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Harvest Time in Ohio; or, Corn as High as an Elephant's Eye

By Deb Thomas

I had never driven through a cornfield before. The day was long; I started out at one in the morning, giving myself plenty of time to travel from my house in eastern Connecticut through Pennsylvania to see my boyfriend, and now I was nearly there. Making a zig-zag approach, with stops for gas and a phone check-in each time on my way to the southwestern corner of Ohio, it was nearly nine in the evening. Finally, I had about twenty miles to go.

Overcast skies followed me all day, but that night, a late autumn full moon was to rise later on. All the cornfields were bare stubble for miles; they'd been harvested on both sides of the highway. The blanket of night surrounded me with tinny jazz music on my car radio, and the sweet anticipation of going to a big party at midnight on campus at his college music hall—because it was Halloween.

Dressed in a black tuxedo from a thrift shop, my lady-vampire costume was complete, and I could easily put on the rest of the make-up and fangs just before I got there. I loved the thought of ringing his apartment doorbell, asking, "Trick or Treat?!" It was almost too good to be true. We'd had on and off—interesting, exasperating, exciting, and adventure-filled affair since seventh grade, and now we were together again, even if separated by more than eight hundred miles, which I'd just driven. Between

letters, college, and other failed relationships, we landed in limbo at the same time.

And, I was almost there. Getting ready to take the turn south, out of nowhere, lights came at me—blinding me, hurting my eyes. The car, or whatever it was, appeared as if by magic, in my lane. With the guardrail on my side, my only escape was to cross into the median. But the lights chased me out into the opposite lane somehow, and I found myself crossing that lane as well. Time stood still; I anticipated a crash. Instead, somehow, I'd sailed down the embankment and now was in one of the cornfields I'd seen mile after mile. Only this one

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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

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Legislative Candidate Forum: November 1

By Tom Piezzo, Executive Director, Brainerd Memorial Library

The Essex and Haddam libraries will sponsor a forum with candidates running for State Senator and State Representative on Tuesday, November 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Valley Regional High School in Deep River. Candidates are:

District 36 Incumbent State Representative Christine Palm (D) and Chris Turkington (R)
District 33 Incumbent State Senator Norm Needleman (D) and Brandon Goff (R)

Questions for the candidates can be sent by U.S. Mail, dropped off at either the Essex Library (33 West Avenue, Essex) or Brainerd Memorial Library (920 Saybrook Road, Haddam), or emailed to athompson@essexlib.org or tpiezzo@brainerdlibrary.org.

Please submit questions for Representative and Senatorial candidates separately.

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There Is Artistry In Our Midst: Meet Haddam's Amy White

By Meghan Peterson

Ever speak with someone and wonder how that person does it all? More – do you ever wonder how that person does it all so well and with genuine talent to boot? Amy White is that person. She is a sheer artistic tour de force. She also happens to live right here in Haddam – for 40 years to be exact.

Amy is one of the most down-to-earth artist-humans you will meet. Whether they conjure peacefulness in a forest or boundless joy a bird's song brings, Amy's paintings hold beauty and meaning in a way only a dedicated artist can convey.



Photos courtesy of Amy White.

Amy's penchant for artistry began as a young child and has become a part of her life – indeed, a part of her identity and the way she moves about, expresses and communicates throughout this world.

When you look at her art, you can see how Amy distills visual expression clearly and effectively. When you speak with Amy, you quickly realize why: her disposition is grounded, focused, open, kind. Art imitates life.

"Do you ever have a story in your mind when you paint?" Amy looked at me, paused, and replied "No... I am in it, focused on the work at hand." She did say, however, that if she could pick one painting to enter its scene and inhabit, it would be her work for the Cooper Firearms Company of Montana.

As a prolific painter, Amy lives in a home brimming with various artwork pieces greeting visitors throughout.

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HIGGANUM HALLOWEEN BASH

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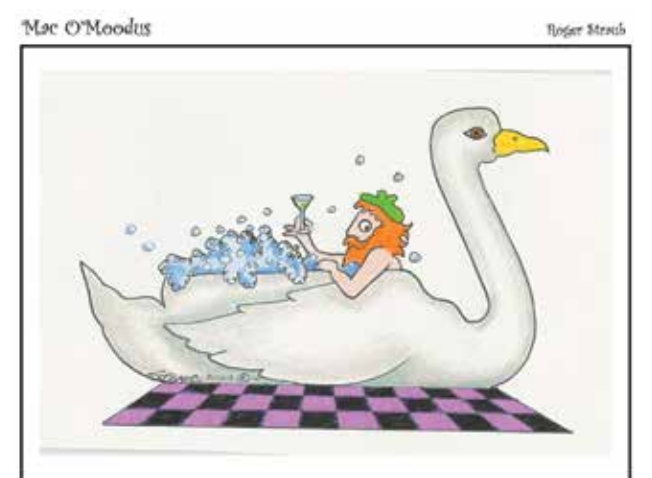
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There Is Artistry In Our Midst: Meet Haddam's Amy White

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In addition, Amy is highly-skilled in the art of sign-lettering. A physically-taxing occupation that requires meticulous attention to details, sign-lettering appealed to Amy's desire for artistic excellence and productivity. Beginning as an apprentice to a company in New London, Amy talks at length about the long 10 to 12-hour days working to get the job done over the course of 3, 4 or 5 days on a truck or boat. These efforts were not in vain. Amy's labors of love earned her recognition. For example, Amy was tasked with lettering several fishing boats belonging to Jimmy Buffett. Enjoy following car racing? Amy got the job of lettering Randy LaJoi's car in the 1984 Daytona 500. What about the boating world? Yes, Amy has done work for that arena as well – she lettered an America's Cup Boat.

On a solemn note (and one of her most impactful artistic memories), Amy lettered in gold leaf the names of several first responders who died during the September 11, 2001 attacks (specifically, Tower One in Manhattan).

Despite (or more likely, because of) her artistic prowess, Amy continues to take art classes and be a lifelong student. This is resonant with her ability to apply her artistry beyond the canvas as well: she and her husband Ray are artists in their garden and yard. They grow a variety of flowers, shrubbery, trees – even pumpkins!

When Amy is not painting or thinking about painting, she is: wife, mother, grandmother to her granddaughters whom she is actively educating in art and history, Treasurer of the East Haddam Art League and has served as the League's Manager for the Gallery at the East Haddam Town Municipal Building for the past 4 years – where Amy's artistic impact resonates on both sides of the River.

Moreover, Amy has been a frequent exhibitor in various juried art exhibits. Currently, Amy is doing a commissioned series of five or more large animal wildlife paintings for the Cooper Firearms of Montana (for which she has produced work over the last 3 years), and creating miniature festive/seasonal paintings of birds that will be available for sale at Town & Country Nurseries as well as at Ursel's Web in Middletown.

Want to learn more about Amy and her artistry? Check out her website: <https://www.amplifiedartstudio.com>. The art she creates will remind you that inspiration – and great people – are right here in Haddam.



HADDAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Charity Online Auction: November 4-11

By Elizabeth Malloy, Executive Director, Haddam Historical Society

Thankful Arnold's Treasure Chest Online Auction 2022
November 4-11, 2022

Charity Online Auction for the Haddam Historical Society and Thankful Arnold House Museum

It was so successful last year we are doing it again! The Haddam Historical Society and Thankful Arnold House Museum will hold an important online charity auction featuring an array of exceptional goods, unique experiences and one-of-a-kind items from November 4, to November 11, 2022. Peruse through our "Treasure Chest" of offerings and bid for history!

To view items and place bids visit:

<https://www.biddingowl.com/HaddamHistoricalSociety>

A preview party will be held at Haddam Elementary School, 272 Saybrook Road, Higganum, on Friday, November 4, at 6:30 p.m.

The auction will feature local business gift certificates for goods and services, unique experiences, special getaways, antiques, collectibles, useful goods, jewelry, libations, and so much more.

You will find the unique, the unexpected and the useful!

This important fundraiser will help the organization and museum continue its important activities, programming and collections care. Please visit www.haddamhistory.org or www.biddingowl.com/HaddamHistoricalSociety

The Democrats claim that they lowered taxes, stood up for energy rate hikes, and claimed that crime has decreased.

KNOW THE FACTS

- **INFLATION** is higher now than at any point in the last 40 years, hitting families who are struggling to pay the rent, heating oil, and other costs to keep a roof over their heads
- **CONNECTICUT HAS THE HIGHEST TAX BURDEN** in the country, second to New York City
- **ELECTRICITY** for Connecticut residents is 45%, and for commercial electricity, 50%, higher than the national average
- **CRIME**, especially murder and rape, has increased, even seeing a 33% increase or more in children under the age of 18 victims of sexual violence
- **SAFETY**, Connecticut State Police force is down 360 trooper positions exposing our sworn officers to unparalleled liability. Governor Lamont has received a 97% no-confidence vote from the State Police.

AS YOUR STATE SENATOR, I WILL WORK TO

- **REDUCE** the tax burden, reign in utility costs, and pass legislation to reduce business costs passed on to consumers.
- **REBUILD** our current energy infrastructures to help reduce costs that are affecting families and STOP letting PURA control the rates
- **SUPPORT** law enforcement by repealing portions of the Police Accountability Bill that have hurt law enforcement and have jeopardized the safety of our communities

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November 2022 Election Information

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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
 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/registrar-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
 Phone: 860-345-0979
 E-mail: registrar@haddam.org

HALLOWEEN 2022

Harvest Time in Ohio; or, Corn as High as an Elephant's Eye

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wasn't harvested yet. I was plowing through the tall, dry stalks, taller than the Pinto, as tall as an elephant's eye, taller than anything I'd ever seen in any cornfield, and as I regained control, my only thought was to shut my car off before I had popcorn exploding out the engine.

Then quiet; all around me: calm, quiet, and the eerie company of ten foot high corn stalks.

I sat there, in a kind of uncomfortable shock, for several minutes, sitting in the dark, in the corn. Ultimately, I decided to follow my path back out. But everything was scrambled; there wasn't any definitive path.

Turning on the car again, I made a slow circle to survey where I was, and began following what looked like the broken stalks I'd mowed down. Only, this corn was flattened already. The

entire idea that I'd driven down into the field was ridiculous, but seeing a carpet of dry corn in front of me, under my wheels—was worse.

I stopped, my headlights fixed ahead on what looked like a large, multi-row corn chopper with a round and odd-looking cab, lit with strobe lights. Next to it, a tall truck with extended leveling legs. Odd, but it was harvest time at last for this field. I hurried to get out and go around to the hatchback, to retrieve the wide angle flashlight borrowed from Dad. Stepping on the back of my car, I aimed the beam across the crushed stalks in all directions.

What I was looking at wasn't my path, but a crop circle. Multiple crop circles—with burned centers in every direction. I had to get out of there and fast.

Flooring the car, I willed it to race through the corn—to fly. At the

exact moment I was at the end of the cornfield, I braced myself and bolted up the slight embankment, when the blinding lights of the corn chopper came to life. Incredibly, I bounced up on the road I'd meant to take.

Now, the rear-view mirror revealed the moon, and then, the entire scene illuminated behind me, revealing more than I ever needed to know. That was no corn-chopper.

As I accelerated toward my boyfriend and safety, from behind—those lights accompanied me about half a mile, then rose slowly off the pavement, rushed ahead of my tiny car, going high, higher—until they disappeared into the blackness above.

*******Don't forget: Stay away from dry, unharvested cornfields in October!*******

Happy Halloween!



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October 11 Meeting Recap

By Gigi Simko

The regular meeting of Haddam's Board of Selectmen on October 11, at Old Town Hall was called to order by First Selectman Bob McGarry at 6:30 pm. Also in attendance were Selectmen Kate Anderson and Sean Moriarty and Administrative Assistant JoAnn Ricciardelli. The minutes of previous meetings on September 12, 2022, September 19, 2022, and October 3, 2022, were approved unanimously.

During public comment, Mark Stephens asked about other towns that have a Public Works Department in the center of the village or town, how it was done and what it looked like.

In his update, First Selectman McGarry announced that the Scovil Hoe purchase and sale agreement cleared the Office of Policy and Management and was returned to the Department of Transportation. VHB was selected as the environmental consultant to oversee remediation. T&B lodged a concern with the Department of Economic and Community Development, which has been addressed. Groundbreaking for the Swing Bridge project was held on September 23rd. There continue to be mechanical problems. However, the rumor that the project has been delayed one year is false. The box culverts on Beaver Meadow Road have been installed. Haddam Center sidewalks will be finished without moving the wire in the vicinity of Field Park Drive. Architectural firm Hibbard & Rosa was interviewed and selected for the Haddam Elementary School (HES) project. A flu vaccine clinic was held at HES on October 5th. Seventy-five shots were administered. Land records are now available online. The Haddam Volunteer Fire Department property at the old firehouse has been deeded to the town. A household hazardous waste collection was held at HES on October 1st. Elections will be held on November 8th.

Selectman Anderson reported that although the weather for Haddam River Days was not great, it was still a great turn-out. She thanked all volunteers who helped make the event successful. The Fall Festival is scheduled for October 28-30, 2022. It will include Grimm's Haunted House, a tractor parade, trunk-or-treat, kids' festival and concert. Tylerville will host a tree lighting ceremony on December 2 at

4:00 pm. Haddam Neck will host its first tree lighting on December 3. The date for the tree lighting in Higganum Center is to be determined. A "Pop-Up Holiday Market" will be held at HES. Donations will be collected for the Haddam Fuel & Food Bank.

In the Board of Education update, high school student Alex Lara presented his drawing titled "Parabola," which won the Congressional District Art Competition. The artwork is currently hanging in the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., until June 2023. Athletic Director Lynne Flint announced the numerous athletic accolades from the 2021-2022 school year. She also reported that all athletic teams are fully staffed, including a full-time athletic trainer. Finally, the football team has begun wearing Guardian Caps on their helmets, which reduce the severity of concussions. Food Services is facing a staffing shortage. The efforts of Director Shettleworth to ensure department operation have been greatly appreciated, and talent management is looking at options to fill vacant positions.

David Solin and his team completed and submitted the annual state financial reports including two grants. Finance is continuing to support the work of the annual financial audit. High School principal Donna Hayward shared the upcoming move to a GPA distribution model instead of the current class rank model. This will align with the Board's Vision of the Graduate in areas such as maintaining a growth mindset and reflecting upon feedback as opportunities to adapt and improve upon learning. Powerschool will continue to rank students and will be readily available upon request to parents. The positions of valedictorian and salutatorian will remain in place. The new GPA distribution model will be implemented with this year's incoming freshmen, Class of 2026.

Peter Sonski communicated the status of air conditioning units which are original to the building and have begun to fail. Currently five units are not working and cannot be fixed or replaced due to outdated materials and technology. A long-term solution is not feasible within this academic year due to sourcing delays. Mr. Sonski made the request for the District to perform an analysis on how to best address this issue. The Board approved a

proposal from Secure Energy Solutions to upgrade the lighting at Burr and Killingworth Elementary Schools to LED. The cost will be at a 0% interest rate over 48 months and approximately \$30,000 per year each of the four years. The result will be long-term energy savings in both buildings.

Haddam Board of Education member Brenda Buzzi will resign from the Board, as she is moving out of the district. The 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, District Core Values and District Vision can be found on the RSD17.org District Website under "District."

Selectman Anderson made a motion to accept tax refunds in the amount of

\$3,301.63. There was no discussion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Town Planner Bill Warner made a presentation to the Board on the Rossi property. Selectman Moriarty made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on November 2, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Rossi property. Selectman Anderson made a motion to schedule a Town Meeting for November 9, at 7:00 p.m. There was no discussion, and the motions carried unanimously.

The next regular Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

PETS

Find a Fur Baby: Welcome, Midnight!

By Judith Levin

Midnight is a seven-month-old Lab mix. This guy is very energetic and just a silly, lovable guy. He wants to be everyone's buddy!

He is a hard player and loves playing in the dog park with his friends.

He is a typical, playful puppy who likes to be in your face, so some correction from his human to be a gentleman would benefit him. Puppy training also would be helpful, so with some time, love and working together, this little guy is a total winner. He is still young and has much to learn. He is smart

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Author of Tarzan, Which Debuted 110 Years Ago, Had Deep Connecticut Roots

By Philip R. Devlin

The year 1912 saw many famous historical events unfold, such as the sinking of the Titanic, the unforgettable performance of Jim Thorpe at the Stockholm Olympics, the opening of Fenway Park, and the election of former Wesleyan University football coach and professor Woodrow Wilson to the presidency of the United States.

That year also marked the publication of the first Tarzan story by Edgar Rice Burroughs, Tarzan of the Apes, in October 1912. The story first appeared in a pulp magazine and later was expanded into a novel in 1914. It was the first of 25 novels in the immensely popular Tarzan series. That series — as well as the films and merchandise that resulted from it — would earn millions of dollars for Burroughs.

Though Edgar Rice Burroughs was born in Chicago on Sept. 1, 1875, his family has deep roots in Connecticut. In fact, Edgar's third great-grandfather, John Burroughs, was one of the earliest settlers of Enfield. John and his wife, Hannah, gave birth to four children, including a son named John. Young John

remained in Enfield until 1718, when he moved to Windsor. John and his two wives had eight children, one of whom, David, served in the Revolutionary War. Additionally, the Burroughs family was related to seven signers of the Declaration of Independence, including his third cousins four times removed, John Adams.

Later generations of the Burroughs family moved out of Connecticut to Portland, Maine, and eventually to Chicago. It was in Chicago that Edgar was born in 1875. He grew up in the Chicago suburb of Oak Park, birthplace of another famous writer, Ernest Hemingway, in 1899. Edgar's father, Major George Tyler Burroughs (1833- 1913), served with distinction in the Civil War. His mother, Mary Evaline Burroughs, was a writer who published a collectible Civil War book entitled *Memoirs of a War Bride*.

Edgar attempted to continue his family's tradition of military service by applying to West Point. He was not admitted; nevertheless, he joined the regular army and served with the 7th Cavalry at Fort Grant in the Arizona Territory until a diagnosis of a heart problem ended his service in 1897. (Ultimately, a heart ailment

would end his life in 1950.)

Burroughs held a series of low-paying jobs, including that of a pencil sharpener wholesaler, until he came to believe that he could write fiction as well as anything he had read in the pulp magazines of his time. The results of his efforts were unimaginably successful. Besides Tarzan, his stories about the heroic Mars explorer John Carter were also immensely

popular. Another famous writer and the creator of the hit TV series ER, Michael Crichton — also from Chicago — was a huge Burroughs fan. He named the popular ER character Dr. John Carter, played by Noah Wyle, after the famous Burroughs character.

Tarzan of The Apes depicts the story of John Clayton, an Englishman marooned in Africa. After his parents were killed, John was adopted by a female ape named Kala. He is named "Tarzan," which translates to "white skin." After hunters kill Kala, Tarzan avenges her death. Soon, another group of white people gets marooned in Africa, and Tarzan comes to their aid. He becomes enamored with one of them — Jane Porter of Baltimore, Maryland. Eventually, Tarzan and Jane become man and wife. Subsequent novels recount the various adventures of the couple.

Tarzan remains popular today; in fact, a first edition copy of the novel *Tarzan Of The Apes* is currently worth well over \$55,000! The serialized form in the pulp magazine edition is extremely rare and would presumably command even more money.

One of the 20th century's most popular and prolific authors, Edgar Rice Burroughs eventually settled north of Los Angeles in a town named Tarzana after his most popular fictional character.



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SENATOR NORM NEEDLEMAN

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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.

Bob Stefanowski: Candidate for Governor (R)



I grew up on Dixwell Avenue in New Haven, where my family lived in a three-family home. Eventually, my parents saved enough to move to North Haven. Growing up, I learned the value of a dollar and the rewards of hard work, seeing my parents make sacrifices to put my sisters

and me through college.

I attended Fairfield University and, after graduation, started a job as an auditor at Price Waterhouse Cooper, working at the Gold Building in Hartford, where I met the love of my life, Amy. My professional experience spans the globe and includes positions as Chief Executive of some of the world's largest companies, including General Electric and UBS.

I have been involved in community organizations throughout Connecticut for decades. In 2020, Amy and I launched "Masks for Heroes," and this grassroots initiative provided 1.6+ million masks for hospitals,

first responders and nursing homes in Connecticut.

Amy and I have been married for over 30 years and we are proud parents to three terrific daughters who are a daily reminder of what's most important in life.

During my travels this campaign, I have had the honor to interact with people from across the state. I am constantly hearing about their struggles, whether it's choosing between refilling their prescriptions or feeding their families, or deciding how much heating oil they can put into their tank. People cannot keep competing with the out-of-control costs to work and live in Connecticut.

I have a plan to fight inflation and reduce state taxes, called CT FIRST, which will put half of Connecticut's \$6 Billion surplus to work for you and your family. The projected savings will be over \$2,000 per family per year and includes implementing a SALT property tax deduction on your state income tax, cutting the Sales Tax to 5.99%, eliminating the 1% Food/Meals Tax, canceling the Truck Tax, eliminating 200 low-revenue taxes and implementing an all-fuel tax holiday for

2023.

Additionally, people do not feel safe in their communities anywhere in Connecticut. I have developed a CT S.A.F.E. plan to return respect and authority to our law enforcement and enable them to do their job. This plan will support our police by reworking the Police Accountability Act, addressing the recruitment and retention crisis, and enforcing our laws to curb the rise in crime, especially juvenile acts.

As the next Governor of Connecticut, I will stand up for all residents to ensure that they have a safer, more affordable life here in the state we all know and love. Every single person in Connecticut deserves access to a good and productive life. I will lead us forward, getting bureaucracy and government out of the way so residents can finally recover from the tough times we have been experiencing over the past few years. Change is difficult, but necessary if we want to really improve this state. I am asking for your vote this November 8th because it is time for a change.

Rob Hotaling: Candidate for Governor (I)



Robert Hotaling is currently a Senior Vice President at Webster Bank. He is a technology and business leader with more than 20 years of finding effective solutions to difficult problems.

His industry experience spans banking, security systems with gunshot detection, food

automation, patents and trademarks, gaming systems, hedge funds, and world-leading technologies. Rob resides in Cheshire with his wife Luz of 20 years and four young children.

I believe voters in Hartford and all across Connecticut are tired of the partisanship and political fighting that impedes progress at the State Capitol. I believe voters want to see problems solved and progress achieved.

Solutions to social and quality-of-life issues like educational inequity, public safety, legal aid access, and decent and affordable housing have all been hostage to the blue and red fight for control. To solve these problems, it is necessary to heal the polarization in our social and political dialogue and bring everyone

with good ideas and open minds together to develop common-sense solutions to our Connecticut issues.

I maintain that only an independent Governor, elected by the voters of Connecticut, can move our state past the blue/red partisan divide that has blocked our progress — and into a position of genuine strength and prosperity.

Registered Unaffiliated voters represent the largest voting bloc in the State of Connecticut. They literally hold the outcome of the November election for Governor in their hands.

I believe elections should be decided on the best ideas, not the biggest bank accounts of the candidates.

My running mate, Lt. Governor candidate Chip Beckett and I believe that potholes are neither Republican nor Democratic, neither gendered nor religious. They are just potholes needing to be fixed. We should get together and fix them.

Jobs and the economy – The Hotaling/Beckett Jobs and Economy plan would reduce the cost of doing business, address the labor shortage and make investments in aging infrastructure and transportation systems. Burdensome regulations and high taxes are driving forces behind the state's unfriendly business

climate and the lack of higher-paying jobs.

For the full Hotaling/Beckett plan click <https://robertbhotaling.com/index.php/our-plan/economic-plan>

Close the Achievement Gap – Connecticut has 100,000 jobs to fill right now but will add only 60,000 new jobs because of the shortage of skilled workers. The only way to fix it is by reducing Connecticut's worst-in-the-nation educational achievement gap. Connecticut spends \$5 billion annually on education and child support services and Connecticut ranks 8th in the nation in educational quality.

But we are a tale of two cities: the dropout rate in Westport is 1 percent while in nearby Bridgeport, the dropout rate is 25 percent. The current ECS formula is flawed and needs to be restructured. It is based on property values rather than on educational outcomes – and the single highest correlation indicating school success is student-to-teacher ratio.

Reform – do not repeal – GA-8-30G, the affordable housing law – The law should be amended so proposed development is consistent with a town's master plan.

Ned Lamont: Candidate for Governor (D)



For years Connecticut was trapped—politicians kept making promises they couldn't keep and racking up debts they couldn't pay down.

By the time I got to Hartford, I figured it was time to try something new. I'm the first Governor in nearly 80 years to

bring small business experience to the job and I like to think it's made a difference.

We've created a record number of jobs and provided free training that's got people and businesses flocking to the state for the first time in years. We're putting in the work to make Connecticut the most family-friendly state in the country, and in response people are putting down roots here.

In my first term we made historic investments in education and child care so that moms and dads could get back to work. And when it came to taxes, we prioritized getting our middle and working class families relief, with \$660 million in targeted tax cuts – all while paying down our debt to save our children and grandchildren billions.

Four years ago, people were ready to turn out the lights and now folks from all across the country are asking us what our secret sauce is.

Still, there's a lot of work to be done— costs are rising across the country and Connecticut is no

exception. That's why we delivered the largest tax cut in history for middle class families. We've held the line on reckless spending so that if a recession hits, things like education, health care, police, and infrastructure don't have to take a hit.

For Susan Bysiewicz and I, another four years of serving the people of Connecticut is the chance to make sure our economy stays resilient and everyone gets the opportunity to bring their ideas to life in our great state.

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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, October 27

Toddler Tunes 10:00 a.m. Brainerd Memorial Library.
Love2Sign 10:45 a.m. Killingworth Library.
Dungeons & Dragons for Teens 5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Killingworth Library.
Not So Spooky Pajama Time - 6:00 p.m. Killingworth Library.
Haddam Zoning Board of Appeals meeting 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 28

Haddam Fall Festival - 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Grimm's Haunted House.
Music with Margie - 11:00 a.m. Killingworth Library.
Cricut Crafting for Teens 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Killingworth Library.
Cricut Crafting for Adults 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Killingworth Library.

Saturday, October 29

A Place Called Hope- Hoot-n-Howler at Parmelee Farm 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Free.
Mucket Madness, Fall Festival and Grim's Haunted House 10:30 a.m.
Tractor Parade 4:00 p.m. Kids Fair 5:00 p.m. Trunk

or Treat 6:00 p.m. Haunted House.
Minecraft for Kids - 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Killingworth Library.
Minecraft for Tweens - 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Killingworth Library.
Surprise Saturday with Mrs. Fig - 10:30 a.m. Killingworth Library.
National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Killingworth Pharmacy (183 Route 81) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 30

29th Annual Pumpkin Run - 9:00 a.m. at Haddam Killingworth High School.
Haddam Fall Festival 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Grimm's Haunted House.

Tuesday, November 1

Candidate Forum: 6:30 p.m. at Valley Regional High School, 256 Kelsey Hill Road, Deep River. District 36 Incumbent State Representative Christine Palm (D) and Chris Turkington (R) District 33 Incumbent State Senator Norm Needleman (D) and Brandon Goff (R).
Preschool Storytime - 10:00 a.m. Brainerd Memorial Library.
Do the Write Thing for Kids - 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Killingworth Library.
Do the Write Thing for Tweens - 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Killingworth Library.

Wednesday, November 2

Music with Margie 11:00 a.m. Brainerd Memorial Library.
Lego Hangout 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Killingworth Library.

Thursday, November 3

Haddam Planning & Zoning meeting 6:30 p.m.
Love2Sign 10:45 a.m. Killingworth Library.
Dungeons & Dragons for Teens 5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Killingworth Library.

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ELECTION WARNING NOVEMBER 8, 2022 STATE ELECTION

The Electors of the Town of Haddam are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the following purposes:

- I. To cast their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, and Judge of Probate.
- II. To vote on the following question for the approval or disapproval of a proposed AMENDMENT to the Constitution of Connecticut, a vote of "YES" being a vote for approval, and a vote of "NO" being a vote for disapproval:

1. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to provide for early voting?

The full text of such proposed questions with explanatory text, printed in accordance with §2-30a of the General Statutes, is available at the town clerk's office for public distribution.

The vote on the proposed question is taken pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Connecticut.

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as follows:

Voting District

- 1 Haddam Firehouse Community Hall**
439 Saybrook Road, Higganum, CT 06441
- 2 Regional School District #17**
57 Little City Road, Higganum, CT 06441
- 3 Haddam Neck Firehouse**
50 Rock Landing Road, Haddam Neck, CT 06424

****Absentee Ballots will be counted at the following central location:**

Haddam Firehouse Community Hall
439 Saybrook Road, Higganum, CT 06441

Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).

Dated at Haddam, Connecticut, this 5th day of October, 2022.

Robert W. Siegrist, III
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