

# Haddam Killingworth News

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Above: Parade participants. Left: Sharon Marcantonio and her car. Photos provided by Dianne Hutchison.



## Haddam Neck celebrates 19th Amendment with car parade

By Dianne Hutchison

The passage of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920 which gave women the right to vote deserves to be celebrated. Due to Covid-19 there are restrictions on gatherings so a few women in Haddam Neck decided to spread the word throughout the community that a car parade to celebrate the 19th amendment would take place on Sunday, August 23, 2020 starting at the Haddam Neck Firehouse.

Twenty cars took part in the parade, many decorated with signs, streamers and flags. The parade

traveled over rural roads in Haddam Neck and parts of East Hampton and received an enthusiastic reception from spectators. Many participants wore white as the suffragettes did in their long battle.

A parade in Haddam Neck is not unusual as the Haddam Neck Fair officially opens every year with a tractor parade open to anyone who wants to participate.

The car parade was a fun event but more important and what should not be forgotten is the long fight by suffragettes for the right of women to vote.

### RSD #17 launches new website on equity & social justice

By Holly Hageman, Superintendent of Schools, Regional School District #17

I am pleased to announce the launch of a district webpage housing a myriad of resources. Equity and Social Justice Website. The intent of this site is to inform students, staff, and families about the actions taking place in our district to promote

diversity and inclusion. The resources on this page provide a mechanism for engaging our classrooms, families and the community in productive and positive dialogue.

Editor's Note: The website includes an action plan, additional steps the district will take, as well as resources for parents, teachers and the community on how to talk to children about race, racism and teaching tolerance. The website also includes a diverse reading list for children in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade.

### Haddam Social Services has school supplies available to help those in need

By Editorial Staff

Jessica Condil, Director of Haddam Social Services, has school supplies available for those in need that have been graciously donated by Valley Bible Church.

School supplies can be picked up during Food bank hours on Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Annex on Jail Hill Road.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## Thursday, September 3

Haddam P&Z meeting, remote access

only, 7:00 p.m.

Parmelee Farm Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.

## Friday, September 4

Higginum Farmer's Market, HES, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

The market will be hosted every Friday 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, homemade 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/HigginumFarmersMarket/](http://www.facebook.com/HigginumFarmersMarket/)

## Saturday, September 5

Scavenger Hunt – Haddam Historical Society

The Haddam Historical Society is hosting a family/group scavenger hunt over Labor Day Weekend to inspire residents to learn more about the heritage of their community and what makes it so special. Groups will be tasked to "hunt" for remnants of our past and legacy items we honor today. The adventure may bring you to places you have never visited or teach you about people who had a significant effect on our town's character. Groups will be able to complete the "hunt" at their own pace over the three-day weekend.

Clues will be distributed on Saturday morning at the Thankful Arnold House Museum. Registration is required for a nominal fee of \$10 per group/family. All groups who complete the "hunt" will receive a prize and entered in a grand prize drawing.

Tickets also available online at [www.haddamhistory.org](http://www.haddamhistory.org) or <https://haddamhistoryscavengerhunt.com>

eventbrite.com/ \*\* If you register online you will receive the clues via email Saturday morning.

Please practice social distancing and all Covid-19 protocols. The event is sponsored by Christopher J. Smith, Alter & Pearson, LLC, Glastonbury and Central Systems, Inc., Fire Protection, Higginum.

Super Saturday Storytime, Killingworth Library, 10:30-11:00 a.m.

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

Sunday, September 6

Scavenger Hunt – Haddam Historical Society, see details above

## Monday, September 7

Scavenger Hunt – Haddam Historical Society, see details above

Killingworth Charter Revision Committee meeting, remote access only, 7:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, September 8

Tuesday Book Discussion, Killingworth Library, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Join us as we discuss *Less* by Andrew Sean Greer, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2018. Extra copies will be available at the circulation desk. Further details about our September meeting coming soon!

BOF Meeting, Killingworth, remote access only, 7:00 p.m.

Inland Wetlands Meeting, Killingworth, remote access only, 7:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, September 9

Haddam EDC meeting, remote access only, 6:30 p.m.

Killingworth Public Health Agency meeting, remote access only, 7:00 p.m.

## Thursday, September 10

Haddam Park & Recreation, meeting, remote access only, 7:30 p.m.

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## Schools re-opening in Haddam & Killingworth

Dear HK Community,

On Tuesday, Sept. 1, we reopen the doors of our schools to Haddam and Killingworth's children. Students, parents, educators, and community members all have a stake in the successful resumption of school programs taking place in school.

Our community's COVID-19 infection rate directly affects our ability to accomplish this - in order to keep students in

school, we need to keep the Coronavirus out. This will give students the best chance to learn and thrive during an extraordinary period of stress and uncertainty.

It will take the effort of the entire community to make this possible. We have an admirable record of few COVID-19 cases because everyone has followed the basic protocols of health and safety recommended by the State and the CDC. We urge ALL community members to double

up on these efforts to prevent the spread of the coronavirus this fall. Our children's and our educator's health and well-being depend upon it.

On behalf of a grateful Board of Education, thank you for giving us an opportunity to return to school and to give our students a chance to do what they should be doing: learning and growing together.

*Suzanne Sack*

*RSD 17 Board of Education Chair*

## COMMUNITY

### RiverQuest Cruises restarting River Tours after COVID-19 shutdown

By Kathy Brown

Because of COVID-19, RiverQuest river cruises had to shut down, like many other local businesses. That isn't to say that they sat around twiddling their thumbs. Captain Mark remodeled the pilot house, and there has been some cleaning



Photo by RiverQuest.

and painting while there were no customers. Cathy was doing distance presentations for

virtual Scouts BSA Camp Mat-tatuck's online summer camp, Camp Kinda-Like-A, that was very popular with Scouts across the country, since many camps were closed due to COVID-19.

The good news is that RiverQuest is going to start doing tours again, with a limited schedule and a reduced capaci-

ty. "Our first priority is keeping everyone safe!"

Their "First Friday Sunset Cruise" was on Aug. 28, — their first public cruise since March 15. There will also be Tree Swallow Sunset cruises and Daytime Sightseeing cruises. See their website for more information.

### Scout troops collecting cans, bottles

By Greg Nicholas

Haddam Scouts BSA Troops #44 & #44G will be collecting returnable cans and bottles at the Community Center at 9 Candlewood Hill Road in Higganum Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 12. The money raised supports the troop activities such as trips, campouts, and outings.

Due to COVID-19, if you could pre-sort your donations into plastic, glass, and aluminum, that would be very helpful to the Scouts.

For more information about joining either troop, please contact Scoutmaster Mark Pach at markcp571@gmail.com or Scoutmaster Kathy Brown at kjbrown92@aol.com.



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Greg McKenna

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# Colonel Daniel Brainerd House in Higganum Center

By Alessio Gallarotti

*\*An interview with Sam and Pamela Crum, Stewards of the Colonel Daniel Brainerd House (built 1780).*

The Colonel Daniel Brainerd house is one of the most historic homes in Haddam. Not only due to its date of construction, but also because it is a family relic of the Brainerd family, one of the most prominent families in the history of Haddam. Colonel Daniel Brainerd (1752-1809) was the descendant of Daniel Brainerd, (1641-1715) one of the original founders of the town of Haddam. The former Brainerd built the house after the Revolutionary War (1775-1783). Since the home claims to have been built in 1780, there appears to be some confusion about the actual date of construction. This house is the only colonial farmhouse left in Higganum's northern commercial center. Some notable architectural features: a common center chimney (found in many colonial homes); 2 ½ stories tall; five bay façade; post beam frame; granite foundation; wood shingle gable roof; double overhang (not common feature in Haddam at the time).

Colonel Daniel Brainerd was a farmer by trade, and member of one of the most prominent families in Haddam at the time. It is therefore not surprising he would build himself a farmhouse on a generous plot of land. Though his title was "Colonel" there is no evidence of him partaking in combat during the American Revolution or any other war. This title is therefore believed to be honorary. Haddam was once largely farmland, which in other words means many farms and farmhouses and not the wealth of



Top photo courtesy of the Crums. Left photo by Alessio Gallarotti.

forest we have now. The Colonel Daniel Brainerd house was located on quite a bit of land in the beginning, 25 acres to be precise. This acreage once encompassed the land

which the Haddam Elementary school is built on as well as much of the surrounding area.

Today, Sam and Pamela Crum are the owners of the historic home though Sam prefers to call he and his wife "stewards" of the house. They have been there since 1983. Their intention is to preserve this historic place for future generations as well as for the Brainerd family who are welcomed on occasion. The home is entirely original with the exception of

one extension on the rear of the home. This means, of course, no garage and no electrical infrastructure. Though they do have electricity, Sam refuses to use things such as central air because he believes creating this new infrastructure will disrupt the architectural integrity of the home. He and his wife prefer a portable AC device.

There is a barn to the rear of the home that has an original interior that Sam prefers to use for wood-working rather than vehicle storage. To the right of the home is a working well which Sam also prefers not to use for the usual purpose but mentioned the water was drinkable. The Crums inherited another well which was once located on the 25-acre plot of land. They sold the well to the current owner of that property. Sam said in the colonial period families would commonly sell land but maintain ownership of the well located there because it was the sole source of water. The well would by consequence be awkwardly located in the middle of someone else's land. Having modern water systems, such a well is not as necessary as it once was, and so the Crums sold it to the man whose land it was situated on. They eventually settled on the paperwork and a bottle of whiskey as payment. The Crums stated the Brainerds are dispersed today but have family reunions in Haddam. They partake in these reunions by allowing them into their ancestral home.

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