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Find a Fur Baby: Harry Styles, Hound Mix

By Judith Levin

Harry Styles is all that and a bag of chips!

This adorable 3 month old Hound

mix is looking for a forever home!!

Harry is playful, smart, gets along great with other dogs and is even great about getting his baths/nail trims!!

Check him out today if you're interested!!! He sounds like quite the pup!

<https://www.addicuslegacy.org/product-page/harry-styles>

P&Z votes against demolishing Dublin Hill house

By Sharon Challenger

On Thursday evening September 3, 2020 a Public Hearing was held by the Haddam Planning & Zoning Commission in the gymnasium of Haddam Elementary School. Approximately 26 residents were in attendance.

The key item on the P&Z agenda was as follows:

1. Request for a special permit to allow for demolition of residential structure listed on Haddam Survey of Historical and Architectural Resources. 140 Dublin Hill Rd. Map 06/ Lot 042. Applicant: Tim Brewer

The goal of the "special permit," P&Z Regulation 15A is to have property owners make valid attempts to preserve historic buildings. "The Town of Haddam's ability to protect, preserve and effectively utilize its historical heritage and character for aesthetic, educational and economic prosperity will be enhanced



Dublin Hill House.

by a regulation which establishes a mechanism to discuss the proposed demolition of these unique and significant structures and possible alternatives to demolition." (<https://www.haddam.org/sites/g/>

files/vyhlif4486/f/uploads/historic_preservation_amendments_final_approved.docx.pdf)

During the course of the evening the owner of the property presented a number of architectural drawings for the property and discussed the numerous reasons why the Commission should grant his request for a special permit to allow for demolition of the building.

Some problems/concerns cited by owner are the excessive cost it will take to improve the home. As it stands today, the building needs new heating and plumbing systems, kitchen and bathroom installations, and a new septic system. In addition, the chimney needs to be removed, and a water barrier at cellar floor needs to be installed to stop water infiltration.

Mr. Brewer feels that the required investment to the property is disproportionate to the value.

At the close of Mr. Brewer's presentation, the

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Killingworth Helping Hands Food Pantry responding to the times

By Genie Dethloff

The Helping Hands Food Pantry, in realizing that the need for food assistance has increased during these difficult times, has added set hours for food pickup by Killingworth residents. Food pickup is curbside on Thursdays from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at 242 Route

81 (on the circle). Pantry food is available for weekly pickup, if needed. Orders will consist of a pre-packed selection of nonperishable foods staples, with extras as available – portioned to fit your household size . Special dietary needs or food requests will be filled if available.

To place an order and to let the pantry know ahead of time that you are coming, call 860 663-1765

ext. 401 or email helpinghands@kwoc.org. If you can't make the designated hours, food pickup is still available by appointment – leave a phone message or email. Delivery is also available for those who are homebound. All information is confidential. The pantry is now manned by volunteers from the Killingworth Women's Organization (KWO). To learn more about the KWO see their website www.kwoc.org.

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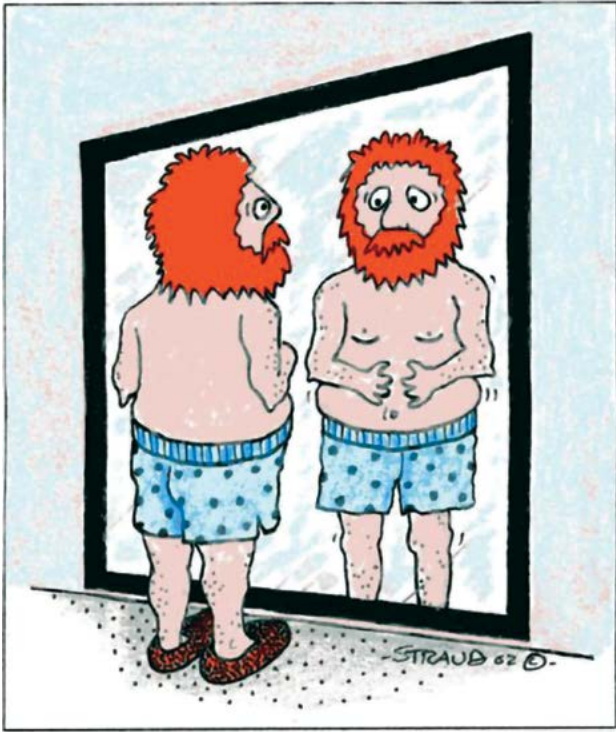
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Why is the Brainerd Library building still closed?

By Tom Piezzo

We're glad you asked. The primary reason: We're in the middle of a long-planned renovation, and supply delivery delays have made the premises unsuitable for patron visits until completion. But once that's done we have a wonderful new library to unveil.

We can all look forward to, among other things, an easily accessible lower entrance and parking area with enhanced lighting, along with newly designed children's, meeting and technology spaces. Meanwhile, please use our digital resources, including Zoom and video programming.

And remember, we offer touch-less pickup service. Simply call (860-345-2204) or email us (library@



Brainerd Library renovation.

brainerdlibrary.org) with your requests for up to 10 items per library card. We will get back to you with a time when you can come to the library and get your materials in our vestibule in a safely packaged bag.

The pandemic has forced all of us to change the way we live in ways large and small. We'll continue to update you on our progress, and look forward to the day when our newly enhanced Library will be open to all for browsing our collection, using our technology, and taking advantage of meetings and programs, in person.

NEWS OUR REGION

9 Town Transit news for the fall

Fare Collection Resumes Nov. 1

Fare collection and front door boarding will resume on all services on November 1st. Passes will be available for purchase at area Stop & Shop locations beginning October 15th. Mobile tickets are available for purchase now at www.9towntransit.com or in the Token Transit app. Please have your cash fare, ticket or pass available beginning November 1st.

New Passes Available

We now offer 1 and 5 day passes only in our new mobile ticketing app, Token Transit. 1 day passes are just \$3.50, the cost of two trips, and 5 day passes are only \$14.

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Token Transit lets you buy one trip at a time or

purchase 10 ride, 1 day, 5 day, or 31 day passes. Not sure how much you'll ride? Purchase one trip at a time and be automatically upgraded to the best value! For example, purchase and use two single trips in a day and get upgraded to a day pass.

Need to send someone a bus pass? Visit www.9towntransit.com [1], enter their phone number and payment info and a pass will be sent to their mobile phone.

Download the app today and purchase your pass. Timed passes don't start until you activate them, and they are valid for one year from purchase.

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Stay Informed

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter and sign up for our email list for the most up to date information. You can also download our new PassioGO! app in the Apple and Google app stores to get real-time bus locations and alerts.

9 Town Transit Estuary Transit District 17
Industrial Park Road Suite 6, Centerbrook, CT 06409

Items for sale

19"x27" Legacy stainless gas grill. Food prep shelves on both sides. New Weber cover. Propane tank with additional tank on wheels. Best offer over \$75. **7' inflated pontoon paddle boat** with transportation wheels. **New youth life preserver,** rated at 90 lbs. Best Offer over \$100. **FREE clean 50 gal galvanized topped container with galvanized scoop.** Dorine, (860) 345-4417.

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HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH TOWN & COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please visit www.haddam.org, www.townofkillingworth.com or haddam-killingworthnow.com for the most current information, including cancellations, location changes, time changes.

Thursday, September 17

Mystery Book Club – Killingworth Library 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Join us as we discuss *The Scarecrow* by Michael Connelly.

Please note, weather permitting this discussion will be held at Parmelee Farm near or under the pavilion. Bring a chair. If the weather does not cooperate, you will be invited to join the zoom session. We will make that decision before noon that morning. In either case, the meeting will begin at the usual 6:30. Books will be available at the circulation desk.

“Forced out of the Los Angeles Times amid the latest budget cuts, newspaperman Jack McEvoy decides to go out with a bang, using his final days at the paper to write the definitive murder story of his career. He focuses on Alonzo Winslow, a 16-year-old drug dealer in jail after confessing to a brutal murder. But as he delves into the story, Jack realizes that Winslow's so-called confession is bogus. The kid might actually be innocent. Jack is soon running with his biggest story since *The Poet* made his career years ago. He is tracking a killer who operates completely below police radar—and with perfect knowledge of any move against him.”

P&Z Meeting – Haddam 7:00pm – 9:00pm (remote access only)

Friday, September 18

Higganum Farmer's Market – HES 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

The market will be hosted every Friday from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Haddam Elementary School grounds, rain** or shine. (**May be cancelled if weather predictions call for severe conditions)

A variety of vendors will be available every week. This is the perfect opportunity to stock up on fresh produce, tasty dinner foods, home-made goods, and other treats! Regular

vendors will include Bittersweet Farm, Wellstone Farm, Biscotti and Beyond, bread from the Bread Ministry at the First Congregational Church of Haddam, Cold Goats Farm, Auntie Arwen's Spices, MJ Jewelry, Yalla Organic, Oh, Fudge! and more, Hackmatack Maple Syrup, and 7 Falls Mushrooms. Pizzeria Da Vinci will be on-site every week, and food trucks such as Rogue Coffee, G-Monkey, and Flaco's Tacos will join us throughout the season.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/HigganumFarmersMarket/

Needle Felted Gnome Making – Yankee Ciders East Haddam 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Join the talented staff of Little Red Hen Cottage in learning how to needle felt an adorable gnome in a variety of autumnal designs! This fun event outside at our hard cider tap room includes everything you need to make your gnome as well as instructions and guidance. It also includes your first glass of cider!

This event will be held outside in the orchard (or indoors with a private space if rain). To help maintain appropriate social distancing, everyone will have their own workspace.

Sign up online through our website, or call (860) 873-9774: <https://www.staehlys.com/events-signup>

Minimum of 4 people required to host event. \$30 per ticket includes everything needed to make one gnome, instructions and guidance, and a glass of cider or wine.

Saturday, September 19

Antique Engine Tractor Show – Higganum 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

One-Day Tobacco Valley Flywheelers 2020 Show on September 19. Gates Open at 7:00 AM. See running Hit & Miss engines, steam engines and equipment, farm machinery, large operating displays, farm tractors, and more! Bring your own food.

Location: 1065 Killingworth Rd, Higganum, CT

Haddam Community Closet – Open 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Free gently used clothes for you

and your family. Serving Haddam, CT, and surrounding towns. The clothing closet will be open from 9am to 3pm. September 19th, 2020 will be a trial run with shopping modifications in place. More details to follow.

Chester Dog Fair – Chester Fairgrounds 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Please join us for our 6th annual Chester Dog Fair!

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this year's event will be 1 day only, and modified for our current climate. We hope you will all still come out to support Homeward Bound CT, a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization. MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT THIS EVENT. Children 5 and under are not required to wear a mask.

Admission is \$5 per person, kids 12 and under are free! In order to limit interactions and track attendance, we encourage everyone to purchase tickets online this year at www.homewardboundct.org!

Super Saturday Storytime – Killingworth Library 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Weekly family fun for kids of all ages! Drop-in format, no registration necessary. Adult must accompany child.

Sunday, September 20

The Connecticut River Artisans Co-op is hosting an OPEN HOUSE

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 55 Main St, Essex, CT 06426, 860 767 5457.

If you are a Connecticut artist and looking for a new venue to showcase

your work, we could be it. We are located in Essex, Ct a well-known tourist attraction and shopper's destination.

We have been established since 1980 and believe we are the oldest Co-op in the state. Stop in, enjoy the refreshments, chat with one of our artists and find out what we are all about. Compare the advantages of belonging to a Co-op verses consigning your work or selling at shows. Bring your portfolio, pictures, or samples of your work to leave to be juried.

We are looking for handcrafted, art inspired work. Items must be quality originals made by the artists. No imports, wholesalers, or reps please. We are not jurying jewelry at this time.

An appointment is necessary. We will do our best to accommodate you. The town of Essex and Connecticut River Artisans will begin Holiday Festivities before long; be a part of it!

Call Gay Petrucci Ritter 860 339 5212 with any questions or to make an appointment.

Monday, September 21

Haddam BOF 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm meeting, remote access only

Haddam Wetlands Comm. Meeting, 7:00pm – 9:00pm remote access only

Charter Revision Committee Mtg. – Killingworth 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (remote access only)

Thursday, September 24

Haddam ZBA meeting, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm (remote access only)

HEALTH CARE

Middlesex Health wins its fourth LGBTQ health leader designation

By Amanda Falcone

Middlesex Health recently earned its fourth “LGBTQ Healthcare Equality Leader” designation from the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. The Human Rights Campaign Foundation is the nation's largest lesbian,

gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) civil rights organization.

Middlesex Health offers a comprehensive Transgender Medicine Program. Its network of medical providers work with transgender persons to meet specific needs, and services are coordinated throughout the health system.

For more information about Middlesex Health services specifically designed to help LGBTQ+ patients, visit middlesexhealth.org/lgbtq.



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CT Valley Camera Club: free Intro to Photography classes

Submitted by Mary Fiorelli

Have you ever wanted to take better pictures?? Or wondered why your pictures are not always sharp? Or perhaps you are overwhelmed with all the adjustments of your camera? The Connecticut Valley Camera Club (<https://ctvalleycameraclub.smugmug.com/>) will host two virtual tutorials to enable beginning photographers to start taking better pictures and enjoy using their cameras. Classes are free and will be offered through Zoom.com software.



Richard Sperrin

The instructor is Richard Sperrin from Essex, a member of the CT Valley Camera Club Steering Committee. Mr. Sperrin started learning the suc-

cessful elements of photography during his high school years working for a small CT newspaper. Most recently he has become very active in exhibiting at multiple area venues, arranging photo shoots for the camera club and mentoring beginning photographers.

The first of the two sessions, "Principles of Photography", will concentrate on understanding the basics of good photography: exposure, lighting, focus and composition. In addition, attendees will understand how to use

their digital camera more effectively.

The second session is titled "Fun Principles of Photography" and will discuss specific photographic

activities such as capturing fireworks; creating silky streams and waterfalls; capturing light streaks; stopping action and extreme close up. Flash photography is also included in the second session.

Each session is scheduled for one hour and 30 minutes to accommodate questions and answers. And it does not matter if you use a smartphone, a point and shoot camera or a high end adjustable camera. As Ansel Adams, renowned environmental photographer, said, "A camera did not make a great picture any more than a typewriter made a good novel". A good photograph is based on the heart, eye, and soul of the photographer.

Classes are free and will take place on Tuesday, September 29 and Tuesday October 13 from 7:00 8:30PM. To register send your name and email address to Richard Sperrin at wrspeariin@yahoo.com. You will receive an invitation to attend the Zoom meetings prior to the first class.

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P&Z denies request to demolish Dublin Hill Road house

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meeting was open to comments from the public.

A number of concerned residents stood in opposition to the demolition request and stated their reasons.

In a letter to the P&Z Commissioner, residents Neal and Kate Sakash stated they are opposed to the demolition because, "the existence of these

historic homes was a major reason why we chose this community over others in the area and it would be a shame to lose one of the town's most well preserved worker's houses."

Elizabeth Malloy, Executive Director of the Haddam Historical Society noted that on July 3, 2020 the HHS filed an objection to the demolition application (objection request expires December 29, 2020). The town ordinance allows

interested parties to work to find alternatives to demolition.

In a letter to P&Z, Ms. Malloy stated, "This small worker's cottage is the best example of mill housing remaining in Higganum close to its historic condition." It is her belief that Historic buildings "are essential to the identity and unique character of a community."

The mission of the Historical Society is to "promote and preserve the history and heritage of Haddam to present and future generations."

After the public comments closed, a motion to consider approval for a special permit for demolition of the property was made by Ed Waller and seconded by Steve Bull.

Discussion was held amongst Commissioners and various options were presented to homeowner.

After discussion concluded, a vote was taken and the request for demolition of the home was denied. The vote tally was 0 in favor, 6 against, and 1 abstaining.

In concluding, the P&Z Commission suggested that the owner "make a good faith effort" in finding options to either save, move, sell, or dismantle property so that it might be reconstructed in the future.

When questioned "What happens after the 180 days?" Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk P&Z, stated that "The Brewers, if they choose to, can come back before the Commission requesting a special permit to allow for the demolition of a residential structure after the 180-day delay of demolition process is completed (approximately 60 days into the process)."

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Haddam erosion problems

The town of Haddam has a duty to protect the citizens of Haddam. But after 3 years of attempting to address my issues, the town of Haddam continues to turn a blind eye.

Our family lives on a town road that has a steep hill. The town of Haddam owns a 40-foot strip of land that borders our property. We have been missing about 25 feet of curbing on this strip of town-owned property for 3 years. We have made countless calls to the select board members over this 3-year timeframe to please replace the curbing on their property. It seems to me to be a small problem that has not been addressed in over 3 years.

There is a visible gully in dry and rainy weather that has caused serious erosion, and damage to my private property. That does not speak well of the management of our town, regardless of the change of select board members.

Is the town Public Work's Department so busy that they can not maintain the town's own property? If this simple matter is addressed we will have no other complaints with the town. For over 30 years our family has paid taxes to the town of Haddam with the expectation that they will see to their duties.

*Nancy Young
Haddam*

Important details about absentee ballots and applications for Nov. election

Here are important details about voting by absentee ballots (available to everyone this year on the basis of the pandemic) in the Nov. 3, 2020 general election (This information comes from Voter Choice CT):

- The Secretary of the State will mail absentee ballot applications to all active, registered voters Sep. 8-11, 2020.
- If you don't receive your application by Sep. 18, you can download another one here.
- Complete and return the application as soon as possible. You must complete a new application, even if you voted absentee in the primary. Include your telephone/email address on the application to make it easier for your Town Clerk to contact you should there be a problem with your application (or ballot).
- To avoid postal delays, we recommend returning your application using the Official Ballot Drop Box in your town. You can find the exact location here.
- Town Clerks will mail absentee ballots beginning Oct. 2.

- Be sure to seal the ballot in the inner envelope, sign, and date the inner envelope and include just one ballot per outer envelope. We again recommend completing your ballot as soon as possible and returning it via your Town's Official Ballot Drop Box.

*Kate Wessling,
Higganum, CT*

Football must be allowed to play

The C.I.A.C. has made the wrong decision. Throughout the country, both high school and college football games are being played. States that have covid "outbreaks" are playing. States included are Florida, Alabama, Texas and Georgia. On both the high school and college levels, alterations to the normal game and practice schedules have been made in hopes that there will be some kind of season. The important thing is they are trying.

The C.I.A.C. previously set Oct 1 as the start of the football season, a reasonable date considering all the unknowns. Last week, in a state with arguably the best covid record, they were influenced by a report from the DPH, and seemingly in an instant cancelled the season. Are there no football coaches or former players on the C.I.A.C. with the passion to try in a safe manner to keep moving forward. The Big 10 and PAC 12 prematurely cancelled the fall football seasons. The SEC, Big 12, ACC and AAC and other conferences forged ahead, setting start dates for mid-September and scheduling games with a number of bye weeks to allow for the unforeseen.

Football is a unique sport, the comradery, the Esprit-de-corps, the brotherhood that binds players, coaches, former players, is unmatched in any other sport. Football is more than what we see on Friday nights.

To take that away from our young men without trying as adults to figure out some way, compromise in some manner, to make it work, is shameful. Set a date that makes sense, know that those dates may move. Set a schedule with less games, know that even some of those games may not be played. Give it a try. If testing is the main barrier, require some minimal level. Allow corporate sponsors to help with paying for the tests. Making this equitable for all towns and cities has its own challenges. Every team has booster clubs and alumni organizations that give money for myriad causes. They would be more than willing to help get at least part of a season.

Don't give up, face this challenge just like any other challenge should be and has been approached. Our young men will do anything to play!

*Steve Bull
Higganum*

Op ed a voice of reason

To the Editors:

Dr. Meghan Peterson's op-ed piece in the August 27, 2020 edition of the Haddam-Killingworth News was a refreshing, albeit chilling, display of rational thinking in an era when clarity of thought has become an endangered species.

The truth is, be it called Communism, Fascism, or any other word you'd like to use, what it all boils down to is tyranny – which is unfortunately a growing and exponential danger to every democracy on our increasingly troubled planet.

George Santayana said it so well: "Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it." When I see what is happening worldwide, and in the United States in particular, it makes me wonder what kind of history is currently being taught by our educational systems.

Thanks, Dr. Peterson, for doing such an excellent job in your presentation. It is very reassuring to hear a voice of reason in these very unreasonable times.

Sincerely,

*Edward Wood
Killingworth*

In response to Mr. Wiley's letter to the editor

In response to Mr. Wiley's letter to the editor dated August 27th 2020.

I would like to express my disappointment in Mr. Wiley's letter concerning the Support the Police rally.

But for a different reason.

My wife and I attended the rally. Wore masks and distanced. We carried signs, but in support of Law Enforcement. The political signs didn't bother us. The crowd was polite and respectful. In hindsight, I would have welcomed some Biden signs in support. Didn't see any. Maybe the Trump supporters are more exuberant in their support for the President and the Police. A bit troubling was the absence of some politicians/candidates who did not show up. There was plenty of room, and as you said, the crowd was respectful. Their absence spoke for itself.

I couldn't disagree more with Mr. Wiley's assessment of the President's treatment of the military. He's done more for the VA than any I can remember, and has gotten personnel a number of pay raises. He's invested in new equipment to replace all that was used in the last decade. He's even created a new Service Branch. But most of all, he has done the greatest thing for the military. He's kept them and our Nation out of stupid pointless wars and police actions that have proven to benefit no one but the defense contractors and logistic contractors. The President is correct in saying we should have been building schools, rehab centers, bridges and roads here than in some foreign land. He is the bookend to Reagan's "Peace through Strength." Because of this alone, I support what he is doing.

*David J. Dembowski
Higganum*

A Window of Opportunity

By Jennifer Armenia, Marketing Director

If you are considering a senior living community, now is a great window of opportunity. During this uncertain time with Covid-19, a group environment may seem risky. However, if you consider the extra precautions being put in place, it may be just



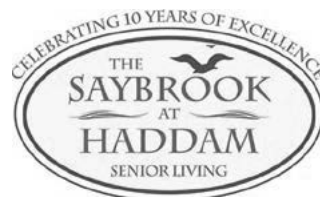
what you need to ensure you receive appropriate support while maintaining your independence. People living at The Saybrook at Haddam enjoy many benefits:

- Social engagement – at a safe distance, of course. Residents are encouraged to meet in public areas with reminders to stay 6 feet apart and wear masks. We help residents stay connected to their families, friends, and more

through the use of technology and safe, in-person visits (currently outdoors).

- Physical exercise – small group exercise classes, a gym, and wide, open spaces (both inside and out) encourage residents to stay active.
- Reliable care – for those who need support, our staff is here 24/7, 365.
- Three meals per day.
- Weekly housekeeping of the apartment.
- Sanitizing of surfaces in public spaces multiple times per day.

During this window of opportunity, while Connecticut's infection rates are lower and routine testing of staff is occurring, families are better able to assist their loved one with a move and can help them transition into a new setting. If you're interested in a carefree lifestyle and senior living, please call to learn how we are keeping our residents safe and happy. We look forward to hearing from you!



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Haddam Senior and Social Services August 2020 report

By Jessica Condil

*please note Social Services report includes totals for Municipal Agent.

A big THANK YOU to Valley Bible Church for all the back to school supplies. Many families have benefited from these donations. We are very grateful for the support!

We also would like to thank everyone in the community who have been sharing their fresh garden goodies with the Food Bank. Many have benefited from the garden sharing.

Senior & Social Services:

The following programs have serviced the community:

Haddam Emergency Food Bank has serviced a total of 58 Adults & 26 Children, in addition to food,

Haddam Emergency Food Banks has serviced 4 families with gifts cards to local restaurants and grocery stores in town.

Haddam Emergency Fuel Bank has serviced a total of 1 family for electric assistance.

Haddam Senior & Social Services has serviced 4 individuals with paperwork assistance.

Haddam Social Services/ Clothing Bank has serviced 5 families with clothing and 10 families with school supplies.

Haddam Social Services has done 3 wellness checks for August of 2020.

Haddam Social Services has assigned 5 Farmers Market Coupon Booklets out to seniors.

Senior Van:

The Senior Van has serviced a total of 6 medical

appointments for the month of August 2020 and 4 seniors who have attended the weekly shopping trip for August.

Haddam Senior Center:

As of 3/16/2020 all CRT meals have been a grab and go or frozen meal due to COVID-19. Meals are distributed on Mondays for the week and are available for pick up Mondays at noon.

The Haddam Senior Center has distributed 182 CRT meals for the month of August 2020 and a total of 70 visitors for August 2020.

WORD SEARCH

Constellations in the Northern Hemisphere

ANDROMEDA

AQUARIUS

AQUILA

BOOTES

CANCER

CAPRICORNUS

CASSIOPEIA

CEPHEUS

CRATER

CYGNUS

DRACO

GEMINI

HERCULES

HYDRA

LEO

LYRA

OPHIUCHUS

ORION

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Michael Spencer Peterson

Michael Spencer Peterson was born September 4, 2020 at Middlesex Hospital to Meghan (Haddam Killingworth News' Composition Editor) and David Peterson. Congratulations!



EVERSOURCE

Disconnection protections extended

Submitted by Tricia Modifica, Eversource

With Governor Lamont expanding Connecticut's COVID-19 state of emergency and the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) extending the state's moratorium on electric service disconnections for non-hardship residential customers to October 1, Eversource continues working with customers on ways to help them save energy and money as well as providing support to low-income customers facing additional financial hardship during the pandemic.

As part of those efforts, the energy company will not actively move forward with collections activity such as disconnections for residential customers when the state's moratorium expires on October 1 and will work with state regulators and other stakeholders to evaluate when disconnections for nonpayment should resume. Eversource is also continuing to offer a special COVID-19 Payment Program for all residential customers and enhancing assistance for low-income customers.

"Extending the moratorium on service disconnections for non-payment gives customers breathing room during this uncertain time, and we will continue to suspend all residential customer disconnects as well as waive late payment charges beyond the moratorium's expiration in October," said Eversource Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer Penni Conner. "If you are having difficulty paying your utility bill, we encourage you to contact us even if you've never done so before. We can work one-on-one with you to identify plans or options to help – including the special COVID-19 Payment Program."

COVID-19 Payment Program

The COVID-19 Payment Program is available to any residential customer who requests financial assistance during the pandemic and enrolls before November 1.

- Customers can pay past-due balances in flexible payment plans for up to 24 months.
- No down payment, fees or interest will be charged through the end of the payment plan.
- Once an active payment arrangement has been arranged, the account will be protected from service disconnection for the duration of the payment plan – regardless of the status of the state's moratorium on electric service disconnections.

Low-income Assistance Programs

Additionally, Eversource is enhancing assistance for low-income customers through a number of additional programs:

- The energy company is proactively working with customers through a special arrearage forgiveness process approved by PURA to apply all deposits paid by delinquent customers to their arrearage.
- Low-income heating customers can take advantage of a specialized matching payment program with payments as low as \$75.
- The New Start program, which forgives overdue balances as current bill payments are made, is available to qualifying customers, and former participants can now re-enroll without having to make a "good faith payment."

Customers can learn more about payment programs and enroll online at Eversource.com or by contacting Eversource at 1-800-286-2828.

Energy Efficiency Solutions

With residential energy use increasing during the pandemic, Eversource also reminds customers to take advantage of its #1-ranked energy efficiency solutions to help reduce their energy costs. Information on the energy efficiency solutions is available at www.energizect.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

PLANNING AND ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning and Zoning Commission of Haddam, Connecticut will hold a Public Hearing at the Haddam Town Hall, 21 Field Park Dr., Haddam, CT on October 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following item(s):

1. Request for a special permit for an 800 s.f. attached accessory apartment on second floor of the home. 239 Plains Rd, Map 50 lot 9-3. Applicant: Michael Ciborowski

Said applications are on file in the Land Use Office of the Town of Haddam.

Planning and Zoning Commission, Haddam CT

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