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First Selectwoman's Corner

HAPPY 2019!

I would like to recap some of the events and improvements that have occurred this year and make note of some of the projects we have going forward in the New Year!

TYLERVILLE WATER

This project has gone from funding, engineering, permitting and now to construction! Coastline Construction has been hired to install the water main and hookups for the properties covered under the consent order. We anticipate starting on Little Meadow Road and Eagle Landing and once we have DOT approval this spring we will start on Route 154 and 82 simultaneously. Hopefully this construction season will be dryer than what we experienced in 2018.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The town crew did a tremendous job on the road work needed last season despite the wettest fall on record. Injun Hollow, Cove and Landing, McTigh and Christian Hill will be completed in 2019 and I will ask the Board of Selectmen to fund the amount needed to work on Quarry Hill, along with other roads that were identified by the VHB survey as there are still funds available under the bond.

Dublin Hill Bridge will be done this spring and there will be a very long detour in place. The engineers are aware of the

inconvenience of this project and we are working to accommodate bus schedules and local residents. In advance I am going to ask for patience on this project as when it is complete the job will be well worth it.

I am going to request funds for repairs on Beaver Meadow as part of the town capital projects for this year as we can qualify for the state local bridge program. We have had to place weight limits on vehicles and this is a heavily traveled road and needs immediate attention due to significant amount of rain we have had this past year.

CELL PHONE TOWERS

I have been notified that there is a carrier interested in pursuing a tower in Tylerville on private property and one of the town sites that was approved at town meeting. As of this writing I do not have anymore information however I was told by the developer we are very close! This has been a project that so many have supported and I want to thank all who signed the petition on this matter.

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Lizz Milardo,
First Selectwoman

The advertisement for Saybrook Home features a large logo with the letters 'SH' inside a square frame. Below the logo, the text reads 'SAYBROOK HOME' and 'EST. 1977'. At the bottom, it says 'Furniture | Fashion | Lifestyle' and provides the address '2 MAIN STREET, OLD SAYBROOK, CT' and phone number '860-388-0891 | SAYBROOKHOME.COM'.

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HIGGANUM CENTER AND HADDAM ELEMENTARY

I have received numerous calls and emails from residents along with meeting and talking to many of you on this topic. I represent everyone on this issue, some want to save money on the school budget and agree with closing a school and others want to pay additional taxes to keep HES open. The one thing that most of you agree on is the economics of our center and this issue I recognized immediately when the Board of Education announced the closing of the school. This is why the infrastructure committee was formed, an economic development coordinator was hired and a market study of the center was done in conjunction with the Scovil Hoe Project.

Numerous businesses call the town to look into relocation to Haddam (especially engineering firms to work with Pratt and Whitney) and as soon as they hear "well and septic" they move on. I have been approached by business owners that want to expand but they cannot due to the limitations of the septic. This is a problem for Higganum Center and has been for over 25 years. The town needs to make a decision once and for all on this and I plan for that vote to be in 2019.

Looking Forward to 2019!

Lizz Milardo, First Selectwoman



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Tax Office

GREETINGS FROM THE TAX OFFICE

The January installments for Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle Supplemental bills are due by February 1, 2019. The second installment for Real Estate, Personal Property and the full Motor Vehicle Supplemental bills are due by February 1, 2019. We accept postmarked dates from the Post Office. You can use the pre-addressed envelope that came in the July bills. Payments can still be sent to the Town of Haddam, 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06438. And as always, if you want to come in and see us, Tracy and I will be taking payments in the office. Please make checks payable to The Town of Haddam.

We do not mail out bills for the second installment for Real Estate or Personal Property (business) bills. If you need a copy of your bill go to Haddam.org and search under Pay Taxes Online. You can print a copy of your original bill, pay a bill or see when a payment was made. You can always call, email or stop in for a copy.

Supplemental Motor Vehicle bills were mailed the beginning of December. We were able to get them delivered a few weeks earlier than normal. This does not change the due date. They are still due by February 1, 2019.

If you bought a house, paid off your mortgage, or changed escrow companies after July, please confirm with them on who is going to be paying the January installment.

Credit card payments can be made in the office or online. We do not take payments over the phone. A service fee of 2.95% for payments made with a credit or debit card will be applied to all card transactions. An electronic funds transfer can be set up online from a checking account for a flat fee of \$1.50. If you are paying online, you will receive an email confirmation that your payment was made. If you do not receive one, or you're not sure if your payment went through, please give us a call before you try again. Online payments have to be manually processed in the office and will not reflect on our website for a few days. Any payments postmarked after February 1, 2019, will start to accrue interest at a rate of 1.5% a month from the original due date of January 1, 2019. To help keep interest down, partial payments can be made at any time. If you would like to have a receipt mailed to you, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope and include a phone number.

The Tax Collector's office is open: Monday - Wednesday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, Thursday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm, and Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. You can contact Kristin Battistoni - 860-345-8531 X 207 or via email at: taxcollect@haddam.org. and Tracy Thompson - 860-345-8531 X 206 or via email at: taxclerk@haddam.org.

Kristin Battistoni, CCMC, Haddam Tax Collector



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Assessor's Office

News and Deadlines

IMPORTANT APPLICATION DEADLINES FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

State of Connecticut Homeowner's (Circuit Breaker) and the Town of Haddam Senior Abatement Program -The application period for these exemptions is February 1, 2019 to May 15, 2019. Persons who file must be 65 years of age or totally disabled. Please call the Assessor's Office at: 860-345-8531 Ext 213 or 226 to make an appointment or to discuss your qualifications.

Additional Veteran's Exemption - The application period for Additional Veteran's exemptions is February 1, 2019 to October 1, 2019. Please call the Assessor's office at: 860-345-8531 Ext 213 or 226 to make an appointment or to discuss your qualifications.

Proof of income is required when filing for the above programs. Income includes all taxable and non-taxable income as well as social security income.

Exemption forms for the Totally Disabled and for the Blind are available in the Assessor's Office. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call us at 860-345-8531, ext. 213 or 226.

REPORTING ADDRESS CHANGES IS CRUCIAL TO TAXPAYERS!

It is imperative that you report any change of mailing address to the Assessor's Office. The mailing address on the Assessor's records is what is used for all tax bills and other correspondence such as assessment information, assessment appeals information, etc. Not only is this information used by the tax collector but it is also used by the land use office, building department, selectman's office and other departments.

We have come across many circumstances where the mailing address on record has been incorrect. These incorrect addresses may result in interest penalties and other charges imposed by the Tax Collector's Office due to the claim that no tax bill was received. Non-receipt of a tax bill, does not negate your liability to pay the bill including any interest or penalties. Therefore, we are trying to spare our residents any problems which may arise from an incorrect mailing address.

Remember, if you move, your mail is only forwarded by the post office for 6 months. In some cases, because the tax bills aren't generated until the following July, your forwarding address has expired leaving the Tax Collector with no current address. According to Connecticut General State Statute we are only obligated to send it to the latest known address.

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Unfortunately, an incorrect address does not eliminate your liability to pay the bill, including all interest and penalties.

If you elect to receive your mail via a post office box, please note that we are unable to access that information through the post office or any other means, so PLEASE inform our office immediately of any change of that type.

Another important point regarding mailing addresses is that if your taxes are paid by your mortgage company we may not have your current mailing address because the bill is forwarded to

them for the life of the mortgage. While this may not affect your tax bill during the mortgage period once the mortgage is paid off or ended we may not have your proper address if we are not notified of any change. In addition, it will affect any other correspondence directed to you.

If you are unsure of your current mailing address, you may call the Assessor's Office to verify the address that we have on file.

Tammy Anderson, CCMAI, Assessor
Deborah Copp, Assistant Assessor

Board of Assessment Appeals

From January through March of each year, a window of opportunity opens for those of you who disagree with the town's assessment of your property. This is the time when you may apply to appear before the Board of Assessment Appeals, who will decide whether your particular assessment should be adjusted. Here's what you need to know.

WHEN YOU WILL NEED TO APPLY:

Applications will be available at the Assessor's Office or online beginning in mid-January. Please note: The Assessor's office will be closed on President's Day, which is on Monday, February 18, 2019.

Your completed application must be received in the Assessor's Office by February 20, 2019.

WHEN THE HEARINGS WILL BE HELD:

The Board of Assessment Appeals will hold hearings in March of 2019. You will be notified of the date and time of your appointment via letter. If the appointment is inconvenient, the Board will try its best to accommodate your schedule.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO ATTACH TO APPLICATION:

You should bring any evidence that

supports your position, i.e., a recent appraisal (not bank appraisal), invoices, contracts, photographs, maps, letters, etc. In addition, the Board may decide to schedule a site visit to see the property first hand.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

An Action Letter with the Board's decision will be sent to you within 1 weeks of your hearing.

SEE YOU IN MARCH!

Jo Ann R. Woickelman, Chairman,
Tanya B. Moirarity, Craig Salonia

Winter / Spring Programs at HK Recreation

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is offering many fun and exciting programs this winter and early spring. The brochure is posted on: www.hkrec.com. Online registration is available at: <http://hkrec.recdesk.com/recdeskportal/>. For more information please call: 345-8334.

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Messy Mondays

Mondays, 10:00 am, beginning January 28 or April 1

Pee Wee Soccer

Wednesdays, 3:45 pm, starting January 16, March 6 or May 1

Nature Class

Wednesdays, 10:00 am,

January 16 - Furbearers; February 6 - Squirrels;

March 13 - Spring Rains

Science Outreach

Wednesdays, 1:15 pm,

January 30 - Magnets, March 20 - Crazy Science,

April 24 - Fossils

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Skyhawks Soccer & T-Ball

Tuesdays, 3:45 pm, starting May 7

Young Chefs of HK

2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, 6/5 at 4:15 pm at the HK HS

Engineering Workshops

Tuesdays at KES, Wednesdays at HES or Fridays at BES; 3:30pm, Feb./March/April/May Sessions

Creative Art

Mondays at KES; Tuesday at HES; Wednesdays at BES; 3:30 pm Jan./March/April Sessions

Archery

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, starting March 6 or May 1 at HK High School

Zumba® Kids

Thursdays at KES beginning Jan. 24, Fridays at BES beginning January 11 or Thursday at HES beginning March 28 at 3:30 pm

Field Hockey Fundamentals

Wednesdays, 5:30 pm, starting May 1

Corkum Baseball Clinic

Monday and Tuesday, April 15 and 16 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Gymnastics

Tuesdays at BES; Fridays at KES 3:30 pm, beginning in March

Skyhawks Basketball for gr. K-1

Tuesdays at BES, 3:45 pm K, 5:00 pm Gr. 1 or

Thursdays at BES, 3:45 pm Gr.1, 5:00 pm K, starting Jan. 8

Science Outreach

Wednesdays at HES; 3:30 pm

January 30 - Magnets, March 20 - Crazy Science, April 24 -Fossils

Thursdays at KES; 3:30 pm

January 31 - Magnets, March 21- Crazy Science, April 25 -Fossils

Ultimate Frisbee

Thursdays at 5:15 pm, starting April 25 at HK High School

Horseback Riding

Tuesdays or Wednesdays at Greyledge Farm; 5:45 pm (ages 6 -12)

or 7:00 pm (ages 13-16); beginning February 26

Swim Lessons

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:00 pm starting January 17,

6:00 or 6:50 pm starting in February

Wrestling & Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:15 pm beginning January 8 at the

HK Middle School

Karate Kids

Mondays at HES; Wednesdays at KES; 3:30 pm, starting

January 14 for 16 weeks

2nd Grade Basketball

Saturdays, 10:30 am, starting January 19 for 6 weeks

UKI Indoor Soccer

Tuesdays at HES; Mondays or Fridays at KES; 3:30 pm starting January 8

Play-Well LEGO® Intro to STEM

Mondays at BES beginning February 25 at 3:30 pm

When I'm in Charge

Wednesday, January 16 or Thursday April 4, at 5:45 pm at the HK HS Lower Media Center

Wizard's School of Magic

Fridays February 15 at HES; March 15 at BES; April 5 at KES 3:30 pm

Babysitting Course

Thursdays, beginning January 31, 5:45 pm, or Wednesdays, beginning March 27, 5:45 pm at the HK HS Lower Media Center

Robot Explorers

Tuesdays at KES; Thursdays at HES, beginning January 22 for 5 weeks, 3:30 pm

Skyhawks Sunday Flag Football

Sundays at HK High School, beginning May 5, 9:00 am

Electronic Creepy Crawlers

Tuesdays at KES; Thursdays at HES, beginning March 12 for 5 weeks, 3:30 pm

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Lego My Lego

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Parent/Tot Swim and Pre-School Swim

Tuesday & Thursdays starting in May

Ice Fishing

Sunday, January 27, 12:00 pm at Killingworth Care Center

Canvas & Cupcakes

Friday, March 22, 6:00 pm at HK HS Cafeteria

Sparkling Sip & Paint

Friday, March 1, 6:00 pm at HK HS Cafeteria

Canvas & Cupcakes... Teen Edition

Friday, March 29, 6:00 pm at HK HS Cafeteria

February and April Vacation camps

Held from 7:00 - 6:00 pm at the HK HS. Specials include Dinosaur Adventures, Tuesday, April 16, 1:00 pm at the HK HS

Auditorium. Teens can take fencing, lifeguard training, and crossroads driving school. Many adult programs include fitness yoga, Zumba®, dog obedience, indoor pickleball, pottery, adult paint night, adult horseback riding, aqua aerobics, semi-private swim lessons, basic boat course, adult/child/infant CPR, senior exercise and senior swim.

Excursions that will be offered include UConn Women's College Basketball - UConn vs USF at Gampel Pavillion (1/13); Creative Cuisine at the Culinary Institute of America (4/9). The HK Rec. Dept. also has discounted tickets to the CT Science Museum.

For more information about any of our programs, please call the Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department at: 860-345-8334 or visit: www.hkrec.com.

Brainerd Memorial Library Youth Services Programs

Children's Programs

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Preschool Storytime takes place every Tuesday at 10:30 am. Join us for themed stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. Appropriate for children ages 2 to 5, but siblings are always welcome.

SATURDAY STORYTIME

Can't make preschool storytime during the week? Join us on the first Saturday of every month at 10:30 am for stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. Appropriate for children ages 2 to 5, but siblings are always welcome.

MUSIC WITH MARGIE

Music with Margie will meet on the following Thursdays in January: the 10th, 24th, and the 31st at 10:30 am. The theme for January is "Rhymes and Circle Dances." In February, Music with Margie will take place on Thursday, February 7th and the theme is "Friendship." In March, Music with Margie will meet on the

following Thursdays: March 14th and March 28th. The theme for March is "Windy Days and Things That Fly." Margie's multi-sensory program builds skills on a bi-weekly basis, in order for children to reach the developmental goals they need to enter kindergarten. Margie brings items for children to play with such as beanbags, scarves, puppets, and instruments. Music with Margie is appropriate for children ages 2 to 6.

TODDLER TUNES

Toddler Tunes is a music and movement program for toddlers and their caregivers. Join us to sing nursery rhymes, dance, make music, and read a simple story. Ms. Kelly brings musical instruments. In January, Toddler Tunes will take place on the following Thursdays at 10:30 am: the 3rd and the 17th. In February, Toddler Tunes will meet on the 14th, 21st, and 28th. In March, Toddler Tunes will meet on the 7th and the 21st. Appropriate for children ages 1 to 3, but siblings are always welcome.

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LEGO™ CLUB

Like playing with Legos? Come build with us! Each month will feature one unique theme and one free build. Lego creations will be put on display until the next session. Lego Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Appropriate for children ages 5 and up.

PEPPA PIG PARTY!

The Brainerd Children's Department is having a Peppa Pig Party to celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day! Join us on Saturday, February 2nd from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm for Peppa Pig stories, crafts, snacks and a visit from a special friend! It'll be more fun than jumping in muddy puddles!

Young Adult Programs

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Is back for the school year! What can your library do for you? Join BML's Teen Advisory Board to find out! The TAB will

meet on Thursdays January 17th, February 7th, & March 7th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Voice your ideas for improved young adult (YA) services, help plan YA events and activities, help develop the YA collection, and assist with children's programming. Participation counts toward community services hours and looks great on college and job applications! Contact Kristen at: kcarpentier@brainerdlibrary.org or call us at: 860-345-2204. It's your library... make a difference! For tweens and teens grades 6 to 12.

CUPCAKE LAB

No competition, just fun! We provide the cupcakes and decorating supplies, and you decorate them to create unique cupcakes. Each month has a new science based theme! This month's theme is Entomology (the study of insects)! Cupcake Lab will take place on Thursday, January 24th, February 21st & March 28th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. For tweens and teens grades 6 through 12.

Brainerd Memorial Library Adult Programs

AN EVENING WITH POE

Saturday, January 19th

6:30 pm

Actor Campbell Harmon brings the Master of the Macabre, Edgar Allan Poe, to life on the writer's 210th birthday for an after hours evening of thrills and chills at Brainerd Memorial Library.

Hear stories and poems like the The Tell-Tale Heart and The Raven by Poe. Learn about the author's life, his tragic love, his mysterious death, and his profound influence on American literature. Campbell Harmon will dispel the myths that have surrounded his legacy to show how Poe's works continue to affect us today.

THE CONNECTICUT 169 CLUB

Book Talk with Marty Podskoch

Thursday, January 31

6:30 pm

On Thursday, January 31 at 6:30 pm, the Brainerd Library will host a book talk and signing by author and historian Marty Podskoch on his new book, *The Connecticut 169 Club*:

Your Passport and Guide to Exploring Connecticut. The new travel book encourages travelers to visit all of the 169 towns and villages of our beautiful and unique state.

Marty has created the book to be a guide and a passport. Podskoch recruited someone from each town to write a short description highlighting their town's location, history, and interesting places to visit. Elizabeth Malloy, Executive Director of the Haddam Historical Society, has written the chapter on Haddam. Podskoch did this because local residents knew more about their town than he did.

The book has a space for travelers to journal about their experiences and a place to get the book stamped or signed by a resident or business. Travelers will get to know the locals and perhaps learn about a good place to eat or an interesting local attraction. In this way they get to know a lot about Connecticut and its residents.

For more information please contact: Laurie Irving-Gardner, Brainerd Memorial Library at: 860-345-2204.



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The Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD)

The Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD) is offering FREE Radon test kits to homeowners. Radon is a naturally occurring, radioactive gas released in rock, soil, and water formed from the breakdown of uranium.

Levels in outdoor air pose a low threat to human health. However, radon can enter homes through surrounding soil, foundation cracks, private water supply wells, and thus become a health hazard inside buildings.

Radon does not cause symptoms and you cannot see or smell radon gas. An elevated radon level in your home may affect the

health of you and your family. Breathing in radon gas over prolonged periods may damage lung tissue. In the US, exposure to radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that radon causes more than 20,000 lung cancer deaths in the country each year. If you smoke and your home has radon, the risk of developing lung cancer is much higher.

Radon has been found in elevated levels in homes in every state. High radon concentrations can occur sporadically in all parts of CT. Two homes right next to each other can have different radon levels. The only way to know if you have an elevated

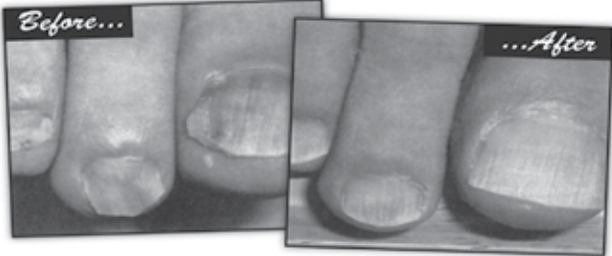
radon level above the EPA action level of 4 pCi/L is to test your home's indoor air. Radon levels vary seasonally and tend to be higher in the winter months; therefore its best to test from November to March when your house is closed up. The EPA recommends that homes with radon levels at 4 pCi/L or higher be reduced. However, any amount of radon exposure can pose some health risk.

For more information on obtaining a FREE test kit, call CRAHD at: 860-661-3300. Additional information is available at the CT DPH Radon website: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Environmental-Health/Radon/Radon-Program>.

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23rd Annual Old Saybrook Chili Fest



Parthenon Diner took home the "Judge's Choice" Award last year for their "Chili-Chili-Bang-Bang" shredded buffalo chicken chili. Shown are John Sousoulas, owner, with Sue Mallory and Kylynn Kirk.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 2, 2019 for the 23rd Annual Old Saybrook Chili Fest, when Main Street will be lined with chili competitors vying for the highly coveted title of "Best Chili."

Chili Fest is a much-anticipated winter event, attracting nearly 3,000 visitors. The money raised from Chili Fest supports multiple charitable causes. The first is the C. Wilfred Hunter Memorial Scholarship, awarded by the Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce to area students pursuing college or post high school education. Additionally, the top three winners earn a donation to their designated charity. Over the years, this event has generated more than \$50,000 for the community.

The Chili Fest competition is open to the community. Professional chefs as well as non-professionals compete for votes, with the public casting ballots for their favorite chili. In addition to the popular vote, a panel of independent judges will conduct a taste test and announce the "Judges Choice" Award. Applications and instructions for entering Chili Fest may be found on the Chamber web site, www.oldsaybrookchamber.com/chili-fest.

Tickets are \$10 and serve as a voting ballot. They may be purchased at ballot stations along Main Street and at the Chamber office at 1 Main Street the week preceding the event.

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Portraits of Beethoven: Celebration Concert

Vista Life Innovations, a community based program dedicated to supporting individuals with disabilities in achieving personal success is partnering with Project: Music Heals Us to present the third event in a series of three, Portraits of Beethoven: Celebration Concert. This event is generously sponsored by the Danielle Rose Paikin Foundation.



Taking place at The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center in Old Saybrook, this event will explore the music and life story of Ludwig van Beethoven through storytelling and music as performed and spoken about by the Solara Quartet.

As an individual who overcame many obstacles - including significant disability - during his life, the lifeworks of

Beethoven show what is possible to achieve with perseverance and determination - concepts that mate perfectly with the core philosophy of Vista Life Innovations.

The event is scheduled for 7:00 pm on February 20th at The Katharine Hepburn

Cultural Arts Center. To purchase tickets, please visit The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center's website at: katharinehepburntheater.org. For more information about this event, the three part series or Vista Life Innovations, contact Jessica Lillge at: 860-399-8080 ext. 269.



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For further information call Lisa at Haddam Historical Society call: 345-2400 or contact@haddamhistory.org.

Events Presents - SAYBROOK HOME

A new look and name for Saybrook Country Barn

Family owned and operated retailer, Saybrook Country Barn, located in Old Saybrook, CT has a new name for its longstanding retail location. It will now be known as Saybrook Home. A cornerstone of Old Saybrook (located at the foot of Main Street), the 41-year-old business, owned and operated by the Bolles Family, has continued to evolve as one of the area's largest shoreline retail destinations for the home. It started as a 4000 square foot home and barn. Today, it boasts 42,000 square feet of retail shopping, sprawling between 2 buildings featuring fine quality furniture, home décor, exquisite gifts, hardware & lighting, unique area rugs, custom window treatments and a large selection of designer men's and women's apparel and accessories. Saybrook Home also offers custom interior design consultations and personalized shopping experiences by their experienced and professional staff.

"It has been over forty years since my grandmother founded what was originally

the Marlborough Country Barn. She had a simple philosophy for the business: provide great products, with great service, listen to your customers, and live your best life. Well, our customers have spoken and we have listened, which is why we are changing our name from Saybrook Country Barn to Saybrook Home," said Keith A. Bolles, managing partner. "We are excited for our future, and look forward to helping customers Live Their Best Lives for many generations to come."

The new brand, Saybrook Home, achieves that "welcome home" feeling to resonate with existing customers and connect with those of the future. "We wanted to capture the essence of our core values and mission and, at the end of the day, don't we all just feel better when we are at home?" says Cheryl Mader, General Manager at Saybrook Home.

To celebrate the launch of Saybrook Home, the store is dressed and ready for the holidays. From seasonal custom pillows and throws, placed upon today's top furniture brands to favorite designer sweaters and accessories in the apparel



Owners (L-R) Keith A. Bolles, Jane Bolles, Keith Bolles, Sr.

shop, Saybrook Home welcomes you to explore its new brand at their Old Saybrook, CT destination along with a newly designed website saybrookhome.com.

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Middlesex to Rebrand

MIDDLESEX IS MORE THAN JUST A HOSPITAL

Middlesex has grown to include many services located outside the walls of the Hospital. Middlesex has a network of primary care offices, three urgent care centers, five physical medicine and rehabilitation offices and two Cancer Center locations. It offers homecare and assisted living, and the list goes on.

It is often difficult to explain these many different parts and how they all fit under the Middlesex Hospital umbrella, but one thing has become clear. Middlesex's current brand name no longer accurately reflects what Middlesex does and what it can provide.

In an effort to help the community better understand, Middlesex's branding will soon change to include the name Middlesex Health and a new logo that better represents the organization's incredible growth.

Middlesex is one of the few independent nonprofit health systems remaining in Connecticut, and it has evolved and expanded for the good of its patients, becoming a more comprehensive health partner. It's become Middlesex Health.

Middlesex remains committed to the communities it serves, and it will continue to provide the same high quality, compassionate care and personalized service that you've come to expect.

Over the next few months, you will begin to see the new brand name and logo on Middlesex signs and other materials, including staff uniforms and informational brochures. There will also be a new TV commercial, and Middlesex will soon launch a new, more user-friendly website.

A change like this does not happen overnight. The transition will take time to complete. Please be patient.

Moving forward, Middlesex remains a strong, independent health system - one that strives to always be your first choice for health care. Your health is of the utmost importance, and these improvements are being made to better serve you.

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Dr. Robert Ballard - The Race to Save the Human Race by Sigrid Kun



Above center, increasing our oceans' productivity can provide the way to human survival.



Above right, each Nautilus expedition includes scientists, student interns, and educators.

Just back from the last leg of a 7 month-long expedition by his Corps of Exploration, Dr. Robert Ballard was at his Lyme, CT home - busy summarizing the 2018 series of expeditions by his 64-meter exploration vessel, the E/V Nautilus. Yes, he discovered the Titanic in 1985 (old news, he says, of what was actually a cover for a top secret naval operation). Yes, his work caused a wholesale change in how science was taught by uncovering the secrets of plate tectonics and hydro thermal vents (a revolutionary revelation evidencing that sunlight wasn't needed to support life). And the 30-year naval veteran and /geologist/undersea robotics developer/explorer has for so many years revealed to the world human history lost beneath the sea - with over 35 National Geographic television specials and countless books. After 150+ expeditions, starting at age 17, retirement isn't in the works for the 76-year old.

Our Oceans - The Last Frontier

Dr. Ballard's unrelenting pursuit of ocean education and exploration through his non-profit organization, the Ocean Exploration Trust ("OET"), is urgent. There are sobering facts: 95% of the Earth's population lives on less than 5% of the Earth's surface; farmland is being replaced with housing tracts; while 95% of all living space is located in largely unexplored international waters. But 90% of all large, predatory fish have been hunted down and killed. The carrying capacity of our planet is already at the brink. By 2050 we will not have enough food to feed everyone.

The Wichita, Kansas-born explorer explains that the Earth's waters, largely unexplored, are the human race's final hope. "I'm worried about the human race," he says. "The big question is, will the human race survive? The Earth will be fine. The planet is a creature. It was born. It evolves. It will die. It just has a long life expectancy. But there's no Plan B for the human race." The key, he says, is to move from hunting/gathering in the ocean to creating productive waters via deep sea farming - just as society thousands of years ago moved away from hunting and gathering on the Earth's lands and into organized food production. Every Ballard/OET/Nautilus expedition provides vital information as to how our Earth's waters can provide for the survival of humanity. The programs run on

multiple tracks; internships, community STEM and STEAM (to include the Arts) programs, and fellowships. Each ocean expedition includes scientists, student interns and educators as part of the Nautilus corps. The OET website is maintained on a 24/7 basis while the Nautilus is at sea to provide for live communication and interaction. During the last expedition, over 24,000 questions were answered live. Each expedition cultivates a new set of students and mentors (both on and off-board). "The key is to do it wave after wave after wave," he says. To make a difference you needed to reach millions of students.

No Boundaries

Dr. Ballard's message, however, is about more than just the ocean. Life's lessons include understanding one's self. Dr. Ballard is dyslexic. For quite a while, he didn't even know it. It took the book "*The Dyslexic Advantage*" to explain me to me. It was a strange but enlightening experience. Those affected (which is 10% of the population) are often loathe to admit it. To him, it is a gift - an interesting advantage. "I created a dyslexic world that I excel in," he explains. Dyslexia has caused him to rely on visualization and memorization. "It's perfect," he says. "In the sea, it's all dark...it's pitch black. But the water goes away and I see everything." He recalls a dive in 1986 to explore the Titanic. Everything went wrong. No sonar. No tracking. Landing 12,000 feet below surface in the mud, there were no signs of the Titanic to the other crew members. "It's over there," pointed Ballard. And, indeed, the Titanic was.

Dr. Ballard is also a keen proponent for empowering women. As he puts it "males as top leaders is by their design." Empowering women, he maintains, is a key to saving the human race. Accordingly, he mandates that 50% of his team be comprised of women.

Where Do We Go From Here?

Dr. Ballard is a problem solver - from 15 years spent restoring an earlier home to jigsaw puzzles (even when the 1,000 pieces are the same shade of blue, with no border pieces, holes in the puzzle, and extra pieces just for kicks.) But he doesn't have the ultimate answer. Will the human race survive? "I am a realist. The Earth is becoming aware of us and deeming us as a threat," he observes. "We still have time but indications are we are going in the wrong direction." What can we do? "Look at the first 12 feet around you. Look at what you are doing," urges the avid recycler. "Leave things better than you found them. That's what my grandmother taught me."

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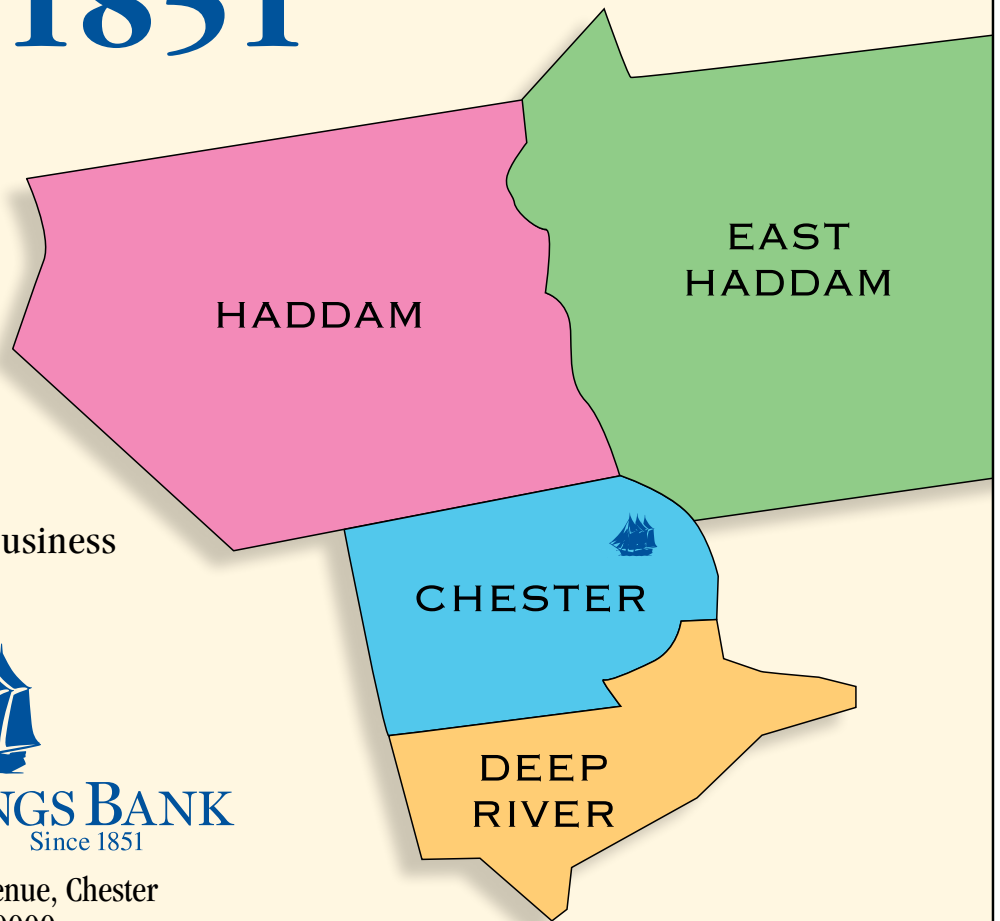
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