

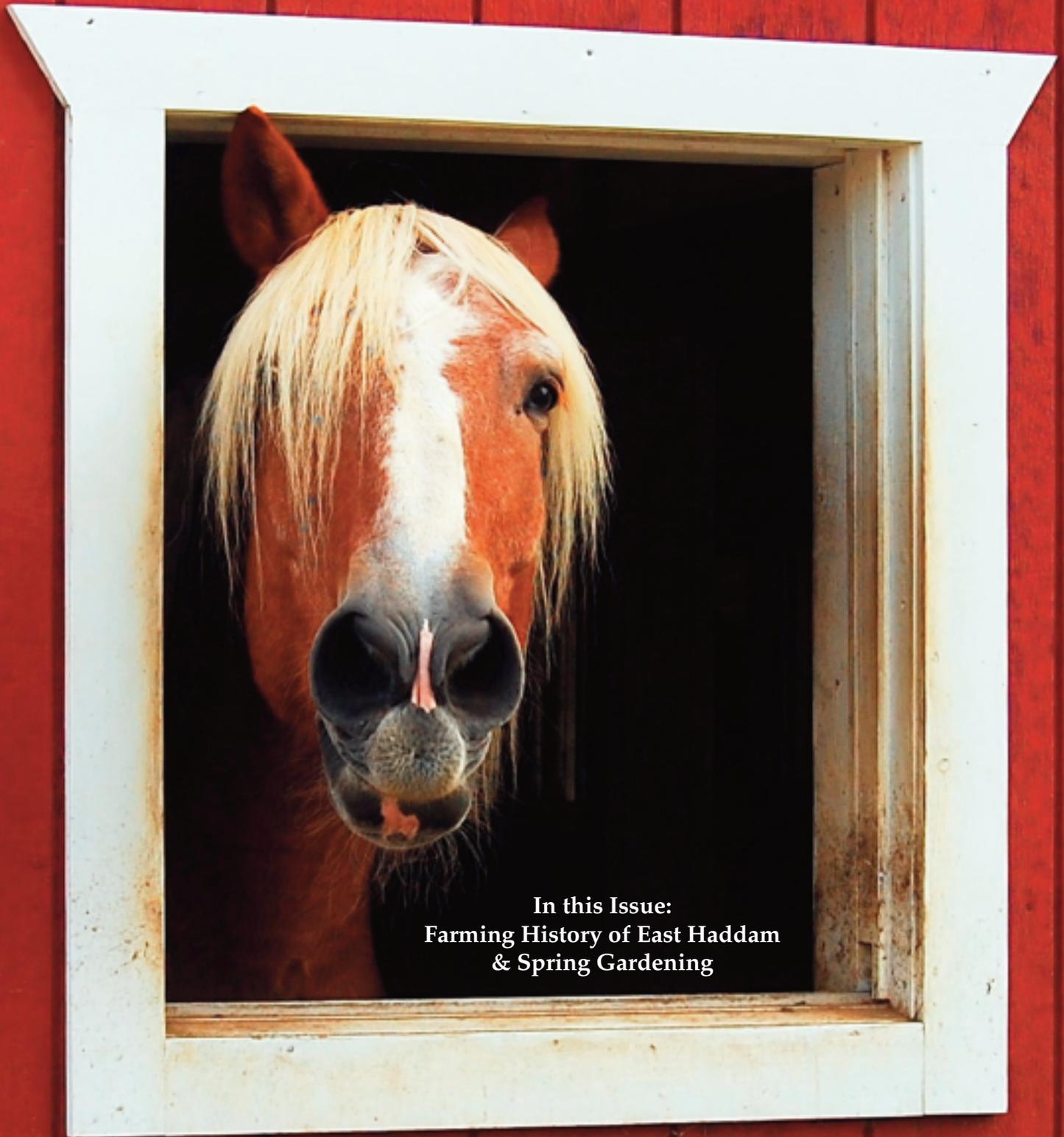
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## From Your First Selectman, Mark B. Walter

### 2009-2010 Budget

Dear Fellow Residents,

I am incredibly proud to say that the Board of Selectmen has unanimously approved the proposed 2009-2010 budget which is now in the hands of the Board of Finance for their scrutiny and review with NO spending or tax increases. The goal of the Selectmen was to prepare a comprehensive budget to operate the Town of East Haddam while NOT imposing a tax/mill rate increase to our taxpayers. This was especially challenging this year in light of the economy and the reality that the revenues the town receives from all sources - federal, state or locally are down. To maintain a mill rate of 20.55, it was necessary to reduce expenditures, on the town government side, by \$665,850 which we have proposed.

The true heroes of this budget are the town employees, department heads and boards and commissions. They have collectively reduced the general government budget by more than 6%. Our town employees have joined together and have cooperatively agreed to give up wage increases for the 2009 - 2010 fiscal year. The clerical, firefighter, operating engineers and teamsters unions have voted unanimously for no wage increases. On behalf of the town and all taxpayers I thank our employees and unions for their cooperative spirit and understanding of today's economic situations. Because of their sacrifices we should be able to achieve a stable mill rate without a cut in services to the town. That is remarkable!

As the budget process continues, the Board of Selectmen look forward to working closely with the Board of Finance to put forth a budget that is cognizant of the economic challenges we are all facing while ensuring that we continue to operate our town and provide the essential services. I encourage each citizen to participate in the public hearing and town meeting process. Watch your mail for the annual budget flyer and important dates to participate in this process. We encourage and welcome your input!

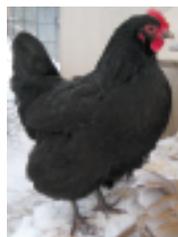
### Regional News and Opportunities

As your First Selectman I am taking advantage of every opportunity to advocate for our community on a regional and state-wide level. This includes participating actively in the Connecticut Council of Small Towns, the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and the Connecticut River Valley Council of Elected Officials each of whom are dedicated to advocating for Connecticut's towns. I pledge to work cooperatively with these associations, our State Representative, our State Senator and local elected officials to bring as many resources and funding to our community that I can.

A great example is the cooperation between myself, Father Fluet, Representative Orange, Senator Daily, and our residents concerning the bridge closure on Route 151 over the Moodus River. By working together the State has already expedited this emergency closing to a reopening date in the Spring of 2010.

### Local Farming

This issue of East Haddam Events focuses on importance of farming to our community. We are fortunate to have active and productive farms. Farms do much more than supply local farmer's markets with produce, they attract tourists to our town as well as support the existence of many types of businesses which include our garden and feed store operations. A new business has developed that provides locally grown, mostly organic products in town and delivers these farm products to both homes and restaurants. Local farms also have numerous production expenses that flow through the local economy, including employing our citizens. Buy local, support local.



### Community Opportunities

Today's economic challenges present challenges to our citizens as well. I encourage all of our citizens to support the Food Bank and Harvest House Soup Kitchen as well as any of our local endeavors providing a helping hand to community members in need or crisis. Even the smallest donation can make a large impact on the life of a fellow citizen who is in distress.

I am honored to serve as your First Selectman, and have personally witnessed a call to action by our employees and citizens. As we enter these trying times, I am encouraged that we have the spirit of cooperation and the desire to face these challenges together. I am privileged to lead this town and this wonderful team of employees and volunteers.

What gives me hope is my belief that East Haddam continues to unite behind our rural character and our strong spirit of volunteerism. It is this very strong volunteer base that empowers individuals, families, and entrepreneurs. It is not government that shapes our own destiny, our committed employees, citizens and volunteers do. Because of this our town will continue to thrive as a community we are proud to call "home".

Mark B. Walter  
First Selectman

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## Chowder Cook-Off Winners



The East Haddam Economic Development Commission (EDC) would like to announce the winners of the 6th Annual East Haddam Chowder Cook-off held on March 14, 2009.

After several recounts, the first place "People's Choice-Best Chowder" was called a tie between The Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station's New England Clam Chowder in a bread bowl and the classic New England Clam Chowder recipe of The East Haddam Rotary Club. La Vita Gustosa came in second, and third place went to Ivory Pub. The new category of "Best Décor" went to the Tex-Mex themed efforts of Coyote Blue, just slightly edging out La Vita Gustosa's St. Patty's Day table.

Other participants, the American Legion, Gelston House, and Pattaconk, also offered tasty samples to the crowd. Although some voters had a clear front-runner in mind when casting their ballot, many said that all the chowders were great and it was hard to select a favorite.

Special thanks go out to all of the chef participants and over 350 attendees at this year's event. The EDC will decide where to donate the proceeds at their April meeting. A March date for the 7th Annual Chowder Cook-off will likely be set for 2010.

*Photo by Trisha Damuck*

## Cover Photo

This issue's cover photo is by Jacquelyn Sanders of Old Lyme. Jacquelyn finds joy in nature and animals. Since she joined a camera club, she has started to show some of her pictures at local competitions and has gone on to win many ribbons at the Hamburg Fair. Jacquelyn feels that, "sometimes it takes time to find your passion, but when you do it opens a whole new and exciting world." She found out about Ray of Light because her daughter, Sharon Koch, moved to Hadlyme five years ago and loves the area. Now they both enjoy going there to enjoy the rescued animals and to take pictures.

## Community Lions Club

*10th Annual April Fools Road Race  
was held on Sunday, March 29*

The East Haddam Community Lions would like to thank their sponsors and, in particular, note their major contributors, East Haddam Lions Club and Nathan Hale Pharmacy for their continued support of our Annual 5 K and 10.5 mile Road Race.

Without the participation and support of this community we would not be able to continue this annual event, despite the growing number of participants each year. The hard work of Chairperson Lion Linda Lucas and her committee have much to do with the smooth running of this event that requires involvement from every club member to pull it off. For more information on how this event went and the runners places and times, check our website at [www.easthaddamcommunitylions.com](http://www.easthaddamcommunitylions.com)

## 4th Annual English Tea Party

*Saturday, May 2 at 2:00 p.m.*

Save the date and join us at our "Around the World" themed tea party in St Stephen's Hall, Main Street, East Haddam. Each table seats eight, and all will be imaginatively decorated to represent different countries around the world, so come take a tour with us ... no passport necessary. Lots of scrumptious goodies served with lashings of tea, amongst convivial company. There are plenty of treats in store, including entertainment, fun, friendship, and gifts, too, plus our many raffle prizes. This is an ideal Mother's Day treat or mother-daughter occasion. Book early to avoid disappointment as the tickets go quickly. Tickets: \$20.00 each Contact Linda (860)873-8933. Information on our website: [www.easthaddamcommunitylions.com](http://www.easthaddamcommunitylions.com)

### *Melvin Jones Fellows*

February 21, 2009 – Lion Celia Delehanty and Lion Linda Lucas of East Haddam Community Lions have been named Melvin Jones Fellows by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in recognition of their commitment to serving the world community. Named for the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones, the fellowship is the foundation's highest honor. It is recognition of commitment to humanitarian service.

They received their award at the Melvin Jones Weekend, sponsored by New England Lions Council and held at the Groton Inn and Suites. Past International President Mahendra Amarasuriya, who flew in from Sri Lanka for the weekend to honor the Melvin Jones Fellows, presented their plaques and pins, adding to the significance of this award. As Melvin Jones Fellow's, Lions Celia and Linda become a part of the growing network of individuals who are committed to improving the quality of life for people locally and in communities around the world.

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## Middlesex County Community Foundation

*Wins Highest National Honor for  
Excellence in Communications*

Middlesex County Community Foundation has been named a Gold Award winner for excellence in communications by the Wilmer Shields Rich Awards Program. Sponsored by the Council on Foundations, the awards program recognizes effective communications efforts to increase public awareness of foundations and corporate giving programs. "We are pleased to be recognized for effectively communicating our mission to the people who live in Middlesex County. It was truly a team effort and we are so grateful to Noemi Kearns of How2Design for her creativity and design expertise and to Patti Vassia for her keen insight into our community." said Cynthia Clegg, President & CEO.

The Middlesex County Community Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Middlesex County.

*Ann F. Faust, Vice President of Operations*

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The East Haddam Community Lions chose to honor these two Lions for their selfless dedication and hard work for this club and this community during their years of service. To find out more about the club or for information on upcoming events, visit [www.easthaddamcommunitylions.com](http://www.easthaddamcommunitylions.com).

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization, with nearly 1.3 million members. As the charitable arm of the association, LCIF makes grants for vital community and global projects that meet a wide range of humanitarian needs. LCIF's programs unite approximately 46,000 Lions clubs in 205 countries and geographical areas in a worldwide endeavor to significantly reduce preventable blindness.



Two Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients, Lion Celia Delehanty and Lion Linda Lucas

## Auction and Tag Sale Donations Wanted: Cars, Boats and RVs

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# Music on the River Update

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But we need your help. The series is 100% funded by local donations from individuals and businesses. In the past we have been able to count on generous support throughout the summer and schedule talent accordingly. However, we have all felt the effects of the changes in the economy and are concerned about the majority of donations trickling in throughout the summer. If you can make your donation to Music on the River now, we will be able to better plan for the series and feel confident we have the money to budget for six concerts. As additional cost savings measures, we are focusing on securing local bands who may be more cost effective but will also provide quality entertainment. We thank those entertainers who have sent us their music and those of you who have recommended your favorite band. The Music on the River concert series has a regional reputation as a quality event thanks to the very generous support of the community. Our goal remains to provide you a wide variety of music styles as well as appeal to eclectic musical tastes across all age groups.

We want to be able to continue this tradition to not only enhance summer evenings for the residents of East Haddam and surrounding communities, but also showcase local businesses. So please, while you are dreaming of enjoying a peaceful picnic dinner down by the river listening to great music, send in your check of support to:

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## Holiday Closings

The Town Office Building closed on:  
Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day  
Friday, July 3 - Independence Day

The Transfer Station will be closed on:  
Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day  
Saturday, July 4 - Independence Day

Regular hours will resume  
on the next business day.

## Town of East Haddam

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Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. to Noon

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Visit our Website at [www.easthaddam.org](http://www.easthaddam.org) for more information,  
including meeting minutes

## East Haddam Free Public Library

The East Haddam Free Public Library in Moodus will be hosting a "Victory" Vegetable gardening program featuring Master Gardener Chris Van Scoy, of East Haddam, on Thursday, April 23 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Registration is required. Please call 873-8248 to register or for more information. Refreshments will be served.

A book signing will be offered to patrons on April 16 from 7-8:30 p.m. by local author George Gargano, author of *Through the Eyes of Sadness*, a book of poetry. Please call the library to register for this program.

The knitting class for beginners and advanced patrons is continuing on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month from 6:30-8 p.m. Adults and teens are welcome to join the class.

The "Giving Tree" was filled three times this winter with the donated items going to the local clothing bank, the Christmas baskets, and a local women's shelter. Thank you to all who donated these items.

The Nathan Hale Middle School Art Classes will be holding exhibits of artwork done by 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade students. The exhibits will be in the South Gallery, and the

display will be changed monthly. Past works have included paper kimonos painted with nature or Asian scenes and tied with a silk sash. When viewers opened them, they found poems in Haiku written in calligraphy. The second display was a series of pen and ink drawings of flora or fauna done in stipple and cross hatch. Ms. Claudia Mazzotta is the art teacher. Please come in and view these wonderful art exhibits.

The library would like to remind patrons that DVDs and videos checked out from the East Haddam Free Public Library must be returned to this library. Items returned to other libraries can take a week or more to get back to us. This deprives other patrons of the opportunity to view these films, and it causes problems when rotating co-op titles that are not returned in time for the swap. We appreciate your cooperation.

To celebrate National Library Week, the library in Moodus presented a program for children ages 4-8 on April 16 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Using the book *The Leaf Man and His Friends*, children learned about tree and leaf identification and facts. A nature craft was included.

## Basket Bash

The East Haddam Elementary School PTO is proud to announce that the 9th Annual "Basket Bash" fund-raiser will be held on Friday, May 1 from 6-10:30 p.m. This fund-raiser supports the cultural arts programs that benefit the children of East Haddam Elementary School. Each classroom will make dona-

tions to create differently themed baskets. These baskets will be raffled off, along with several other large raffle items. This will be an entertaining and exciting night for everyone—please mark your calendars!

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## First Church of Christ Round-Up

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## Volunteer of the Month

Please join us in congratulating our most recent volunteers of the month: Robert Scherrer, Holly Pattavina, and Barbara Rogerson. If you would like to nominate someone, please do so in a letter to the First Selectman.

## Volunteer Reception

The Annual Volunteer-of-the-Month Reception will be held on Sunday, May 3, at 3 p.m. in the Grange Hall. Those volunteers named during the past year will be honored at this event. Past honorees and the community are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

## Emergency Management

Staying informed and up-to-date during an emergency situation is very important. We need to remember that during a large-scale emergency, such as a hurricane or major ice storm, many of our everyday modes of communication may not work, including landline and cell phones, cable TV, and Internet access. With these items not functioning, it is very important that every household maintain a backup mode to get important information and updates during an emergency.

The most reliable and inexpensive option is a battery-powered AM/FM radio. You can also find radios that will receive local TV channel transmissions. Remember, it is very likely that during a major weather event or other large-scale emergency, we could be affected with long-term power outages throughout town. Therefore, it is very important to have a battery-powered device with many days' supply of batteries. Even if your house has a back-up power source such as a generator, it is still a good idea to maintain a battery-powered radio for receiving your information.

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Please remember, under no circumstance should you call 911 to inquire about the state of an emergency; 911 should only be used to report an emergency situation. Emergency dispatchers will be inundated with important emergency calls and unable to take the time to respond to your questions. You will be directed through the EAS how to get additional information if needed. You may also be able to get information from the Connecticut Information Line by dialing 211.

For additional information or to volunteer with the Emergency Management Group, please contact Craig Mansfield at (860) 873-5103.

## Garden Club News

The East Haddam Garden Club will hold its annual plant and bake sale on Saturday, May 23, beginning at 8 a.m. at the East Haddam Historical Society, 264 Town Street. There will also be a sale of gardening-related items. This event is part of the annual tag sale of the East Haddam Historical Society. Plants

grown by some of East Haddam's finest gardeners will be available. Proceeds are used toward the club's many civic projects.

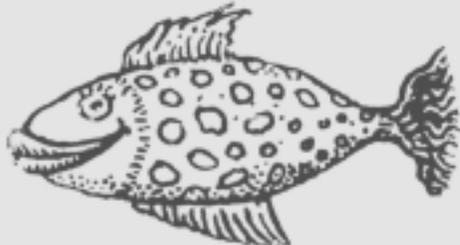
The garden club will again be planting the beds of annual flowers at Gillette Castle, the Goodspeed green, and the Shagbark triangle. Other projects include providing holiday centerpieces to the East Haddam Food Bank (November) and holiday decorating at the green and triangle (December).

Membership information about the club is available from Joan Osalza, 873-9556, or at the May 23 sale.

## Dog Licenses

Dog licenses are renewable each year in the month of June. Licenses are required for every dog over six months of age. The current cost for a dog license is \$8.00 for a spayed/neutered dog and \$19.00 for a dog that has not been altered. Current law assesses a \$1.00 late penalty per month. Legislation is pending that may raise these fees. All dogs are required to be licensed, pursuant to Connecticut law. Also, a license serves as a ticket home should your beloved pet be lost. Reminder notices will be mailed to those who licensed their dogs the previous year. If you have any questions regarding licensing your dog, please contact: Deb Denette, East Haddam Town Clerk, 860-873-5027, or Karl Karbienikoff, East Haddam Animal Control Officer, 860-873-5044. Thank you.

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## Reading Garden

The first time the idea of a Reading Garden behind the Rathbun Memorial Library was discussed was back in 2005, and a year later clearing the site began with the assistance of John Tetu, Lew Carlson, and Gerry Porto. This involved taking down dead trees and saplings and removing leaves, allowing the committee to see the location of two old barn foundations. The committee then reviewed several ideas for a working "vision" of how the Reading Garden would be constructed, and Jean Meyer came up with the idea of a stone couch as the focal point, thus working in the concept of a comfortable place to read!

Frank Pach and Brian Keereweer did the major rebuilding of the oldest foundation, using part of it to create the "couch" along the back wall, the funds for which were donated by those who attended the 2005 Gala and by Georgiana Costa herself. However, all came to a halt when we realized we did not have enough money to complete the job. In April of 2008, Paul Varkala volunteered to help the project, finishing the stone work and spreading soil, grass seed, straw, and peastone where needed. Varkala also became the site archaeologist when he dug up old bottles and many other treasures from what had been an area for discarding unwanted items many years ago. We are forever grateful to Paul, for he saved the library thousands of dollars.

Many others contributed to the project: Lori Soltis and Dennis Carlson scraped and repainted the shed behind the library. Arne Ahlberg planted forsythia bushes near the Reading Garden area, and he periodically helps keeps the foliage in the area under control. Lew Carlson helped by getting rid of leaves, wood, and bricks that were part of an ancient "barbecue." Bob Casner donated soil, helped move azaleas to the front of the shed, and took away unsightly trash that was against the side of the post office facing the library. Chris Psczolkowski and Charlie Farrow assisted Paul Varkala at various times, and George Ballek constructed the walkway from the parking area to the garden area that we had envisioned early on.

The garden was officially dedicated as The Georgiana and Fred Costa Reading Garden on August 8, 2008. And now that the "bones" of the garden are finished, a garden group consisting of Jane Lewis, Barbara Boynton, Joyce Senesac, and Gerry Porto will be working on completing the plantings around the area. The Reading Garden turned out to be quite a volunteer project, involving many townspeople, which makes the project even more valuable to all.



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Sunday worship: 8 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., with coffee hour following the 10:00 service. Beginning June 21, services will be 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 with coffee hour to follow.

### **Harvest House Soup Kitchen**

Harvest House Soup Kitchen will be serving a hot meal weekly on Sunday evenings from 5-6 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Main Street, East Haddam. Harvest House is sponsored by area churches, local organizations, community volunteers, and donations.

For further information on Harvest House or if your group or organization would like to host a Sunday meal, call Cindy DiNino at (860) 873-3022. If you would like to volunteer at Harvest House, call volunteer coordinator Kathie Ibbotson at (860) 873-9322. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be made to Harvest House, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 464, East Haddam, CT 06423.

### **Saturday Playgroup**

Play, chat, craft, and music share time including a light snack on 2nd and 4th Saturdays February through May from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. for ages birth to 12 and caregivers. This program is free with a suggested donation of a nonperishable food item for the East Haddam Food Bank. The remaining dates are April 25 and May 9 & 23.

For more information, contact Julie Yale, Christian Education director at St. Stephen's, at (860) 873-9547 or e-mail @ [ststephenschildren@att.net](mailto:ststephenschildren@att.net). Also, visit St. Stephen's website at [www.ststeves.org](http://www.ststeves.org)

## Registrars of Voters

Harriet Cummings and Patricia Thomas,

East Haddam Registrars of Voters

Judy Jezek and Martha Hansen, Deputy Registrars

After an exciting and successful presidential election, Hollie and Pat are settling down to the routine work at the Registrar's Office. This includes updating files, adding new voters, attending classes, and doing the yearly Canvass.

The Canvass checks all voters who have moved out of or within the East Haddam community to make sure voters' addresses and lists are correct. Letters are sent to all voters who have made a change in their address to be sure the information the registrars have is correct. When a voter or former voter sends back the form indicating the information is valid, then changes are made to voter lists. If no response arrives from the voter, he or she is put on an inactive list until status verification can be made.

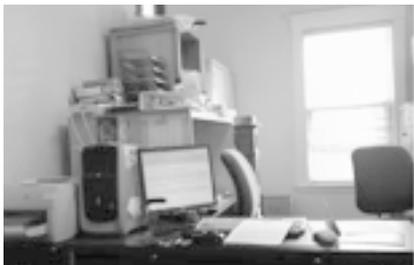
The East Haddam Registrars have also been attending regional meetings, as well as training sessions. In May they will be attending three days of the annual ROV conference, in

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Cromwell this year. Registrars are required by law to attend instructional classes each year.

With new equipment, due to the new voting machine requirements, the registrars are (like all the other town offices) scrambling to find storage and working space while waiting for the proposed reuse of the old middle school as the new town office building.



Northeast and southeast corners of the registrars' space in the River House




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## News from the Tax Office

East Haddam Tax Collector Janet Tucker would like to remind residents that tax bills for the 2008 Grand List will be mailed on June 30. If you owned real estate, personal property, or motor vehicles on October 1, 2008 and do not receive a bill, please contact the Tax Collector's Office at (860) 873-5033 or by e-mail addressed to [tax@easthaddam.org](mailto:tax@easthaddam.org). Not receiving a bill does not invalidate the tax or the interest on that bill.

If you purchased a house or property after October 1, 2008 and did not receive a bill for that property, please call the Tax Office to request a bill. You will be responsible for the tax on that property. If your taxes are escrowed through your mortgage, the tax bill will be sent directly to the mortgage holder, not to you. Motor vehicle bills are due in one payment on July 1, 2009. Payment must be received by August 3, 2009 to avoid interest. Real estate and personal property bills that total \$100.00 or more may be paid in two installments. The first payment is due on July 1, 2009 and is payable by August 3, 2009 without interest. The second payment is due on January 1, 2010 and must be paid by February 1, 2010 to avoid interest. You must save your bills for the January payment. No second bill will be sent.

Payments may be made in person at the Town Office Building, 7 Main Street, East Haddam, CT. Town office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There is a secure lockbox in the front hallway for after-hours payments. Payments by mail should be sent to the Tax Collector, P.O. Box 376, East Haddam, CT 06423-0376.

If a receipt is needed, the payment stub and check must be sent along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Payments postmarked after August 1, 2009 will be considered delinquent and subject to interest of 1.5% per month (18% per year) from the original due date of July 1, 2009. A minimum interest charge of \$2.00 per tax bill, per installment, will be charged. Taxpayers are responsible for maintaining their own income tax records. Please retain copies of all bills for that purpose.

The Tax Office is for the collection of taxes only. Questions regarding assessments must be addressed to the Tax Assessor Loreta Zdanys at (860) 873-5026 or by e-mail addressed to [assessor041@easthaddam.org](mailto:assessor041@easthaddam.org). If you received a tax bill for a vehicle that you no longer own, the assessor will require two forms of proof that you no longer have that vehicle, one form being a Motor Vehicle Department plate receipt.

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**Your Spring Garden**

Spring is upon us again, a wonderfully exciting time of year that renews our minds and provides us opportunity for new beginnings. My mind instantly starts turning with fabulous ideas for my gardens coming in the near future.

While there is time, try to take a few minutes to walk around your plantings from years past. Are your plantings creeping over their borders? Do you want more color, space, or shade? Jot down your ideas and give yourself some time to investigate. Planning and proper installation are keys to your success.

You can start to make choices from almost self-maintaining perennials to ornamental tree. With such a variety to choose from, you must take some time. Just remember that everything grows. Notice the maturity size, and spacing to save yourself some work. Annuals make exceptional fillers for future growth, at a low cost. Strategically placed, they are also fantastic for drawing your eyes to hidden colors that may otherwise be lost among large perennials.

Don't forget to utilize what you already have. A sure-fire way to success is to capitalize on the time and money you have already spent. A small amount of attention can go a long way, leaving more time and energy for areas that could use a pick-me-up.

Lastly, be sure to use quality mulching for any areas near your dwelling. The last thing anyone needs is to be scheduling an exterminator. Poor mulch can bring mold, insects, and many other problems. This will only demolish the fruits of your labor.

Clean your tools, make notes for placement, and enjoy the outdoors. The gratification you feel from the improvements will far outweigh any sore muscles or pricked fingers you may incur! Enjoy the spring, and I will see you next issue.

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All you have to do to help the church raise much-needed funds is to do all your Internet searching through GoodSearch. Go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and be sure to enter Moodus United Methodist Church as the charity you want to support. You need only do this once. Then the church will receive a donation EVERY TIME you do a search through [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com). Thanks for your help.

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## Spring into Fitness

Even the best laid plans can go awry when it comes to staying committed to your exercise and nutrition program. We're motivated and committed at the beginning of the year, and then time goes by and we feel ourselves slipping into those same unhealthy habits.

Spring is a time for transformation. Many of us have a goal for looking and feeling our best during this season. We shed our sweaters for short sleeves and are ready to garden, hike, get to the gym more often, bike, play tennis or anything and everything that we love to do. We're busy, time flies by and now we're on the fast track to getting in shape as soon as possible. Here are some tips to help you stay focused and committed to your healthy exercise plan.

**Goals - Start With a Plan** - You know that you need directions when you go on a trip. Well, the same is true to achieve your fitness goals. If you have a specific, detailed plan with which to measure your results, chances are better that you'll stick to it.

**Do What You Plan & Plan What You Do.** Consistency is one of the most important factors in sticking with an exercise program. Plan your week, taking your work schedule and activities into consideration. Then determine how many times you can get in some intentional exercise. Schedule this appointment in your calendar/planner. Have an alternate plan if something comes up that interferes with your exercise appointment.

**Habits** - It takes approximately 21 days to break a habit that doesn't serve you or to incorporate a new positive habit into your life. We're not wired to adhere to the "all or nothing" principle. It's important to chip away at these lifestyle changes one by one. When you have one mastered, then, move onto the next.

**Be Patient and Practice Resolve** - Making lifestyle changes requires focus, attention and patience. It's like exercising your commitment muscle. When you stay true to making the best choices for yourself more often, they become easier until willpower becomes habit.

Learn from every experience, good or bad. It allows us to make the necessary changes to achieve our fitness goals. Stick with the basic, small, consistent changes; move more often, ask for help, eat healthier foods, take smaller portions and before you know it, you'll be well on your way to becoming the new you!

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## Local Prevention Council

Are you concerned about our young peoples' struggles with alcohol and drug abuse? If so, our Local Prevention Council (LPC) could use your help. Our LPC has experienced tremendous success over the past five years in advocating with and on behalf of our youth. We need people to do specific jobs as opposed to attending lots of meetings. Examples of specific jobs include handing out drug-prevention literature at community events, helping out at one specific event, or writing press releases. Or, if you have a specific talent and are concerned about our young people and prevention, we are sure we can offer you a specific task that matches your talent.

Please call Toni McCabe at 873-3296 or email her at [youthandfamily@prodigy.net](mailto:youthandfamily@prodigy.net).

## Resident Trooper

Beginning in the fall of 2008, our department, along with East Haddam Youth and Family Services and the Board of Selectmen, began hosting monthly public forums. Topics covered to date include the increase in local burglaries, regional statistics/information on drug use, and parent education classes. We have received positive feedback from those who have attended and look forward to continuing these forums throughout the year. We are soliciting suggestions on topics that residents would like to have discussed.

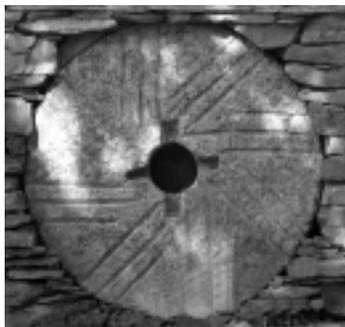
Additionally, we have begun to reestablish the neighborhood watch program throughout our community. A neighborhood watch is neighbors working with neighbors. Members are extra sets of eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping law enforcement. Members learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other, and report to the police any activity that raises their suspicions. Please contact us if you would like to begin a watch group in your neighborhood.

Our office now has in place a Confidential Tip-line for residents to anonymously provide information to the police. The phone number to leave a message is (860) 873-5013. **DO NOT USE THIS LINE TO REPORT AN ONGOING CRIME OR OTHER EMERGENCIES THAT NEED IMMEDIATE POLICE ASSISTANCE.** When leaving a message, please remember that we have no way of contacting you for additional information. Therefore, please leave as much detail as possible about the issue you are reporting. For example, leave detailed information such as the date, time, and location of the suspicious activity/date and location of the underage drinking party/location of the crime and name and other know information of the person(s) suspected of committing that crime.

In closing, we would like to thank Officer Larry Golet for his 25 years of dedicated service to the Town of East Haddam. After much consideration, Larry chose to retire from the department last month. Larry joined the East Haddam Police in 1984, has seen great change in the way policing is done in East Haddam, and has helped many people in many different ways throughout his years of service.

## Ambulance Association

The East Haddam Ambulance has been honored to serve the members of the East Haddam and Moodus community for almost forty years! Our volunteer members, together with the paid EMT/firefighters, continue to offer emergency medical services 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. We have been offering training classes to several residents who have graciously offered to volunteer their time and assist the current members in meeting the needs of the community. The East Haddam Ambulance has responded to 92 emergency medical calls from January 1 - March 11, 2009. The East Haddam Ambulance Annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at the Old Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. We encourage any community member who is interested to attend the meeting. Community input, ideas, and suggestions are always welcome! If you have any questions or would like more information about becoming a member, please go to our website, [www.easthaddamambulance.org](http://www.easthaddamambulance.org), or call Tiffany at (860) 790-0575.



## Our Readers Asked, and We Answered *Millers Rock*

The above was our cover photo for East Haddam's Winter 2009 Issue. It generated many phone calls asking where it is. This timeless carved piece of granite is the property of Chris and Gerry Miller. It is assimilated into their beautiful stone retaining wall in front of their antique business on Route 149. We suspect it is "one of those things" we drive by every day and just don't seem to notice. The next time you are headed this way, take the time to look at this work of art and visit their shop for something very interesting to do. East Haddam's George Fellner took the photo.



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## Address Canvassing: Coming to Your Neighborhood

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in preparation for the 2010 Census.

### What is Address Canvassing?

By visiting addresses in every community, the Census Bureau will know where to send questionnaires and enumerators in 2010. Using hand-held computers, Census employees will walk through your community to identify the location of every housing unit.

This is how it will work: Employees will make a courtesy visit to each housing unit. They will verify the address. Using the hand-held computer, the Census employee will capture the address and GPS coordinates for the housing unit.

This is an extremely important field operation as it lays the groundwork for the success of other 2010 Census operations that follow. Address canvassing will take place in April, May and June 2009. Your cooperation and patience is truly appreciated.

## Green Strategies for Homes

By George Fellner, AIA, LEED AP



The realities of rising energy costs, present economic challenges, and increasing data regarding relationships connecting carbon emissions, global warming, and rising seas have effectively created a new mindset for sustainability. There is desire for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and all things "green." Thus, any intentions for new construction, remodeling, or expanding a home should incorporate sustainable strategies.

The design of a green home should intentionally result in a habitat that is durable, healthy, comfortable, energy efficient, and environmentally responsible for both new and renovated projects. It is enlightening to realize that there is much diversity in the potential for incorporating sustainable strategies. For example, the site can have indigenous landscaping with rainwater harvesting systems. Recyclable/renewable materials can be selected and indoor air quality can be preserved by using non-toxic carpets and paints with low or no VOC's. Compact fluorescent lights offer high efficiency. Energy Star rated appliances and high efficiency plumbing fixtures can effectively reduce energy costs. Furthermore, the exterior envelope involves numerous component/type choices regarding windows, insulation, among other systems.

There is also great diversity regarding renewable energy system options. Proper design can result in homes that optimize natural daylighting and integrate passive solar design principles. Solar hot water systems can provide 20-40% cost savings. Photovoltaic (PV) systems utilize the sun's continual energy to create electricity. In addition, wind systems utilize the wind's kinetic energy to supply electricity. These technologies are in a continual state of development, resulting in improved systems. Another efficient strategy involves geothermal heating/cooling systems which utilize the Earth's natural heat, continuously supplied by the sun. These systems produce no on-site combustion of fossil fuels, saving 30-70% in heating and 20-50% in cooling costs, compared to oil/gas/electrical systems.

Clearly, a green project requires good planning and design in order to effectively integrate these diverse sustainable strategies.

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## Earth Charter Events Schedule

The public is always encouraged to attend these gatherings, generally held at the Sanctuary, 59 Bogel Road, East Haddam.

Sunday, May 10, will feature "smart growth" advocate Heidi Greene, President of 1000 Friends of Connecticut, in a program to explain the fundamentals of smart growth. Nationally organized, 1000 Friends is dedicated to growing a healthy economy, with choices in transportation, housing, and education and respect for farmlands, open space, and natural and historic resources.

The June 14 gathering will feature widely acclaimed economist Jane D'Arista of Hadlyme, who will address us on some of the current national and world economic issues and how they fit into our future. Economic justice is one of the Earth Charter pillars, and Ms. D'Arista is dedicated to and widely sought for her expertise on making our economy as fair to all as possible.

For July 12, East Haddam businessman Michael Harris will share his new film documenting his own family trip from California back to home in a diesel and bio-fuel-powered used Mercedes he purchased on eBay. Using his own video camera and interviewing a variety of sustainably minded folk along the way and afterwards, Mike puts his personal stamp on what one person can do to make a difference in our planet's future. This will probably be the world premiere of the film project!

## Chatham Health District News

At its January 27, 2009 meeting, the Chatham Health District Board of Health adopted revisions to the previously approved Wastewater Pumping and Permit to Discharge Regulation. The revisions are primarily to Section 9 (the Enforcement Section) and incorporate comment from the Department of Public Health. The regulation can be viewed in its entirety in any of the District offices and on line at [www.chathamhealth.org](http://www.chathamhealth.org).

### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Memorial Day Parade will step off at 10 a.m. from the Middle School parking lot on Monday, May 25. All community groups are encouraged to join the parade. Due to the recent closing of the bridge on Route 151 over the Moodus River, the parade committee will be discussing alternate parade routes. If you have any questions, please call the Selectmen's Office at 873-5020.

If you aren't a marcher, please join us on the sidelines. It is a great community event!

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## East Haddam Lakes Association

Boaters, swimmers, and fishermen will soon return to enjoy warm weather activities at Bashan Lake, Lake Hayward, and Moodus Reservoir, and the East Haddam Lakes Association continues to advocate for these town resources.

The association, which meets year-round, has monitored the wastewater pumping regulation passed by the health district and which is available at [www.chathamhealth.org](http://www.chathamhealth.org); continues to focus on the environmental goals set out in the Plan of Conservation and Development adopted by the town; and is planning educational programs at each lake this summer.

The East Haddam Lakes Association will have its next meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29 at the home of Anita Ballek, across from Ballek's Garden Center. Meetings are open. For information call Kathy (537-6070), Harvey (537-6517), or Bruce (229-8321).



Some members at a recent meeting of the East Haddam Lakes Association are (left to right), front row, Ken Klein, Kathy Klein, Harvey Thomas, Laurie Alt; back row, Dan D'Addeo, Joe Broder, and Bruce Fletcher.

## Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of East Haddam will conduct its annual car raffle on Monday, June 29. The club is busy working to select a car that is both practical and fun. Ticket sales will begin in mid to late May.

For many years, Sunrise Resort was host to this unofficial summer kick-off event. Our sincere gratitude is conveyed to Bob and Laura Johnson for their hospitality over the years.

Returning to our original roots, this year's raffle will be held in the Beer Garden and on the lawn of the Gelston House Restaurant. The Gelston House was the location of earlier raffles and is home to Rotary's regular meetings, which are held on the second and fourth Thursday each month. Visitors are welcome. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m., with a meeting and/or program following at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like further information, please contact Rotary President Ken Klein at 537-6070 or Deb Denette, Rotary President Elect at 873-2284.

## Rathbun Memorial Library

The American Girl Club will meet the first Wednesday of every month: May 6, June 3, and July 1, with a special Fourth of July Tea Party planned for July 1. Each meeting includes snacks, crafts, and activities.

This year's Summer Reading Program for the elementary school students is "Be Creative @ Your Library," which begins as soon as school is out, and our special guest program will be "Science Sense-ations," a program about the world of sound, on Wednesday, July 8 at 2:00 p.m. The summer reading program asks children to read a minimum of twenty minutes a day and receive a prize after every seven days, with a special door prize to be awarded at end of the summer.

Our other summer programs will include crafts and activities, and Preschoolers' Storytime is held every Monday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. until mid-June.

## Friends of the Rathbun News

As spring approaches, the Friends are planning summer events, hoping every East Haddamite will participate in some way.

Saturday, May 16: The annual Plant Sale opens at 9 a.m. Come on time for best selection of locally raised perennials. Some vegetable plants will be available, too.

Plant donations can be left on the north side of the library on Friday, May 15.

Saturday, May 23: The Rathbun will have its book sale during the Historical Society's Sale. Any books to be donated to this sale can be left on the society's front porch the week before or brought to the Rathbun Book Nook any Saturday in April.

Saturday, July 11: The Farmer's Market will start at 8 a.m. Come for coffee, rolls, and a delicious offering of fresh fruits and vegetables, plus handicrafts by local artisans.

The summer author receptions known as Fridays at 5:30 are still in the planning stages. More information on these to come. Any suggestions for authors can be left at the library.

## MOODUS SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

### Fishing Derby:

May 3, 8 a.m. - noon

### Shad Bake:

June 28, noon - 3 p.m.

## Community Forum

Have you ever wanted the opportunity to share your creative ideas for reducing government expenses or raising revenues? The Democratic Town Committee recently sponsored a very successful, nonpartisan, community-based brainstorm with over 50 taxpayers in attendance.

Facilitated by Selectman Pete Govert, the group generated a list of about 100 ideas – 55 ideas for cutting expenses and about 45 for generating more revenue. These ideas were forwarded to the Boards of Selectmen and Finance for action. Examples of cutting expenses included the following: reduce the amount of lighting in town; re-bid everything to get a cheaper price; consolidate libraries; establish a volunteer coordinator; lease instead of purchase equipment; and a wide variety of others. Examples of raising revenue included these suggestions: sell advertising space at the school ball fields (similar to Little League); hire a grant writer; review all fee structures; establish a windmill farm at the new middle school; and provide tax incentives for green businesses to move to town.

As always, your ideas are always wanted - simply e-mail petegovort@gmail.com. The complete list of 100 ideas is available at easthaddam.dems.info.



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### Events

Wednesday, May 13, 7:30 p.m. at the museum: *The Freedom Business*, a reading and book signing by Marilyn Nelson, East Haddam resident and former Poet Laureate.

Saturday, May 23, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the museum: Annual Tag Sale. Great selection, prices, and cause. No TVs, stoves, appliances, computers, or exercise equipment will be accepted. All other donations can be left on the museum porch or call Dot Parker (860) 873-8330. Garden Club and Rathbun Library also participate.

Saturday, June 6, 7 p.m. at the Nathan Hale-Ray HS Auditorium: "65th D-Day Remembrance," a PowerPoint presentation by military historian Phil Devlin. Free admission. All area veterans invited.

Wednesday, June 10, 7:30 p.m. at the museum: "Videoed Reminiscences of WWII by EHHS Members - introduction by Fred Gagnon"

Wednesday, July 8, 6-9 p.m. at the museum: Summer Potluck Picnic. Bring something and your appetite to this kickoff of East Haddam's summer season.



The mannequin models the dress Grace Warner Boardman, the daughter of silver manufacturer Norman Boardman, wore November 18, 1897, when she wed Leonard Barton Lawton of Meriden at St. Stephen's Church, Rev. George W. Griffith presiding. The guest list numbered over 850 people.

## The Benefits of Private Tutoring

During these difficult economic times, there is one area that we must not label as "fluff" or "show education". Private lessons are a necessary catalyst to your child's future academic success and what better place to invest than in your child's schooling. Research studies have shown that well qualified teachers who understand children can make a significant difference through one-on-one or small group instruction. Whether your child needs remediation, an academic assessment, homework support, enrichment activities, or reinforcement in a particular subject area, tutoring is the answer.

With that being said, there are several additional benefits to private tutoring. In the classroom setting, noise and other distractions can hugely affect your child's performance. However, in a private tutoring session, the environment is far less susceptible to interference and therefore a student's level of concentration is elevated, so learning is more likely to occur. A child feels more comfortable asking questions in a private setting because peer competition and/or embarrassing situations are defused. The tutorial atmosphere also allows for immediate feedback and constant encouragement, which can directly increase an individual's self-esteem. A tutor is able to customize the instruction and implement a pace that best accommodates your child's learning style. In addition, an enthusiastic, highly qualified tutor can empower the student to become an independent life-long learner with the necessary strategies and individualized study skills that will become the foundation for his/her future academic success.

The specialized attention and the teaching methods that children encounter with a tutor can promote the learning of problem-solving skills and the retention of the material because tutoring is about learning. The right tutor is not only a positive role model for your child, but within weeks your child will grow to appreciate all the people who value education and his/her success in school.

By Nancy Hanks, H.R.Learning Academy

## Asbestos Program

### From the Connecticut Department of Health

The goal of the Asbestos Program is to reduce the chance of exposure to asbestos, which is known to cause cancer. Asbestos has been found in over 3,000 building materials and products. Asbestos-containing materials (ACM) are still brought into the United States and can be commonly be found in existing buildings.

The Asbestos Program makes sure that asbestos is removed properly as required by law. The Asbestos Program works together with the Environmental Practitioner Licensing Unit to license and regulate asbestos abatement contractors and asbestos consultants. The Asbestos Program is also responsible for ensuring that asbestos-containing materials in schools are correctly managed. These regulations apply to all public and private, not-for-profit schools for grades kindergarten to grade 12 (K-12). For more information, go to [www.ct.gov/dph](http://www.ct.gov/dph).

## Jr. NBA and Jr. WNBA

The East Haddam Recreation Commission would like to congratulate Stephanie Leonardo and Craig Botteon, both 7th graders at Nathan Hale Ray Middle School, on the awards that they won this winter. Stephanie and Craig were nominated for the Jr. WNBA / Jr. NBA National Team in basketball. Both players were nominated by their coach, Andy Riccio, in recognition of their exceptional basketball skills, positive attitudes, and leadership on the court, in the classroom, and in the community. Stephanie and Craig were recognized as All-Region players for the 2008-2009 season, representing the Connecticut Sun region. They are two of only 165 All-Region recipients. Stephanie advanced as a National Team finalist and was one of 49 players to be selected nationally. Both players should be very proud of the hard work that they put into their sports and class work.

## Senior News

Our bowling teams are having a great time. We have six teams that bowl each week. If anyone is interested in joining, new teams are formed every couple of months. The new state tournaments start in June, and we want to "go further" than we did last year, when we were eliminated in the semifinals. Come join us.

We are having our third annual daffodil festival on April 24. There will be a special lunch and entertainment. John Baker will put on a show from 12:30 to 1:30. Reservations are required for this event and may be made by calling 873-5034. Cost of the event is \$5.00.

It is that time of year again when we are looking for the names and addresses of couples married fifty or more years (1959 or before) to join us in our annual Golden Anniversary party. If you know someone who should be invited, please call the center. This year the theme will be "The Hawaiian Honeymoon You Never Had." The date will be June 17, with musical entertainment by John Baker. This event is open to the public for a donation of \$5.00. Anniversary couples are invited guests.

AARP safe driving classes will be held May 13 and 15 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. New rates for the class are \$12 for current members of AARP and \$14 for nonmembers. You must present a current card to qualify for the discount. Both classes must be taken to qualify for a discount on your auto insurance.

On May 20 we will be holding our annual Volunteer Reception, with entertainment by "Marcy." Come say thanks to all our dedicated volunteers and enjoy the show.

The center has many ongoing programs that welcome newcomers at any time. Pilates is Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:15, Tai Chi is Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00. Setback is played each Wednesday at 1:00. Computer classes are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The computer room and the exercise room are open from 8 to 3 weekdays. Seniors are welcome to stop in anytime to use the equipment.

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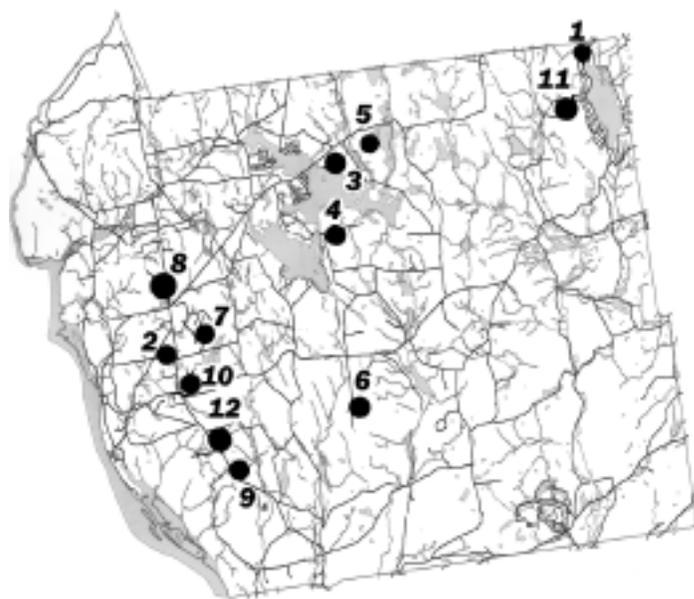
by Mort Gelston

Around the turn of the century, farmers in Millington were busy selling meat, tobacco, and vegetables to customers in Norwich and New London because horses could haul it there and make it back in a day. Local farmers also provisioned whaling and merchant vessels. We are still reaping rewards from those times when farmers like Helon Cone prospered; his estate is still giving money to our school system. But without modern-day fertilizers or organic methods, many farmers exhausted their soil and had to move on. Many settled in Ohio and points further west, leaving only memories and stone walls. The walls, built from the crop of stones that emerged from the local soil each spring, were used to keep livestock, including flocks of sheep, from eating the crops.

Growing up on a farm, I learned the importance of hand labor. In those days, children had to work and big families were the norm. No bulldozers or excavators when I was a boy; oxen were our primary source for heavy work.

My earliest recollection of the milk business dates from when I was three years of age. I watched my father make butter for sale. We had three buyers in town that had outlets in cities for butter and eggs. They made a good living for themselves and us. When boats started running between Hartford and New York, farmers within oxcart distance of the river had a market for their produce. We would harvest in the late afternoon, put it on the boat, and it would be in New York the next morning. My job was to take the produce to the dock in my oxcart. The boats stopped running in 1932 but the resorts picked up the slack. It is hard to believe that between cottages and resorts the summer population would grow by 10,000. As late as 1950, East Haddam's year-round population was still only 2,554.

While butter and eggs, kept moderately cool, would last for days in transit to the city markets, such was not the case for fresh whole milk, which spoiled quickly. But because the cities were growing too quickly to maintain their own milk



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supplies, this offered an opportunity for farmers in the country to sell to the cities. In the years after WWI, railroads provided the means and the Whiting Milk Company provided the way. Two local farms (one was Frank Cone) sold their milk to the Whiting Company milk train. The farmers would haul their milk in forty-quart cans surrounded by ice to the North Westchester stop on the Airline Railroad, which delivered to Boston one day and New York the next. By the 1920s, Henry Hall of the Brock-Hall Dairy came to East Haddam looking for milk farmers. He got enough for a truckload of forty-quart cans and hired Dan Maus's grandfather to haul it. He had a Mack truck with hard tires but the first load to New Haven arrived curdled, so he had to change to pneumatic tires for a smoother ride.

We did not sell our whole milk until after our home burned down and we could no longer make butter. From December 1925 until August 1956 our milk went in cans to New Haven. Then bulk tanker trucks changed the whole delivery system. Milk had to be cooled before shipment. In the early days we used ice harvested from the nearby ice pond and stored in an icehouse shared with our neighbors. But the warm winter of 1932 (only four inches of ice) forced us to buy an electric cooler. Our first cooler held four cans. By the time we retired we were making 3,000 pounds of milk a day.

In the old days, everybody had a flock of hens as a source of eggs for themselves and to trade for groceries. By the end of WWII the egg business had become



Hungerford Farm circa 1900

important to the state's economy. The Davis Brothers went into the chicken business in a big way and marketed their eggs under the "Emily" brand. I have been told that at one time East Haddam had the most hens of any town in Connecticut. The poultry farms are gone now, but backyard gardeners still keep a few hens.

What happened to the farms when many of the local farmers migrated westward? They were bought for back taxes.

Lumberman Addison Chapman bought most of them. The East Haddam Fish and Game Club secured their land in the same way, over 2,000 acres. Some of the houses were purchased by New Yorkers as summer homes, traveling by boat to "The Landing" and walking as far as Millington to reach their new retreats. Many planted gardens in the spring to be



Mort Gelston loading hay circa 1934

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For many town residents, times are tough and household budgets are squeezed. People have had their wages cut, have lost jobs, and are finding it difficult to put food on the table. One way to stretch your food budget is to plant a Victory Garden. Planting a Victory Garden is a huge step toward a more sustainable, self-reliant lifestyle. It is, of course, a way to eat the freshest food possible. Also, mind and body fitness will be improved, relieving stress and reducing blood pressure. Plus, planting your own garden will help you reduce your carbon footprint!

Following are some basic steps for the first-time vegetable gardener:

One of the most important steps is to select a proper site. The ideal site will receive a full 6 hours or more of sun each day and have good soil drainage.

Next, remove the sod, leaving as much of the soil behind as possible.

Break up and turn the soil.

Blend compost or other organic matter into the soil. Have your soil tested through the UConn Cooperative Extension System. The test results will indicate what nutrients are needed in the soil and determine the soil's pH. Standard nutrient analysis is \$8.00.

If possible, surround your garden with a fence to keep out critters. A short fence of chicken wire will keep out many small animals. To keep out deer, a fence, about 7 feet tall is needed.

If starting plants from seed, be sure to read the seed packaging to determine when and where to start your seeds. Some may be started indoors, while others are best sown directly in the garden. The seed packaging also lets you know how far apart to space your plants. Look for disease-resistant seeds and/or transplants. Also, select vegetables that you and your family enjoy eating.

Weeds act as hosts for insects and diseases. They also rob your plants of nutrients and water. Keep your plants free from weeds. Mulches may be used to control weeds. Mulches include hay, straw, and newspaper (black and white only).

In general, garden vegetables need about 1 inch of water per week. If it doesn't come from rain, you'll need to water the plants. To decrease the risk of disease, water in the morning so that the leaves dry during the day.

After all the vegetables have been harvested, put your garden to bed. Clean up all of the plant debris and plant a soil-improving cover crop such as buckwheat or rye.

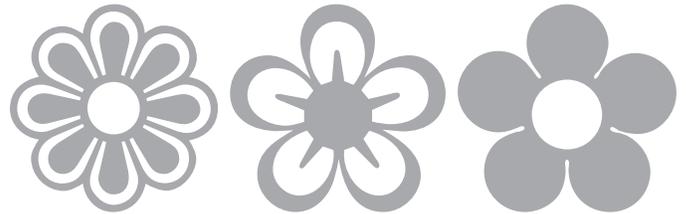
For more help with your vegetable garden, ask

knowledgeable gardening neighbors, read gardening books available at the town libraries, or contact the UConn Cooperative Extension System by calling (860) 345-4511.

A garden does require some work but the homegrown, fresh vegetables are worth it. The life of your garden can be extended by freezing or canning some of your harvest. Extra vegetables can be given away or exchanged with neighbors for different varieties of vegetables. Growing your own food is empowering!

If you choose not to grow your own vegetables, please consider buying vegetables grown locally. Locally grown produce tends to come with fewer chemical pesticides and packaging. Also, locally grown produce is a better option for the environment than produce that has traveled many miles to get to your table.

*by Sue Houghton, East Haddam Green Committee*



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## News from the Goal Mouth

The East Haddam Soccer Club (EHSC) is getting ready for a busy and exciting spring season! We have exciting schedules and events for all age groups. The club is very excited about a couple of new relationships to bring our players the highest quality soccer skills. We have recently contracted UK International Soccer Camps to be our official provider of club training and camps. UK is nationally recognized as the highest caliber of soccer training for youth of all ages.

EHSC also has expanded a relationship, which began with a rousing success in the fall. XARA Soccer helped the club, under the tremendous effort of Marielle Hickey, establish our "Little Kicks" program, with over 80 children ages 4 through 6 taking trips with their "Soccer-Saurus" to learn the key skills they need to be players. This program will run again in the spring from May 2 through June 6 at a field and time to be determined. Please contact Marielle Hickey at [hickfam@snet.net](mailto:hickfam@snet.net) for information and registration.

We are expanding the program this spring with our "Galactic Strikers" program. This program will expand on the basic skills presented in earlier training and advance these skills to prepare kids from age 6 to 8 for competitive soccer that is fast approaching. This program is scheduled to run from May 2 to June 6 at a field and time to be determined. Please contact Tim Cahill at [tim\\_chll@yahoo.com](mailto:tim_chll@yahoo.com) for information and registration.

For those 7- to 10-year-old boys and girls who are looking to really step up their soccer skills, we will be offering a 6-week Soccer Academy. All children who participate will learn specific sets of soccer skills tied to their ages. This very valuable seminar will be coached by our friends from UK International and has seen resounding success in other youth soccer programs in Connecticut and around the country. The program will run Wednesday from 4 -5 and 5-6 p.m., each age group. Space is very limited. If your child would like to participate, please contact Tim Cahill at [tim\\_chll@yahoo.com](mailto:tim_chll@yahoo.com) or at 860-873-8797.

And, last but surely not least, our spring season will kick off in late April. Come on out and see the East Haddam Storm take on local rivals and see what it takes to play with the club! Also, parents who have interested children, please look into helping the club through volunteering. The more the merrier! For registration materials, schedules, or other information, please visit our website [www.easthaddamsoccer.org](http://www.easthaddamsoccer.org) or contact any of the people listed above.

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Recently, a long term friend stopped in to catch up on several months of personal experiences. As it was mid-morning, we decided that a nice cozy coffee shop would suit our needs. One where we could sit at a table, purchase a sweet that was not a donut and enjoy our coffee without loud noises interfering with our conversation. Taking a quick mental note of the locations that would suit our personal needs, we decided to see what Essex Coffee & Tea Company had to offer.

The short trip to 51 Main Street in Essex was enjoyable, since we both wanted to purchase a few gift items for upcoming birthday and anniversary events. Coffee in Essex and a stroll around the many wonderful shops suited our needs, and of course, a walk to the river to observe the wildlife, suggested that this was indeed, going to be an event.

Before you enter Essex Coffee & Tea Company, there is a complimentary water dish for your thirsty dog. The bowl was clean, shiny and the water looked fresh. Neither of us has a dog, but someone is thankfully thinking about our four legged friends. The wooden door to the antique home beckoned us and the aroma of fresh-brewed coffee wafted through the opening. We were ready for our first cup of coffee.

Immediately in front of you is a showcase of delectable sweet items that are perfectly proportioned for a sweet-tooth experience. Several varieties of coffee are available as are espresso, latte and flavor infused single pours. I ordered a latte, with a little bit of chocolate sprinkled on the top thank you. My friend poured an exotic cup, sourced from a foreign country, creating a vision of languages and customs not enjoyed in the United States. Next to the counter are several comfortable tables and chairs which invite you to sit for a while and discuss world events, the condition of roads in England or the weather in Nairobi. What pleasure!

Neither of us could resist the pull of a sweet morsel. Rather than having to share the event, we each ordered our own. I had the chocolate special and my friend had the caramel covered bun. There are few enjoyments in life that exceed a hot cup of coffee and a piece of sweet while sitting in a room that was once a shipbuilders front parlor.

We mentioned to the friendly staff that we would return and try the light luncheon menu, preferably sitting outside at the European tables on a warm spring or summer day. After a very enjoyable hour, we browsed the wooden ship counter, noting additional options for gifts in the future. Waiving to the staff, we left feeling as if we had made new friends and had discovered a hidden treasure--Essex Coffee & Tea Company. A return trip is in our future plans.

*Events Magazines Food Editor  
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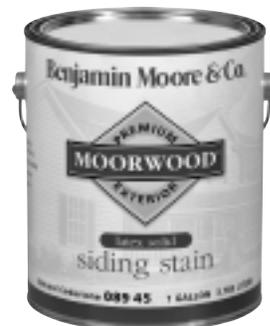


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In addition, the deadline for filing for the Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners Program is May 15, 2009. Qualifying income and age requirements for the Homeowners Program and Additional Veterans Benefits is the same as the Elderly and Totally Disabled Renters Rebate Program. It should be noted that this year the town of East Haddam has adopted by local option an additional tax credit to homeowners 65 and older whose income does not exceed \$50,000 (including Social Security). Applicants must bring proof of income including Social Security for 2008. Applications for the Additional Veterans Benefits will be accepted until October 1, 2009.

As the Tax Collector's Office prepares the July tax bills, those residents whose motor vehicles have been

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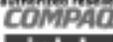
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Questions regarding motor vehicle assessments, the Homeowners Credit Program, the Renters Rebate Program, or Additional Veterans Benefits should be directed to the Assessor's Office at 873-5026.

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  - Sidewalks, driveways, and on-grade concrete or masonry patios not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below
  - Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter-tops, and similar finish work not involving structural changes or alterations
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  - Window awnings supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and that do not require additional support

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- Repairs and maintenance: A permit shall not be required for minor repair work, including replacement of lamps and fuses or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.

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**EAST HADDAM PARK AND RECREATION OPEN HOUSE:** East Haddam Parks and Recreation will host an Open House on April 25 at the Elementary School gym from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. This is also the first day of Day Camp and swimming lesson registration. We will be there to answer your questions, and help you register for all of the Park and Recreation programs. Please join us and meet your Park and Rec. professionals! We look forward to meeting you!

**SUMMER EMPLOYMENT:** Are you interested in a summer job with East Haddam Park and Recreation? We are currently accepting applications for lifeguards — you must be 16 years of age and have a minimum of the American Red Cross Lifeguard certification. To request an application, please contact Tiffany at the Rec. Office at 873-5058.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL DAY CAMP:** Registration will begin on Saturday, April 25, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Elementary School. Registrations will be accepted in person or through

the mail after April 26. East Haddam Day Camp will be held this summer from July 6-August 14 from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. There are many great changes coming to camp this year! The elementary school camp is open to East Haddam residents in grades 1-5 (as of the fall of '09); the middle school camp is open to East Haddam residents in grades 6-8 (as of the fall of '09). The cost will be \$75 per week, per child. There will be a sibling discount of \$10 per child, per week. After Care will be \$7 per day, per child; there are no discounts. Payment plans will be offered. The elementary school camp and the middle school camp will both be located at the elementary school. Both camps will be offered Monday-Friday, and all campers will be eligible for After Care. There will be guests brought in to camp for entertainment and Theme Weeks, but there will be no field trips. Both camps will be held at the beach on Fridays. Please drop off and pick up your child at the beach. There will be no After Care offered on beach days.

**TOWN BEACH:** The Town Beach will be open 7 days a week, beginning June 28, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Please remember that there are no garbage receptacles; you must take all garbage home. Also, there is no boat launching or docking at the Town Beach; please use the boat launch at the north end of the reservoir. Bathrooms are available during hours of operation. Lifeguards are on duty when the park is open. Please consider this when allowing your older children to go to the beach without adult supervision. There can be no ATV riding or bonfires at the beach, as both present a hazard to the beach goers. The water is tested weekly by the sanitation department. The tests measure the level of bacteria that may be dangerous to swimmers. There have been no recent concerns or high bacteria levels.

**SWIMMING LESSONS:** Swimming lessons will be taught at the Town Beach and are available to children ages 3 and older. Lessons are held on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please refer to the registration form for specific lesson times and class levels. Registration forms will be available beginning April 25 at the Park and Rec. Open House. The cost is \$40 per child, per session. Registration is ongoing until the classes are full. East Haddam residents will be given first registration opportunities.

**DISCOUNT PARK TICKETS:** The Recreation Office is offering discounted theme park tickets this summer! These prices cannot be beat! Just call or stop by to pick up your tickets. These tickets will be available all summer, based on availability. Six Flags Tickets are \$27.00 each (gate price is \$37.00 each), Lake Compounce tickets are \$25.00 each (gate price is \$34.99). Quassie Amusement Park tickets will be available; call for prices.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

**ADULT CO-ED SOCCER:** This group combines a healthy amount of competition with a great time! Open to all East Haddam residents age 18 and older. Indoor soccer is a fast paced, rigorous game, and we are always looking for new players to join us. This program continues year round and is held on Sun. and Wed. nights from 6-8 p.m. at Nichols Field. The cost is \$10 per resident / \$20 per nonresident, per season.

**DEP SAFE BOATING CLASS:** This class will prepare you to apply for your State of CT boating license and personal watercraft certificate. You must attend all four classes. At the end of the class, you will be given a test; if you pass, you will be given a form to submit to obtain your boating license. A maximum of 50 students will be accepted; please register early. East Haddam residents are given first priority to register. Two classes will be offered: June 16, 18, 23, and 25 at the elementary school OR Sept. 8, 10, 15, and 17 from 6:30-9 p.m. at the high school. The cost: \$15 per person.

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL:** Women's volleyball is held every Wednesday at the high school gym from 7:00-9 p.m. through June 10. This is a noncompetitive game of volleyball guaranteeing a lot of fun and great exercise!! The fee is \$10 per resident/\$20 per nonresident, per season. Adults only, please.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL:** Men's basketball is offered to all East Haddam residents. Nonresidents are accepted as long as they are accompanied by

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East Haddam residents each week (one guest per resident). This program offers pick-up basketball games on the following dates and times: Wednesdays at the middle school gym from 7-9 p.m. for men age 18 and over, Sundays at the middle school gym from 9-11 a.m. for men aged 30 and over, through June 10. The cost is \$10 per resident, and \$20 per non-resident.

**YOGA:** This is a comprehensive yoga class designed to suit the needs of beginner to moderate-level practitioners and is intended to give you a total yoga experience by implementing those techniques and practices that exercise and tone the body, mind, and spirit. Bring a yoga mat and props as necessary to make you comfortable and wear loose, comfortable clothing. Please refrain from wearing perfumes or colognes. Further questions can be directed to your yoga instructor, Nancie LaPier, at 344-9299. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall on Town St. from June 3-July 29. The cost is \$60 per person for the 9-week class. Due to the summer heat, classes will not be held in August but will resume in September.

**COMMUNITY MUSIC CIRCLE:** Bring your acoustic instruments and/or your voice. We will play songs that are easy to learn and play and lend themselves to improvisational solos. All acoustic instruments are welcome: guitars, mandolins, Autoharps, percussion toys, hand drums, harmonicas, etc... I'll provide one electric bass to be played softly. If you don't want to play, just come and listen - all are welcome. The point is simply this - to make music in the moment. If you have questions, please contact Pete Govert at: swahilipete@sbcglobal.net. The program will be held every 4th Monday, from 7-9 p.m. at the Grange Hall on Town Street.

**BOOT CAMP FITNESS & BASIC TRAINING:** Boot Camp Fitness is a challenging, total body, cross-training program that focuses on your cardiovascular health, muscle strength, agility, and endurance. The classes are varied and use a variety of techniques, very simple equipment, and even the local landscape for cardio exercises such as running hills and sprints plus strengthening, such as push-ups, lunges, squats, and pull-ups. Classes will end with core strengthening and stretching. **Basic Training: Level 1** is great for those who haven't been working out and need to start at a slower pace. **Boot Camp Fitness: Level 2** is geared to those individuals who are already at a higher fitness level and looking to challenge themselves in a new way. All classes will be held on Tues. and Thurs. at 6:30 p.m. & Sat. at 8:30 a.m. at the Hale Ray High School parking lot by the basketball courts. Classes will be held on Tue., April 28 through Tues. July 14; the cost is 3x week-\$225; 2x week-\$180; 1x week-\$95; and drop-in-\$10. Bring water and a towel, and be prepared to get wet and dirty; we work out in all kinds of weather.

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#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**SUMMER SOCCER CAMP:** The East Haddam Soccer camp is in its 6th year as a Park and Recreation Department program. Children participate in fun and exciting activities that improve their soccer skills and knowledge of the game. The first 50 campers to sign up will receive a ball with a special camp logo at no extra charge! Players will receive a soccer ball and a camp T-shirt. Camp will be held Mon.-Fri., June 29-July 3 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Hale Ray High School soccer fields and is open to boys and girls who have completed grades 1-6. The cost is \$130.00 per player, with a \$10 sibling discount. Space may be limited. All players should wear athletic shorts and a T-shirt. Shin guards are required. Bring a bag lunch, a snack, and a water bottle for breaks. We strongly recommend that suntan lotion be applied before you arrive. Sports drinks will be available for purchase during water breaks and lunch.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTING CLASS:** Become a safe, certified quality baby-sitter after taking this important class. Participants will learn many skills and techniques of child care, a good place to start for youth who are interested in baby-sitting—taught by a certified, American Red Cross instructor. Class will be held on June 1, 8, and 15 OR Aug. 10, 11, and 13 from 6:00-8:15 p.m. at the middle school. Students must be aged 11 before the class begins. The cost of \$55 per student includes a textbook.

**WHEN I'M IN CHARGE:** A safety class for children ages 9-11 who may be home alone — teach kids the safe way! Through this American-Red-Cross-certified class and instructor, children will be introduced to many topics that need to be discussed to teach kids how to be home alone, safely. Class will be held on May 11 or July 13 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the elementary school. The cost is \$30 per participant.

**SPRING TENNIS LESSONS:** First Serve Tennis Academy will be offering youth tennis lessons this spring! These classes will be taught by certified professional staff, tennis pros, and college players. Participants must provide their own rackets; balls and other equipment will be provided. Classes will be held on April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 30, and June 6 (rain dates - June 13 and 14) at the "old" middle school tennis courts. Kiddie Tennis - Ages 3-6 with limited or no experience, Sat. 10-11 a.m.; fee \$100 per student; Level 1 Tennis - Ages 7-9-beginner to advanced beginner, Sat. 11a.m.-12 p.m.; fee \$145 per student; Level 2 Tennis - ages 10-13, all strokes and spins covered as well as basic strategy, Sat. 12:30-2:00 p.m.; fee \$145 per student.

**PRORIDER BIKE HELMETS:** East Haddam Park and Recreation will be offering bike helmets, ski helmets, and skateboarding helmets for purchase at very reasonable costs (helmet costs range from \$3.65-\$17.95 plus tax and shipping). All sizes (including toddler through adult), colors, and styles may be found on the Bike Helmet Order Form, which is available at [www.easthaddamparkandrec.com](http://www.easthaddamparkandrec.com), the Selectman's Office, or by calling the Rec. Office at 873-5058. The order deadline is May 15, 2009 and must include payment.

**SUMMER RUNNING PROGRAM:** This program is for all boys and girls entering grades 9-12 who are interested in learning about running and racing. Instruction will include hill training, pacing, intervals, form training, and race tactics. Practices will take place on Monday nights from 6:00-7:30 at Hale-Ray High School beginning June 23. Races will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays in a variety of locations. Transportation is not provided to out-of-town locations. The cost for this program is \$30.00. Each participant will receive a tank top for racing.

**GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL:** Recreational volleyball. Learn the rules and have fun playing with your friends! This program is for girls in grades 7-12. Volleyball will be held on Mon., April 27-June 1 from 6-8 p.m. at the high school. The cost is \$10 per player. A minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 players will be accepted.

**DODGEBALL:** Recreational dodgeball! Have fun playing with your friends! This program is for boys and girls in grades K-12 and will be held on Thurs., April 30-June 4 at the following times: Grades K-2 at 5:30-6:30 (half of the gym); grades 3-5 at 5:30-6:30 (half of the gym); grades 6-8 at 6:30-7:30 (half of the gym); grades 9-12 at 6:30-7:30 at the elementary school gym. The cost is \$10 per player. A minimum of 10 and a maximum of 30 players will be accepted.

**KIDS DISCOVERY CLASS:** These classes will help the children explore their inner potential using meditation, stories, myths, and dreams, providing them with powerful options and peaceful solutions in navigating everyday life. Parents are encouraged to attend the class with the kids. Home-schooled kids are welcome to join; 3 classes to be held 4/28, 5/12, & 5/26 at the Grange Hall on Town St., ages 5-8 meeting 9:30-10:30 a.m., ages 9-12 meeting 10:45-11:45 a.m. The cost is \$36/child for the 3 classes. There is a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 15 participants.

#### A ROUND OF APPLAUSE....

To our dedicated volunteers and supporters who helped us finish up a GREAT basketball season! Shagbark donated the team t-shirts, and the following were volunteer coaches: Matt Faircloth, Heidi Pease, Erika McCormack, Bill Kiley, Bill Feeley, Deanna Nason, Chris Pritt, Mark Goodspeed, Ron Isenberg, Karl Schutz, Brian Chrystler, Ron Perry, Herb Trapp, Andria Alex, Vinnie Ceceri, Lisa Hobar, Kevin Quinn, Mike McDowell, Ken Corey, Dave Cabrera, Dia Poindexter, Jeff Humble, and Leah Hetzel. Be sure to stop and say "Thanks" — they are the driving force behind the successful Park and Recreation youth basketball program!

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### Model T Ford — An Automotive Icon

Have you noticed the increased number of Model T Fords in the valley-shore area in recent years? While they are no longer everyday rides, you'll see them in frequent use during the warm months. Their owners proudly display them at local auto shows, on Model T club rallies, and at holiday parades. You may also see them touring along country roads and village streets or just parked at an ice-cream parlor on a warm summer evening. In their one hundred and first year since the beginning of production, these veteran cars are still being actively enjoyed.

We all know bits and pieces of the Model T story, but here is a brief recap, which may serve to fill in some of the gaps. Introduced in 1908, more than fifteen million vehicles were built over a nineteen-year period. Model T production ended in May of 1927, and they were continuously upgraded during that time. For instance, electric engine starters came in 1919, which eliminated the need to hand crank the engine.

Stories abound about Model Ts, or "Tin Lizzies," as they were affectionately called, and if you talk to an owner you'll probably hear one or more. An enduring legend has Henry Ford publicly stating that, "You can have any color you want, as long as it's black." This was indeed true for a while, since between 1914 and 1925 that was the only color available.

So, the Ford Model T endures. Long after its prime time has passed, these cars are being lovingly restored, maintained, and - most of all - enjoyed by today's enthusiastic owners. Right here in the tri-town area over two dozen are in regular service and give

us all a thrill with their unique presence. The Ford factory built many styles of the Model T, including sedans, touring cars, coupes, roadsters, and trucks. In addition, a very active aftermarket business was soon thriving. These early entrepreneurs were busy supplying additional body variants, one of which was the "speedster." The process for this conversion was removing the stock body and replacing it with much lighter components. These included bucket seats, cutdown fenders, a streamlined cowl, and other modifications. All this was designed to cut weight, improve performance, and increase the "wow" factor. When a colorful paint job was added you had yesterday's budget version of today's exotic sports car.



The two cars shown represent this unique auto form. The car under construction is based on a 1914 Model T frame, running gear, and drive train. The body work will comprise both available aftermarket and custom-built components. Finished in polished brass and bright yellow paint, the "wow" factor is guaranteed. At his shop in Centerbrook, Ralph Hermann is carefully creating this car for a client. Ralph's passion is Model Ts, and among other things he's president of the Connecticut Model T Club, the "Crankin' Yanks."

The other car is owned by a local enthusiast, also a member of the Crankin' Yanks, as well as the Essex Auto Club. His speedster was painstakingly created on the west coast several years ago. Based on 1912 Model T mechanicals, its builder installed many upgrades to improve braking as well as performance and reliability. With its special body work, unusual "monocle" windshield, polished brass, and bright red paint, this car is a stunner. It also runs beautifully, so look for it this summer cruising our valley-shore byways.

These two speedsters are outstanding examples of their type and are a special part of the wonderful world of Model T Fords.

Keep the shiny side up and I'll see you next time.

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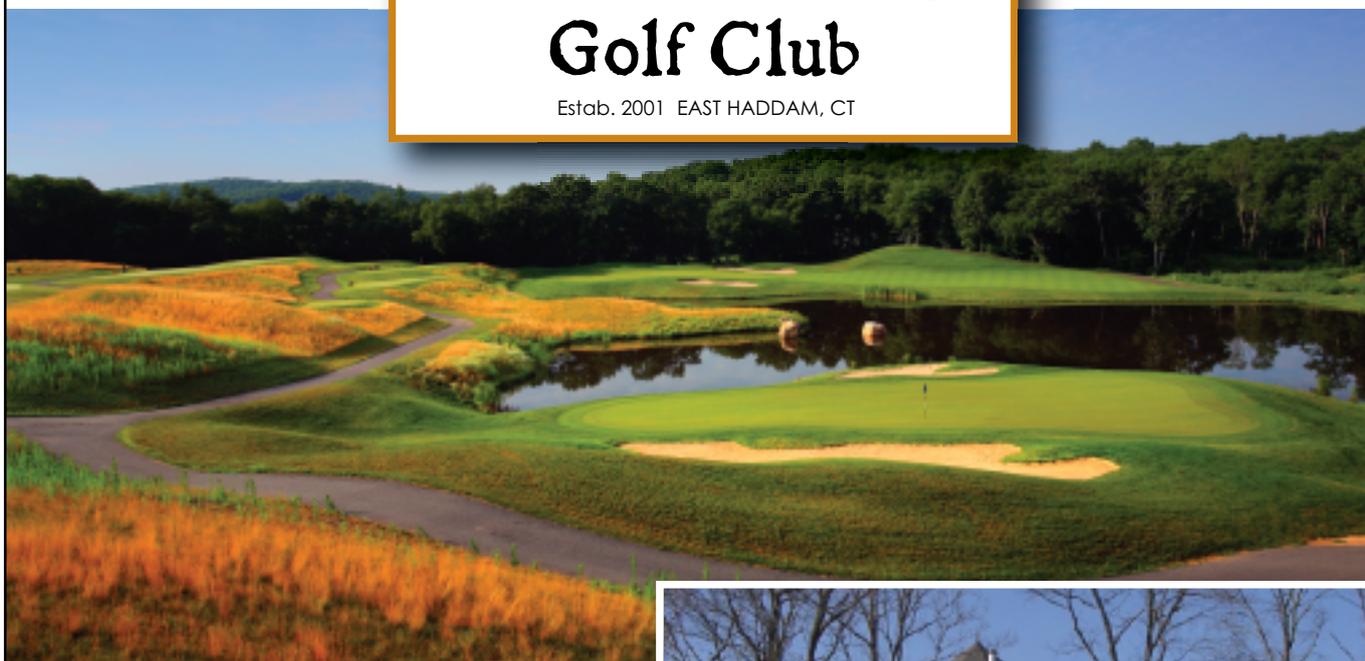
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