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BML holds packed reception for local politicians and public

By Scott Brinckerhoff

A standing room only crowd attended Brainerd Memorial Library's recent informal reception for local area officials and residents on Dec. 6, 2019.

The late day event, which included a lavish spread of finger foods brought by volunteers, gave officials an opportunity to speak briefly and chat with townspeople.

State Reps. Christine Palm and State Sen. Norm Needleman and Haddam First Selectman Bob McGarry were among those who spoke. They emphasized that their doors are always

open and they welcome visits, phone calls or written communication from local residents.

They also said they appreciated the role the library is playing as a hub for community activities.

Library Director Tom Piezzo said the library looks forward to hosting future community events of all sorts and he welcomes suggestions from patrons. "Clearly, there's a great deal



of support from the public for these kinds of events and as the library con-

Local officials at the Brainerd Library reception, left to right: Tim Teran, Board of Finance; Peter Sonski, Board of Education; Ken Wendt and Marge DeBold, Zoning Board of Appeals; State Sen. Norm Needleman; State Rep. Christine Palm; Peter Baird, Board of Finance alternate; First Selectman Bob McGarry; and Dave Challenger, Board of Finance.

tinues to improve its physical facilities, we plan to play a key role," Piezzo said.

HVFCo hosts kids' christmas party

By Kathy Brown

More than 125 local children attended the Haddam Volunteer Fire Company's annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019. The fire company has been holding this event for more than 50 years. Volunteers worked more than 12 hours preparing for the party, according to Olivia Drake, the HVFC Public Information Officer.

Santa rode in on a fire truck, and Chief Sam Baber welcomed him to the Fire Department. Santa greeted all of the families, and then the children had a chance to sit on Santa's lap, and get a photo taken. All children who attended received a gift from Santa, and cookies and refreshments.

"Hosting the annual Children's Christmas Party is a longtime tradition for the Haddam community," said Fire Police and Christmas Committee Chair, Malcolm Meyer. "It's always a joyous occasion for both the children and their families, but also for members of the company and auxiliary. Some of the members of the committee have been doing this for more than 40 years! When Santa arrives on the engine, it's a joy to see the look on the kids' faces."

Family members had a chance to participate in the basket raffle put on by the HVFC Auxiliary, which raised more than \$200 to offset the costs of the party.



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Higganum Center Revitalization – Advice for a 90-day Play

By Sharon Challenger

Despite the holiday rush, many people in Haddam were eager to hear the results of plans for the development of Higganum Center, on Wednesday evening on Dec. 11.

The meeting led by Town Planner, Bill Warner and members from Mullin Associates, Inc. was held at the Haddam Fire House on Saybrook Road on December 11, 2019. There were at least 100 residents in attendance. The presentation began with an introduction by First Selectman Bob McGarry. He thanked all who were present, and all who had attended the previous charrettes. He told us that he had gotten a chance to have a “sneak peek” at the final report and thinks we have some great opportunities

going forward.

Town Planner, Bill Warner then spoke about how the consulting team spent the past 45 days going through the maps, lists, and charts that were created in the two previous charette meetings. They were looking for a consensus on what residents are looking for in the revitalization plan for Higganum Center. He spoke about the importance of a 90-day agenda beginning January 1st. Now that the data has been collected, analyzed, we must figure out how we “can jump start the process.”

Mr. John Mullin spoke briefly about the history of the project and the conclusions he and his Associates came to. For those who could not attend the meeting, the Power Point presentation can be found

here: https://www.haddam.org/sites/haddamct/files/uploads/final_presentation_-_12-11-2019.pdf

Mr. Mullin explained why the 90-day agenda is most important. In his experience, when towns fail to move forward, it is because they hire firms for advice, and then fail to act on the recommendations. That is why it is crucial to focus on the most important issues and begin working on them within 90 days.

Haddam has many historical assets, and Natural gems, i.e. the Connecticut river, the Cove, Swan Hill. All these sites can be attractive to both residents and tourists. He mentioned the fact that we have several trails that are unknown or ill defined. With some effort, we could make better use of them.

Residents agreed that they want Higganum Center to maintain a “village like” quality. In order to accomplish this, we need to make the center friendly to pedestrians. We will need better landscaping, lights, and connecting sidewalks which will help make a safer environment for pedestrians.

The consensus in both workshops was that we need to develop the septic system on the HES property. Without this, Higganum center will not see much progress. We must take the steps to move this forward so that the project is “shovel ready.” Plans must be in place with details regarding the costs so the work can begin without endless delays. This will make it more attractive to developers to come and want to invest in the center.

The key issues Mullin and Associates focused on were:

HES – The consensus was that residents want the school to be in use. Possibilities were for it to be used as a school, or a commercial kitchen, or a community resource for meetings. If a private school is interested in HES, Mullin suggested that First Selectman Bob McGarry set up a meeting to discuss the plans. If we want to set up a Community Kitchen, the U.S. Economic Development Agency promotes Commercial Kitchens in small towns and there is money available that we could have access to.

Town Garage – There was a disagreement on what the consensus was on this subject. Some in town feel that it needs to be moved while others think we should keep it in the center. If kept in the center, it would need to look nice and sited in the back of the property. Mullin recommended that we take a hard

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In & About The Haddams: December 1919 National News

Selected from the pages of The Middletown Press and lightly annotated by Sally Haase

Heatless Days Again? Washington, Dec. 02, 1919:

The coal situation is becoming serious with fewer miners at work today since the strike was called. It is believed there will be a gradual closing down of unessential industries and even "heatless" days may be put it force again.

Ignores Peace Treaty. Washington, Dec. 02, 1919:

Completely ignoring the peace treaty and featuring the nationwide unrest as the big issue now before the country, President Wilson's anxiously awaited message to the sixty sixth congress was read before both houses today [as the President was still too ill to attend.] Declaring the absolute need of a program to bring about an improvement in the conditions of labor and that the government must recognize the right of collective bargaining and the right to strike, the president urges the United States to put its house in order by considering the difference between capital and labor.

Senate Inquires Into Wilson's Health. Washington, Dec. 04, 1919:

Desire of some members of the senate to inquire into the condition of the president has met with disapproval from the leaders. One plan was to have the naval affairs committee call upon the president's physician for information. Another was for the appointment of a committee to wait upon the president.

Visit Sets Fears At Rest. Washington, Dec. 06, 1919:

The republican leaders who forced the issue and demanded the appointment of a committee called upon the president today. The impression was undoubtedly growing in the country that a clique about the president was running the country, a sick room coup; that he was a very sick man, much sicker than his entourage dared even intimate, and that while he reposed on his sick bed, protected against visits of even his cabinet, a coterie was "governing" in his name. The statesmen, after their visit, admitted with utter confidence in the ability of president to handle any situation which might be brought to his attention.

Alsace-Lorraine Returned To France. Paris, Dec. 08, 1919:

When in 1871 M. Gambetta read to the national assembly the news that Alsace and Lorraine had been torn from France by Germany [and yet] affirming the unalterable determination of the



provinces to remain loyal to the motherland despite German annexation there was born a movement and spirit which inspired Frenchmen for two generations in the heroic struggle for redemption of the lost territory.

The long tragedy ended today with the return of the provinces to France when Parliament formally announced they had been reconquered by France with the help of the allies and the United States.

Senate Passes Immigration Bill. Washington, Dec. 10, 1919:

The senate foreign relations committee laid down a policy of restricted immigration which was passed by the senate without a roll call immediately after it was reported from the committee. The sentiment was that congress should co-operate to aid the government in barring "reds" from this country, as well as deporting those identified with bolshevistic, I.W.W. and similar movements. Criticism of the administration's policy in dealing with "undesirables" accused the department of labor of "inactivity." "We provide the money and pass laws to regulate immigration and deportations but the administration will not enforce them," Senator Ones said. "I hope the department of justice will proceed faster than the department of labor," he added, [suggesting the transfer of jurisdiction.]

Next President Must Be Ladies' Man. Washington, Dec. 12, 1919:

To pick the next president of the United States, look for the candidate who appeals most to the imagination of the women. This is advice straight from Mrs. George Bass, chairman of the woman's bureau of the National Democratic committee.

President Walks About His Room. Washington, Dec.

13, 1919: President Wilson has sufficiently regained his strength so that he is now able to walk about his room and the White House. When he takes his daily airing in the White House grounds, however, he is in a rolling chair.

President Issues Call For Census. Washington, Dec. 15, 1919:

President Wilson issued a proclamation calling upon citizens of the United States to answer fully and truthfully all questions in connection with the fourteenth decennial census beginning January 2. [The proclamation reads in part:] The census has nothing to do with taxation, with military or jury service, with the compulsion of school attendance, with the regulation of immigration or with the enforcement of any national, state, or law ordinance. There need be no fear that any disclosure will be made regarding any individual person or his affairs.

Schools of Bolshevism Here. Washington, Dec. 16, 1919:

Discovery of schools of bolshevism in the United States modeled closely after those established by Lenine in Russia have been made by agents of the department of justice. In these schools the principles of bolshevism and anarchy are taught to children of Russian and other immigrants with prizes awarded for proficiency. Classes are held in some secret meeting hall or house, where the young are taught that all organized government is tyrannical and oppressive.

Drugs Not Alcohol Fill Jails. New York, Dec. 18, 1919:

Since the beginning of the Great Drought - July 1 - crime in New York City had increased alarmingly and the number of drug addicts arrested has almost quadrupled more than offsetting the drop in the number of arrests for intoxication. The only way to check the increasing consumption of drugs is to bring about the international control of the drug situation.

Next President Must Be A Business Man. Washington, Dec. 22, 1919:

A business man for president and the price of bread and meat as the one great issue of the 1920 campaign will be the winning admit both parties. The entire country is yearning for "the good old days."

Reds On Their Way To Russia. New York, Dec. 22, 1919:

Somewhere at sea today the sealed orders under which the United States transport sailed with 249

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The Connecticut Man Who Saved Christmas During World War I

By Phil Devlin

Alfred Carlton Gilbert first came to Connecticut from his native Oregon at the age of 18 in 1902 when he arrived at Yale University. The impact that he made in New Haven — first as an athlete and then as an inventor and as a businessman — was immense. Nevertheless, he will be best remembered as “the man who saved Christmas” at a time when both the country and the world needed the spirit of Christmas to cope with the horrible reality of millions dying in World War I.



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As an accomplished athlete, A.C. Gilbert set a world record for consecutive chin-ups — 39 — in 1900. He also set two world records in the pole vault; in fact, he won a gold medal in the pole vault in the 1908 Olympics in London!

In the year after the Olympics, Gilbert founded the A.C. Gilbert Toy Company in 1909 in the Westville section of New Haven, not far from the Yale Bowl. At first, Gilbert manufactured items used by magicians. Soon, however, his company evolved into an enormous producer of toys, spurred on by his ingenious inventions and the immense popularity of the Erector Set — first introduced to the world in 1913. It was inspired by looking at the rails of the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company.



The invention and production of the Erector Set in New Haven was significant for a number of reasons. First, it is believed to have been the first toy that was widely advertised in print media. Second, its enormous popularity made Gilbert by far the largest employer in New Haven, bringing about 3,000 to 5,000 jobs to the city for decades. In fact, the Gilbert Company was among the first companies in the United States to provide a benefit package for its employees.

Though the company later expanded to produce small appliances as well as chemistry sets, trains, and

microscopes, the Erector Set was its most popular and profitable product, bringing joy to the kids who loved to play with it. As a matter of fact, much to the delight of A.C. Gilbert, the Erector Set was actually used (most appropriately) by two Yale New Haven doctors — William Sewell and William Glenn — in 1949 to build the first artificial heart pump. Furthermore, as seen in the recent movie about Dr. Jack Kevorkian called “You Don’t Know Jack” with Al Pacino, Kevorkian’s first assisted suicide machine employed an erector set.

A.C. Gilbert himself took great pride and joy in making toys for children. The title of his autobiography published in 1954 — *The Man Who Lives in Paradise* — hints at the happiness that Gilbert derived from his work. In fact, it was this delight he took in making children happy that drove Gilbert to argue against the Council of National Defense’s proposed ban on the production of toys during World War I.

Arguing that children most need the distraction and joy of play during stressful times, his passionate defense of continued toy production during wartime succeeded, and the press began referring to him as “the man who saved Christmas.” A film dramatizing Gilbert as the savior of Christmas debuted on Dec. 15, 2002, starring *Seinfeld*’s Jason Alexander as Gilbert. Simply called “The Man Who Saved Christmas,” it is a Christmas movie worth watching.

For those interested in learning more about A.C. Gilbert and his inventions, a visit to the Eli Whitney Museum in Hamden is in order. The Whitney Museum houses an extensive collection of the A.C. Gilbert Company’s products including trains, microscopes, chemistry sets and, of course, his famous erector set. The museum is located on 971 Whitney Ave in Hamden and is closed on Tuesdays. More information can be found by clicking on this link: www.eliwhitney.org.

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December 3 RSD #17 Board of Education meeting synopsis

From the RSD #17 Board of Education Bulletin Board on Facebook:

Tuesday evening, Dec. 3, 2019 was big for the BoE. Some highlights:

Three new board members, Nelson Rivera, Jennifer Favalora and Shawna Goldfarb joined the Board and we voted in new officers: Suzanne Sack as Chair-

man, Peter Sonski as Vice Chair, Eileen Blewett as Treasurer and Jen Favalora as Secretary.

The Facilities Subcommittee made the case for replacing the deteriorating HS fieldhouse floor (code violation – hazardous materials). The BoE authorized the expenditure of up to \$45,000 to have an architect draw up specifications for submission to

the State for partial reimbursement.

The Superintendent submitted and the Board approved a revised RSD17 Calendar which, requested by the teachers, moves next year's start date from Aug 26 to Sept 2, 2020.

And a newly revised BoE Handbook was distributed.

VALLEY SHORE COMMUNITY TV

Schedule update: Dec. 26–Jan. 1

By Chris Morgan, Public Access Coordinator, Valley Shore Community Television

Comcast Channel 18 – Valley Shore Educational Network

DAILY – 9am & 7pm 31st Annual HKTV Holiday Show
Comcast Channel 19 – Valley Shore Community Television

12/26 – 1:00pm & 8:00pm UMC of Clinton Sunday Service 12/22/19

12/26 – 5:00pm Old Saybrook Meetings

12/27 – 6:00pm Veterans Views of Connecticut

12/27 – 8:00pm Wreaths Across America

12/29 – 6:00pm Deep River Town Meetings 12/10/19

12/29 – 9:00pm The Steve Katsos Show

12/30 – 7:00pm Looking Back with Rhonda Forristall

12/30 – 8:00pm Poetry of Immigrants

12/31 – 4:00pm Clinton Meetings

12/31 – 6:00pm All Politics is Local: Durham

12/31 – 7:00pm Pete Mezzetti Show: CT Forest & Park Association

12/31 – 8:00pm Shoreline Music Monthly: Left On Scarlet Street

1/1 – 5:00pm Haddam Meetings

For the complete schedule and to watch programs online, visit www.vscvt.com.

HK COMMUNITIES

HK's Healthy Communities Healthy Kids Coalition

By Laura Shipman, HKYFS

What is the Healthy Communities Healthy Kids Coalition? A group of community members formed this coalition (formerly the Prevention Council) in 1993 in response to the growing concern about the number of Haddam and Killingworth youth using and abusing alcohol and other drugs. A collaborative effort enhances and strengthens the process of identifying and addressing areas of concern

Why was it created? The towns of Haddam and Killingworth struggle with youth substance abuse. This continues to be an issue with all communities nationwide. The Healthy Communities-Healthy Kids (HC-HK) Coalition seeks to prevent and reduce substance abuse. The Coalition meets monthly and has had several working

meetings where members break into small groups to analyze the local and national data, prioritize areas of concern and plan how they hope to address these areas.

Who is involved? Representatives from all 12 sectors of the community are involved in coalition activities. They include youth; parents; the business community; media; school; youth serving organizations; law enforcement agencies; religious or fraternal organizations; civic and volunteer groups; healthcare professionals; state or local agencies with expertise in the field of substance abuse; and other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse.

Interested in joining, contact Lindsey Lehet at 860-345-7498 ext. 3 or Preventioncoordinator@hkyfs.org

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100 Years Ago

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deported anarchists on board were opened. The orders directed Captain Geo. Hitchcock where to land the undesirables. Friends and sympathizers were under the impression that they would not sail until today and were preparing to go to Ellis Island with food and gifts when they received news that the transport had slipped quietly out of port on Sunday.

Unburied Recovered From War Fields.

Paris, Dec. 24, 1919: More than a year has elapsed since the last gun boomed on the western front yet the ghastly skeletons of allied and German soldiers are still being removed from the rusted maze of barbed wire in northern France. Both British and Australian burial squads are continuing their work in the region that is full of live grenades.

100 years ago, much has changed and, then again, nothing has changed.



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Gout

Gout is one of the oldest diseases known to man, and thought of as a Rich Man's disease, suggesting some demographic and dietary predilections to the disease. Gout if untreated can cause serious joint, and kidney disease. The incidence of gout is increasing steadily and is now the most common inflammatory joint disease seen in adults.

Identification and treatment of gout is important because preventing the formation of urate acid crystals in the kidneys will reduce kidney stones, kidney pain, and disease progression.

There are medications that can increase Uric Acid levels in the blood, and thus trigger gout attack and these include Hydrochlorothiazide, Aspirin, Niacin, Cyclosporine and Levodopa. Black Americans and Maori and Polynesian woman have a greater likelihood of developing gout, due to the decreased length of their kidney tubules. As a general rule, males have a greater likelihood of developing gout.

Interestingly, Gouty attacks are not just related to blood uric acid levels, so increased uric acid levels do not prove diagnosis of gout, and gout can occur with normal uric acid levels, and that is why dietary modifications are insufficient to lower uric acid levels, but diet is important to lessen the trigger of acute gout attack.

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HK Recreation Winter 2020 Programs and Activities, Part 2

By Josselyn Salafia,
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For more information on any of these programs, please call the HK Recreation Department at 860-345-8334 or visit us on-line at www.hkrec.com.

Zumba

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is offering Zumba this winter! Session I will be held on Mondays in the HKHS Cafeteria, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. from January 6– February 24 (No 1/20, 2/17). There will be a second session from March 16 – April 27 (No 4/6). The fee is \$42 each session. Non-residents can register for an additional \$10. Participants can drop-in for \$10.

Zumba is Latin inspired dance/fitness craze sweeping the world. Fusing hypnotic Latin and other international rhythms with easy-to-follow moves, Zumba is a one-of-a-kind dance fitness class designed to burn calories and get your energy pumping. There are no complicated moves to learn and you don't need the coordination of a pro. Zumba is not only great for the body, but is also great for the mind. It's a "feel happy" workout. Stretching, abs and toning will also be added. Join the party!

Skyhawks Basketball (Gr. K-1)

Skyhawks basketball breaks down this exhilarating sport into fundamental skills that all athletes, no matter their skill level, need to succeed. Coaches will lead the athletes through fun games and exercises, focusing on ball handling, passing, shooting and defense. There is no pressure — just lots of fun while these young athletes participate through unique Skyhawks games. Our coaching staff is trained to meet the specific needs of young children and is committed to helping them start off on the right foot as they venture into athletics. This program will be held on Tuesdays, January 7 – February 11 (no 1/21) from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. (K) at Burr Elementary School Gym. There will be a second session on Thursdays, January 9 – February 6 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. (Gr. 1). There will be a third session on Thursday, March 12 – April 16 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. (Gr. 1) and from 4:45 – 5:45 p.m. (K) at Burr Elementary School. The fee is \$90 for Sessions 1 & 2 and \$79 for Session 3 (non-residents add \$10).

2nd Grade Basketball

The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department is offering 2nd Grade Basketball on Saturdays, January 18 – February 29 (No class 2/15) from 10:30 – 12:00 p.m. at the Haddam Killingworth Middle

School gym. The fee is \$75. Non-residents may register for an additional \$10. This is an instructional program to teach 2nd grade boys and girls the fundamentals of basketball. Skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting, & defense will be taught. This is a great way for young players to prepare for the youth league.

Indoor Soccer (Gr. K-3)

The program is being held on Mondays at Killingworth Elementary School gym from January 13 – March 2 (No 1/20, 2/17) and March 23 – May 4 (No 4/6). A session will be held at Burr Elementary School on Fridays January 10 – February 14. The program is held from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. The fee is \$75 each session. Non-residents may register for an additional \$10. Young athletes will learn the basic fundamentals of soccer with some fun drills, skills, and small-sided game. Please wear sneakers and shinguards. Conducted by the UK International Soccer Camps.

Mindstorms Robotics

Join in on the fun creating robots that move and turnaround. This class uses technology to bring your creation to life. Session 1 will be held Tuesdays January 21 – February 25 (no 2/18) at Killingworth Elementary School and Session 2 will be held on Thursdays January 23 – February 20 at Burr Elementary School. Both sessions will run from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. (1:05-2:30 p.m. on 1/21). The fee is \$103 each session and non-residents may register for an additional \$10. Please bring a snack.

Ice Fishing

The Connecticut Aquatic Resources Education (CARE) Program will introduce you and your family to the sport of ice fishing. State Certified Instructors will teach you everything you need to know about getting started. You'll learn all about the sport as well as safety, equipment, proper clothing to wear, fish identification, and winter pond ecology. The class will be held on Sunday, January 26 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Classroom) 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. (Fishing if safe conditions) at the Care Center, 364 Rt. 80, Killingworth across from Chatfield Hollow State Park. The fee is \$10 (non-residents add \$5). Fee is for administrative services.

When I'm in Charge

American Red Cross "When I'm in Charge" class will be held on Wednesday, January 15, a second session will be offered Thursday, March 12 from 5:45 – 7:45

p.m. at the HKHS Lower Media Center. The fee is \$26. Non-residents please add \$5. The course is for students ages 9 and up, and is designed to teach kids how to be responsible when at home. Topics include internet safety, gun safety, family communications, sibling care, basic emergency care & confidence building.

Swim Lessons (Children and Adult)

Classes are conducted at the HK High School Pool. Lessons meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Session 1 is from January 16– February 11 Children's Swim Lessons (ages 4 and up) is from 7:00 – 7:40 p.m. and Adult Semi-Private Swim Lessons are from

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LEGAL NOTICES

HADDAM LEGAL NOTICE

Legal Notice is hereby given to the Taxpayers of the Town of Haddam. The second installment for Personal Property, Real Estate and the total Supplemental Motor Vehicle bills on the October 1, 2018 Grand List becomes due and payable on January 1, 2020 with a grace period to February 3, 2020. After the grace period, if still unpaid, the bill becomes delinquent and is subject to interest from the original due date at a rate of 1.5% of such tax each month. A minimum interest charge of two dollars would apply to all delinquent taxes. Payments may be made to the order of TOWN OF HADDAM and sent to TOWN OFFICE BLDG., TAX OFFICE, 30 FIELD PARK DR., HADDAM CT 06438-1196 or use the preprinted envelope supplied with the first installment. If receipt is desired, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope and a phone number and mail to the Tax Office. Payments may also be made in person at the Haddam Tax Office room 202 or on our website Haddam.org. Office hours: Mon. through Wed. 8:30AM to 4PM; Thurs. 8:30AM to 6:00PM; Fri. 8:30AM to Noon. Call 860-345-8531 x 207 with questions.

Haddam Tax Collector Kristin Battistoni, CCMC

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that there will be a caucus of all enrolled Republican electors of the Town of Haddam on January 8, 2020 at Firehouse #1, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum, Connecticut at 8:00 PM to endorse candidates for the Republican Town Committee.

Samuel Crum
Chairman, Haddam Republican Town Committee

The Town of Haddam shall endeavor to post its Legal Notices with the Haddam News publication. In the event that the weekly publication cannot meet the Town's statutory requirements, the Middletown Press or Hartford Courant shall be utilized to meet said statutory deadlines. Courtesy copies will be published to Haddam News that may or may not be timely. The Town's website is: www.haddam.org.

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HK Recreation Programs and Activities

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7:50 – 8:30 p.m. The fee is \$75/ \$60 with pool membership / and \$85 for non-residents each session. \$5 Sibling discount for the second child.

Guitar With Charles

This exciting 6 week long class is led by a professional guitar teacher. Charles has been playing guitar for 34 years and has 19 years of professional teaching experience. Students will learn how to read music, play chords, strumming techniques, learn the names of the strings, how to play scales, how to hold the guitar correctly, how to position both the left and right hands, how to count beats, how to play in time, how to read tablature and much more. If you are a beginner looking for an affordable program, than this is it! Guitar purchase available if needed for \$45. Class will be held on Mondays, January 27 – March 9 (No 2/17) at the Haddam-Killingworth Central Office from 4:30– 5:30 p.m. The fee is \$65 (non-residents add \$10).

Crossroads Driving School

Participants must be 16 years old before the start of the first class. Option 1 is a Full Program that includes 30 hours of classroom as well as the safe driving and alcohol program along with 8 hours of behind-the-wheel. The fee is \$565 (non-residents add \$10). Option 2 is a Classroom only option, where participants can take the 30 hours of class, but no driving. Includes the Safe Driving portion. The fee is \$290 (non-residents add \$10). Option 3 is the Safe Driving and Drug and Alcohol Program, which is the 8 hour course that fulfills the requirement of the State of CT for license applicants who took a Home Training Program. This course is required for all drivers, including those who are over the age of 18.

The fee for this course is \$150.

Classes will be held at the HK Central Office A-119. Session 1a will meet on Tuesdays & Thursdays January 7 – February 27 (No 1/21, 2/18) (plus 1/6 – Parent/Student Class, 6:00 p.m. in the HKHS Auditorium) from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. Session 1b will meet on Mondays & Wednesdays January 8 – March 11 (No 1/20, 1/22, 2/5, 2/17, 3/9) (plus 1/6 – Parent/Student Class, 6:00 p.m. in the HKHS Auditorium) from 2:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Session 2a will meet on Tuesdays & Thursdays March 31 – May 21 (No 4/7, 4/9) (plus 3/30 – Parent/Student Class, 6:00 p.m. in the HKHS Auditorium) from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Session 2b will meet on Mondays & Wednesdays April 1 – June 1 (No 4/6, 4/8, 5/13, 5/25) (plus 3/30 – Parent/Student Class, 6:00 p.m. in the HKHS Auditorium) from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

There will be a Safe Driving Program on January 7, 9, 14 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. or January 8, 13, 15 from 2:45 – 4:45 p.m. (plus parent/student orientation on 1/6 from 6:00– 8:00 p.m.), a second session will be offered March 31, April 2, 14 from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. or April 1, 13, 15 from 2:45 – 4:45 p.m. (plus parent/student orientation on 3/30 from 6:00– 8:00 pm) The Parent/Student Orientation is mandatory for both student and parent and will be held in the HKHS Auditorium.

Classifieds

Haddam News will print free classified ads for individuals and non-profit organizations. These must be 25 words or less and written in a publish-ready form. Publication is subject to space availability.

One MacDonough Place earns Best Practice Award

*By Amanda Falcone,
Public Relations Director, Middlesex Health*

One MacDonough Place, an assisted living community owned by Middlesex Health, recently received the 2019 Best Practices Award for Resident Care from the Connecticut Assisted Living Association. The award is presented to an assisted living provider that creates innovative programs and implements unique approaches in the area of resident care that exemplify excellence and are worthy of sharing with others.

One MacDonough Place received this award for its Purposeful Rounding Program. This program is modeled after rounding programs that take place in acute care settings like Middlesex Hospital. The goal for One MacDonough Place's rounding program is to reduce falls and improve communication with residents.

The program was developed in collaboration with Middlesex Health Care at Home and Quinnipiac University's occupational therapy graduate program. Resident care aides were trained on rounding with a purpose by focusing on the following: pain, possessions, potty and positioning. A simulation lab helped to introduce the rounding program. Rounding should ensure that all One MacDonough Place residents have everything they need to be comfortable and safe in their apartments.

To learn more about One MacDonough Place, visit MiddlesexHealth.org/AssistedLiving.

You Can Be Certain of Eternal Life! BY FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST


THE BIBLE SAYS, "I declare to you the gospel...that Christ died for our sins" (1 Corinthians 15:1-3). "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16). "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

"All have sinned..." (Romans 3:23). "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved..." (Acts 16:31). "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men..." (Romans 1:18). "He who believes in Him [Jesus] is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:18-19).

"Those who believe in the Son [of God] have eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him" (John 3:36). "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..." (Acts 3:19). "We know that the Son of God has come...that we may know Him who is true...His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life" (1 John 5:20). "...Repent and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). "...That you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13).

Pray a Prayer Like This

Dear God, I believe Jesus died on the cross to pay for my sins, and that He arose again on the third day. I repent of my sins and ask Your forgiveness. I accept Jesus as my Savior and Lord, and ask that You save me from sin and death. I receive the gift of eternal life by faith in Christ, and I believe my sins are forgiven. Thank You God; in Jesus name. Amen.

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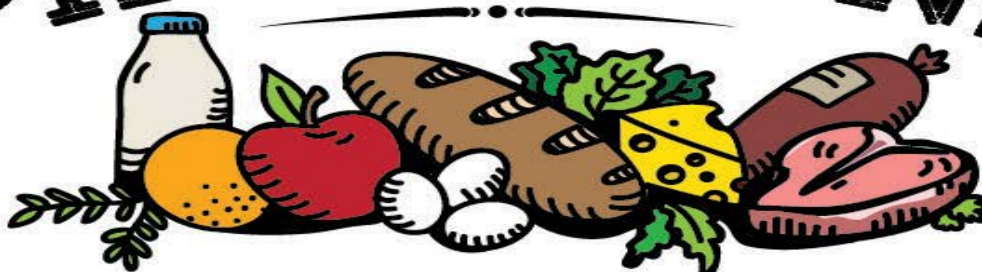
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Higganum Center Revitalization – Advice for a 90-day Play

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look at the possibilities. He and his Associates think that keeping it in the center has merit. They presented three different options for this decision.

Rossi site – It is the “lynch pin” between HES and the Town Garage. This property could be developed, and three plans were presented to demonstrate the possibilities. It has been established that the current site is inadequate, and no decision has been made regarding a new site. Buying the Rossi property would give the town control of what happens in the center regarding any future development. The suggestion was that we may want to take steps to make an agreement to buy the property.

Scovil – Mullin described this site as “a gem,” and said it is crucial to get it on the National Register. <https://savingplaces.org/stories/the-devils-advocate-guide-to-national-register-listing#.XfmQXmRKg7E>

The Scovil buildings could house artists galleries, a theater, makers shops, restaurants and more as suggested in the charrettes. He advised us to investigate applying for a \$200,000 grant, so we can get a work plan in next 90 days.

Higganum Center – Has a lot to offer, but it lacks cohesion. We must consider sidewalks to connect all areas, more green spaces, bump outs along roads to slow down traffic, and easier ways to access each location. Landscape improvements add a lot of value, and money spent on that is always beneficial to towns.

Any improvements made along the streets should be well planned so that all the work is done at once.

Citizens Bank – Mullin suggested we try and meet with the bank regarding their decision not to lease the building. Maybe they will listen to reason. He mentioned the Community Reinvestment Act wherein banks must be responsive to needs of community. If Citizens Bank won't allow us to use the building for other needs, we may have a case to present. Their decision is preventing us from moving forward and we need to address that issue.

Recommended actions we should take during the next 90 days:

Create a detailed map of the center depicting current structures and open land that can be developed. Determine how much more growth we can have without changing the zoning.

Look into the Connecticut Main Street program. <https://ctmainstreet.org/> It is rated #1 in helping

towns and cities. Go to their meetings to get advice on what steps we might take towards improving Higganum Center. They offer education and training on how to analyze core issues in communities.

Businesses should start a Merchant's Association and work together to keep money here. Haddam residents spend around \$16 million each year on food and dining. Of that \$16 million, \$8 million is spent out of town. We need to create a community where we are not losing money to other towns. Keep the money here – that is how we will improve our economic condition.

The meeting was followed by a question and answer session (see video for details). The meeting was taped for Valley Shore Community Television.

In conclusion, Mr. Mullin said the three main matters we should focus on in the 90-day period are: begin the septic system project, work on finding a use for HES, and investigate purchasing the Rossi property.

NEW YEAR 2020

New Year's Day 2020 Hike at Haddam Meadows State Park

By Gail Reynolds

Gail Reynolds, UConn Extension Educator, Chair of the Haddam Conservation Commission, and Officer of the Haddam Land Trust, will be leading a First Day Hike at Haddam Meadows State Park on Route 154 in Haddam from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Please meet at the park entrance, wear warm clothes, and sturdy shoes, and bring water. The ter-

rain is flat and we should walk an easy 2 miles. If there is snow cover on the ground, snow shoes and cross country skis are welcome.

Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Dogs must be well-behaved and leashed. Owners must clean up after their dogs.

This tends to be a large group so no official program will be held although natural features will be highlighted during the walk.

Stormy weather or excessive cold will cancel the hike. For further information contact Gail Reynolds at gail.reynolds@uconn.edu.

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