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Paramount Wellness Retreat Brings Addiction Recovery Services to Haddam

By Sally Haase

First, it was a water analysis laboratory, then a childcare facility, and now the grand building on Island Dock Road is about to open as an addiction recovery facility. Paramount Wellness Retreat (PWR) is a newly founded addiction recovery treatment center based on unique diagnostic modalities. Connecticut, it seems, is not an easy state for providers to come online. The state requirements of a Certificate of Need can be challenging. Yet, the founders saw a need in Connecticut for a treatment center not based on often failed practices.

Kyle Bartler, his brother Chris, and Ron Donatucci saw a crisis and wanted to make an impact on individuals and families affected by addiction. Kyle, who had been an air ambulance pilot in the Hawaiian Islands, found meaning in his life helping to save others. A short government desk job robbed him of that satisfaction. And so, these three men stepped out of their comfort zone to embark on a mission to help those suffering from addiction and alcoholism. Their vision was not to create the average treatment centers that simply detox and send a patient out the door with more drugs.

A mutual friend connected the three with Dr. Ravi Chandiramani, a naturopathic physician

and a pioneer in the field of Integrated Addiction Medicine. IAM combines conventional medicine with the healing modalities of naturopathic medicine. Dr Ravi, as he is called, was immediately interested in their vision. They developed a program, but needed a home. The team was drawn to Haddam for its beauty and the serene landscape located just across from Haddam Meadows State Park and the Connecticut River. Patients or residents are in need of an atmosphere away from and unlike the situations they may have come from.

Paramount's policy will be to engage in the community, hiring employees locally and using local services and vendors; for example, Nutmeg Pharmacy and River Valley Provisions. The 36-bed retreat will not be an emergency room, rather it will rely on referrals from Connecticut hospital emergency rooms and their behavioral health floors. In addition, PWR will support treatment and after-care providers, as well as corporate Employee Assistance Programs (EAP) and Unions. It will assist families in crisis while ensuring the residents that they will be comfortable and safe in their environment. The retreat is not a long-term care facility. The care teams expect that the average stay will be 5-7 days or 30-40 days for detox residents.

This reporter spoke to Dr. Ravi and his team about

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Girls Soccer: HKHS Defeats Lyme-Old Lyme, 1-0

By Mike Shea, HKHS Girls Soccer Coach

The Haddam-Killingworth High School Girls Soccer team was supposed to play at home against Lyme-Old Lyme on Thursday, September 22, but due to the heavy rain throughout the day, the location changed to Lyme-Old Lyme High School. L-OLHS recently had a turf field installed for their soccer program. The rain, wind and cool front did not stop the two teams from competing in a very close game.

Freshman Payton Rich continues to have a big impact for HK with her defensive play this season and, in this game, she was challenged often and rose to each occasion. Captain Caroline Conte also continues to lead the defensive line, and her leadership has been very beneficial to the role that Rich has played. Defender Amanda Cassidy played her best game to date, setting the tempo not only for the defensive line but also the entire team.

The attack of Lyme-Old Lyme was very good, their transition to the attack was quick. They did manage to get shots on goal, but HK goalkeeper Vyv Laurenza made four key saves to shut out Lyme-Old

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The Cone House Rescue

By Elizabeth Malloy, Executive Director,
Haddam Historical Society

For years, Haddam residents would drive by the dilapidated house at 37 Clark Road and wonder if it was going to make it another month. It appeared that the 1748 James Cone House was doomed by “demolition by neglect” and was perilously close to being no more.

Enter Zach Eddinger, “old house champion,” who, at that moment in his life, was looking for a project and found that saving and rebuilding the Cone House was just what he needed. He was drawn to the property for a number of reasons, including the quiet residential nature of the neighborhood, proximity to family and that the house had a lot of potential. He had lived in and worked on older houses before and loved the stories of the past as well as creating memories for the future. Older homes have been resided in for centuries and are not perfect, which makes them so appealing to live in. As the parent of four young children, Zach says, “the blemishes are loved, not tarnished, and because of that I am comfortable with making more.”

When Zach first acquired the house, it was in much worse shape than he thought. The entire back of the house was entirely shot and had to be completely reconstructed, which was no easy task. “The roof and back walls were all just basically hanging in the wind.” Other challenges included the deteriorated chimney and rotted main carrying

posts. Saving the 270-year-old house was going to be a challenge. He fortunately had a good network of craftsmen, including himself and family members. The project engineer thought of creating temporary staging in the same form as the construction, which allowed the team to work safely, although a lot of construction was done above their heads from the top down rather than from the bottom up.

The rear and back ell had to be rebuilt, while much of the front of the house was rehabilitated. Zach notes that he was able to reuse some of the materials from the house in other areas, including building the new rear stairs out of old wall boards and reusing the old rear exterior door on the pantry. The front office exhibits early decorative paneling, while the new first floor bath uses the old front door. While not a pure restoration or preservation project, the interior of the building has been rehabilitated to meet the needs of a young, active family while the exterior retains its historic character.

When I first stopped at the house after seeing Zach start work, I got down on my knees and thanked him profusely for saving this historic house. Many Haddam residents and descendants have strong



Photos courtesy of Zach Eddinger/HHS.

connections to the property and also would stop by to see what was happening. Locals have memories of Christmas parties or visiting relatives, all with a strong sense of love and affection. All visitors have been most appreciative of the rescue. Zach notes that the house and area have an amazing energy and he enjoyed every part of the rehab for both himself and the Cone House. The house restoration is being chronicled on Instagram at the [_cone_house_rescue](#).

The James Cone House is one of six houses that will be on the Haddam Historical Society’s “Fresh Faces, Old Places” historic house tour on October 8, 2022. All six homes offer a fascinating look at how this next generation of old house champions has found beauty and tranquility in our town’s important historic structures, while balancing careful restoration and/or preserving historic elements with modern needs and lifestyles. Tickets are available in advance for \$35 at www.haddamhistory.org. A boxed lunch is also available. To learn more, visit www.haddamhistory.org. Tour headquarters on the day of the tour is at Haddam Old Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive in Haddam.



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Should the Town of Haddam Buy the Rossi Property?

By Bob McGarry, Haddam First Selectman

The property located at the corner of Saybrook Road and Depot Road, which most of us know as the Rossi property, has been an important economic engine for Haddam for well over 100 years. It housed the Cutaway Harrow Company from 1892 – circa 1950. Rossi Lumber Company purchased the property and employed 100 people there until they relocated in 1994. Since then, various commercial tenants, including the town, have leased space in the buildings but the property has largely been dormant and underutilized.

Why are we considering buying it? With a little over 4 ½ acres, the Rossi property is the largest private parcel in Higganum Center. Given its location, it's one of the most visible parcels. To a casual observer, including one thinking of locating a business in Higganum Center, the property appears to be vacant and neglected, even though it's not. It's a drag on our efforts to revitalize the center. Additionally, the property is legally a "non-conforming use." That allows the property owner to have businesses or activities there that our zoning laws prohibit. Non-conforming use rights convey to whoever buys the property, unless the existing owner surrenders them.

There are other benefits to the property. It's flat and fully developable with frontage on two roads. There are no wetlands on the piece and, contrary to what many believe, it's not in a flood plain. It provides the only safe way to walk from the center to Higganum Cove; the bridge on Depot Road is too narrow for both vehicles and pedestrians. It gives us a less expensive and easier route to connect to the

future community septic leach fields at HES than running the main in Saybrook Road. It's an income-producing property from the rent the town and other tenants pay.

There was strong public support for developing the property during the writing of our Plan of Conservation and Development in 2017 and the Higganum Center charrettes held in 2019. A major hurdle to its development is pollution; the site is a Brownfield. (More on this follows.) Successful development of Brownfields is rare without government involvement.

What are the concerns with buying it? In a word, pollution. Like most of Higganum Center, it's built on industrial fill, which contains pollutants. Industrial use there since has added more pollutants. However, that pollution has been investigated and well documented. Eight environmental consulting companies, including one we hired as part of our due diligence for the potential purchase, have conducted 32 studies on the property. The Rossi property is actually two properties – 300 and 305 Saybrook Road. 300 Saybrook Road is the larger property, 4.3 acres, but the least polluted. The environmental concerns there are the site-wide industrial fill mentioned earlier and isolated areas with heavy metal or PCB contamination. The fill can be remediated by capping it, such as with buildings, pavement or clean fill. Soil containing heavy metals or PCB needs to be excavated and removed. 305 Saybrook Road, 0.3 acres, is the piece at the corner of Saybrook and Depot Roads. Because of the nature of the contaminants there, we'll lease

HK Youth & Family Services Needs Your Help-Please Take a Survey!

By HK Youth and Family Services

Youth and Family Services of Haddam-Killingworth (HKYFS) is in the midst of a strategic planning process to determine a common vision and direction for its agency. The process is designed to engage stakeholders from every corner of our Haddam community. We encourage all Haddam, Higganum, and Haddam Neck residents to take this survey to identify strengths, weaknesses, and current views and needs of HKYFS.

If you have any children in the middle school or high school levels, we ask you to have them please take this survey as well.

Thanks in advance for your participation in this process. See hk-now.com for the link to the survey.

Scouting BSA Annual Pancake Breakfast: October 16

By Greg Nicholas, Troop 44 Committee

The Haddam Troop 44 Scouts will be having their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 16, at the Fire House located at 439 Saybrook Road in Higganum Center, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Purchase tickets in advance for \$7 from any Scout or Leader and tickets purchased at the door \$8.

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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, October 6

Music with Margie - Brainerd Memorial Library 11:00 a.m.

Love2Sign - Killingworth Library 10:45 a.m.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens - Killingworth Library 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Friday, October 7

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


Music with Margie - Killingworth Library 11:00 a.m.

Cricut Crafting for Teens - Killingworth Library 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. A Cricut is a cutting machine that can cut a wide variety of materials for craft projects (like paper, vinyl, and light wood veneers). Teens only,



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Cricut Crafting for Adults - Killingworth Library 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 8

Minecraft for Kids - Killingworth Library 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Minecraft for Tweens - Killingworth Library 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Haddam Historical Society Fall House Tour 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thankful Arnold House.

Surprise Saturday with Mrs. Fig - Killingworth Library 10:30 a.m.

Haddam Land Trust Full Moon River Paddle - 5:30 p.m. Haddam Meadows State Park.

Monday, October 10

Haddam Committee on Aging meeting 10:00 a.m. at the Parmelee Center, High Meadow, Haddam. The meeting is open to the public.

Tuesday, October 11

Storytime - Brainerd Memorial Library 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday Book Discussion - Join us as we discuss Still Life by Sara Winman. Killingworth Library 1:00 p.m.

Do the Write Thing for Kids - Killingworth Library 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Do the Write Thing for Tweens - Killingworth Library 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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

RSD #17 meeting - 7:00 p.m. HKIMS

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Wednesday, October 12

Lego Hangout - Killingworth Library 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Haddam Economic Development meeting 6:30 p.m.

Culinary Club - Brainerd Memorial Library 6:30 p.m. Second Wednesday of the month.

Thursday, October 13

Music with Margie - Brainerd Memorial Library 11:00 a.m.

Love2Sign - Killingworth Library 10:45 a.m.

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

HKYFS "Girls Night Out," A fun and informational event for girls and their mothers or significant caregivers - 6:00 p.m. Brainerd Memorial Library.

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

TOWN OF HADDAM

Haddam Land Records Will Be Available Online

By Bob Siegrist, Haddam Town Clerk

Effective August 1, the Haddam Town Clerk's office will be making the viewing of land records available online. You can find this at haddam.org and click on the Town Clerk button. To view and print copies, you will have to create an account, which will be directed on the website.

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addiction and recovery. Paramount's paradigm will be to develop an individual care plan based on several evaluations, including medical history, psychiatric and laboratory analysis, as well as genetic findings. The care plan will then consist of one or several approaches to rehabilitation.

I asked Dr. Ravi, who has 15 years of experience in the field, about opioid addiction, specifically fentanyl. Coming from Arizona, he saw firsthand the dangers of fentanyl. Fentanyl powder is procured from China, mixed with other opioids in Mexico and then illegally smuggled across the border to the U.S. Dr. Ravi said that the drug cartels have created, by design, a conscious and deliberate effort to create a market and a customer base. Customers die at an "acceptable" rate in their scheme. Fentanyl is 50-100 times stronger than morphine, a drug he challenged a decade ago. One Mexican cartel purchased an obsolete pill press with the Percocet imprint from the Black Market to manufacture a lookalike. Worse, the latest pills confiscated are rainbow colored to mimic candy, a serious threat for children. Dr. Ravi said that the opioid-naïve (individuals who never experience opioids) are more likely to die from a single pill or from just touching the substance.

I asked Dr. Ravi about how we are to protect ourselves and our children from addiction or death. The doctor, in his experience, cited three practices, which may seem extreme to someone who hasn't lost a child or loved one to overdose.

First, he believes every parent should begin random drug testing on their children beginning at age 11 or 12. This will give that child an "out" when confronted with

peer pressure to try a drug, since he won't know when the random test will be given.

Second, while Narcan is a drug that saves lives, it is administered through a nasal spray. A better option is Zimba, (think EpiPen), which is delivered to the blood stream much sooner by a needle in the thigh. Narcan can take several minutes to be absorbed into the bloodstream and may require several doses. But what if it is not needed? No harm is done. Dr. Ravi believes that parents, teens and opioid users should carry Zimba with them. Zimba would not be used to save the carrier's life, but it would be used to save another person.

Finally, and perhaps proactively, Education, with a capital E, may be most important. One such tool that parents, teachers and caregivers need to familiarize themselves with is the Emoji Drug Code. This code, consisting of several combinations of emojis, are used to describe illegal substances and to buy drugs with a mobile device. The code recently decoded by the DEA can be used as a tool when parents or others see a change in a child's behavior or suspect drug use. Visit the web page www.soulsurgeryrehab.com to view the code.

This leads to the next objective of Paramount Wellness Retreat and that is to educate the community. The Paramount team wants to partner with the community by holding education events and speaking at schools. In 2019-2020, 304,000 individuals were alcohol- dependent, while 187,000 individuals were illicit drug-dependent. Those numbers can only have grown through the locked-down Covid years and the increase of available drugs coming across the southern border.

If you would like to read more about addiction or to contact Paramount Wellness Retreat, visit their website at www.paramountwellnessretreat.co



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Public Hearing and Meeting:

1. A site plan review to allow for a 10,000 sq ft retail building on Killingworth Road, Map 60/lot 26-7, adjacent to 968 Killingworth Road. Applicant: MPA Realty Associates

Said application is on file in the Land Use Office of the Town of Haddam. Planning and zoning Commission, Haddam CT

TOWN OF HADDAM ZONING OFFICER DECISION

The Zoning Officer of Haddam, Connecticut has given the following agent approval to allow for a 543 sq. ft. addition on an existing building to allow for additional veterinarian office space.

Location: 263 Saybrook Rd, Higganum CT - map 15/lot 83
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Said applications are on file in the Land Use Office of the Town of Haddam.

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HKHS Football Falls to Cromwell/Portland: 35-0

By Barth Keck, HKHS Football Assistant Coach

Cromwell Portland 35, Haddam-Killingworth 0

Ben Fagan caught three touchdown passes from Cole Brisson as the Cromwell/Portland co-op (3-0) defeated Haddam-Killingworth in a Pequot/Sassacus Division game played in Higganum on September 23, 2022. Brisson threw another touchdown pass to Ryan Rozich, and Emeka Yearwood scored on a 68-yard run. The Cougars (1-2) had six takeaways, including four fumble recoveries and interceptions by Tate Callender and Ryan Rafferty.

“We played an excellent football team tonight,” said HK Head Coach Tyler Wilcox on September 26. “Cromwell/

Portland is not the defending Class S champs for nothing. I thought our kids played hard, especially in the first half. They never backed down.”

Next game. at Windsor Locks/Suffield/East Granby on October 8, 2022, 1:00 p.m.

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1Q: Ben Fagan 5 pass from Cole Brisson (Allen Cohen kick)

2Q: Ryan Rozich 32 pass from Brisson (Cohen kick)

Fagan 17 pass from Brisson (Cohen kick)

3Q: Fagan 5 pass from Brisson (Cohen kick)

4Q: Emeka Yearwood 68 run (Cohen kick)

HKHS Football: HKHS Falls Short at Morgan, 30-23

By Barth Keck, HKHS Football Assistant Coach

Tyler Baldwin threw two touchdown passes and ran for another to lead Morgan (1-1) to a Sassacus Division/Pequot Conference win over Haddam-Killingworth High School (1-1) in Clinton on September 17, 2022. The Huskies led 30-0 early in the fourth quarter following touchdown runs from Baldwin, Griffin Renaudo, Casey Corrigan, and TD receptions from Jake Caprio and John Nye. HK's Alex Phipps threw three consecutive touchdown passes for the Cougars in the fourth quarter, including two to

Tate Callender, to bring HK within one score. The Cougars' onside kick with 1:18 remaining was recovered by the Huskies.

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1Q: M – Tyler Baldwin, 7 run (pass failed)

2Q: M – Jake Caprio, 9 pass from Baldwin (pass failed)

3Q: M – Griffin Renaudo 30 run (pass failed) M – Casey Corrigan 2 run (pass failed)

4Q: M – John Nye 43 pass from Baldwin (run failed)



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November 2022 Election Information

By Raymond Skarsten & Kate Wessling,
Haddam Certified Registrars of Voters

Haddam's next voting session is the "Connecticut State Election" on Tuesday, November 8. Haddam voters will vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General and a Referendum on "Early Voting."

To register to vote: The Registrars' Office is open on Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or register at Haddam Town Hall, Town Clerk's office (see Town Hall hours below). You may also request the Registrar of Voters or Town Clerk to send you a mail-in voter registration form, or visit our web-site haddam.org/registrars-voters.

The polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The three polling places are:

*District # 001

Haddam Firehouse
Community Hall
439 Saybrook Rd (Rte 154)
Higganum, CT 06441

*District #002

Regional School Dist. #17
Central Office
57 Little City Rd
Higganum, CT 06441

*District #003

Haddam Neck Firehouse
50 Rock Landing Rd
Haddam Neck, CT 07624

*Curbside voting is available for "voters with a disability."

Registration Sessions and Deadlines:

November 1, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. – All day registration and in-person cut-off to register for the November 8th "State Election" – Cut-off is 8:00 p.m. for in-person, online (a DMV license is required) and mail-in registration (must be postmarked by November 1, 2022 and received by November 7, 2022).

November 7, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. –

Limited Registration Session to admit those seeking to vote in election whose qualification as to age, citizenship or residence was attained since November 1, 2022.

The above sessions will be held at:
Registrar of Voters Office,
Haddam Firehouse
439 Saybrook Road, Higganum, CT 06441

NOTE: ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION

Individuals may register and vote in person on Election Day if they meet the eligibility requirements for voting in this state and are (1) not already an elector or (2) registered in one municipality, but want to change their registration because they currently reside in another municipality. By law, a person is eligible to register and vote if they are (1) a U.S. citizen, (2) age 18 or older, and (3) a bona fide resident of the municipality in which they apply for admission as an elector.

ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION IS ONLY at the:

Haddam Firehouse Complex
439 Saybrook Road (Route 154)
Higganum, CT 06441
Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 8, 2022

The Registrars of Voters STRONGLY urge Haddam residents who are not registered to vote, to register as early as possible before November 8, 2022. Also, please visit our web-site – haddam.org/registrars-voters – for election information and forms. A copy of the ballot will also be on our web-site.

Absentee ballot applications will be available on October 7 at:

Haddam Town Hall,
Town Clerk's office
30 Field Park Drive, Haddam, CT 06438

Hours: Mon. – Wed – 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Thursday – 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Friday – 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

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Editor's Note: All candidates for Governor, Secretary of The State, Attorney General, U. S. Senate, 2nd Congressional District, State Senate and State House Districts for Haddam and Killingworth were invited to send a brief statement and a photo to HK-Now.com. These are being posted online as they arrive. They also will appear in Haddam Killingworth News over four Thursdays in October. A statement from Cynthia Jennings, Independent Candidate for Secretary of the State, was not received in time for print publication. It has been published on our news website, hk-now.com.

Stephanie Thomas: (D) Candidate for Secretary of the State



Stephanie Thomas is the Democratic candidate for Secretary of the State. She's a small business owner who has spent three decades advising and problem-

solving for nonprofit organizations.

Stephanie was elected State Representative for Norwalk, Wilton and Westport in 2020, flipping that seat from Republican to Democrat. As State Representative, she has been tirelessly working to protect and expand voter access. As Vice-Chair of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, Stephanie sponsored and helped pass a variety of voter-focused bills such as automatic voter registration and resolutions to advance early voting and no-excuse absentee ballot voting. Stephanie will continue to fight to protect the right to vote and ensure we have free and fair elections in Connecticut as Secretary of the State.

Stephanie is running for Secretary of the State because she believes that we

are at an inflection point and a change in direction is needed. To renew trust in our political process and our elections, Stephanie believes that the next Secretary must redefine the role to include a focus on civic education, prioritize community outreach, and work with the Executive and Legislative branches to protect the right to vote.

Stephanie's top priorities as Secretary of the State are to ensure that our towns have the resources and infrastructure to implement fair, safe and accessible elections; to serve as a leader in cooperation with clerks and registrars to work with the General Assembly to implement early voting and no-excuse absentee voting when those ballot measures become law; to use the power of data to provide information to businesses that will help them access available programs, funding, and resources; and serve as a convener and open up channels of communication with all the stakeholders of the office: from community groups and voting rights advocates to businesses to front line election workers.

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Ken Krayseske: (Green Party) Candidate for Attorney General



Connecticut Green Party candidate for Attorney General Ken Krayseske grew up in Watertown, where he attended a segregated elementary school. "I didn't quite

understand it as a kid," Krayseske said, "but Watertown is a highly suburban, car-centric experience built on racism."

Krayseske graduated from Holy Cross High School in Waterbury and then Syracuse University for journalism. As a reporter at the Hartford Advocate in 1998, he pushed for an end to the war on drugs. In 2009, he extracted one of the most famous quotes in sports journalism history from former UConn basketball coach Jim Calhoun: "Not a dime back."

After watching the American journalism industry implode, Krayseske turned to law. His litigation has forced an overhaul of the Connecticut Department of Correction's healthcare system. He has settled cases like:

- \$250,000 for Tiana Laboy, a Puerto

Rican woman who gave birth in a prison toilet, the attending nurse commented "the baby took her first swim."

- \$1.3 million for Wayne World, a Black man subjected to medical delays by the DOC in identifying his skin cancer.
- About 20,000 people were tested and another 1,000 inmates were treated for Hepatitis C in prison because of his class action.

- \$1.65 million for Karon Nealy, a 19-year-old who behind of medical negligence while in DOC custody

Krayseske wants to create accountability mechanisms in the AG's office to end draconian policies of state agencies against our families.

His top priority is to convert the AG's office into a "human rights" law firm, fighting for citizens. His campaign seeks to raise awareness about the AG's daily attacks on civil rights, defending constitutional violations by state actors.

He and his wife recently moved to New Haven after living in Hartford for 24 years. They have a kindergartener in public school.

William Tong: (D) Candidate for Attorney General



Whether it is JUUL, Frontier, Purdue, Facebook or Eversource, I am taking on the toughest fights, and I never back down when it comes to protecting

Connecticut families.

I forced utilities to pay back over \$100 million for their failed response to Isaias. I am leading the nationwide price-fixing case against the generic drug cartel. I

am investigating TikTok, Instagram, and Facebook over the threats they pose to our kids. I secured millions of dollars for families and taxpayers on a wide-range of healthcare and consumer fraud issues, from robocalls and student loans to travel disruptions and price-gouging. I'm not done fighting the big health insurers, utilities, and banks over their unaffordable rates and unacceptable service.

I have taken on the entire addiction industry, including Purdue and the Sacklers, to bring \$32.5 billion nationwide to fight the opioid epidemic,

approximately \$400 million to Connecticut alone.

I won't back down in the face of extremist threats to abortion and our post-Sandy Hook gun laws. I will fight in any court, in any state, anywhere reproductive freedom is challenged, and I will vigorously defend the state's ability to protect our children from gun violence.

I am grateful and honored to serve as Connecticut's Attorney General and hope to earn your support for a second term. About William Tong

William Tong is the first Asian American

elected at the statewide level in Connecticut. Previously, he practiced for 18 years as a litigator in state and federal courts at major firms in New York City and Stamford. He served as a State Representative for 12 years, during which he was chairman of the Judiciary and Banking committees. He resides in Stamford with his wife, Elizabeth, and their three children (and way too many pets). He has received the endorsement of the Connecticut Democratic Party and the Working Families Party for his re-election as Connecticut's Attorney General.

Dominic Rapini: (R) Candidate for Secretary of the State



Dominic Rapini is a lifelong resident of New Haven County, where he lives with his wife, Susan, and their three grown children and three more members of

their adopted family. A Neuroscience major as well as a football and track star, Dominic graduated from Trinity College in 1983 and for 32 years, has coached more than 1,000 young men in Pop Warner Football.

Now in his 26th year in Apple, Inc.'s Consumer Electronics Division, Dominic has enjoyed a successful career and has twice been named Salesperson of the Year.

"In 2019," said Rapini, "I took a deep interest in Connecticut elections. I have since become an election official in order to understand mechanics of our elections and to better prepare me to take our elections to 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 three decades of business

and technology experience from Silicon Valley and apply my life learnings to strengthen the tools needed for strong elections.

As Secretary of the State, I will replace our aging ballot scanners with the next generation of technology based on paper ballots and disconnected from the internet. I will build an online tool for voters to apply for absentee ballots using their phone or computer without the need for a printer, but with the requirement of a Social Security number and/or Connecticut driver's license info. My office will increase access to the ballot while adding common sense security.

"Our business community will find me a credible champion for all businesses, big and small. I will give Connecticut businesses BTB marketing tools, improved customer service and an ongoing commitment to listen to their needs."

- Member, CTRA
- Former Board Chair, Fight Voter Fraud, Inc
- Chairperson, GOP Advisory Council
- Board Member, Grass Roots East - Federal PAC
- Charter Oak Leadership, 2020
- State-Certified Election Moderator

Jessica Kordas: (R) Candidate for Attorney General



As a mother of two children, Jessica understands first-hand how important a parent's voice is. "I know the heartbreak and frustration you felt as we watched

Hartford bureaucrats close schools and mask our children indefinitely - impacting their ability to learn, socialize with friends, and just be kids," said Kordas. "My youngest child has never experienced a single "normal" year of school, which breaks my heart."

Parents should be in a position to make choices. They know their kids and their family situation better than anyone else, and certainly better than administrators at a school and definitely better than the governor making mandates under executive orders. "Trust me when I say, there's nobody better to fight with and

fight for you than a passionate and fierce mother who has dedicated her career to defending people in the courtroom," Kordas remarked.

Jessica Kordas has spent her career fighting for us. Through her dynamic career in law, she has earned a reputation for being a meticulously prepared and diligent advocate. Jessica has managed large-scale criminal defense and life-altering injury litigation along with negotiating and drafting agreements dividing a variety of complex income and asset structures - critical skills and experience to be an effective Attorney General. Jessica has been named a "Rising Stars" in the legal profession by Super Lawyers six years in a row.

As Attorney General, Jessica Kordas will:

- Be a voice for all Connecticut parents
- Stop the abuse of power in Hartford
- Uphold our laws and our Constitution
- Return to integrity and accountability

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Should the Town of Haddam Buy the Rossi Property?

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it (\$1/year) from the Rossi Lumber Company (ROLUMCO) instead of buying it. ROLUMCO will continue to be responsible for that contamination. As we did for the Scovil Hoe/DOT property in the center, we're enrolling in the Brownfield Remediation and Revitalization Program (BRRP). That eliminates our liability for any off-site migration of contaminants from the property. We've also applied for a \$1.5 million grant from the state for remediation of the site. (We received a similar grant for the Scovil property).

What is the vision for the property? While it would be subject to a public offering, we already have a local developer who wants to purchase the 2+ acres fronting on Saybrook Road for retail and office space. With some clean-up and enhancements to the rest of the buildings and grounds, we'd continue the existing light industrial use on the remainder property.

What happens next? We're in the final phases of negotiations with ROLUMCO. Assuming those continue to go well, the results will be presented to the Board of Selectmen at the October 11 meeting, the Board of

Finance at the October 19 meeting and the Planning and Zoning Commission at the October 20th meeting. All of these meetings are open to the public. If the boards and P&Z recommend the purchase, we'll hold a Public Hearing to discuss it on November 2 and vote on it at a Town Meeting on November 9.

The Rossi property has sat unchanged

for more than 20 years. It's an impediment to revitalizing Higganum Center. It's unlikely that will change in the foreseeable future, unless we act. It's a big project for a small town to undertake. But, with the state's assistance, we can make a significant and highly visible improvement in Higganum Center.

HKHS SPORTS

Girls Soccer: HKHS Defeats Lyme-Old Lyme, 1-0

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Lyme. This was Laurenza's second shutout of the season. HK came out with a strong first half, generating a shot on goal quickly. The Cougars maintained the pressure in the opening 40 minutes. However, both defenses held firm.

As the second half began, the rain started tapering off and the cool front settled in. Junior Tu-lanh Criscoulo had a big impact on the field with her communication throughout the game, and in this game, it was crucial. But it wasn't her communication alone that helped in this victory. Her attacking kept the Lyme-Old Lyme defense challenged. Nine minutes into the second half, Criscoulo received a fantastic pass from Freshman Addison

Bur and was about to break away. Criscoulo was tripped just outside the eighteen. This set up a set piece for Senior Julia Favalora. Favalora capitalized on the set piece by striking the ball over the defensive wall and hitting the upper left corner of the goal. This was Favalora's third goal of the season for the Cougars.

Other key contributors to the HK attack were Freshman Maddie Sanderson, Junior Emmy Kehlenbach and Senior Captain Leah Chester. I was proud of the team's performance today. We started fast and finished strong versus a good team with lots of energy in a tough place to get results. HK now moves to a record of 2-2-1. They now hit a part of the schedule that continues to be away for the next four games.



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