

# Haddam Killingworth News

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## Emergency Fuel Bank information for Haddam and Killingworth

*By Kathy Brown*

The towns of Haddam and Killingworth both have Emergency Fuel Banks to assist families and seniors in need of emergency fuel help: wood, oil, electric, or propane. It is a one-time grant to help them obtain their choice of one fuel source. Those in need in Haddam should schedule an appointment with Haddam Social Services, and bring with them the previous year's tax return, proof of residency, last month's pay stubs or proof of income. They follow the State of Connecticut Median Income guidelines. Killingworth residents can apply to the CRT Program by appointment through the town 860 663 1765 x217 or directly to CRT in Middletown 860 347 4465. Each application must be tailored to the applicant so it is necessary to pick up an Energy Assistance Checklist at the Library or Town Hall. More information can be found <http://www.crtct.org/en/need-help/energy-a-weatherization/energy-assistance>.

The Haddam Emergency Fuel Bank is funded by donations. All donations can be sent to Haddam Social Services, 11 Jail Hill Road, Haddam, CT, with checks made payable to the Haddam Emergency Fuel Bank. If you are willing to donate wood, please contact Social Services so that donations can be matched up with a family or individual in need of help.

For those people with a serious medical condition or those on oxygen in danger of losing their electricity, contact Eversource to let them know of your medical condition. Eversource will need a doctor's documentation to note their account and recognize their medical needs. Eversource also offers a matching program and



the new start program. "These programs are designed to help those struggling," said Jessica Condil, Haddam Social Services. If you need electrical assistance, contact CRT and schedule an appointment. For more information, see this link.

Any homebound seniors who need help completing applications can contact Haddam Social Services at 860-345-4621 or Killingworth Municipal Agent at 860-663-1765 x217 and they will assist them with their applications.

## Girl Scouts conduct backpack drive for Silver Award project

*By Erin Marica*

This past Winter, Anna Simoniello and Erin Marica, members of Haddam-Killingworth Girl Scout Troop 62749 conducted a backpack drive for children being removed from their homes by the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Erin and Anna created this venture as part of their Girl Scout Silver Award project.

The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn and is a community service project: requiring 50 hours of service addressing a need in the community. Both girls have been in the Girl Scout program since Kindergarten. Anna and Erin contacted a local DCF worker, Mrs. Doreen Parmentier. After speaking with Ms. Parmentier, they learned that every year hundreds of children are removed from their homes by DCF due to suspected



abuse or neglect. Erin and Anna conducted research on the topic of children being displaced from their homes. They learned that children from the ages of 6 months to 18 years old are sometimes removed from their homes without notice and the children do not

dispersed among other DCF offices to be used by workers throughout the state when removing children from their homes. Erin and Anna hope that this project will "help make a difficult situation for children a little easier."

have bags to put their belongings in.

In order to fulfill this need, the girls realized that they could make a difference through a backpack drive. For three months Anna and Erin collected backpacks for these children. They worked with area schools, churches, dentists, and business donors from their communities. At the end of the drive they had collected 117 backpacks and were able to fill each bag with shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and assorted hygiene supplies. The filled backpacks were delivered to the Middletown DCF office on April 18th. The bags were then

# HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH TOWN & COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please visit [www.haddam.org](http://www.haddam.org), [www.townofkillingworth.com](http://www.townofkillingworth.com) or [www.haddam-killingworthnow.com](http://www.haddam-killingworthnow.com) for the most current information, including cancellations, location changes, time changes.

## Thursday, September 12

Higganum Farmer's Market, 4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Haddam's Economic Development Commission is sponsoring the Higganum Farmer's Market, which will be held every second and fourth Thursday from June 27, 2019 until Oct. 10, 2019 on the Higganum Green, from 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Killingworth Conservation Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Town Office Building

## Saturday, September 14-Sunday, September 15

Annual Antique Engine & Tractor Show, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Haddam Meadows State Park

Tobacco Valley Flywheelers presents Annual Antique Engine & Tractor Show. Free Admission. Free Parking. Food available all day, steam engines, hay rides, displays, flea market, hit & miss engines, antique cars & trucks, farm tractors & machinery.

## Monday, September 16

Haddam Committee on Aging Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

Town Hall Annex, 11 Jail Hill Road, Haddam

Haddam Board of Finance Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

RSD #17 Board of Education Facilities Subcommittee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Central Office

Killingworth Health & Safety Committee Meeting, 2:30 p.m.

Town Office Building

Killingworth Registrar of Voters Office Hours, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

RSD #17 Board of Education Strategic Capital Planning Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

HK Middle School

Killingworth Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Town Office Building

RSD #17 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

HK Middle School

## Wednesday, September 18

Haddam Registrar of Voters Office Hours, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

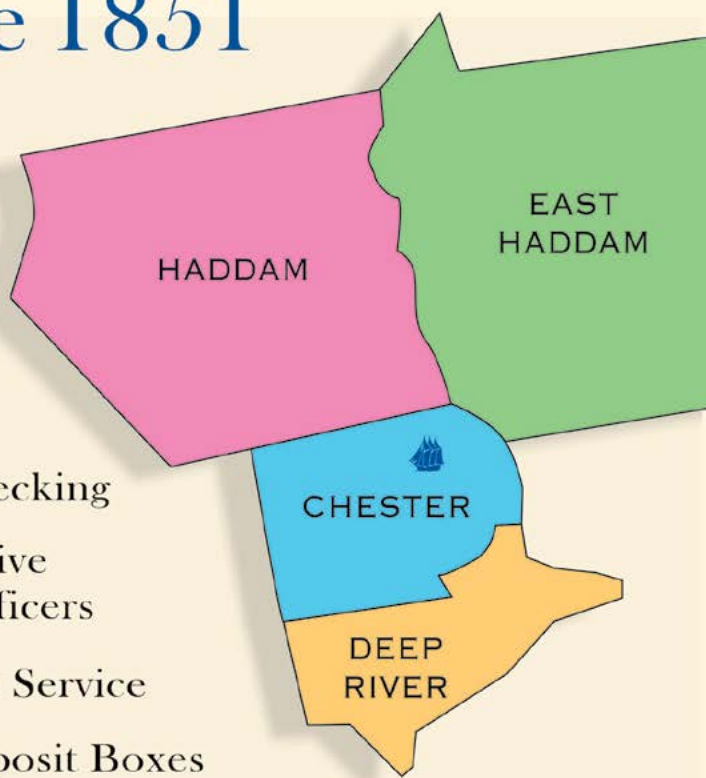
Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Station #1, 439 Saybrook Road, Higganum

## Thursday, September 19

Haddam Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 p.m.

Old Town Hall Building, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam

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## HADDAM COMMUNITY

### Annual Antique Engine Tractor Show comes to Haddam: September 14 & 15

By Howard Lineberry

The Tobacco Valley Flywheelers Antique Engine Tractor Show will be held at Haddam Meadows State Park (820 Route 154, Haddam) on September 14 & 15, 2019. Gates will open at noon on

Friday, Sept. 13 for show set up. There will be FREE admission and FREE parking. Food will be available for purchase all day. There will be steam engines and equipment, hay rides, large operating displays, hobby related flea market, hit & miss engines, antique cars and trucks, and farm tractors and machinery.

The Friends of the Valley Railroad will be giving rail car rides. For more information, call Howard Lineberry at 860-347-6252.

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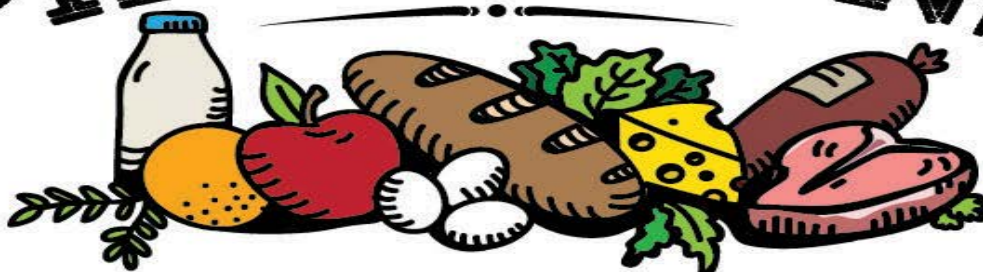
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# Killingworth Congregational Pastor Joan Cooper Burnett

By Stew Gillmor

The Reverend Joan Cooper Burnett, Acting Pastor at Congregational Church in Killingworth is a very interesting person. The church, located at 273 Route 81, is nearing its 200th anniversary next May. I enjoyed her sermon while visiting the church several weeks ago and followed this with a long chat a week after. Reverend Burnett grew up in Memphis, graduating from the University of Tennessee at Martin with a BS degree. Upon graduation, Reverend Burnett entered the corporate arena where she served in management positions for several years. She re-entered school as a graduate student at Boston University where she earned her Master's degree in Human Resources Education, focusing on organizational development, curriculum design and human resource



Killingworth Congregational Church.



Rev. Joan Cooper Burnett. Photos courtesy of Sally Haase and Rev. Burnett.

management. Answering a call to ministry, Reverend Burnett suspended her entrepreneurial ventures and entered Yale Divinity School where she studied theology and earned a Master's of Divinity degree.

While at Yale, Reverend Burnett served as Pastor of the Black Church at Yale, which she described as a beloved and rewarding experience in ministry. The Black Church at Yale was founded at Yale in 1973, to help students in a turbulent period in our recent history. The independent non-denominational multicultural church of graduate and undergraduate students from a wide range of religious, geographical, and economic backgrounds made for a great experience for a new pastor. Leading a diverse group of students was a task requiring insights from God,

particularly leading students of color in an increasingly secular institution with three centuries of tradition. Though a challenge, she feels it was very rewarding. Upon graduation and ordination in the American Baptist Churches, USA, she became Chaplain at the Connecticut Baptist Homes in Meriden.

More recently she served as Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Middletown. There she led a congregation and was deeply involved in missions work with Middletown's homeless population, including food sharing. In 2007, Reverend Burnett became the Protestant Chaplain at Wesleyan University for five years. Here was another challenging yet rewarding opportunity, to help students living in a secular and changing university whose founders and leaders for over a half century had been Methodist teachers and leaders, yet a university which shed its Methodist heritage almost a century ago.

Reverend Burnett joined as Acting Pastor at the Killingworth Congregational Church less than a year ago. This church is welcoming to all and is heavily involved in mission and outreach. It welcomes and hosts numerous community organizations including AA, Nursery School, Boy Scouts, United Girls Choir, Lions Club, Senior Center, and Green Hill Martial Arts. The Killingworth Congregational Church beginnings trace back to 1735, but their current building, as mentioned above, will see its bi-centenary next May. The church is actively engaged in its PRESERVATION 2020 capital campaign to restore and preserve the historical structure.

Information may be obtained at (860) 663-1789 or killingworthchurch.com. As Haddam News has expanded to welcome readers in Killingworth, it is a pleasure to bring to our newest audience news of Reverend Joan Cooper Burnett.

## CENSUS 2020

### Census workers collecting data in Killingworth through mid-October

By Cathy Iino, Killingworth First Selectman

The U.S. Census Bureau is currently conducting a Field Data Collection in preparation for next year's

decennial census. The current operation started at the beginning of August and will run through October 11, 2019. Temporary field staff are working in neighborhoods across the United States, including Killingworth, to update address lists and maps. They are knocking on doors to verify addresses and gather information on additional living quarters.

Field staff members can be identified by the laptop computer with a Census Bureau logo on the top,

a black canvas bag with a Census logo, and a photo Identification Card.

#### Events, writers wanted

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# Getting to know the Board of Finance Candidates

We reached out to both the Haddam Republican Town Committee and the Haddam Democratic Town Committee and asked candidates to respond to a set of questions; if a candidate did not respond, their name is listed, so that you know who is running for each office. Updates from all candidates are welcome, and will be published as Letters to the Editor. The questions posed to the candidates were:

1. Tell us a little about yourself.
2. Why are you running for the position?
3. What do you see as the important issues facing Haddam and how would you address them in your role?
4. What are the key things you love about this town and its people?
5. Additional thoughts to leave voters with?



Marc Adelberg.

## Marc Adelberg (Unaffiliated, but endorsed by the Republicans)

Marc Adelberg is a husband, a father, and your fellow neighbor who believes in civic duty through volunteering. He has lived in Haddam for the past 7 years with his wife and 3 school age children. He has an MBA degree and he currently works as a Division Administrator at Yale University. Marc manages the business of a surgery group where he is responsible for a budget of \$10 million. When he lived in Bethany, Connecticut, Marc served on several commissions and was on the Board of Directors of the Bethany Land Trust.

Marc currently serves on the Finance Committee for the American Association of Surgical Administrators. It is very important to elect the right person to the Board of Finance since the financial health of our town is critical



David Carini.

to us all. Marc is a fiscally conservative person by nature, so a priority for him is to maintain our AAA bond rating for the town since we have limited resources. However, his vision is that it is important for us as a community to decide what investments we need to make in the town to bring us together.

Marc pledges that he will work hard for transparency regarding the financials of the town and how decisions are arrived at. He also has a personal goal that he wants to champion what we can do to make the finances more easily understandable by improving the way the information is presented. He has done this for his career, and would like to help accomplish this for our town.

## David Carini (Democrat)

Born in Haddam, I currently live with my wife and two of our three children in the old Undina Farmhouse that we have restored over the last 20 years. Two of my children are in their senior year at HK and I have two grandchildren that live in Maine. I have a long history of working with Fortune 500 companies. I have been with my current employer for the last 15 years where I manage approximately \$25,000,000 in revenue with 300 employees. In my

spare time, I have been involved with various activities: renovating a fixer upper, training for 1/2 marathon, volunteering for the CT River Conservation District, and attending my daughter's basketball games.

Haddam is currently in a position with many opportunities ahead of us. We will acquire HES, there is talk of a new town garage, Higganum Village, Tylerville, and the Scovil Hoe building to name a few. It is vital that a plan that also includes how to pay for all of the great things that could happen for us is in place and understood by all the citizens.

Lately, bonding has been the preferred method to take care of needed items for the town. While this can be a great option, we need to be careful of how much debt the town will take on. It is important for all of us to understand various ways to make these things happen. As a member of the board of finance, I can utilize the skills I have acquired in my personal and professional life to add value to the board.

I love living in Haddam. The school district has been great for my children. They have been able to excel academically while still experiencing activities that round them out. My neighbors are wonderful, always keeping an eye on things and supporting each other. It's great bumping into everyone I know while taking a walk or shopping at the market.

Haddam is a great small town. I want to help ensure that it keeps its character while we move into the future. Enhancing what we have while being fiscally prudent with the opportunities before us will take many people working together to produce a great outcome. I am up for the mission. It's important to me!

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us...<sup>20</sup> Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God [be made in right with God]” (2 Corinthians 5:11-20).

Jesus said, “...Repent and believe the gospel” (Mark 1:15). “...Unless you repent you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3). “Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again’” (John 3:7). “...Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3).

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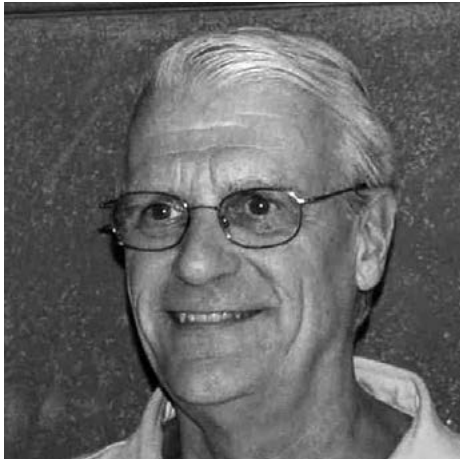
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Dave Challenger.

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### Dave Challenger (Republican)

Dave is running for full membership on the Board of Finance after previously serving as an alternate on that board. He believes it is important to maintain our infrastructure in a cost-effective manner, while assuring that our Fire and Public Works Departments have the proper equipment that they require to safely do their jobs and to provide services to our residents. By managing our limited financial resources effectively, he says that we can maintain our high AAA bond rating and provide the roads and services that we all need.

Dave has lived in Higganum for 13 years, is married to his wife Sharon for 33 years, and has a son and daughter-in-law and three grand-children. He is



Sean Moriarty.

well-qualified to serve since his career included employment at The Travelers Insurance Company, General Electric, Keane, and Aetna Insurance Company where he had financial and operations responsibilities and experience preparing and managing budgets of up to \$35 million dollars. Since his retirement in 2013, Dave is a Moderator for the town elections in addition to serving as an alternate on the Board of Finance.

### Sean Moriarty (Democrat)

I am a long-time resident of Higganum who has raised two children through the HK school system with my wife, Tanja Buzzi Moriarty.

Over the years, I've served Haddam in various roles as a member of the board of finance and the infrastructure committee. I've coached youth basketball and soccer teams. I march as Des-

ert Storm Veteran in the local Memorial Day parade honoring those who have given their lives so we can live freely in this country and town.

Now that I am retired from 31 years as a municipal police officer, I am able to bring invaluable career experience to the Town of Haddam. As a Lieutenant and Captain, I've worked collaboratively with several municipal and private agencies including public works, the Fire Department, the Ambulance Service, Health Department, Parks and Rec, along with Middlesex Community College and Wesleyan University.

I managed the Patrol Division comprised of 80 sworn and civilian personnel, patrol supervisors and officers, the traffic unit, Animal control, Marine unit, and S.W.A.T.

I am eager to bring my managerial and budgetary skills, as well as respect for all people to the Town of Haddam.

I am currently on the board of finance and would like to continue to assist in developing honest budgets, either as member of the board of finance or the board of selectmen, that not only address the immediate financial needs of Haddam but also properly plan for the future. We just borrowed seven million dollars to "catch up" with items that have gone unfunded for quite some time. Haddam needs to get back to a true Capital Plan. A Capital Plan should look out for at least five to ten years to determine what large expense items

will be needed and money should be set aside each year to reach the long-term goals. I helped develop and administer the police department's \$13,000,000 budget—I know how to trim fat from a municipal budget by utilizing a zero-based budget process and will encourage this strategy at budget time.

The important issue facing Haddam as far as the board of finance is concerned is developing budgets that are honest without hidden fat. The budgets should reflect the needs of the town and fund those first. Only then, can a budget look to the wants of the town and see if those can be funded. This can be achieved by starting each line item at a zero, not at what was given the year prior. Building the budget up from zero, based on "needs," will save money and help fund some of the "wants."

One of my absolute favorite things in Haddam is the Memorial Day Parade. As a Veteran it makes me proud that my town has not forgotten the brave women and men who have served their country and gave all to it. The camaraderie and reverence that the people display at the parade exemplifies what it means to live in a small town.

Our school system is top notch. The teachers show their dedication every day. Our parents are truly involved in their children's education, which is something you do not see in all towns.

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Zostavax, which is a live vaccine did improve the prevention and /or duration of shingles, but Zostavax has been shown to lose its efficacy over a period of 8 years. Since Zostavax is a live vaccine, when administered the patient needs to avoid contact with young children, and it does have some reaction site adverse reactions.

Meanwhile, a new herpes zoster vaccine has come to the market, Shingrix, and after years of study, the Center for Disease Control has supported its use, and it is now available to adults 50 years and older. Shingrix is given in 2 doses, separated by 2 to 6 months, in patients with competent immune systems, regardless of history of herpes zoster, or receipt of Zostavax vaccine.

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Wayne Rutty.

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It has been my experience over the 31 years that I have been a resident, the people of the town really pull together in tough times. Whether it is an illness, tragic fire, or loss, we seem to put aside our differences and reach out to help lift each other up.

As I stated earlier, I am experienced in working with large municipal budgets. I feel this experience will lend itself to helping Haddam spend its money wisely, which will keep our taxes at a reasonable level. In order for this to happen, the board of finance must work together, respecting each other's input in a united fashion.

### Wayne Rutty (Republican)

Wayne M. Rutty and his wife Susan have been lifelong residents of Haddam. They have raised their two sons in town. Wayne is retired from Middlesex Hospital where he worked for 40 years as the Project Manager.

Wayne has been a member of the Board of Finance for the last 16 years, including serving as Chairman. He currently serves as an Alternate, and with his wealth of knowledge and experience, he is well-qualified to regain a position as a full member of the board.

In addition, Wayne was the Treasurer of the District #17 Board of Education, and a member for 4 years. He also served as Board Chairman of the Charter Revision Committee in 2017. Wayne has recently taken on the position of Senior Van Driver for the Town of Haddam.

### Melissa Schlag (Democrat)

I've been honored to spend more than a decade volunteering and serving Haddam in various ways. I am proud of my time as first selectman and now selectman and I would be honored to serve you again on the board of finance.

As first selectman, I gained a deep



Melissa Schlag.

insight into the departmental budgets. While diligently researching and economizing, I was able cut the budget by nearly 10 percent the first year. Unfortunately, Haddam historically over-budgets and the board of finance at the time did not keep the savings I found. At the end of the fiscal year, Haddam again had a surplus that could have been used to reduce taxes.

Over-budgeting means each department was not using all of the money allocated to them in a fiscal year, which pads the bottom line, unnecessarily adds to the surplus, and overtaxes residents.

It's time for accountability on the board of finance, and I will work hard to bring back the checks and balances we have been missing.

I will utilize a zero-based budgeting system, and have more oversight over departmental budgets.

I will make sure taxpayers' money is spent wisely and for the benefit of all (Take Chatham Lake for example, paying for dam repairs should come with a guarantee that the town will benefit from using our new lake and open space, not hand it over to a few property owners for free.)

I will work on a responsible and sound 10-year capital plan and only bond for items like major road reconstruction.

I will ensure straightforward budget reports that will clearly show what is received as income and how the town is spending taxpayers' money.

I will support investment in the right technology to save money and improve needed services. For example, I support instituting credit card capabilities at the transfer station and in the town offices, as well as support online applications.

I was honored to serve on the Municipal Opportunities Regional Efficiencies Commission at the state, and was working with other towns and cities to reduce expenses through



Robin Spencer-Klimaszewski.

shared services. We also worked with state officials and looked at unfunded mandates and how the state could help municipalities.

I know the municipal budget in and out and am not afraid to dig in and make tough decisions; I know local and state leaders, and will support shared services and use creative methods to save money; and I know what can be streamlined without reducing important services.

The role of the board of finance should not be to make the administration look good by using accounting gimmicks to hide budget increases; the board of finance should look out for the checkbooks of every taxpayer to ensure we have the best services at the right price.

I would be proud to serve you on the board of finance and promise integrity, fairness, transparency, and communication with all residents.

You can reach out to me anytime at [selectmanschlag@hotmail.com](mailto:selectmanschlag@hotmail.com).

### Robin Spencer-Klimaszewski (Democrat)

As a fourth generation Haddamite, I still live in my family home near Spencer's Haddam Shad Shack, our family business. My son will be graduating from HK this year.

My grandfather and father owned several businesses in town, and at age 10, I started helping out at Spencer Amusements and the Shad Shack.

I've worked at Middlesex Hospital since 1990 and love my job helping people of our community. I also volunteer with rescue dogs by transporting them to their forever homes. If I'm not on a beach somewhere, I'm spending my downtime with my rescue dogs.

I love our town and its deep history and want to bring back the friendly, united atmosphere I remember growing up here.



Tim Teran.

I'm honored to be running for board of finance and will serve with honesty and integrity. I will help bring back fiscally responsible budgets to ensure a bright and affordable future for the next generation.

### Tim Teran (Democrat)

My family has been part of the Haddam community for almost 70 years. My grandparents (Mr. and Mrs. Cecil M. Moore) moved here in the early 1950s.

I grew up spending summers and holidays on the Landing in Higganum and moved here full time in 2014 because I just had to be "back on the river." Over the years, my wife and I have been active supporters of our volunteer fire and ambulance teams, as well as the Haddam Historical Society and The Haddam Scholarship Fund. My two sons also had the pleasure of being taught at HES.

Haddam is one of the most naturally beautiful towns in New England—from Higganum Cove to Haddam Meadows; from The Landing to Walkley Hill; from the Higganum-Durham Road to Swan Hill and Bible Rock—we live in a very special place. I love this town and the people that make it our town. Now I would like to give back to the people that have made and continue to make me feel like this is a very special place.

My finance experience includes being a Managing Director at Citigroup (Citibank) and heading up customer strategy at Macy's. I have also been a frequent guest lecturer at Columbia's and University of Pennsylvania's business schools.

Having left the corporate world behind to be in Haddam fulltime and I am active in consulting with non-profit organizations around the world helping individuals, businesses, and communities find pathways to better, more sustainable livelihoods. Closer to home I am an avid photographer, boater



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# Getting to know the Board of Finance Candidates



Prem Aithal.

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and gardener—although this year you wouldn't know it by my tomato crop!

Recent events have presented Haddam with numerous opportunities to grow our community while maintaining the quality of life and scenic beauty that brought us and keeps us here. I passionately believe that when the people of Haddam unite they can do anything. This means making the choices on how, when, and where we spend money to create a bright future for all. I would like to have the privilege of helping us do that.

## Prem Aithal (Republican)

*Board of Finance Alternate (6-year term)*

Prem has been a resident of Higganum for almost 10 years. He lives with his wife Becky, a kindergarten teacher at RSD#17, and they have a lovely 6-year old daughter.

Prem currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Economic Development Commission and is a newer member of the Capital Planning Committee. He is working hard with the EDC team to make our Farmers' Market more vibrant. Prem is currently the Senior Finance Director at Anthem, Inc. He has been at Anthem for almost 15 years, working on the ever-changing Individual Segment which forces him to pivot and look for solutions on a daily basis. He has a CPA license, a BS degree in Accounting from Babson College, and a



Peter Baird.

cer survivor and actively fundraises for the V Foundation, which uses 100% of its raised funds for cancer research.

Prem asks for your vote for a 6-year term as a Board of Finance Alternate because he believes that he can help find creative solutions and help us reach new heights by working together as a team.

## Peter Baird (Democrat)

*Board of Finance Alternate*

My wife Jane and I moved to Haddam 17 years ago, and have raised two children in town. For the last twelve years, I have worked as a social and health policy researcher for a company called MDRC, evaluating ways to increase employment and improve the lives of veterans and people with disabilities.

I love Haddam for its character, people and natural beauty, and am a regular customer at all the businesses near my home in Higganum Center. Supporting our great local businesses is key to our town's health! You'll also frequently see me hiking and bicycling around town and enjoying our scenic beauty.

I previously served for six years on the town's planning and zoning commission and more recently was deeply involved in the effort to save and protect Haddam Elementary School.

While restraining spending is a key to keeping our taxes affordable, another part of that strategy must include developing lively, walkable, and livable spaces for our town centers in order to make



Audrey Brookes.

about inexpensive public septic systems, we now can do some serious planning. However, that planning comes with a price tag. As a board of finance member, I will work to balance needs and wants, and promise to listen to each request with openness. I will serve with transparency and fairness to create honest budgets and work to keep the public informed of our finances and decisions.

I look forward to serving all of Haddam to build a bright, affordable future for our town.

## Audrey Brookes (Republican)

*Board of Finance Alternate (2 year term)*

Audrey Brookes and her husband Scott are lifelong residents of Haddam. They share four adult children, all graduates of Haddam-Killingworth High School. Audrey has spent many years volunteering in the community. She currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Village Parks Society.

For the last 28 years Audrey has worked in accounts receivable and presently works for Apple Rehab as an AR Coordinator. She is seeking the alternate seat for the Board of Finance this November and is asking for your support.

## Michelle Burr Caron (Democrat)

*Board of Finance Alternate*

Born and raised in Connecticut, I enjoyed time at the sub base in Groton



Michelle Burr Caron.

in 2001 and my older son graduated from HK. I'm currently homeschooling my younger son.

For over a decade, I have been involved in helping our community in many ways. I've volunteered at Haddam and Burr Elementary Schools, the middle school, Haddam Little League, and I'm currently volunteering at a church food pantry. Last year I joined the Save HES movement because I believe that a community school adds to the social fabric of our town and is an economic driver for our center.

I was asked to run for the board of finance and am honored and excited for the opportunity to help with major decisions facing Haddam in the next few years. From the future planning for HES, to finding creative ways to save money without jeopardizing important services, to ensuring transparency of our finances, I look forward to giving back to the community I love in my next adventure on the board of finance. I will work to ensure fair and efficient budgets, and push to increase communication about our finances with the public.

We all love Haddam and I believe bringing people together will make us a stronger community. I look forward to the opportunity to serve you on the board of finance.



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# Save the date for September 14: Ron Booth Memorial Golf Outing

By Terry Smith

The 9th Annual Ron Booth Memorial Golf Outing will be held Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Black Birch Golf Club in Moodus, Conn. A portion of the proceeds will be donated in memory of Ron to The First Tee of Connecticut. First Tee, the organization chosen by Ron's family, was created to expose golf to underprivileged youth who might not normally have access to the game.

In 2010 Ron's vision of a unique golf event became a reality. He wanted it to focus on what was important in his life: family, friends, fun, faith and food. As a result, the outing is more about the camaradery and raising funds to further the missions of the church than the golf scores!

That spirit continues at the post golf festivities

originally held at his home on the river. This year's festivities will be at the home of Sam and Pam Crum, 275 Saybrook Road, Higganum, CT. The dinner is attended by almost as many sponsors and non-golfers as golfers. Following the delicious steak and chicken dinner the trophy presentation and much-anticipated raffle of desirable donated items will keep everyone captivated.

The cost for golf and dinner is \$125; the cost for dinner only is \$25.

We invite you to join us again on the course on Saturday September 14th and offer you these additional opportunities:

*Angel sponsor for a donation of \$250*

*Tee sponsorships for a donation of \$100*

*In-kind donations of goods and services for our raffle*

Each sponsor will have a sign on the course and at the dinner to be attended by all the golfers and many others. They will also be mentioned in the brochure each golfer and diner will receive and in our church newsletter.

In addition, Angel Sponsors will be recognized on a banner which will be prominently displayed at the course, the dinner and the church.

If you are interested in playing golf, attending just the dinner or becoming a sponsor, please contact:

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## COMMUNITY / ARTS

### Goodspeed holds Auditions for Local Boys to Play Tiny Tim: Sept. 28

By Elisa Hale, Public Relations Director, Goodspeed Opera House

Here's your chance to join a professional acting company. Goodspeed Musicals is holding auditions for local Non-Equity child actors between ages 7-10 for its upcoming production of A Connecticut Christmas Carol. Auditions will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Alice Hammerstein Mathias Rehearsal Studio in East Haddam, Conn.

The role of Tiny Tim will be played by a fragile boy ages 7-10. Candidates must be a strong actor

and the boys need a solid unchanged singing voice.

All auditions are by appointment only. Appointments may be made starting immediately. Please call (860) 873-0021, Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. to schedule an appointment.

Interested performers should prepare one 16-bar cut up-tempo song and one 16-bar cut ballad. Bring a resume, photo and sheet music. Music must be legible and in the proper key (no lead sheets please). An accompanist will be provided.

Candidates must be available for rehearsals, Nov. 13th - Dec. 4th, and performances, Dec. 5th - Dec. 29th. Rehearsals occur in East Haddam, Conn. and performances occur in Chester, Conn.

Performers of all ethnicities are strongly encouraged to audition.

Under the leadership of Executive Director Michael Gennaro, Goodspeed Musicals is dedicated

to the preservation, development and advancement of musical theatre and is the first theatre in the nation to receive two Tony Awards (for outstanding achievement). Goodspeed produces three musicals each season at The Goodspeed in East Haddam, Conn., and additional productions at The Terris Theatre in Chester, Conn., which was opened in 1984 for the development of new musicals. Goodspeed also maintains The Scherer Library of Musical Theatre and The Max Showalter Center for Education in Musical Theatre. Goodspeed gratefully acknowledges the support of United Airlines, the official airline of Goodspeed Musicals; the official audio sponsor Sennheiser; and official auto sponsor Hoffman Audi. Goodspeed is also grateful for the support of the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of the Arts.

## COMMUNITY / ARTS

### Shoreline Singers Community Choir: Fall 2019

By Rebecca Degnan, Founder/Director, Shoreline Singers

Rehearsals begin this week for the fall semester of the Shoreline Singers community choir. Shoreline

Singers welcomes singers of all experience levels, from students grade 9 through adults. Rehearsals take place Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Higganum Congregational Church. Feel free to come "try us out" for a week before registering, and bring a friend! Links to our Information and Policy Notice and Registration forms are below. We are looking forward to welcoming some new members!

## HADDAM TAX OFFICE

### Tax Office Closed: September 13-18

By Kristin Battistoni, Tax Collector, Town of Haddam

The Tax Office will be closed Sept. 13-18. Please call the Tax Office (860-345-8531, ext. 207) prior to this date if you think you may need a DMV clearance.

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## TO THE EDITOR

### Thank You from the Haddam Neck Fair

I'm writing to thank the many guests and volunteers who made the 108th Haddam Neck Fair a success. With the exception of late Monday afternoon (Labor Day), the weather was perfect with warm days and a hint of fall in the evening air.

More than 18,000 guests made the trek to Haddam Neck to enjoy the fair. They partook in culinary delights from the food court, rode the rides, entered the competitions, rooted for their favorites in the truck, tractor, horse and oxen pulls, were entertained

by the bands, ran the 5k race, viewed the livestock entries and learned about Connecticut agriculture. Many got a bird's eye view of the fairgrounds in the helicopter ride and others watched the new rock crawling and 4x4 events.

The fair supports many local, non-profit community organizations. For some, the fair is an important fund-raising opportunity. For others, it's an opportunity to get their message out to the public or perhaps recruit a new member or two. In addition, each year the Fair Association makes donations to a number of community groups.

Again, my thanks to all those who came to the fair. A special thanks to our volunteers. A lot of work goes into putting on the fair. We couldn't do it without you. It's great to see our community come together in such a major undertaking. It's one of the things that makes Haddam a great place to live.

I hope to see you next year!

Sincerely,

*\*Bob McGarry, Director, Public Safety and Information, Haddam Neck Fair Association*

*Editor's Note: Bob McGarry is running for Haddam First Selectman-R.*

### Letters to the Editor

We encourage Letters to the Editor which foster understanding and awareness through discourse. They should be: civil, knowledgeable, factual, and constructive. The letter must include the writer's name, town, and date, and should not exceed 400 words. The editors reserve the final decision on

any letters published; frequency of submissions from a single writer or group will be a factor in deciding whether to publish a letter. The editors may also add a short explanation of the writer's position or credentials.

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### Call for Haddam & Killingworth Candidates to submit Letters to the Editor

Open call for any/all candidates to submit Letters to the Editor to inform residents about their policy proposals and goals. They will be published throughout the coming weeks. Please submit letters (in accordance with our Letter to the Editor policy) to [editors@haddamnews.org](mailto:editors@haddamnews.org).

## CLASSIFIEDS

### Tag Sale: Saturday, September 14

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 91 Walkley Hill Road Haddam. Antique trunk, antique rocking chair, Colonial rocking chair, window AC unit, wood mirror, household items & more. Contact: [talbott45@gmail.com](mailto:talbott45@gmail.com).

### Classified ads

*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.*

## LEGALS

### PLANNING & 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 September 19th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following item (s):

1. A special permit application for an 576 square foot detached accessory apartment. Located at 7 Larkspur Lane, Higganum CT, map 42 lot 15-39. Applicant/Agent – Ryan Summerall.

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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Dates: October 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>,  
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## COMMUNITY TV

### Valley Shore holds open house, offers free training

Valley Shore Community Television Inc., public access television, serving the towns of Westbrook, Clinton, Old Saybrook, Haddam, Killingworth, Durham, Chester, Deep River, and Essex, will be hosting an open house on Thursday, Sept. 19 from 5pm to 7pm. Visit our state-of-the-art TV studio and learn how you can become involved producing shows for your local community. VSCTV is open to the public, free of charge, for anyone who works or lives in any of our nine towns to produce their own TV show. Meet some of the personalities of your favorite VSCTV shows and talk to the volunteers that make them a success. We provide the equipment, facilities, and training to empower our volunteers to turn their creative ideas into programming for viewers to enjoy. Stop by and check out VSCTV on Thursday, September 19th between 5pm and 7pm, we're located at 1587 Boston Post Road in Westbrook at the Shops at Waters Edge. Light refreshments will be served.

Following our open house, VSCTV will be hosting a series of free training workshops for anyone interested in volunteering at our public studio. All training workshops are open to anyone who either lives or works in any of the nine towns we serve. Volunteers will learn how to operate state-of-the-art television production equipment and learn the process of producing their very own public access TV show. The dates for the upcoming training workshops are as follows:

- Studio Production – September 23, 6pm-7pm
- Field Camera Training – September 24, 6pm-7pm
- Digital Editing (Adobe Premiere) - September 25, 6pm-8pm

Anyone interested may sign up for training on our website at [www.vsctv.com](http://www.vsctv.com) or by calling 860-399-1857. All training workshops are free of charge and will be held at our studio at 1587 Boston Post Road Unit A2 Westbrook, Conn. 06498.

## BRAINERD LIBRARY

### BML's 2nd Annual Big Book Sale: September 20, 21, 23

By Robbie Marshall, BML

The Big Book Sale begins Friday, Sept. 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. It continues on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 10:00 a.m. with some tasty baked treats for sale. There will be free coffee and tea, with a local hot dog vendor and lemonade stand on the premises.

On Monday, Sept. 23, 2019 remaining items will be offered at special prices from 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The Friends always accept books and DVDs, and are collecting items throughout the summer, to contribute to the BIG sale.

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The Friends are giving away children's tote bags which include a coupon for a free book from the Nook, bookmark to color, and library card application.

Volunteers are always welcome! Teens can fulfill their community service requirement by helping out the week of the booksale. The Friends get together on Thursday mornings and for a monthly meeting. Stop in or contact us to join. <http://www.brainerdlibrary.lioninc.org/friends>

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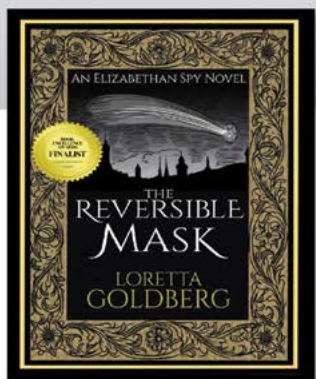
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