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Killingworth Road Race Returns August 6

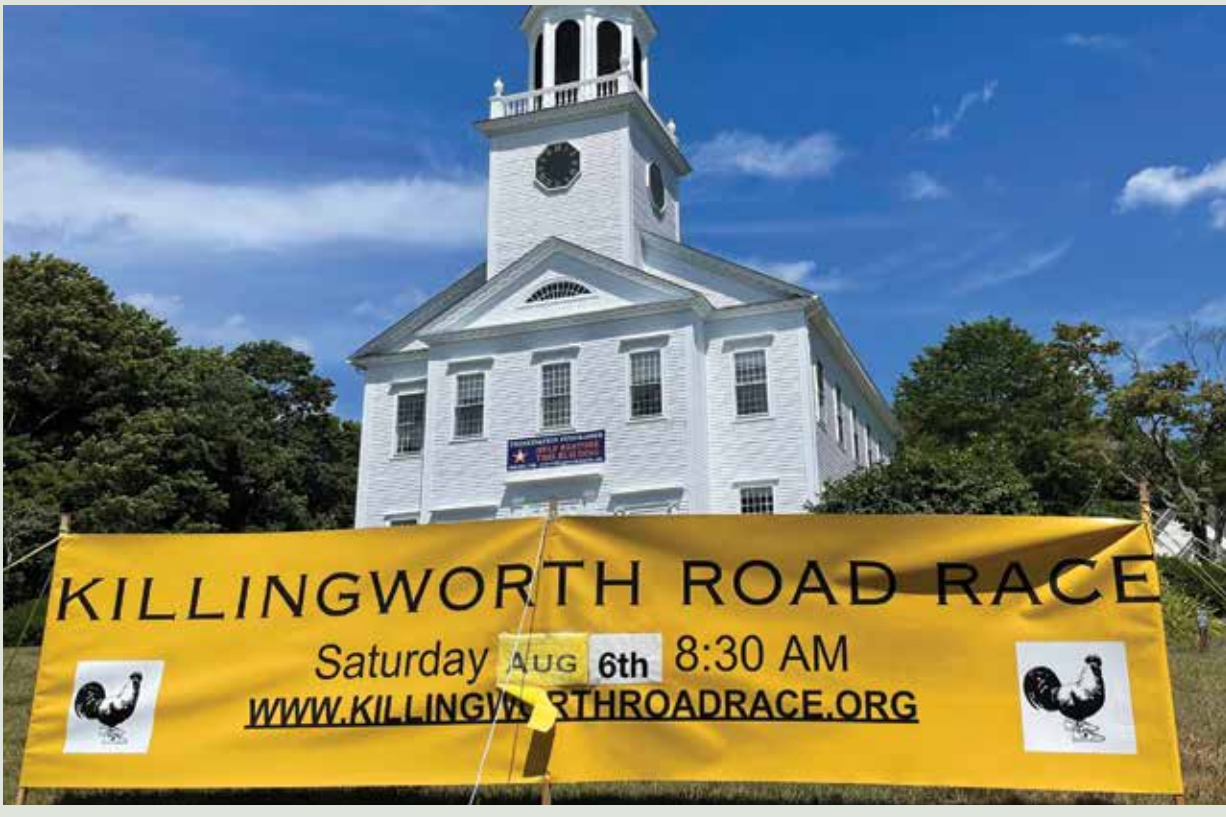


Photo by Clark Judge.

By Clark Judge

If it seems like years since there's been a Killingworth Road Race, there's a reason: It has been. The last time it was run, the price of gasoline was \$2.70 a gallon, Tom Brady was a New England Patriot and COVID was not a word. That was August, 2019, and the race has been on hiatus ever since because of (what else?) COVID-related concerns. But now it's back, returning Saturday, August 6, 2022 for the 15th time in 17 years. The race covers the same four-mile route as 2019, is expected to draw more than 100 competitors and begins and ends where it always has – at the Killingworth Congregational Church. "It's really good to be back," said Chuck Langevin, one of the race's two co-directors (Shawn Sodergren is the other). "It's a fun thing,

and with how tough it's been with COVID ... to have an event like this where people are outside and safe ... it's all good." So how do you get involved? Ah, that's why we're here. This, then, is your thumbnail guide to the 15th annual Killingworth Road Race. When? Saturday, August 6, 2022, rain or shine. Where? Killingworth Congregational Church, 273 Route 81. When? 8:30 a.m. Registration You can pre-register on the race's website (2022

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Food Truck Fridays Begin at Higganum Farmers Market

By Kristy Benson-Amarante

The farmers market season has reached its halfway point, but what better time to announce that the market will host a food truck every Friday for the remainder of the season! Along with baskets of fresh produce from Bogue Farms and Walden Farms, the market offers an array of local vendors with items that range from baked goods, fresh bread and cookies, spices, oils and vinegar, fudge and chocolates, kettle corn, locally-made iced teas, and authentic Italian sauces and pasta. Alongside our food vendors, we proudly feature local jewelers and metalsmiths, crocheted items, art, signs and gifts, soaps and candles, and many town organizations, like the Haddam Historical Society, Brainerd Memorial Library, the Haddam Sustainability Committee, the Haddam Garden Club and the Haddam Volunteer Fire Company, are also among the market exhibits.

Our remaining 2022 market schedule is as follows, complete with themed days, live music, and food trucks. Come to the market every Friday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the former Haddam Elementary School.

"Dope Fried Foods" Truck features sandwiches, chicken Tikka rolls, dumplings, wontons, samosas,

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"Stop the Bleed" Classes Begin in Killingworth: August 13

By Clark Judge

The Killingworth Ambulance Association will hold its first "Stop the Bleed" class of 2022 on Saturday, August 13, at the KAA's Route 81 headquarters. The course, which begins at noon, is free and open to all persons 12 years and older.

The class typically lasts one to one-and-a-half

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HVFC Responds to Four Motor Vehicle Fires Within Two Weeks

By Olivia Drake, HVFC Information Officer

In the past two weeks, Haddam Volunteer Fire Company has responded to four motor vehicle fires.

At 9:30 p.m. on July 9, HVFC and DEEP responded to a vehicle fire on Little City Road. The vehicle's owner had already worked to extinguish the fire and HVFC crews assisted with overhaul.

At 6:30 a.m. on July 13, HVFC, along with crews from Chester Hose Company, were dispatched to Route 9 South, one mile south of exit 8, for a two-car motor vehicle accident. During the incident, one vehicle had caught on fire and firefighters worked to extinguish the fire.

At 3:30 p.m. on July 14, HVFC was dispatched to a parking area on the corner of Jail Hill Road and Saybrook Road for another vehicle fire.

And at 10:25 p.m. on July 21, HVFC and Chester Hose Company returned to Route 9 South between exits 7 and 8. After extinguishing the vehicle fire, the scene was handed over to the Connecticut State

Police.

No one was injured in any of these incidents. "We've certainly had a busy streak," said HVFC Chief Sam Baber. "Thanks to our responders, we were able to quickly extinguish all fires and prevent fire from spreading during this period of drought."

Want to join in on the action? Haddam Volunteer Fire Company is looking for new members to join the ranks as firefighters, fire police and EMS. For more information visit haddamfire.com or email membership@haddamfire.org



Photos by Olivia Drake.



PUBLIC SAFETY

DEEP: Fire Danger Level Report & Prevention Tips

Information provided by CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

A heat advisory was recently issued for Connecticut residents. Temperatures, along with high humidity, can make it feel upwards of 100 degrees in cases.

Connecticut Department of Environmental

Protection (DEEP) Daily Forest Fire Danger report can be found here: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Forestry/Forest-Fire/Forest-Fire-Danger-Report>

Safety Information:

If you visit Connecticut's parks, forests and open spaces, please use fires with caution and heed the following DEEP recommendations especially

during forest fire season:

- Obey local laws regarding open fires, including campfires.
- Keep all flammable objects away from fire. Scrape away leaves, twigs, and grass within a 10-foot diameter circle from fire.
- Have firefighting tools nearby and handy.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Carefully dispose of hot charcoal.
- Drown all fires.
- Carefully extinguish smoking materials.
- Tips for Connecticut homeowners

Make a fire safe zone around your house. Clean flammable vegetation and debris from at least 30 feet around the house and any outbuildings.

Prune away the lower limbs of evergreens that are within the fire safe zone. Evergreens catch fire easily during dry periods and burn quickly.

Remove any limbs which overhang the roof or chimney.

Regularly remove leaves and needles from gutters.

Do not store firewood in the fire safe zone.

Use fire resistant roofing materials.

Make sure firefighters can find and access your home. Mark your house and roads clearly, and prune away limbs and trees along your driveway which do not allow fire truck access.

Have an escape plan— and practice it.

Follow state and local open burning laws.

Stay with outside fires until they are completely safe and dead out.

Dispose of wood ashes in a metal bucket, soaking them with water before dumping them.

If you spot a forest fire, remain calm, go to the nearest telephone and dial 911 to report the fire as quickly as possible to your local fire department. Calmly tell the emergency dispatcher when you saw it and where you saw it. If you see anything suspicious at or near the scene of the fire, take note and relay that to 911 as well. Stay on the telephone until the dispatcher tells you to hang up.

To get updates on the fire danger, please call 860-424-3929.

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Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce Welcomes UConn Head Baseball Coach Jim Penders

By Haley Stafford, Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce

Chairwoman Kristen Roberts of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce has announced that University of Connecticut Head Baseball Coach Jim Penders, will serve as keynote speaker at a Chamber Breakfast Meeting on Monday, August 22.

The Breakfast Meeting, sponsored by DATTCO and Makiaris Media, will be held at the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Chamber President Larry McHugh noted, "We look forward to welcoming Coach Jim Penders, leader of the UConn Baseball Program, to our Member Breakfast Meeting once again. We are all very proud of Jim's success as a fantastic Coach. I also want to thank him for speaking to our members and thank DATTCO and Makiaris Media for their sponsorship of what is sure to be another great event."

Jim Penders enters his 19th season at the helm for the Huskies in 2022. A five-time conference Coach of the Year, Penders has overseen one of the most successful stretches in the 125-year history of UConn baseball. Penders has worked with the

University of Connecticut baseball program in 30 of the past 32 years, being associated with the Huskies as a student-athlete, an assistant coach and now head coach. The Huskies have the longest-tenured coaching staff in Division I baseball.

Overall in his tenure, Penders holds a 606-416-5 record. On May 16, 2019, Penders surpassed his mentor, Andy Baylock, for most wins in UConn history by securing his 557th victory in an 8-5 win at Tulane. He has led the Huskies to six NCAA Tournament appearances, including a Super Regional appearance in 2011. UConn has also won a regular season or a conference title five times with Penders in the dugout and hosted the 2010 Norwich Regional. Under his watch, 15 Huskies have earned All-America honors, most recently Kyler Fedko in 2021.

The cost is \$25 for Chamber Members and \$35 for non-members. Advance registration is required; please register online: www.middlesexchamber.com.

The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce is a dynamic business organization with more than 1,900 members that employ more than 50,000 people. Our Chamber represents businesses of all sizes and industry sectors, from Fortune 500

companies to micro-businesses, and we are committed to promoting a positive business climate in Middlesex County. Monthly Member Breakfast Meetings feature keynote speakers from a number of different professional fields including the business community, national politics, sports and entertainment. In addition to high-profile speakers, Chamber Member Breakfast Meetings provide outstanding networking opportunities and attract between 300 and 600 Chamber members each month.

COMMUNITY

9th Annual HKYFS School Supply Drive is Underway

By Laura Shipman, HK Youth & Family Services

The Haddam-Killingworth Youth & Family Services Backpack Program for the 2022-2023 school year has begun. The program serves Haddam-Killingworth students who are in need of assistance with essential tools to learn in the classroom. When students start off the school year prepared, they are more likely to succeed in school. We look forward to partnering with our community to provide students a positive start to the upcoming school year.

To donate supplies, please use the bin we have placed outside our building; OR you may drop off any school supplies at Killingworth True Value, 228

Route 81 in Killingworth. Please be sure to leave your name and contact information.

We will be collecting from now through August 25. The following items are needed: Pens, Pencils, Markers, Erasers, Pencil Cases, Pocket Folders, Notebooks, Highlighters, Post-Its, Rulers, Index Cards, Glue Sticks, Colored Pencils, Child & Teenage Backpacks, Lunch Boxes, Lined Paper and Three-Ring Binders.

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— 2022 Annual Killingworth Road Race — Race Roster — Registration, Marketing, Fundraising) or sign up the morning of the event. The cost for adults (18 and older) is \$22 for pre-registration and \$25 on Aug. 6. For those 17 and younger, it's \$17 for pre-registration and \$20 the day of the event. All proceeds go to local charities.

The Course

It's a 4-mile out-and-back, the same course as 2019 when then-18-year-old Conor McCabe won in 22:10:07. It starts at the church, goes north on Route 81, doglegs right on Wolf Hollow Road, then turns right again on Roast Meat Hill Road. The turn-around is just north of where Reservoir Road intersects Roast Meat Hill. In previous years, the course continued on Roast Meat Hill Road and turned west on Route 80 before connecting again with north Route 81. Not anymore. "What was good about (the 2019 course)," said Sodergren, "was that we were able to close down all the roads. So it was safer. We don't have the manpower needed on the streets to cover the whole loop."

The Field

Usually, it's anywhere from 100-150 runners (there were 148 in 2019), though it once attracted nearly 200. Pre-race registration is approximately 75 now, which is "right on track with history," said Langevin. "So that's a good sign." Pre-race registration typically is at or near 100 by race day, with another 50-60 competitors possible on the day of the event if the

weather cooperates.

The Categories

There are several, all divided by age. They start with the 13-17 Youth bracket, then move to the 18-39 Open. After that, they are divided by decades: 40-49; 50-59; 60-69 and so on. I think you get the idea. Langevin said he can remember at least one runner who was no more than 8 or 9. And the oldest? That would be Jeff Etherington, who lived on Route 81 and ran into his mid 80s. "I was always inspired by him," Langevin said.

Awards/Rewards

All participants are given T-shirts prior to the race. Afterward, the winners of each age category are awarded blueberry pies donated by Robert's Food Center in Madison. "When we started this," said Sodergren, "it used to be on the day of the church fair. So blueberry pie seemed to fit into the whole country church pie theme." Robert's also donates bananas and water. "They've been a big help through the years," Sodergren said.

Biggest Concern

It's not the weather, though it was in 2018. A furious

thunderstorm that year erupted prior to the start, deluging streets, soaking runners and reducing the field to 60. "We literally lost our shirts," said Langevin. "We had tons of extra ones." Nevertheless, the race went on. Nope, the biggest concern almost always is the turnout. Organizers simply don't know how many participants or volunteers will appear until ... well, until shortly before 8:30 a.m. "We just need more persons to get involved and help," said Langevin.

Why You Should Be Interested

Remember what Langevin said: "It's a fun thing." One competitor, Christian Nelson, likes it so much he never missed a race ... and he's not from Killingworth. He's from West Hartford. Some people run. Some jog. Some do a little of both. And some even walk. In fact, one of Sodergren's favorite stories has to do with one of the race's founders, Sue Anziano. Her mother, Ruth Grommeck, one year walked the entire course, beginning to end. "She literally was the last person to finish," said Sodergren, "but she won her age group. She was the only person over 70. That kind of epitomizes that this is for everybody."

KILLINGWORTH PUBLIC SAFETY

"Stop the Bleed" Classes Begin in Killingworth: August 13

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hours, with participants required to wear protective face masks. All those interested are asked to complete RSVP forms available on the Killingworth Ambulance Association website (RSVP – Killingworth Ambulance Association) or in the "Classes" section on the site's pull-down menu.

"Stop the Bleed" is a nationwide awareness campaign (STOP THE BLEED – Save a Life | Stop The Bleed) launched in 2015 by the White House and Department of Homeland Security. It is designed to empower bystanders with the training to deal with traumatic events and emergency bleeding situations before help arrives.

Its value was underscored in October, 2019,

when a state trooper responding to an accident at Middletown's Vinal Technical High School implemented a "Stop the Bleed" kit to treat what was called "a catastrophic injury" involving profuse bleeding. Officials later said quick thinking by the state trooper may have saved the victim's life.

The KAA first offered "Stop the Bleed" classes in July, 2017, making Killingworth the first Connecticut town to have its citizens certified. Since then, it has conducted 23 classes and had "Stop the Bleed" stations" installed at the Killingworth Public Library and Town Hall.

For more information, log on to killingworthambulance.org or contact the Killingworth Ambulance Association at (860) 663-2450.

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Killingworth Women's Organization and Killingworth Senior Club Present Informational Health Awareness Program: September 14

By Joyce M. Mason

The Killingworth Women's Organization and the Killingworth Senior Club announce an informational health awareness program geared toward senior citizens and caregivers. The event will take place on Wednesday, September 14, at the St. Lawrence Church social hall, 7 Hemlock Drive, Killingworth. Check-in begins at 10:00 a.m. with presentations/discussions starting at 10:30 a.m. ending at 1:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served. This senior event is sponsored by Ann Pellegrini, CRPC

of Edward Jones, Clinton, and The Clinton Rotary Club.

Presenters include Keith Lyke, pharmacist, Molly Standley, Family & Patient Advocate, Micaela Finnegan, LMSW with Shoreline Estuary, and Mary Fretz, EMT, Killingworth Ambulance Association. The team will address health issues as one ages, medication changes and OTC supplements, being a caregiver, elder depression/mental health, need for socialization, senior nutritional needs, exercise, and Medicare coverage. Learn how to best communicate concerns with your doctor.

The program is free, but reservations are required as attendance is limited to 60. Register no later than September 5, 2022, at KillingworthSeniors@gmail.com, or call 860-452-4420 and leave a message with your full name and phone number.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank You, Haddam Park & Rec, for Supporting Recycling

As a member of the Haddam Sustainability Committee, I was invited to attend the July 26, 2022 meeting of the Haddam Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss ways to improve recycling at our town parks. I am very grateful to Commission Chairman Jason Lonergan, Vice Chair Jen O'Neal and members David Law and Peter Christopher for their willingness to begin a conversation on this important matter.

As much as this is a thank-you note to Park & Rec, it is also meant as a wake-up call to all who use our parks and dispose of their trash without giving a thought to recycling. At the Great Hills Complex, for example, there have been, at several locations in the park, two barrels side by side for some time, a gray one for regular trash, a blue one for recyclables. As you can imagine, park users generate numerous water, soda, Gatorade and juice bottles and cans that should be tossed into the blue barrel but, all too often, are mixed in with regular trash. And the

reverse happens with the blue barrel, which, all too often, is full of trash other than aluminum, glass and plastic.

The solution we talked about with the Commission would involve the purchase of more clearly marked recycling barrels that are shaped so that only bottles and cans would fit through the opening in the top of them.

But more important than any new receptacles is your cooperation when disposing of trash at our parks. It starts with caring about this, acting on it and making sure other park users cooperate as well. Please help us help.

Joanne Nesti,
Haddam Sustainability Committee

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Local Students Earn Honors at Western New England University

(July 27, 2022) —Western New England University has announced its Dean's List and President's List honors for the Spring 2022 semester. Among the honorees:

Dean's List:

Autumn Walton of Killingworth, who is working toward a BA in Law & Society

President's List:

Faith Hoyoski of Higganum, who is working toward a BA in Communication/Public Relations Concentration.

Jonathan Civiello of Killingworth, who is working toward a BSE in Mechanical Engineering.

Ronald Scarpa of Killingworth Named to Dean's List at University of New Haven

By Ronald Scarpa

(July 27, 2022) —Ronald J. Scarpa of Killingworth, a student in the Tagliatella College of Engineering at the University of New Haven, has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2022 semester. He is working on a Bachelor of Science degree in Cybersecurity and Networks.

Olivia Parmelee Named to Spring 2022 Dean's List

By Christine Beaudry

(July 25, 2022) – Olivia Parmelee of Haddam has been named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List at Palmer College of Chiropractic's Main Campus in Davenport, Iowa. Palmer College of Chiropractic, the first and largest college in the chiropractic profession, has campuses in Davenport, Iowa; San

Jose, California; and Port Orange, Florida.

Class of 2022: Seth Freeman of Killingworth Named to Dean's List at Ithaca

(July 20, 2022) — Ithaca College has announced that Seth Freeman of Killingworth has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2022 semester.

Class of 2022: Gianni Kierkla of Haddam Graduates from WNE School of Law

(July 20, 2022) — Gianni F. Kierkla of Haddam has graduated from Western New England University with a Juris Doctor. On Sunday, May 22, 2022, the University conferred Graduate and Professional degrees to more than 160 graduates receiving master, law, and doctorate degrees from its Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy, and School of Law.

COMMUNITY

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fries and slaw!

“Get Stuffed” Food Truck features burgers, lobster rolls and lobster grilled cheese sandwiches or BLT wraps, steak or chicken sandwiches, salads, kicked-up grilled cheese, hot dogs and clam chowder.

“Tacos Flores” offers a variety of tacos (fish, steak, pork, chicken, beef, veggie), nachos, and an array of salsas.

August 5 – “Health, Wellness and Ecology” themed day – Food truck – “Dope Fried Foods”

August 12 – ‘It’s Everyone’s Birthday’ theme – come for presents, cake, and games! Food truck: “Tacos Flores” – Music by Haddam local Mark Peryga

August 19th -Food Truck: “Dope Fried Foods,” Music by Brian May

TWO WEEK BREAK

FALL MARKET OPENS ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

September 9 – Food Truck: “Get Stuffed”

September 16 – “Build a Scarecrow Day,” hosted in part with Brainerd Library. Music by Willie T and Doctor X.

September 23 – Food Truck: “Tacos Flores”

September 30 – Closing Day. Food Truck: “Tacos Flores,” Music by Mark Peryga

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please visit www.haddam.org, www.townofkillingworth.com or hk-now.com for the most current information, including cancellations, location changes, time changes. See hk-now.com for more information on calendar items.

Thursday, August 4

Toddler Tunes – Brainerd Library 10:00 a.m.

Pirates Ahoy – Killingworth Library morning & evening sessions. For ages 10-17. Registration is required. Pirate Camp will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays – please sign up for either the morning OR evening session, not both in the same day.

Morning sessions 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Evening Sessions 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

This program will be held under the tent in the library's back yard. Adults must remain with children for the duration of the event.

CT Summer at the Museum – 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Thankful Arnold House.

Parmelee Farm Committee meeting 7:00 p.m. Pond Room.

Cricut Crafting - Killingworth Library 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Make a unique 3-D art piece using the library's new Cricut cutting machine. For ages 10-17. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, so please register in advance 860 663-2000.

Friday, August 5

Killingworth Historic Review Committee meeting 11:00 a.m.

Higganum Farmers Market 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 6

Killingworth Road Race - Killingworth Congregational Church 8:30 a.m.

Model Boat Race against Brainerd Library 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Storytime on the Go – Killingworth Library 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. No in-house Storytime this Saturday, but you can still have fun! Stop by the library to choose your own Storytime book and take-and-make craft from the selection we will have

on display.

Sunday, August 7

CT Summer at the Museum – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Thankful Arnold House.

Monday, August 8

Killingworth Open Space Committee meeting 6:00 p.m.

Haddam Board of Selectmen meeting 6:30 p.m. HADDAM NECK

Killingworth Board of Selectmen meeting 7:00 p.m. Town Office Building.

Killingworth Park & Recreation meeting 7:30 p.m. Sheldon Park.

Tuesday, August 9

Connecticut Republican & Democratic Primary 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Pirates Ahoy – Killingworth Library morning & evening sessions. For ages 10-17. Registration is required. Pirate Camp will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays – please sign up for either the morning OR evening session, not both in the same day. (See Aug. 4 above for details)

Tuesday Book Discussion – Killingworth Library 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Join us as we discuss *The Great Influenza: the Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History* by John M. Barry. Extra copies will be available at the circulation desk. Meeting location to be determined. Newcomers always welcome! For more info call: 860 663-2000.

Summer Storytime at Brainerd Library 10:00 a.m.

Killingworth Inland Wetlands meeting 7:00 p.m. Town Office Building.

Wednesday, August 10

CT Summer at the Museum – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Thankful Arnold House.

Science Wednesdays for Tiny Thinkers – Killingworth Library 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Haddam Economic Development meeting 6:30 p.m.

Brainerd memorial Library Culinary Club 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. We are back and cooking! In this unique book club we gather together to talk about our favorite recipes and have brought to the meeting. If you need inspiration for a dish we have books to help you.

Killingworth Public Health meeting 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 11

Pirates Ahoy – Killingworth Library morning & evening sessions. For ages 10-17. (See Aug. 4 above for details.)

CT Summer at the Museum – 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Thankful Arnold House.

Time to Talk About Books – Killingworth Library 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. We know you have to do it – so let's get together and work on those school reading book discussion guides! Pizza and soda will be provided. For ages 10-17. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, so please register in advance. 860 663-2000

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

Toddler Tunes – Brainerd Library 10:00 a.m.



The Killingworth Republican Town committee asks all registered Republicans to come out and vote in the primary on August 9th, 2022, at Killingworth Elementary School. The candidates are:

US SENATE:

Leora Levy, Themis Klarides* and Peter Lumaj

SECRETARY OF THE STATE:

Dominic Rapini* and Terrie Wood

You can also vote via Absentee Ballot. Absentee Ballot applications are available from the Town Clerk beginning on July 19th. Absentee Ballots must be returned by 8pm on Primary Day, August 9th. Per Dawn Mooney, Town Clerk all Absentee Ballots must be placed in the big silver mailbox next to the driveway at town hall; any ballots placed in the small mailbox mounted on the wall next the door to Town Hall will not be counted.

*Indicates that this candidate is the party nominee, however the other candidates received enough votes at GOP convention to go to primary.

Killingworth Historical Society & Killingworth Lions Hold Groundbreaking Ceremony at Parmelee Farm

By Laura Lefko

On Wednesday July 20, the Killingworth Historical Society held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new barn to be built behind the farmhouse at Parmelee Farm. Members of the Killingworth Lions and the Killingworth community were also in attendance.

The new barn will go into the space formerly occupied by the garage. The garage was carefully and meticulously relocated, over the course of three days, to a spot just north of the farmhouse and was placed on a new foundation by Schumack Construction.

Approximately 90% of the funds to build the new barn were raised by the Killingworth Historical Society over several years through their Christmas fairs and annual tag sales. The Killingworth Lions donated the funds raised at their concert this spring, along with a few private donors to raise the remaining 10% to fully fund the project.

The new barn will be a 36' x 34', one-and-a-half story, post-and-beam barn and will house Killingworth historical artifacts like the hearse, farm implements, wagons, etc. The second-floor space will be used for artifact storage. Site work will be done by Schumack Construction and construction of the barn will be done

by Country Carpenters. Completion of the project is expected to be done by late September of this year.

This morning I talked with Ken Wodatch, Killingworth Historical Society President who said, "The Historical Society is very grateful for the support from the community and is looking forward to expanding our campus space at Parmelee Farm." Hilary Kumnick, immediate past President of the Lions said, "The Lions were thrilled to be able to partner in this barn raising," and from current Lions President Rick Clare, "Parmelee Farm has become a center of community life in Killingworth, and the Historical Society has done a superb job of preserving the town's extensive history. The Lions are pleased that our fundraising has helped the Historical Society to preserve its artifacts and to make them more available to the people of our town."

I will close with this from Linda Dudek, former president and longtime board member: "The KHS barn project is becoming a reality! It's been a long haul with years of planning and saving. The Historical Society is grateful to all our supporters. The Society has collected numerous Killingworth artifacts, especially items relating to our farming heritage and the barn will give a proper home to our collections."



Left to right, Ken Wodatch, Linda Dudek, Scott Hawkins, Rick Clare. Photo by Laura Lefko.

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Candidate Statements for the August 9, 2022 Connecticut Primary

By Editorial Staff

Haddam Killingworth News invited the candidates in both the Republican and Democratic Primary elections to submit a 100-word response to the question “Why are you running for your office?”

In the Republican Primary the candidates for U. S. Senate are, Themis Klarides, Leora Levy, and Peter Lumaj. Republicans vying for the office of Secretary of the State are Dominic Rapini and Terrie Wood. In the Democratic Primary the candidates for Secretary of the State are Maritza Bond and Stephanie Thomas. Running for the position of Treasurer are Democrats Dita Bhargava, Karen Dubois-Walton, and Erick Russell.

Below are the answers from those candidates who responded to our request.

U.S Senate/Republican Candidates

Themis Klarides (R): “I am running for office because Connecticut deserves a Senator who will actually fight for balanced budgets, lower taxes, and public safety instead of focusing on television cameras and talking points. I was a successful legislative leader because I know how to find common ground on common sense solutions and deliver results for Connecticut. My family is the embodiment of the American Dream—coming from Greece, settling in the Naugatuck Valley and finding success in the supermarket business. I am running to ensure that same opportunity exists for other families both now and in the future.”

Leora Levy (R): “We have a great opportunity to win this November, but it matters who we nominate. I’m a principled, common-sense conservative outsider, not a career politician. Biden and Blumenthal destroyed America with high inflation, record gas prices, lawlessness, and an invasion at our southern border. New perspectives are needed to stop the spending, reignite American energy independence, support our police and stop coddling criminals, keep CRT out of education, respect

and expand parental rights. I’m the only law and order candidate with rank and file support; and I’m running to be the reliable 51st Republican vote who will fight for you in the Senate.”

Peter Lumaj (R): (no response as of July 29, 2022)
Secretary of the State/ Republican Candidates



Themis Klarides (R)



Leora Levy (R)



Peter Lumaj (R)



Dominic Rapini (R)



Terrie Wood (R)



Maritza Bond (D)



Stephanie Thomas (D)



Dita Bhargava (D)



Karen Dubois-Walton (D)



Erick Russell (D)

Dominic Rapini (R): “In 2019 I took a deep interest in Connecticut elections. I have since become an election official in order to understand the mechanics of our elections and to better prepare me to take our elections to the next level of innovation, trust and fairness. I was impressed to see the thoughtful work done by our Registrars and Clerks in securing the integrity of our elections, but I also saw so much opportunity for improvement. So here I am today, coming off the sidelines, willing to bring to bear my 25 years of business and technology experience from Silicon Valley and apply my life learning to strengthen the tools needed for strong

elections.”

Terrie Wood (R): “It’s been a joy beyond words to serve as state representative for Norwalk and Darien. My leadership hallmarks: integrity, common sense and strong listening skills. This, coupled with a strong belief in our Constitutional and Republican values of a bottom up government that represents the voices of the people, is why I’ve earned great trust from constituents and colleagues alike. Winning seven elections by wide margins proves my electability; fourteen years of success/experience on the state level and twelve

years in leadership roles in our community demonstrate my experience in knowing how to lead with good policy and sound governance.”

Secretary of the State/Democratic Candidates

Maritza Bond (D): “We are at a critical juncture. I believe in public service, and being a catalyst to make people’s lives better.

Throughout my career, I’ve had no higher priority. As our next Secretary of the State, my goals are clear: restore fiscal autonomy to the Office so we can be proactive in protecting our democracy; expand access to voting with multi-faceted inclusive policies and multilingual educational campaigns to combat misinformation; establish permanent early voting and no-excuse absentee ballots; and revitalize the small and minority business unit, advancing economic opportunity and making it easier for small businesses to launch, innovate and thrive.”

Stephanie Thomas (D): “As the endorsed Democrat for Secretary of the State in the August 9 primary, I am running because I believe civic education and community engagement are key to protecting voting rights and reconnecting people to our government and the voting process. My priorities are protecting our elections, expanding voting rights, streamlining services to ensure businesses succeed, and serving with integrity and transparency. As a State Representative and small business owner, I know what it takes to build myself from the ground up. I am committed to representing all of us and I will fight for a more fair Connecticut.”

Treasurer/Democratic Candidates

Dita Bhargava (D): “Fiscal challenges of the past decade have made it exceedingly difficult for Connecticut residents to get ahead. I’m running for State Treasurer because residents of Connecticut deserve an elected official who understands the importance of fiscal responsibility. As a working parent with 25 years of experience in the financial world, I will leverage my background to create conditions of growth across Connecticut and spur the creation of more jobs. I believe that a strong treasury is supported by responsible social governance and I will aim to protect equal access to education, opportunity and livelihood while unlocking Connecticut’s true economic potential.”

Karen Dubois-Walton (D): “Graduating from Yale, I began a 27-year public service career. I have experience with public finance, pension and capital borrowing, serving as Chief of Staff and Chief Administrative Officer in New Haven and for 15 years, leading New Haven’s Housing Authority (\$150 million budget and \$800 million in assets) transforming public housing. Appointed by Governor Lamont, I am Chair of the Connecticut State Board of Education. As Treasurer, I will responsibly manage pension funds, direct public investments to benefit hard-working families and deliver effective financial literacy and asset-building programs to build savings and close wealth gaps. I am running because we need a Treasurer with a proven track record of delivering for families.”

Erick Russell (D): (no response as of July 29, 2022)

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