borders. The most unique feature is the vineyard, RubyBelle Vineyard, named after two of the owner's granddaughters. It is planted with seven varieties of grapes. The owners will be there and will be offering a tasting of their very own wines.

This tour will appeal to all home and garden lovers. Advance tickets will be available for sale by contacting a Haddam Garden Club member or Jackie Landsberg at 860-345-4518. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.



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## Haddam Historical Society



### Upcoming Events:

#### May 12, Thursday

Old House Enthusiasts Group will visit the 1740 Hull-Mudge House on Killingworth Road. Reservations required.

#### May 19, Thursday

Haddam Historical Society Annual Meeting-Surprise Program.

#### June 11, Saturday

Haddam Garden Club Historic House and Garden Tour. The Thankful Arnold House Museum and Wilhelmina Ann Arnold Barnhart Memorial Garden will be one of the properties featured on the Haddam Garden Club's spring house and garden tour. The Arnold House Garden is a member of Connecticut's Historic Gardens and features herbs used for cooking, medicine, dyeing, and fragrance in the early 1800s. Over 50 varieties of herbs are planted in the garden, including many of the ones Thankful Arnold would have used in about 1830. Six additional properties and gardens will be open to public in Haddam and Higganum dating from the 18th and 19th centuries, each surrounded by unique and delightful gardens. The tour will run between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and tickets are \$20. Advance tickets will be available in April. Mark your calendars and save the date.

The Haddam Historical Society will provide gourmet boxed lunches for \$12 on the day of the tour, which will be reserved at the Town Hall at 21 Field Park Drive.

#### June 26, Sunday

Connecticut's Historic Gardens Day. Visit the Arnold Museum historic herb garden or one of the other twelve historic sites around the site from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Visitors can make a "tussie mussie"- a small circular nosegay using herbs and flowers from the garden.

#### Historic Plaque Program

Historic plaques are available through the Haddam Historical Society for buildings 50 years or older. Each plaque will list the date of the building's construction and the original owner or occupant. The plaques are 23.5 x 13.75 inches and are fabricated of Excel® board painted off-white with painted black lettering. The cost of each plaque will be \$200. Also available is a carved plaque and a painted plaque with raised shad. Call the society for pricing.

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## Haddam River Days Sponsorship Drive

As we launch our town wide campaign to continue the Haddam River Days event for this year, we are writing to you because your participation is essential.

In 2012 we will be celebrating the town's 350th anniversary and together with other civic organizations we would like this to be a spectacular and memorable celebration. In speaking with representatives from other towns, their events were made possible through 100% sponsorship from support of the business community and residences. Sponsorships are critical in keeping this event moving forward. Listed below are expenses that we welcome your sponsorship for:

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Please mail your sponsorship donation to Haddam River Days, 30 Field Park Road, Haddam, CT 06438 or contact one of the committee members:

Dawn Tarbetsky: 860-345-2211

Donna Kirkby: 860-345-8411

Alice Zanelli: 860-345-8245

Cecilia Hemsley: 860-345-7376

Jackie Miller: 860-345-7727

## Burning Permits

Any Haddam resident who wishes to burn brush is required to be issued an open burning permit. The DEP permit may be issued for the burning of clean brush, not leaves, conducted by a resident on the property where the resident resides. Burning brush on property being cleared for new construction is not allowed, nor is the burning of construction, demolition or other materials at any time, anywhere, allowed.

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## Looking for a Few Good Neighbors

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The Fire Company responds to approximately 550 calls for emergency service per year. Members meet monthly, and train on average 3 nights per month. Advanced training courses are provided both on-site and in the area on topics such as Emergency Medical Services (EMR and EMT), interior Fire Fighting (Fire I and Fire II), Hazardous Materials (HazMat), emergency vehicle operations and Extrication Technician courses to name a few.

The Haddam Volunteer Fire Company responds to many types of emergencies in addition to fire calls. It holds the State designation as R1, Medical first responding agency for all medical emergencies in town. With trained and certified Emergency Medical Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians living throughout the town, response times are

excellent in order to initiate care within minutes. We work closely with Haddam Ambulance and the Middlesex Hospital Paramedics to provide a complete pre-hospital emergency care system for those in the Town of Haddam.

If there is any type of emergency around a house, from too much water in the basement, to smelling an abnormal odor to checking out a carbon monoxide detector that might be failing - the Haddam Volunteer Fire Co. will respond. Our members are available day and night, 365 days per year, to help our neighbors when they dial 911 in time of need.

"Recruiting is the main focus of our Committee," says Membership Chairman John Kuzminski. "We have a number of openings for people who wish to get valuable training and help their community." New members are provided training and equipment to safely help them perform many tasks from responding to medical emergencies to motor vehicle

accidents and all types of fire related emergencies.

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Anyone interested in becoming a member should contact the Membership Committee either by visiting the website ([www.HaddamFire.com](http://www.HaddamFire.com)) or by calling Station #1 (860-345-4945) and selecting the Membership Committee option on the voice mail system. All inquiries will be provided with needed information to get the application process started.

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**ADULT PROGRAMS:**

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## *Essex Bank Executive Named to New Advisory Board*

Gregory Shook, president and CEO of Essex Savings Bank, was recently appointed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston to a 12 member Advisory Council formed in response to new regulations.

Each Federal Reserve Bank across the country is establishing a First District Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council (CDIAC) in response to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010. The councils will represent the perspective of smaller financial institutions and provide input on the economy and lending conditions, among other issues, according to a statement.

The First District's 12 CDIAC members represent commercial banks, thrift institutions and credit unions with assets less than \$10 billion. Members, which are from each of the six New England states, will meet three times annually.



## *Haddam Shad Museum*

The Haddam Shad Museum will be open on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from April 3rd to June 12th. The Museum, the only one of its kind in the United States, displays the history of shad fishing on the Connecticut River since colonial days. We will be glad to open it by appointment at other times for any groups interested. The Museum

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Last August 15, some 150 people attended a forum, "Where have all the Bats Gone?" held at the Chester Meeting House. Jenny Dickson, Supervising Wildlife Biologist of the CT DEP, briefed the audience on the status of a disease known as White Nose Syndrome (WNS) that has killed over 1 million bats in the US.

The condition, named for a previously unknown fungus, *Geomyces destructans*, first appeared on bats in upstate New York caves in 2006 and has now spread from the northeast to states south and west as far as Virginia and Tennessee and into Ontario, Canada. It is believed that the disease erodes and invades the skin, particularly the wings, of hibernating bats. While scientists have discovered that the fungus responds to some antiseptics, there is no method at this time for curbing the disease and many questions remain unanswered. Furthermore, most bat species give birth to only one pup per year, which means that it is unlikely that affected populations can recover quickly from the devastating effects.

Jenny Dickson has been surveying caves in Connecticut and tracking the mortality rates of bats in the state since the inception of the disease. Connecticut has eight species of the eleven hundred known species of bats in the world, and the two most common here and in much of the northeast are the little brown bat and the big brown bat.

In Connecticut, WNS is affecting the little brown bat and the Indiana bat, which is already on the Federal Endangered Species List. Some fear that the little brown bat faces regional and possibly total extinction. Three of the other species in Connecticut are tree roosting bats, which are not affected by the fungus. Why some are infected and others are not is unknown at this time.

The August meeting was sponsored and built by eleven organizations, primarily local land trusts from the towns of Deep River, Chester, East Haddam, Haddam, Essex, Lynde Point of Old Saybrook, Old Lyme, and Westbrook. The meeting had originally been planned by the Deep River Land Trust as a town event. However, members felt that it was vital to reach out beyond the town and join forces with other land trusts to educate as many people as possible in the Lower Connecticut River Valley, an important area for bats during the summer months when they give birth and raise their young.

As a result of this coordination, posters, informational leaflets and brochures, and even a special "bat bookmark" designed by Maureen Heidtmann of East Hampton were widely distributed, plus the meeting received extensive press and coverage along with information about the WNS crisis.

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Notices were seen at town fairs, farmers markets, in store windows, town halls, libraries, schools, and garden centers, among other places. Organizers believe that the widespread publicity was significant in getting out educational information on bats and WNS to many in area way beyond the number that attended the meeting. This could not have occurred without the joint efforts of all the groups involved.

In addition to land trusts, sponsors included the Chester Conservation Commission; the Connecticut River Gateway Commission, which broadcast the meeting on its Web site; and the Connecticut River Estuary Region (CRERPA) which deserves special mention for laying the groundwork for collaborative efforts among the land trusts.

Since October 2009, Margot Burns of CRERPA has been holding bimonthly meetings of "The Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange," which gives the land trusts an opportunity to discuss common issues, learn about grants and programs of interest, and hear presentations that can aid them in their work. As a result of having this organization in place, CRERPA was able to reach out to the land trusts for sponsorship and organizational support in building the August meeting. The agency was also able to get the word out at town halls and libraries as a result of CRERPA's work with the towns in the region.

The most important point, however is that these bi-monthly meetings of CRERPA have helped the land trusts see

themselves as part of a particularly important region that has issues that must be addressed by all of us collectively from time to time.

We are learning that sometimes we must reach beyond our town and the lands that we manage and join forces for a common good, a larger stewardship- helping to protect the wildlife and natural space that makes up this lower Connecticut River Valley area, known of course as one of the "Last Great Places."

Thus the idea of working together to inform the general public about the plight of bats and the important role they play for humans might have seemed unusual just a few years ago but now was seen as the right thing to do.

What can we do next?

Dickson pointed out that it was important to follow the bats during the summer period to find out if their numbers are decreasing in the areas where they are usually seen and also if the birth rate is being affected by the disease even if the adult bats are free of the disease. The DEP has a program to coordinate site surveys to provide them this information gathered by the public. This is clearly something that groups and individuals can do in our area, which, with its marshes and woodland ponds, provides important areas for bats during the summer months.

At the meeting, a number of people signed up to volunteer. Coordinating the activity of these volunteers and

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working with the DEP can be an important project for individual land trusts this spring and summer. Dickson has also indicated she would report back to us after the winter surveys of caves are completed.

People have also been asking about setting up bat houses. If set up in the proper location, these can provide a permanent location for bats to raise their young, and it makes surveying the colonies easier.

It should be noted that enthusiasm and concern was so high that between individual land trusts and participants at the meeting, \$600 dollars was donated. After expenses were taken out, \$450 was given to the DEP "Nonharvested Wildlife Fund."

Since last August, a central coordinating body, the White-Nose Syndrome Executive Committee, has formed, co-chaired by the US Fish & Wildlife Service with other governmental organizations as well as representatives from Canada and Mexico. The committee will provide the cooperative leadership necessary for implementing a national plan and providing grants for targeted research. It will bring together the various scientific and technical efforts that have been ongoing since the surfacing of the disease.

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*Suzanne Haig, Deep River Land Trust for the Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange*

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