

# Haddam Killingworth News

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Corey Phipps, senior, #2.



Nolan Braren, junior, #20. Photos by Liz Griswold.

## Lacrosse: HKHS Defeats Morgan 5-1 in First Game of Season

By Mike Kelly

The defending 2021 Shoreline Conference Champion Haddam Killingworth Cougars took care of business Tuesday evening in the first game of the 2022 season, defeating conference rival Morgan 5-1 on the Huskies' home turf. The game was a low-scoring, defensive affair. HK set the tone early, shutting out Morgan during a one-minute man-down situation late in the first period. Goalie Braden Civiello was a brick wall and, throughout the contest, the Cougar offense displayed a deliberate efficiency in their attack, for the most part taking good care of the ball and getting clean shots on almost every possession.

The Cougars took the lead midway through the first period with a shot fired by attackman Corey Phipps from the top right of the cage, with an assist by Nolan Braren, for the 1-0 HK lead. From

there the Cougars never really looked back. Early in the second quarter, attackman Tyler Gagliardi got free above the right post and fired a step-down shot that found the back of the net, 2-0 HK, with another assist from Braren. Two possessions later, midfielder Charlie Maxwell punched one in from the top right, again with an assist from Braren, pushing the HK lead to 3-0. After halftime, both teams traded possessions without scoring in the third.

Morgan scored their only goal midway through the fourth period to make it 3-1 HK. Shortly thereafter, middle Braren decided to get in on the scoring action as well, scorching a salty overhand stepdown from 20 yards out that the Huskies goalie likely never saw. 4-1 HK. Late in the period d-pole Matteo Piacenti added an insurance goal on a coast-to-coast saunter, game over, HK wins 5-1.

## Higganum Farmers Market Returns: June 3

By Kristy Benson

The Higganum Farmers Market returns to the parking lot at Haddam Elementary School on Friday, June 3, 2022 from 3:00-6:00 p.m., and every Friday throughout the summer. Look for local farms, artisans, snacks, drinks, live music, special kids' days and more! A full line-up of special themed days will be available soon. Don't forget to follow the market on Facebook!

If you are a local business, artist, or entertainer, please head to the market's website to download an application and Connecticut market guidelines if you are interested in becoming a vendor. [www.higgfarmersmarket.com](http://www.higgfarmersmarket.com)

We can't wait to see you at the market!

## Swing Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Information from a Haddam Town Alert

Starting in the Summer of 2022 and continuing into the Fall of 2024, Connecticut DOT will be making major repairs/upgrades to the Haddam-East Haddam swing bridge. The project includes rehabilitation of the structural, mechanical, and electrical components of the bridge. Additionally, a sidewalk will be added to the south side of the bridge connecting to sidewalks in Haddam and East Haddam. A more detailed description of the work is in the DOT project description.

As you can imagine, the project will have a major impact on traffic between East Haddam and Haddam. As currently planned by DOT, there will be up to 25 weeks where the bridge is closed to all traffic from 8:00 p.m. Sunday until 11:00 a.m. Wednesday. (DOT is offering a significant bonus to

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# Haddam Releases Draft of CT DEEP 2021 MS4 Stormwater Annual Report

*Information from a Haddam Town Alert*

In accordance with the requirements of the CT DEEP General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, residents of the Town of Haddam are hereby informed that a draft pdf of the 2021 MS4 Annual Report, which summarizes municipal stormwater compliance activities conducted within the Town of Haddam

during calendar year 2021, is available for review.

Visit [haddam.org](http://haddam.org) to view the 2021 General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater.

Residents are hereby encouraged to review the 32-page report and submit written comments between March 30, 2022 and May 14, 2022.

All comments should be addressed to Wade Thomas, Town MS4 Consultant at [wthomas@nlja.com](mailto:wthomas@nlja.com)

# Swing Bridge Rehabilitation Project



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the contractor to reduce the number and impact of closure weeks. DOT will pay the contractor \$250,000 for each week not used, up to five. They'll also pay a bonus for any weeks moved into the winter months.) There will be 23 weeks when only one lane is open for alternating traffic. There will also be significant impacts on vessel traffic. DOT will provide at least 14 days notice of proposed closures on their project website.

Bids for the project were scheduled to be opened on March 30, 2022. DOT anticipates issuing the selected contractor a Notice to Proceed by the end of June. DOT intends to hold another public meeting to discuss the project once they receive a construction schedule from the contractor.

The DOT established a project website for the Swing Bridge Rehabilitation. <https://www.easthaddamswingbridgeproject.com/>

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# HKMS Announces 2021-22 Honor Roll for Second Term

By Debra Cumpstone, Secretary of School Counseling, HKMS

Principal Dolores Bates is pleased to announce the following honor roll listing for the second term of the 2021-2022 school year at Haddam-Killingworth Middle School.

### 8th grade High Honors

Aronson, Delaney Ruth  
 Austin, Lily Elizabeth  
 Bailey, Jack William  
 Battista, Julia Rose  
 Baucom, Rowan Elyse  
 Bruno, Chase  
 Burr, Addison Joyce  
 Castelli, Joseph Robert  
 Coleman, Stephanie  
 Conte, Jameson Charles  
 Coyle, Jack Alexander  
 Downing, Julia Elizabeth  
 Engler, Chloe  
 Felder, Chloe  
 Frank, Jaden Taylor Joonyoung  
 Freeman, Meghan Joy  
 Frith, Joshua Daniel  
 Giaccone, Emma Catherine  
 Goodison, Pearce Russell  
 Green, Collin Phillip  
 Harkin, Addison Rachel  
 Imai, Tetsuya  
 Insalaco, Chase Jeffrey  
 Kelly, Ashley  
 Kilroy, Dina Anita  
 LaTorre, Olivia Eleanor  
 Livingston, Adam  
 Loria, Cael Austin  
 Mancarella, Jessica Lynn  
 Maxwell, Avery  
 Maziarz, Emilia  
 McCourt, Daniel Joseph  
 McNamara, Caden Peter  
 Miller, Magdalen Elizabeth  
 Minickene, Nola Arden  
 Miranda, Alison Natalie  
 Mitchell, Grace Elizabeth  
 Moore, Cameron Patterson  
 Newman, Cole Zachary  
 Nguyen, Catherine  
 O'Hanlon, Finnegan  
 Ortega, Briella Skye  
 Riggs, Amelia Jennifer  
 Ripp, Arabella Michaela  
 Ruggiero, Mikayla Mandy  
 Salamone, Nicholas  
 Santamaria, Faith A  
 Saraceno, Jonathan David  
 Savoy, Spencer Blake  
 Smigel, Cash  
 Sorrentino, Elijah Anthony  
 Spong, Emily Amara  
 Stall-Ryan, Adam James

### 8th Grade Honors

Aronson, Reagan Elizabeth  
 Blair, Gabriel Elias  
 Bottaro, Jackson David  
 Bredefeld, Michael B  
 DeAngelo, Antonio Joel  
 Degnan, Ryleigh  
 DiNapoli, Margret Grace  
 Douyard, Elliott Christopher  
 Eddinger, Gavin Henry  
 Epright, Madison  
 Evans, Jamien Matthew  
 Fazzone, Jaden James  
 Fredericksen, Alexander Jeff  
 Fredericksen, Anthony Dale  
 Frohlich, Luke  
 Johnson, Emma  
 Kaplowitz, Payton Treacy  
 Karber, Alexander Richard  
 Kent, Brielle  
 Kolcio, Axel  
 McLean, Ian Stewart  
 Mitchill, Garrett

Moriarty, Declan Bradley  
 Moyher, John  
 Mulhall, Nathan Peter  
 Pitts, Ethan Beveridge  
 Poglitsch, Devin  
 Rich, Payton Simone  
 Ridgeway, Norah  
 Sanderson, Madeline  
 Stevens, Wesley Ezra  
 Thompson, Kellen Daniel  
 Torrison, Isabella  
 Wolfradt, Jake  
 Wrinn, Sydney Melissa  
 Zheng, Ivy

### 7th grade High Honors

Abarientos, Chloe Antoinette  
 Abbott, Zi Cristina  
 Anderson, Claire Elizabeth  
 Averill, Aidan Michael  
 Bailey, Audrey  
 Behnke, Charlotte  
 Benson, Molly C  
 Berardino, Evan Thomas  
 Birkmeyer, Paul Joseph  
 Brown, Dylan Avery  
 Catalano, Alexandra Claire  
 Celentano, Molly Parker  
 Coppola, Mason  
 Cortes, Myra Elysa  
 Dixon, Peyton Rose  
 Dooley, Alison Kay  
 Doyle, Hazel Maureen  
 Edwards, Tristen Nelson  
 Eighmy, Mason Lee  
 Ferguson, Brody James  
 Forristall, Olive Elizabeth  
 Geissler, Ava  
 Harriman, Juliette June  
 Hickman, Timothy  
 Hoddinott, Molly Elizabeth  
 House, Kyle  
 Hughes, Nathan Edward  
 Hussain, Safina Fatima  
 Irons, Maizie Rose  
 Keating, Makenzie  
 Krahn, Eliot Michael  
 Krasniqi, Elna  
 Lamarre, Allison Catherine  
 Lamarre, Luc Stephen  
 Langer, Sophia Lynn  
 LaRosa, Audrey Grace  
 Lena, Aidan Thomas  
 Leone, Michael Gregory  
 Lisitano-Rode, Camryn June  
 Lomuntad, Mia Minerva  
 Macy, Audrey Quin  
 Mandolfo, Ethan James  
 McLaughlin, Mia Bella  
 Mitchell, Cali LeeAnn  
 Mitchell, Ella Sally  
 Murphy, Benjamin Cooke  
 Peese, Bruce Merrill  
 Petersen, Frieda  
 Poapst, Isla Grace  
 Proulx, Adalyn Rose  
 Reed, Harrison  
 Richwine, Aaron Timothy  
 Rimmer, Josephine Lynn  
 Rubino, Lea Mikala  
 Ruiz, Camden  
 Schweitzer, Emilia Anne  
 Scileppi, Olivia Gabrielle  
 Shatraw, Elsa Beatrix  
 Sidlow, Aoife Shelia Deanne  
 Tenbrunsel, Aedan Matthew  
 Therrien, Cole Jackson  
 Thomen, Sarah Nova  
 Traczyk, Tyler Keith  
 Voegtli, Wyatt Evan

### 7th grade Honors

Bergman, Maxim Eric  
 Bonham, Joaquin  
 Brault, Caleb Jackson  
 Carey, Lillian  
 Dabkowski, Gianna Reese

Duch, Lawton  
 Favalora, Jake Alexander  
 Forbes, Farrah Michelle  
 Hansted, Vayda Doris  
 Hayward, Brady S  
 House, Ryan  
 Krahn, Robert Alan  
 Lehet, Kody  
 Marica, Noah Carl  
 McConnell, Bryce Aaron  
 McNamara, Ava Diane  
 Michalak, Alex John  
 Miconi, Benjamin Anthony  
 Mitchell, Rebecca Diane  
 O'Rourke, Alexander Joseph  
 Piela, Josie Lea-Stone  
 Sargent, Evelyn  
 Stephens, Riley Grace  
 Thompson, Desmond John  
 Walsh, Meghan Elizabeth  
 Weems, Devin Albert  
 Wettemann, Gabrielle Grace

### 6th grade High Honors

Barry, Eleanor Blue  
 Belanger, Jordan CoraMae  
 Burt, Rachel Riess  
 Castiglioni, Emma Aysel  
 Commerford, Carter William  
 DeMaio, Dominick  
 Dickinson, Tyler Jon  
 Downing, Thomas Blanchard  
 Dysinger, Lucy Xiaoli  
 Eddinger, Ethan Marks  
 Esposito, Peyton  
 Ford, Lyla Clara Melanie  
 Giliberto, Amanda Lee  
 Golanski, Whitney Anne  
 Gordon, Sophia Marie  
 Johnson, Maximiliano  
 Lonergan, Aubrey Hope  
 Lundt, Keira Quinn  
 Maresca, Julian James  
 Maresca, Mila Jones  
 Mattison, Lexie Marie  
 Mazer, Kaitlyn E.  
 Medina, Matthew William  
 Medina, Tyler Valenty  
 Morales, Sebastian  
 O'Brien, Mya Ann

Packtor, Lucas Alexander  
 Panzella, Samantha L  
 Papuga, Tristan  
 Patton, Riley Claire  
 Quilliam, Laura Anne  
 Rindfleisch, Joshua Stanley  
 Schaefer, Brianna Rose  
 Sehl-Albert, Karissa  
 Snow, Eli Bannon  
 Stahl, Alexandre Jeffrey  
 Sturges, Eliza Marie  
 Sulzbach, William Murphy  
 Thebeau, Lauren Emily  
 Todd, Sawyer Michael  
 Wiese, Alexander  
 Wolfradt, Colin

### 6th grade Honors

Ackerman, Vincent John  
 Aiello, Michael E  
 Blair, Nathaniel Ethan  
 Chlodnicki, Kaylee Helena  
 Danaher, Camryn  
 Dingus, Cole  
 Duhamel, Becton Travis  
 Garcia, Eveneser Silverio  
 Goeden, Alexander  
 Gouin, Hayden Caroline  
 James, Emma Catherine  
 Jordan, Garrett  
 LaViola, Isabella Jocelyn  
 Lopez, Alexa Mariana  
 Norko, Miles William  
 Orlando, Gavin  
 Perley, Hayes Christopher  
 Piacenti, Luca  
 Pierce, Cooper  
 Popkhadze, Ketevan  
 Richwine, Jameson Luis  
 Santamaria, Levi  
 Santana, Lara Costa  
 Saraceno, Megan Elizabeth  
 Signore, Aubrey Jane  
 Sikora, Liam Peter  
 Snow, Sophie Campbell  
 Stegman, Nicholas Thomas  
 Stephens, Olivia  
 Stevens, Cecilia  
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## Thursday, April 14

**Killingworth Conservation Commission meeting** 7:00 p.m. (remote).

**Haddam Park & Recreation meeting** 7:30 p.m.

**Love2Sign with Jaye** - Killingworth Library 10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Fun, interactive sign language classes for children ages 6 months to 6 years old. Program dates are April 14 and 28;

May 5, 12, 19, and 26; and June 2 and 9. Please register for each session. 860-663-2000.

**Toddler Tunes** - Brainerd Library 10:00 a.m. Ages 2-5, outdoors weather permitting. Siblings welcome.

## Friday, April 15

**Good Friday**

**Easter Flower Sale** - Members of the Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary will hold their annual Easter Flower Sale in front of Liberty Bank, Higganum from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Saturday, April 16

**Easter Flower Sale** - Members of the Haddam Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary will hold their annual Easter

Flower Sale in front of Liberty Bank, Higganum from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday Storytime 10:00 a.m. Killingworth Library (Zoom). This week's story: Wild About Books by Judy Sierra.

## Monday, April 18

**Haddam Inlands Wetlands meeting** 7:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, April 19

**Spring Storytime** - Brainerd Library 10:00 a.m., outdoors weather permitting. Ages 2-5, siblings welcome.

**Killingworth Planning & Zoning meeting** 7:00 p.m. (remote).

**The Killingworth Historical Society** is sponsoring a lecture/book talk and signing at 7:00 p.m., at the Killingworth Fire Station, Route 81.

## Wednesday, April 20

**Teen Game Night** - Brainerd Library 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Haddam Board of Finance meeting** 6:30 p.m.

**Killingworth Committee on Alternative Housing meeting** 7:00 p.m. (remote).

## Thursday, April 21

**Toddler Tunes** - Brainerd Library. Thursdays 10:00 a.m. Ages 2-5, siblings welcome. Outdoors, weather permitting.

**Mystery Book Club** - Killingworth Library 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we discuss *Two Girls Down* by Louisa Luna.

**Haddam Planning & Zoning Commission meeting** 7:00 p.m.

**Tweens and teens Dungeons and Dragons!** Held every Thursday at Killingworth Library from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., this game session will run from April 21st to June 9th.

**KVFC Board of Fire Commissioners meeting** 7:00 p.m. (remote)



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Autoimmune diseases can be triggered by infections and environmental factors making diagnosis difficult. Of the approximately 24 million Americans affected, women are affected more than men, and this usually starts during adulthood.

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## HADDAM CONSTRUCTION

# Bridge Replacement on Saybrook Road South of Aircraft Road/Rte 9 Intersection Begins Soon

### Haddam Town Alert

A Connecticut DOT contractor will be replacing the bridge on Route 154/ Saybrook Road, in Middletown just south of the Aircraft Road/Route 9 exit intersection.

Work will begin in early April and is scheduled to be finished by November 30, 2022. Traffic will be limited to one lane for much of that period. Traffic lights will be installed to control traffic flow.

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# New Faces at Haddam Town Hall

By Meghan Peterson

The Haddam Town Office Building has a couple of new faces to greet the townspeople in the Town Clerk's Office.

Meet Bob Siegrist, your new Haddam Town Clerk and Dawn Tarbetsky, new Assistant Town Clerk. Bob began on January 3, 2022, with Dawn beginning on April 4.

The reporter of this article spoke with Bob and Dawn on Dawn's second day in the house – although she is by no means a stranger to the work of a Town Clerk's office. Dawn brings with her nine years of experience during her tenure as Assistant Town Clerk at the Westbrook Town Hall.

As Bob notes, it is "unique" to have two new clerks starting simultaneously. Also noteworthy is the oomph they bring to the table. As Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk, respectively, Bob and Dawn want the people of Haddam to know that they are welcoming and available for assistance with questions pertaining to matters such as:

- Records (land records, deeds)*
- Vitals (birth, marriage, death certificates)*
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Looking to the past, they express gratitude for the years of service which Scott Brookes and Ann Riebold gave to the Haddam community. Looking



Dawn Tarbetsky, Haddam Assistant Town Clerk and Bob Siegrist, Haddam Town Clerk. Photo by Meghan Peterson.

at the present, Bob and Dawn want the Haddam community always to feel welcomed and encouraged to come in for any help with applications, records or the like. Looking ahead, Bob and Dawn seek to implement upgrades specifically to the public computers within the Town Office Building for the purpose of enhancing accessibility and ease of use by Haddam residents. Dawn sees the Town Clerk's office as a "library for the town" – a repository for "information kept forever." Her passion for assisting others is evident. For his part, Bob sees the Town Clerk's office as an "information hub" for the people of Haddam. In no uncertain terms, Bob explains that he and Dawn are dedicated and eager to provide people here in Haddam "with professionalism and assistance."

Hours are:

Monday - Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

In the words of Bob and Dawn, "we are a team, and we are learning together!" Drop by the Town Office Building and say hello.

# Got Mulch? HHSC Annual Mulch Sale: April 30

By KC Alexander, Higganum-Haddam Sportsman's Club

The Higganum-Haddam Sportsman's Club will once again be holding its annual Mulch Sale fundraiser.

As we did last year, we will be offering Scotts bagged brown mulch for \$3 per bag. The sale will be ONE DAY ONLY – RAIN OR SHINE on April 30, 2022 (while supply lasts).

The product will be loaded into customer vehicles, or we will provide delivery for an additional donation.

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Photos courtesy of Higganum-Haddam Sportsman's Club.

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| Higganum Village Market ~ Higganum                  | Town & Country Nurseries ~ Haddam                      |
| Jack's Country Restaurant ~ Higganum                | The Town Tavern & Restaurant ~ East Haddam             |
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| La Foresta Restaurant ~ Killingworth                | The Village Bistro ~ Chester                           |
| La Vita Restaurant ~ East Haddam                    | The Wayfinder Society Shop ~ Chester                   |
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# Softball 2022: HKHS Begins Season With Wins; Defeats North Branford 9-2, Valley Regional 5-0, Ellington 4-3

By Jeffrey Talbott, Head Coach

On Monday, April 4, the Haddam Killingworth High School Varsity Softball team defeated North Branford by a score of 9-2.

Cheyenne LaTouche had 4 hits, scored 3 runs, and drove in 2 to pace HK. Annabelle Zajac added a triple and double with 3 RBI for the Cougars. Kaleigh Bodak had 10 K's, allowing one run and 4 hits in picking up the victory.

Line score:

NB 0002000. 2/4/2

Sophomores before Tuesday's game

HK 024030X. 9/11/2

On Tuesday, April 5, 2022, the Cougars defeated Valley Regional by a score of 5-0.

Kaleigh Bodak went 6 scoreless innings, striking out 10 while yielding just 1 hit. Brooke Hickman struck out 3 in the 7th inning. Ivy McNiel, Bella LaTorre and Caley Napoletano each had RBI singles for the Cougars.

Line score

VR 0000000. 0/2/3

HK 012110X. 5/7/1

\*H-K is now 3-0 on the season.

\*as of press time.

## Softball: HKHS Defeats Ellington 4-3

On Saturday, April 2, the Haddam Killingworth High School Girls Softball team defeated Ellington 4-3 in eight innings.

Line score:

Ellington 00003000 3/7/1

HK 20100001 4/7/1

Kaleigh Bodak pitched 7 scoreless innings, yielding only 3 hits while striking out 13 batters. Kaleigh also hit a triple and double, driving in 1 run and scoring 1 run. Ivy McNiel had an RBI double in the first inning for HK.

The winning run in the bottom of the 8th inning came from a lead-off double by Cheyenne La Touche and then a line-drive single to centerfield from Keira Czarkowski. Brinkley Echels had a two triples for Ellington.

# Baseball: Defeated by Middletown 11-2

By Mark Brookes, Coach

The Haddam Killingworth High School Baseball team was defeated by Middletown High School on Saturday, April 2, by a score of 11-2.

Dan Lapham struck out four, allowing only two hits through five innings to get the win. Ryan Quinn had three hits and two runs scored for

Middletown. Alex Sheehan had two hits for HK.

M 0001370 11120

HK 0000110 233

Batteries: Middletown- Dan Lapham, Caleb Reed (6), and Andrew Quinn. HK -Callen Powers, Ryan Erskine (5), Alex Blade (6), Alex Sheehan (6) and Nick Glynn. WP Lapham LP Powers  
Records: Middletown (1-0), HK (0-1)

## ENTERTAINMENT

### This Week on Valley Shore Community TV: April 14-20

By Chris Morgan, Public Access Coordinator, VSCTV

**Comcast Channel 18** - Valley Shore Educational Network  
4/16 7:00 p.m. Haddam-Killingworth HS Chorus Concert  
4/17 7:00 p.m. Mr. HK 2022  
**Comcast Channel 19** - Valley Shore Community Television  
4/14 - 1:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. UMC of Clinton Sunday Service 4/10/22  
4/14 - 5:00 p.m. Old Saybrook Meetings  
4/17 - 4:00 p.m. First Congregational Church in Essex Sun. Service 4/10/22  
4/17 - 5:00 p.m. Emmanuel Baptist Church Sunday Service 4/10/22  
4/17 - 6:00 p.m. Deep River Town Meetings 4/12/22  
4/18 - 4:00 p.m. A Slice of Life - Bird Houses

4/18 - 5:00 p.m. Silver Linings Talk Show  
4/18 - 6:00 p.m. Shore Things: Tanya Porcelli  
4/18 - 8:00 p.m. Art of Poetry  
4/19 - 4:00 p.m. Clinton Meetings  
4/19 - 6:00 p.m. Arts & Entertainment: League of Professional Theatre Women  
4/19 - 7:00 p.m. Pete Mezzetti Show: Fran Rabinowitz - CAPSS  
4/19 - 8:00 p.m. Shoreline Music Monthly: Steve Knauth & David Gregoire  
4/20 - 4:00 p.m. Westbrook Congregational 4/17/22  
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# Pathfinders' Offer for Deer Lake Rejected by CT Yankee Council

By Clark Judge

Optimism for the protection and preservation of the Deer Lake Scout Reservation as open space sank Monday when its owner – the Connecticut Yankee Council of the Boy Scouts of America – rejected an offer to keep the 255-acre property out of the hands of a private developer.

The decision was made with no negotiation or counteroffer, said Ted Langevin.

He's the chairman of Pathfinders, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving Deer Lake as green space. He made an offer last week that he considered competitive with a \$4.625-million proposal by Fortitude Capital LLC and that the Council conditionally accepted in February – with the condition that “superior offers” could be made by a March 31 deadline. Langevin expected to hear a response late last week, but was not contacted by the Council's real-estate representative until Monday.

What he heard was troubling. The Council, he was told, had voted not to accept it.

“The offer was rejected without an awful lot of feedback,” Langevin said, “and Pathfinders will be meeting to formulate a response. I am disappointed that the Scouts were not able to work with us more closely and hope that we will be able to meet their requirements to purchase the property.”

The Council's move comes after an aggressive last-minute fundraising campaign produced Pathfinders' proposal hours before the March 31 deadline (since moved to May 1). It is not known what that deal was, but Langevin felt so comfortable with it then that he said, “We consider it a superior offer.”

Apparently, the Boy Scouts did not.

“We've encouraged our realtor to work with the Pathfinders,” said a Council spokesperson, “and any other interested party to submit a superior offer until May.”

“I'm totally disheartened,” said Killingworth First Selectwoman Nancy Gorski. “We have a situation here where the Boy Scouts' mission is conservation, yet they're not even acknowledging what's happening here. They're just going to go forward with this offer to develop.”

Not so fast.

There is, as mentioned, a May 1 deadline. That was not self-imposed by the Boy Scouts or its Connecticut Yankee Council. It was imposed by Connecticut Attorney General William Tong in cooperation with the Council while, according to a statement, he reviews “questions regarding the legal status and sale of the property.”

One of those questions could be the involvement of Fortitude Capital's founder and CEO Margaret Streicker. She not only is the highest bidder for the property, nearly doubling an offer of \$2.4 million made in February by the Trust for Public Land (TPL), a nonprofit whose mission is to “create parks and protect land for people;” she is one of 42 members of the Connecticut Yankee Council's Board of Directors.

But she's more than that. She sits on its Executive Board.

“That is more than messy,” said a local attorney. “That is irresponsible.”

In an interview with the New Haven Register last weekend, Streicker insisted that it's not; that she recused herself from all Council meetings and discussions of the Deer Lake sale to avoid a possible conflict of interest. However, in conversations with various attorneys, political figures and conservation advocates, they are more than skeptical. They invited Tong to dig into possible wrongdoing.

In fact, one conservation organization reached out Monday to Tong's office, raising its concern about a conflict of interest.

“It seems to me,” a spokesperson said, “this should raise the ire of the Attorney General.”

Streicker seems unconcerned. In her interview with the Register, she called on the state Attorney General's office, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal and Gov. Ned Lamont “to put their money where their mouth is and actually raise the offer of the Boy Scouts” – a comment that drew widespread criticism (one individual called it “political baiting”) for its lack of understanding of a political process that can, at times, move at a glacial pace.

“The speed at which this needs to move,” said one lawmaker, “is not the way this process works when it comes to state and federal funding. There's a window within which to apply for grants and to receive them, and they're not there right now. We're still hard at work on this, and I know the state ... given the time ... could help make this a true treasure for its residents. But it's really a matter of time. We need leeway to get this done.”

In other words, that won't happen before May 1.

Then there's the matter of a fair-market value for Deer Lake. When TPL had the property assessed, its figure was \$2-2.4 million. The Boy Scouts' appraisal, based on bankruptcy proceedings, was considerably higher at \$3.7-4.2 million. Until Pathfinders joined the bidding last week, they were the only two that made offers – with TPL, handcuffed by fair-market value, at \$2.4 million, and Fortitude Capital at \$4.625 million.

With Streicker seemingly on the verge of

acquiring the deal, she drove to Killingworth last Tuesday to confer privately with Gorski. During a 50-minute meeting, she indicated what the First Selectwoman termed as her “intentions” with Deer Lake, but neither would divulge the contents of that conversation. However, Streicker's appearance two days in advance of what was then the Council's deadline seemed to indicate confidence in acquiring the property.

One day later, that changed when Pathfinders made its offer, and the deadline was pushed back a month.

Now it's the confidence of local conservationists, preservationists, advocacy groups and, frankly, Killingworth's Town Hall that has been disturbed. But it's more than that. It's disappointment and anger. Where last week they believed the Connecticut Yankee Council might be receptive to Pathfinders' offer and that Deer Lake could be protected in perpetuity as green space, today they're not so sure.

What is certain is that the story won't go away. What once was a local issue, now has statewide and national attention. The Hartford Courant ran it on its front page. It led an Associated Press story last month on the sale of Boy Scouts' properties. And on Monday, Gorski and Langevin were asked to join National Public Radio for an interview.

“It takes a partnership to put all of this together,” said state Rep. Christine Goupil. “You would think one nonprofit to another would be trying to do what is in the best interests of their charter or by-laws or whatever it is they follow for the general public. That generally is the interest of the nonprofit: the collective. Whatever happened to the collective?”

## HADDAM SOCIAL SERVICES NEWS

### Renters Rebate Tax Relief Program April – October 2022

By Jessica Condil, Haddam Department of Senior & Social Services/Municipal Agent for the Elderly

Renters Rebate Tax Relief Program: Application Period April 1 – October 1, 2022 information for residents of Haddam, Higganum, and Haddam Neck.

Haddam Senior & Social Services/ Municipal Agent for the Elderly, Jessica Condil, would like to inform eligible residents to please contact Social Services to schedule your appointment for Renters Rebate. Appointments can be made for Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays between 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Eligibility requirements are as followed: 65 years of age or older, 100% disabled, or age 18 or older (by 12/31/2021)

2021 GROSS income (Including Social Security benefits) must not have exceeded \$46,400.00, for married couples, or \$38,100 for a single individual.

100% disabled Veterans single income applicant is \$18,000, and married \$21,000.

Required Documents: Calendar year 2021: Social Security Income (form SSA 1099)

Copy of 2021 Federal Income Tax Return, if filed OR 1099 forms for pension, dividends, interest, stocks, & bonds, etc.

W-2's from employment

Veterans Disability or Railroad Retirement

100% Disabled: Benefits Verification form from Social Security showing date disability began & proof of SSI benefit, along with other forms listed above, if applicable.

Required Expense Documentation: Rent receipts for 2021 (all 12 months) and Utility bills you paid January through December 2021 (heat, gas, electric).

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Please call Jessica Condil, 860-345-4621, Town of Haddam, Department of Senior Social Services to schedule your appointment.

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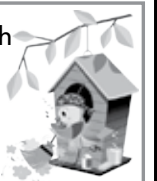
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## BRAINERD LIBRARY

### A Poem a Day! At Brainerd Library

By Robbie Marshall, Assistant Director, Brainerd Memorial Library

The Haddam Poet Laureate, Lorraine Riess, and library staff have set up baskets of poems in the BML lobby and Children's Room. Please help yourself to some free poetry and a bookmark.

There is also a poetry reading scheduled for 2:00 p.m., June 26, 2022 at Haddam Meadows by Connecticut poets from their book, Waking up to the Earth. Save the Date!

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## HADDAM VOTERS

### Voter Registrations (as of March 31)

By Raymond Skarsten and Kate Wessling, Haddam Registrars of Voters

#### Town of Haddam – Voter Registration Summary

| District           | Democratic         | Republican         | Unaffiliated       | Other              | Total       |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 001 Firehouse      | 892                | 774                | 1341               | 46                 | 3053        |
| 002 Central Office | 728                | 758                | 1224               | 43                 | 2753        |
| 003 Haddam Neck    | 97                 | 84                 | 88                 | 3                  | 272         |
| Totals:            | <b>1732</b><br>28% | <b>1612</b><br>27% | <b>2666</b><br>44% | <b>94</b><br>1.51% | <b>6078</b> |

## COMMUNITY

### Deadline Approaching for 2022 KAA Scholarship Application: April 15

By Clark Judge

Attention, local high-school seniors: You still have two weeks to apply for a Killingworth Ambulance Association scholarship.

Applications for the 2022 awards are available to graduating seniors enrolled in private or public high schools, but time is running out. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 15.

Scholarships are available only to residents

of Killingworth who plan on continuing their educations at two-or-four-year institutions. In addition, applicants must meet the following criteria: 1) Major in the medical, emergency services (fire, police, etc.) or other allied fields; 2) engage in community service and 3) maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher in their high-school careers.

Applications are available at Haddam-Killingworth, Mercy and Xavier High Schools. However, Killingworth residents who attend other schools are invited to apply, too.

The KAA has awarded 20 scholarships over the past four years, including 10 the past two. Last year's winners were Jasmine Byrne, Ryan Luther, Sam Luther, Thomas Perry and Kayla Fordyce. All but Fordyce, who graduated from Mercy, attended Haddam-Killingworth High School. This year's recipients will be announced later this spring.

For more information please contact the KAA at (860) 663-2450 or log on to killingworthambulance.org

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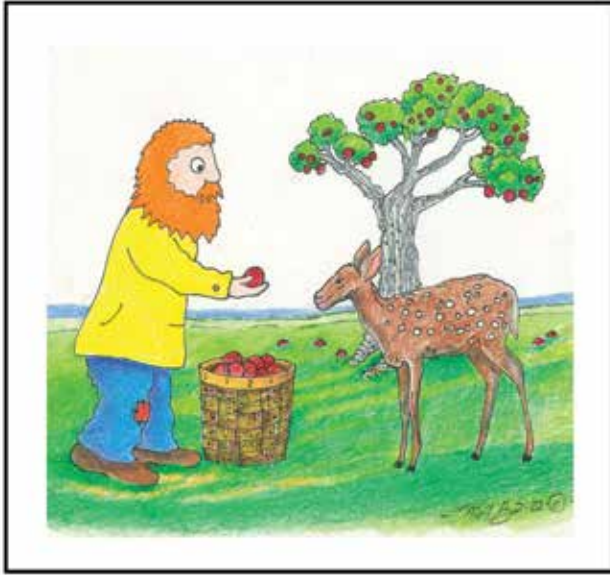
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## LEGALS

### TOWN OF HADDAM DECISION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS COMMISSION

On March 31, 2022 the Zoning Board of Appeals approved the following applications:

1. A request for variance to allow for in-ground pool 5ft off northern side of property within set-backs. Condition: Pool location to be set by surveyor. Applicant: Brent Veiga - Location: 13 Summersweet Dr Map 41/lot 15-45
2. A request for variance to allow for side set back of 15 feet to allow for garage addition. Applicant: Irene Alesh - Location: 27 Filley Rd Map 46/lot 15B

Said Applications are on file and may be seen in the Land Use Office, in the Town of Haddam Building.

### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF HADDAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 BUDGET REFERENDUM

The Electors of the Town of Haddam and all those qualified to vote at Town Meetings are hereby notified and warned to meet at their respective polling place in said town on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022 for the following purpose:

To cast their votes on the Regional School District No. 17 budget. A copy of the proposed budget recommended for adoption by the district Board of Education is on file at the Haddam Town Clerk's Office.

Polling Locations:

District #1\* Firehouse Community Hall, 439 Saybrook Rd.

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District #2\* RSD # 17, Central Office, 57 Little City Rd.

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District #3\* Haddam Neck Fire Firehouse, 50 Rock Landing Rd. Haddam Neck, CT 06424

\*Curbside voting for voters with a disability available at all locations

The vote on the budget will be a yes/no vote. Voting tabulators will be used. The Regional School District Board of Education will set the hours of voting at the Annual District Meeting to be held on May 2nd, 2022. Per C.G.S. 7-7, the polls must be open from 12:00 noon to 8:00 PM. The Annual District Meeting will hold a vote to open the polls at 6:00 AM.

Absentee ballots will be available at the Office of the Town Clerk, 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam, CT 06438, beginning on April 12th, 2022.

Please contact the Office of Town Clerk at 860-345-8531 ext. 212 or ext. 211 for further information.

Dated at Haddam, Connecticut this 8th day of April, 2022.

Robert W. Siegrist, III  
Town Clerk  
Haddam, Connecticut

## COMMUNITY

# Drug Take-Back Day: April 23

By Ben Eaves, Prevention Coordinator, Haddam Killingworth Youth and Family Services

HK Community! Do you have unwanted or expired medication in the cabinet at home? Haddam and Killingworth will be participating in the National Drug Take-Back on Saturday, April

23. Over the counter and prescription pills can be dropped off at two locations between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. that day. You can bring them to either Killingworth Pharmacy or Nutmeg Pharmacy.

For more information, please feel free to reach out to HK Youth and Family Service at (860) 345- 7498 or email beaves@hkyfs.org. Thank you and be safe!

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### On Behalf of the Haddam Sustainability Committee

*Editor's Note: The views stated here are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors of this newspaper. We welcome supporting or opposing views on any published item.*

On behalf of the Haddam Sustainability Committee, we would like to send a BIG THANK YOU to Christopher Corsa, Assistant Public Works Director, and Public Works Clerk, Bunny Batzner, for their support of the Blue Earth Compost project at the Haddam Transfer Station. Special thanks goes also to Rick Guarino, Jessica Jascot and Gary Narducci who are the three transfer station workers you see out there in the rain and cold doing their jobs assisting you as you dump your trash and recycling there. They have

also been given another duty, which is to monitor the Blue Earth Compost bins located next to the Swap Shack and are doing a great job with that in addition to their other duties.

Special thanks also to Robert McGarry, Kate Anderson and Sean Moriarty for their full support for this Pilot Project. We started in December with 3 Blue Earth bins and now are up to 7! A big thank-you also goes to all the residents who are participating. March exceeded all expectations: 4,210 lbs of Food Scraps collected! Any questions you have: HaddamSustainabilityCommittee@gmail.com.

Linda Talbott  
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