

East Haddam Events



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From Your First Selectman, Mark B. Walter

It is hard to believe that I have almost completed the first year of my term. My campaign pledge of slowing the rate of growth in our budget, focusing on economic development, and preserving our rural community remain the focus of my role as your First Selectman.

After a long and healthy debate I am pleased to report that the town of East Haddam has finally broken the "grip" of annual government spending increases of three to nine percent over the last decade. After a lot of hard work by the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, Board of Education, as well as the department heads in town, we have reduced the rate of growth in spending to less than one percent. We accomplished this in an environment when energy costs and other expenses have skyrocketed.

To benchmark our town, most other towns in our state are still growing their budgets by five percent or more. Our growth rate is 80 to 85 percent lower than these towns.

To be fair, and to create an "apples to apples" comparison, this comparison does not factor in the first-time mortgage payment on our new middle school, which we have been saving for over several years.

Furthermore, expenditure requests were reduced by over \$2,000,000 over the past few months, mostly by cutting the Selectman's budget in government operations. Simultaneously, we were able to maintain a fair increase in our investment in education and our schools.

Regarding education, I want to thank the School Building Committee for their efforts over the past years in their work to

bring us one of the finest schools in our area. If you have not seen it yet, please go up there. There are too many people to thank personally. The opening of the school this year is the culmination of years of debate, planning, and execution by our community. This school stands today because of the efforts of many passionate volunteers. Again, THANK YOU!

Additionally, I am excited that as of this writing the final draft of the village ad hoc committee is about to be presented. This is about \$250,000 in federal money being invested in the village to make it more pedestrian friendly and will tie in with future commercial development to make this a destination that is easy to navigate whether you are a resident or a visitor.

I have been working very hard with the Department of Transportation concerning the very difficult summer we have all experienced with the operation of the Swing Bridge, which is run and maintained by the state. These bridge malfunctions have caused our residents to be late for work and appointments, as well as loss of revenue for our local businesses. The DOT feels that they have fixed the mechanical and electrical problems for now.

We worked out some solutions for the need for better communication. Routes 95, 91 and 9 are scheduled for variable
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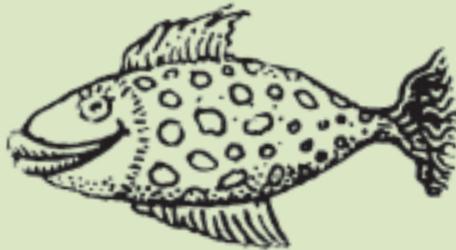
information signs that will warn travelers of bridge problems so that you will have the option of seeking an alternative route, long before you are stuck in line at the bridge. There will be flashing signs warning us to tune our radios to AM stations 1670 and 1610 for more detailed information. For the drivers already in East Haddam and Haddam, we will place drop down signs warning of the bridge being closed. The DOT has an E-Alert option that anybody can sign up for. Just go to www.ct.gov/dot to register for the types of information your commute needs. Finally, our police will be available to give up- to-the-minute advice. By improving all of these communication options we should be able to eliminate the frustration of the unknown waiting time at the bridge.

Lastly, at the beginning of July, in an attempt to conserve energy and save the town money I implemented new hours on a trial basis for the Town Office Building. The offices have been opening an hour earlier at 8:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday, maintaining Tuesday night hours until 7:00 p.m. and closing on Fridays. These hours provide access to the offices before and after regular commuting hours. I am looking for feedback from the community regarding your experiences, good or bad, regarding this change.

As always, I am eager to hear questions, issues and concerns. I invite your calls at (860) 873-5020 and/or your email at admin@easthaddam.org.

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 - (5) service as a polling place official in a town other than his or her own.

Beginning October 3, absentee ballots were available from the Town Clerk for the November 4 Presidential election. Absentee balloting is a two-step process. The ballot may not be issued until an application for the ballot has been processed.

To obtain the application for an absentee ballot, call (860) 873-5027 or come into the Town Clerk's office. This form must contain an original signature.

Upon receipt of the absentee ballot application from a registered East Haddam voter, the ballot set will be issued. The ballot must be returned by November 4, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in order to be counted.

College students are strongly encouraged to apply for their ballot early.

Presidential ballots will also be available in connection with this election. Citizens and residents over the age of 18 eligible to vote but not registered voters may vote for the office of US President only. Please call or visit the Town Clerk's office for additional details.

*Deb Denette
 East Haddam Town Clerk*

Holiday Closings

The Town Office Building will be closed on the following holidays:

Columbus Day - Monday, October 13

Veterans Day - Tuesday, November 11

Thanksgiving - Thursday & Friday,
 November 27 & 28

Christmas - Closed at noon on December 24 through December 26, reopen December 29

New Year's - Closed at noon on December 31 through January 1, reopen January 5

Regular hours will resume on the next business day.

The Transfer Station will be closed all day on October 13 and November 28, and will close at noon on December 24 and December 31.

Earth Charter Climate Change Summit

Nathan Hale-Ray High School, East Haddam,
October 11, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

"The World is in Our Hands"

On Saturday, October 11, Earth Charter Community of the Lower Valley, Inc. (ECCoLoV) will hold its second annual Earth Charter Global Summit. Its motto, "The World is in Our Hands," focuses on everyone doing something as key to our planetary future. The keynote speaker, Dr. Gary Yohe, co-winner of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with V.P. Al Gore, is the Woodhouse/Sysco Professor of Economics at Wesleyan and a world expert on the economics of climate change.

Following Dr. Yohe's presentation, "Responding to Climate Change Risks and Sustainable Development," there will be a panel discussion by lower valley government leaders concerning the ramifications of climate change in their home towns. The panel will be hosted by East Haddam First Selectman, Mark Walter, and moderated by Dr. Yohe.

An unprecedented "live" webcast will link the Connecticut community to other Earth Charter communities throughout the world. The whole program will be video recorded and archived on the national Earth Charter website (earthcharterus.org), where the entire East Haddam program can be viewed on demand.

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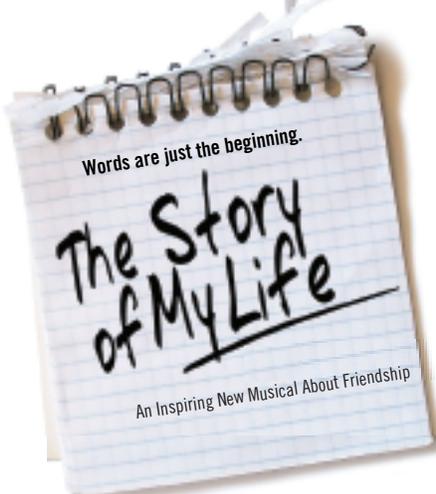
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During the afternoon there will be related workshops, a silent auction, the documentary "The Warming of Connecticut" (produced by Emmy Award-winner Jennifer Boyd), display/information booths, an art display by area youth, light refreshments, music, and much more.

The 2008 East Haddam Summit, serving the towns of the lower Connecticut valley, will participate with other Earth Charter chapters around the globe as part of the United Nations International Year of Planet Earth. For further information contact eccolov@comcast.net or call (860) 873-1251.

Boy Scout Troop 22 Spaghetti Dinner

East Haddam Rotary Club will hold their annual spaghetti dinner to benefit Boy Scout Troop 22 in East Haddam. Dinner will include salad, pasta with sauce, fresh bread, and homemade desserts. A teacup raffle will be held during the evening. The dinner will be Thursday, October 23 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Neptune Avenue. Tickets are available from Boy Scouts Troop 22 or at the door. For more information call 873-9437. Take-out will be available. For more information, please contact Michelle Leone (860) 873-9437 or leoneliska@sbcglobal.net.

East Haddam Emergency Management Update

On August 14, 2008 the East Haddam Emergency Management Committee held a thank-you dinner for the Town's Emergency Management volunteers. The cookout was organized by Jiffy Spencer and Martha Kerr and took place at the East Haddam Fire Department. Over forty of the group's volunteers were on hand for the event. The volunteers present had all participated in an Emergency Management drill or training event over the past year.

During the event, volunteers were thanked for their continued support and dedication to Emergency Management within the town. All volunteers were updated on the town's Emergency Operations Plans, what changes are expected to occur in the future, and upcoming training opportunities.

Additional volunteers are still needed. Emergency Management is in search of volunteers of all ages; no special skill or background is required. Without trained volunteers, the town would not be able to adequately respond to a large-scale emergency or disaster.

Anyone interested in volunteering or looking for additional information about Emergency Management should contact Emergency Management Director Craig Mansfield at (860) 873-5103.

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The Conservation Corner

A Fall Foliage Visit to the Patrell

Have you had an opportunity yet to walk the Eightmile River Preserve - Patrell Track? This beautiful forty-two acre recently purchased parcel of open space runs along the Eightmile River and borders the Town of Lyme. As you may know, in May of 2008, the Eightmile received special designation by the federal government as a Wild and Scenic River, and as such holds a unique distinction among East Haddam's various open space parcels. It has unusual cultural and geological history, and is truly a gem.

On Saturday, October 18th at 9 a.m., the Conservation Commission and East Haddam Land Trust are jointly planning a hike of this property, led by Rob Smith. In addition to his position as President of the East Haddam Land Trust, Rob brings over thirty years of experience working with the State Parks Division of Connecticut's DEP. If you've never been on a hike with Rob, you're in for a treat; he shares his significant knowledge of the forest in a way that is both informative and quite interesting. The walk is not challenging and is open to all.

To get to the property, follow Route 82 past Route 156. Take your first right onto Baker Lane. The Patrell property will be on your right. If you have questions about this hike, visit EHLT.org or call Paul Stuhlman at (860) 571-3908.

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East Haddam Conservation Commission

Volunteers of the Month

Please join us in congratulating our most recent volunteers of the month: Fred Hunt, Tony Boyce, and Joanne Rocznik. If you would like to nominate someone, please do so in a letter to the First Selectman.

From the Assessor:

Applications for Farm, Forest, and Open Space may be submitted from September 1 to November 1, 2008 for the July 2009 tax bills.

The 2008 Personal Property declarations were mailed out in early September 2008. They are due back to the Assessor's Office by Monday, November 3, 2008.

The Assessor's Office has been tracking sales of homes since the October 1, 2007 revaluation. Of the 114 sales that occurred since October 1, 2007, 70% had sale prices that were in most cases 20 – 30% higher than our values, and 30% had sale prices lower than our values by an average of 5 – 15%.

Any questions regarding these topics should be directed to the Assessor's Office at 873-5026.

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Senior Services - 15 Great Hillwood Road

Joanne Rocznik, Municipal Agent 873-5034 seniors@easthaddam.org

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 including meeting minutes

Town Taxes Due

During the month of December 2008, in accordance with section 12-7b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, the Office of the Tax Collector will mail Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax bills for the 2007 Grand List. These bills are for new or used vehicles purchased after October 1, 2007 but prior to August 1, 2008. All Supplemental taxes are due in one installment, which is to be paid during the month of January 2009. Taxes become delinquent after February 2, 2009 and at that time are subject to interest of 1.5 % per month (3% on February 3, 2009) or 18% per year, calculated from the original due date of January 1, 2009. There is a minimum penalty of \$2.00 on each delinquent tax bill. If you purchased a vehicle in the time period noted above but did not receive a bill or if you have questions regarding the payment of taxes, you are advised to call the Tax Collector's Office at (860) 873-5033. E-mail may be addressed to tax@easthaddam.org. Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax or interest on the unpaid amount.

The tax office is for the collection of taxes only. Questions regarding the assessment of a vehicle or if the vehicle being taxed was sold, destroyed, or moved out of state, please contact the assessor at (860) 873-5026 or by email at assessor041@easthaddam.org. The assessor will require two forms of proof to prorate or remove a tax bill.

One proof needed is a plate receipt from the Motor Vehicle Department.

Also due on January 1, 2009, is the second installment of Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills that were mailed out in July 2008. No second bill will be sent on these accounts. If you are a new owner of real estate property and need a copy of your tax bill, please contact the tax collector. Payments may be made in person at the Town Office Building, 7 Main Street, East Haddam, CT or by mail to the Tax Collector, P. O. Box 376, East Haddam, CT 06423-0376. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and CLOSED FRIDAY. The office is open throughout the lunch hour. There is a secure lock box in the front hallway for payments dropped off after normal business hours. This entryway is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for your convenience. Anyone wishing a receipt must include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with his or her payment. Please retain a copy of all tax bills for your records. You will need the information for your income and state taxes. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN TAX RECORDS.** Any payment postmarked after February 2, 2009 will be considered delinquent and subject to interest from the original due date of January 1, 2009.

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Business Update

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See the EDC website, www.easthaddam.net, for a complete East Haddam business directory. Also, check the calendar section for upcoming events. Contact the EDC at info@easthaddam.net or P.O. Box K, East Haddam, to have your business listed here or to enter our drawing for a FREE ad in the next East Haddam *Events Magazine*.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

We are looking for local Veterans that are interested in becoming members of the local post. There are many benefits afforded VFW members. For questions, and a membership application, please contact Russ Schondorf, Quartermaster at (860) 873-9772.

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Newly Established Green Committee Works to Make East Haddam More Eco-Friendly

By Ken Simon, Chairman

The Board of Selectmen established the Green Committee earlier this year to develop local initiatives that support healthy and sustainable living. Some of the committee's goals include mitigating East Haddam's carbon footprint, promoting the protection and enjoyment of the town's natural environment, researching ways for the town and its residents to conserve resources, and encouraging a heightened sense of eco-awareness among town residents.

During its first monthly meeting, held this June, the committee brainstormed more than sixty ideas to consider in pursuit of its mission. Early committee projects address fuel and energy conservation, community food gardens and local farming, and quality-of-life issues.

As part of its research, the committee has been reaching out to town department, board, and commission managers and employees to inventory existing green practices and gather ideas for future initiatives and improvements. The committee is also interviewing local businesses, community organizations, and town residents to identify green ideas and best practices. We are researching available grants that could help support town eco-friendly endeavors. We will be bringing our findings and recommendations on actionable ideas and projects to the Board of Selectmen for their consideration.

With higher energy costs on everybody's mind, the committee has identified fuel conservation and cost containment as a top priority. To that end, we are working to facilitate carpooling and ridesharing for residents who commute to jobs out of town. Because there are 12,000 to 14,000 trips each day across the swing bridge, we feel that there is a significant potential to reduce transportation costs for local commuters while reducing the town's eco-footprint.

Another early energy-oriented project we are working on is to maximize the tax breaks, rebates, and other benefits available to the town and its residents through the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund and other conservation and rebate programs. For instance, by coordinating a sign-up of residents with CL&P's Home Energy Solutions program, we can significantly lower the amount of individual co-pays for residential energy audits and in-home services such as duct sealing, weatherization, energy-efficient bulb installation, and water-heating measures.

As of this writing the eleven-member committee has one unfilled position. If you would like to help East Haddam become more eco-friendly, please consider volunteering for that position. Another way to participate is to volunteer to be one of our "green stewards," who help out on committee projects. Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the River House. For more information, please visit the town website, where you can view minutes of past meetings, or call me at 873-3328.



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On behalf of *Events* Magazines, welcome to East Haddam. Whether you are new to Connecticut or just new to East Haddam, you will find wonderful people and places to visit in town. From the February Chowder Cook-off to the October Drum & Fife Parade & Muster, East Haddam has something for everyone. Below are important phone numbers. Please tear out this page and keep it for future reference. *Events* Magazines and Essex Printing support local businesses. Please use this guide and "Buy Local" - we do!

The Town Clerk has put together "Welcome Packets" for new residents; please stop in and pick one up.

The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The office is closed on Fridays. Businesses: If you have items to add to our Welcome Packets, please contact Deb at 873-5027.

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Rathbun Memorial Library

Check out the events we've got planned at the Rathbun Memorial Library!

Call 873-8210, email reference@rathbun.lioninc.org, or stop by the library to register.

Children & Teens

Yoga for Kids with Soaring Eagle Yoga, beginning October 21 and 28, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. (two-session series; ages 5-8; maximum of 10 children).

Fun with Digital Photos on November 6 and 13, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. (Grade 6 and older). Learn to manipulate photos, correct problems, and make artistic adjustments. Great for scrapbookers!

Letterboxing: The Quest Begins! Join this international phenomenon later this fall that challenges everyone who participates. Check the library for more information.

Crafty Kids – Our after-school program that teaches all sorts of crafts like knitting, crocheting, stamping, cartooning, and more! Come every week or just the weeks that interest you. Tuesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. beginning October 28.

Pre-School Storytimes continues weekly on Mondays and Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Simple songs, stories and crafts for ages 3-5.

Adults

Writing Your Life is a 3-week series on memoir writing, facilitated by Alice Stelzer, Writing Coach of Creating Word Power. This series runs Saturdays, November 1, 8, and 15, 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Registration is required.

Computer Classes continue throughout the autumn, so please check our website (www.rathbun.lioninc.org) or pick up a monthly calendar to find out what's being offered.

November is **Career Development Month**, and the library will be scheduling a series of events on this topic. Please check the library for dates and times.

East Haddam Ambulance

The East Haddam Ambulance responded to over 300 calls from January 1 - July 31, 2008. All of our volunteer EMTs and MRTs are committed to providing the best emergency medical care possible to our neighbors in their times of need. Through monthly training sessions and continuing education, we strive to be prepared for any emergency that may occur in East Haddam. If you are interested in volunteering with us, please contact Tiffany at (860) 790-0575 for an application and more information.



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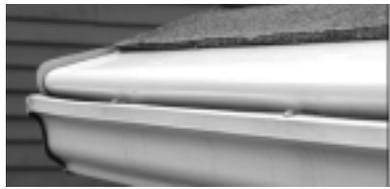


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Open Space Purchase - January 2008

Sabine Property, Daniel Peck Road — 70 acres

This parcel on Daniel Peck Road is part of a contiguous forest area in the Upper Moodus Reservoir. It contains a mix of habitats that includes oak and maple forested areas on the upland area, a large kettle area that is a dense swamp area, 5200 feet of shoreline marsh areas, vernal pools, and two streams that contain native brook trout. Due to the dense forested nature of the site, interior forest bird species such as the scarlet tanager are able to breed. Scarlet tanagers, a Neotropical bird, typically require 2000 to 4000 acres of undeveloped area to succeed. Mammals found on the site include otter, bobcat, beaver, mink, fisher, deer, and flying squirrels. The multiple shoreline habitats and large acorn production from the oaks along the shoreline provide excellent waterfowl habitat, especially for wood duck. The shoreline of the reservoir provides habitat for warm-water species of fish such as large mouth bass and pickerel.

In the 1800s the land was farmed, and stonewalls and stone foundations are still visible. The site contains logging trails, which allow public access.

This parcel was purchased from Charles Sabine of Northford, Connecticut and Luis Ferrari of East Meadow, New York in a bargain sale to the Town of East Haddam and made with matching funds from the State of Connecticut Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program.

Please note that Daniel Peck Road is an unimproved gravel road that has impassible sections for motor vehicles. The best access (shortest) would be from the east end of Daniel Peck Road. The property boundary lines have been posted.



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Please contact Samantha Ramadan at 860-767-7660 for more information. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

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Events Magazine Motorsports Editor

If you've read any of my previous articles you know they've been lighthearted and somewhat nostalgic looks at various machines I've owned over the years. This time my subject is people; motorsports people. While there is still nostalgia involved it's written with a heavy heart. Please bear with me.

The world of auto sports lost two major figures in the last few weeks. On August 28th Phil Hill died in Monterey, California. Perhaps best known as the first American Formula One World Champion, which he won in 1961, he was also a stellar endurance sports car driver. His wins in endurance racing included three at LeMans in 1958, 1961 and 1962. In 1967 he drove a Chaparral in his last competitive race at Brands Hatch, England, which he won!

Following his racing career Hill did some television commentary, but found a long lasting niche as a contributing editor to Road & Track magazine. His articles were always very informative and entertaining. His most frequent subjects were the Ferraris which he loved and had raced so successfully. Though he had many other accomplishments in life, I'll remember Phil Hill as a consummate race driver and automotive writer.

Also, Connecticut's own Paul Newman died in Westport on September 26th. The world knows him as a film actor, and many recognize his efforts as a philanthropist. We in the auto enthusiast community also know him as a gifted race driver and race team owner.

Newman's driving career began in the late sixties as a result of filming the racing movie, "Winning". He took his new found interest to the track, first in the amateur ranks, winning a national title in 1976 in sports car racing. In the eighties, when I first saw him race at Lime Rock Park in Salisbury, he was driving in a professional series. He also found success there, culminating in a class victory at age 70 in the Daytona 24 hour sports car race. In addition, together with Carl Haas, Newman founded an open wheel racing team which has competed successfully at the highest level for twenty-five years.

Actor, philanthropist, public citizen, auto racer and team owner, Paul Newman was a rare individual.

These two men were a wonderful part of our lives for a long time. They will be missed.

See you next time.
Dana Hill

Phil Hill 1927-2008
Paul Newman 1925-2008

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East Haddam Lions Eyeglass Activities with Jim Martin



For the past twenty years, Lion Jim Martin has been collecting used glasses. He sends them to a rehab station in Roanoke, Virginia, for cleaning. At the center, the glasses are packaged and sent to Lions Clubs throughout the world. Each Lions

Club then distributes them to folks in need.

Often his grandchildren and other family members assist in this activity. Jim estimates that approximately 4,800 pairs of glasses have been forwarded during the past two years.

Because of the efforts of the citizens and neighbors of East Haddam, someone is able to see with a greater degree of clarity.

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East Haddam Land Trust News

The 2009 calendars are in!

With fall in full swing, the New Year can't be far away. Start planning for next year's events with the East Haddam Land Trust Calendar. Chock full of local lore, natural history, and gardening tips, the calendar also features the work of local artists. Pick up your copy at most East Haddam merchants. Kudos to Martha Tonucci, an EHLT founder and longtime board member, for her herculean effort in creating this local resource.

A new and improved EHLT Website

Over the past several months, we have revamped our website. Most content is new, including pages for Preserving Your Land; a page with numerous hiking, recreational, educational, and environmental websites; a Let's Go Green page with tips and ideas on how to be more eco-friendly; and a page with nature audio, video, and interactive activities. Maps of all the Land Trusts preserves can also be found on-line.

To make it easier for members to stay active, we also made it possible to pay dues and make donations via credit card. There are online forms for download (membership, volunteer, stewardship, and contact info) and to submit electronically or by mail. The Events Calendar page now includes a link to current and forecasted East Haddam weather conditions.

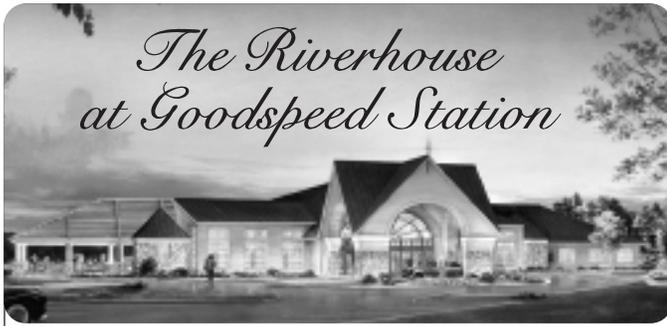
We are committed to ensuring our website is always current and new features added continuously. Click on over to the site to learn more about your Land Trust and the land it preserves. <http://www.ehlt.org>

Come walk East Haddam's newest preserve

Saturday, October 18, 9 a.m., the Land Trust and the Conservation Commission are sponsoring a walk of the Eightmile River Preserve – Patrell Track. This over-forty-acre preserve has a unique cultural and geological history and is truly a gem on the Eightmile River. The walk is not challenging and is open to all. To find out more about the hike and the location, see the Conservation Commission announcement in this issue, or visit the EHLT website's Activity Calendar.

Please help support the Land Trust

The Land Trust's work is entirely supported by the donations and efforts of our members. If you would like to help preserve East Haddam's natural heritage, please consider becoming a member. Just visit our website to find out how. We need your help!



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Community Energy Corner

While everyone is carefully weighing their options about energy and diminishing resources, there's a great opportunity easily available to us all. The initiative to make East Haddam a Clean Energy Community under the Connecticut Clean Energy Communities Program needs your help. This program provides Connecticut communities an opportunity to support clean renewable energy and earn free clean energy systems. At the town level, we have been evaluating the program for some time but haven't yet passed the resolution needed to enroll in the program. The voice of homeowners and tax payers can help move us forward on this decision and establish East Haddam as a leader instead of a follower. Already half the towns in Connecticut have enrolled in this program. Let your selectmen know this is a priority for you. Be sure and take a look at the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund's website for more details about this program: to help you make up your own mind, and to learn how to sign up for clean energy for your own home or business. Their website is www.ctcleanenergy.com.

As we all consider our options to manage our energy use and lifestyle in the changing economic environment, endorsing this program is a small step that can help provide more information and a better understanding of the options available to us as individuals and communities. See if taking the simple steps of signing up for clean energy on your electric bill and endorsing the Clean Communities Program gives you a lift - and begins to shift the more prevalent sense of concern toward a brighter, more hopeful vision.

Rescues and Fall Fun at Ray of Light Farm

Fortunate Foals...

This fall, Ray of Light is planning to rescue approximately eight foals slated for slaughter. Ray of Light is partnering once again with Equine Angels Rescue Sanctuary (EARS), a Premarin Foal Rescue and Adoption facility in New Milford, CT. Last year's Premarin foal rescue was a huge success – sixteen of the nineteen foals were adopted. The momentous event garnered media coverage from Fox 61, WTNH, The Hartford Courant, and East Haddam's The Fishwrapper. Fundraising efforts for this year's rescue are now underway and we look forward to the possibility of helping a few more unfortunate foals.

Fun at the Farm...

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For more information, log on to www.rayoflightfarm.org, or call the farm @ (860) 873-1895.



David Winstead, owner of Essex Printing and publisher of *Events Magazines* presents a check to Judi Glover, President of The Friends of Gillette Castle State Park. Essex Printing was a proud sponsor of the Wine Tasting held at the park on October 4th. Monies raised will benefit the restoration of the trails and grounds of the castle.

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Open Space Committee (Land Preservation Committee)

At a town meeting on June 25, 1998, residents of East Haddam interested in protecting East Haddam's rural character and retaining our quality of life, voted to enact an Open Space Trust Fund ordinance to set aside funds to help acquire important agricultural lands and natural resource areas. The ordinance established a commission to review, select, prioritize, and protect these lands. The committee is composed of one representative from each of the ten main boards, committees, and organizations of East Haddam, with a balance of party affiliations.

On January 6, 2003, the Town of East Haddam, through a referendum vote (778 to 135), approved a \$5 million dollar bond authorization to be used to purchase land or conservation easements on key parcels of land. This bond authorization will hopefully alert property owners that the Town of East Haddam is serious about open space preservation.

The committee has been part of several acquisitions and easements over the past nine years and is actively reviewing and discussing the possible acquisition of several additional properties. It is the intention of the committee to highlight a property in each *Events* magazine. A full list of properties open to the public can be found in the East Haddam Plan of Conservation and Development on the East Haddam web page.

The goals of the ordinance that the committee follows are:

a. Protect contiguous areas of open space. Assemble corridors or greenbelts, wildlife corridors, and trails, and add to present open space throughout the town and adjoining communities.

b. Protect surface water, wetlands, watercourses, and aquifers.

c. Protect critical or threatened species and natural communities with emphasis to areas identified in Connecticut's Natural Diversity Data Base and Endangered Species List. Preserve areas to support the existing diversity of species, species in decline, and improve habitats.

d. Preserve farmland and productive forestland.

e. Protect lands of cultural importance including archeological and historical sites.

f. Prohibit development in areas that, if developed, would adversely impact the environment.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact James Ventres at the Land Use Office at 873-5031 or admin.landuse@easthaddam.org.

Present Committee members as of July 2008:

Will Brady, Chairman, Historic District Commission

Bryan Perry, Board of Education

Robert Bennett, Board of Finance

Brad Parker, Recreation Commission

Bernard Gillis, Planning and Zoning Commission

Mary Augustiny, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

Emmett Lyman, Board of Selectmen

Robert Smith, East Haddam Land Trust, Inc.

Harvey Thomas, Economic Development Commission

Cynthia Matthew, Conservation Commission

Project Graduation

What is Project Graduation?

Project Graduation provides a safe, all-night alcohol-free and drug-free celebration for the 2009 NHRHS graduating seniors.

Why is it important?

Graduates often "party hop" in their efforts to celebrate with as many of their classmates as possible on graduation night. Project Graduation provides a safe alternative to party hopping by keeping the graduates off the roads, yet allowing them to celebrate their accomplishments together as a class.

How can you help?

In order to provide this celebration, Project Graduation holds several fundraisers throughout the year and seeks contributions from community businesses and individuals.

On Friday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m., Project Graduation will be hosting hypnotist Dan LaRosa. Mr. LaRosa has performed for Project Graduation for many years and always provides an evening of fun and excitement. This evening is open to the public, and tickets may be purchased at the door at Nathan Hale-Ray High School.

Another way to help Project Graduation is through the purchase of gift cards. Through Unitedscrip, we are able to sell gift cards from an array of retailers at face value, with no additional cost to you. Whether you need gift cards for everyday purchases or for birthdays and holidays, you can help Project Graduation meet our goal of keeping the Class of 2009 safe. To order your gift cards or to receive a list of participating retailers please contact Patti Lombardo at wjpalombi@yahoo.com by Nov. 1.

We will be meeting at NHRHS, Rm 144, at 7:00 on October 16, November 20, December 18, and January 15. Please join us!

If you would like to make a contribution or if you have any questions, please contact Anne Comer, Co-Chair at 873-1040 or email at tacomere@yahoo.com. Project Graduation is sponsored by East Haddam Youth and Family Services.

13th Annual Project Safe Halloween

All children who are residents of East Haddam are invited to attend the 13th Annual Project Safe Halloween Party on Friday, October 31, 5 to 8 p.m. in the Elementary School gymnasium. Come have your picture taken in your costume, see the DARE Car, take a hayride, trick or treat for lots of goodies, and more. This event, offered as a safe, fun alternative to traditional trick or treating, is sponsored by the East Haddam Police Department.

Civic groups are encouraged to join us by sponsoring a table. Please contact Maryjane Malavasi at 873-0707 to register.

This event is totally funded by donations. Monetary donations are needed and can be sent to Project Safe Halloween, P.O. Box K, East Haddam, CT 06423. Donations of candy cannot be accepted.

For more information or to help out at this very popular event, call Maryjane at 873-0707.



Grandma's Cottage

Grandma's Cottage is a charming shop of quality items that celebrate Home, Family, Friendship and Beauty.

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November Events: Crafty Critters Contest, Pin the Waddle on the Turkey, and Create Edible Pilgrim Hats.

December Events: Christmas Cookie Swap, Gift Wrapping Techniques, and Create An Ornament.

January Jubilee: Area businesses set-up at the store to show what they do. If you are a child, teen, or adult and are interested in reserving a free space, please give us a call.

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This is one of the three tableaux that comprise Heinz Warneke's "The Road to Emmaus," part of his larger "The Last Supper" sculpture. People can see the entire Warneke exhibition by calling 873-3944 to make an appointment.

East Haddam Historical Society

Public hours conclude on Columbus Day, but the museum is open year-round by appointment at (860) 873-3944. The Society has Dr. Karl Stofko's "Eighteenth Annual Mysteries of East Haddam" lecture on November 12th, 7:30 p.m., at the East Haddam Senior Center, Great Hillwood Road, Moodus, and its annual Potluck Christmas Party on December 10th, 5:30 p.m., at the museum, 264 Town Street. Both events are free and suitable for all ages.

The museum is seeking speakers for next year's monthly educational programs. Past, present, future - we're interested in all of it. Call Charlie Farrow at the museum for more information. A stipend is offered.

The museum's board thanks the many volunteers who staff the museum, organize the collection, maintain the building, donate to the fundraisers, and preserve the past to enlighten us today and tomorrow. To be part of this effort, call Bob Cumming or George Drenge at 873-3944.

Then and Now

Do you recognize the photo? See page 28 for answer!



Police Update

East Haddam, as well as our surrounding towns, continues to be affected by home burglaries and items being stolen from vehicles parked in driveways during the overnight hours.

The majority of home burglaries occur during the daytime when people are away at work or school. Although home burglaries may seem random, they actually involve a simple selection process: choose an unoccupied home with easiest access, the greatest amount of cover, and quick escape route. Below are some suggestions to minimize your risk by making your home unattractive to a potential burglar.

Lock your windows/doors with proper hardware (i.e. Deadbolts, Slider bars, window locks, etc.)

Use timers on lights, TVs, and radios to make it appear someone is home.

Use motion detection lighting on the outside of your home.

Install a security system or make a burglar think there is a system installed. (I.e., Place alarm stickers on windows and doors.)

Do not leave a spare key in a conspicuous location (e.g., under door mat, above door frame, under rocks, etc.).

Do not leave items out in the yard that will assist a burglar with getting into your house (e.g., ladders and other tools.)

Trim trees, shrubs, and bushes to make your house look as open as possible.

ID/Engrave items within the house with your driver's license number or by some other unique easily identifiable method (e.g., CT 012349678).

Be good neighbors! Get to know your neighbors habits/schedules, communicate often, and establish trust.

Additionally, it is important to secure vehicles while parked in your driveway. The following list will help minimize your risk:

Lock your car doors.

Do not leave desirable items where they are visible in your vehicle (e.g., GPS, IPOD, cell phones, change, etc.).

Park your vehicles in an area that is well lit or covered by a motion sensor light.

Anyone with any information related to the burglaries/items taken from vehicles is asked to call Trooper Rhoades at (860) 537-7555 X 4016. All information will remain confidential.

The East Haddam Resident Troopers and East Haddam Police Officers are available to provide assistance in securing your home/yard. If you would like additional information please contact us at (860) 873-1226 or police@easthaddam.org.

Visit with Santa

The East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department will hold the annual children's Christmas party on Sunday, December 14 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. It will be held at the Company #1 Firehouse, 440 Town Street. The event is open to all East Haddam residents from infants up to and including age 8. Santa will have presents for the children and refreshments will also be served.

Hadlyme North School Society Calendar

The Hadlyme North School Society continues its tradition of programs and potluck suppers. These social evenings are organized by the Board of the Society purely for enjoyment and entertainment, although all proceeds go to the maintenance and preservation of this charming historic structure. All events begin at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

November 1: "Free Spirited" foods—a celebration of Halloween and the Day of the Dead

December 7: at 5:30 p.m.: A holiday carol sing, with a supper of hot soup and cookies provided by members of the board

March 14, 2009: St. Patrick's Day Feast

April 25: April in Paris dinner and Annual Meeting. Bon Appetit!

May-June: To Be Announced

All events are free to members of the Society. You may join on the spot at any event (\$15 individual; \$30 family), or write to the Secretary of the Society at PO Box 328, Hadlyme, CT 06439. We extend a particular welcome to newcomers to the area.

Award-Winning Author Amy Bloom Comes to the Riverhouse



On Monday, November 10, the Middlesex County Community Foundation Fund for Women and Girls is sponsoring a benefit evening: "In Full Bloom" ~ A Conversation with Amy Bloom. Amy has led a rich and fascinating life that includes the Hollywood scene and the multifaceted worlds of human psychology and creative writing.

She is an accomplished prize-winning short story writer who in 2007 astounded the critics with her first novel, *Away*, a romantic, passionate story of survival. What's more, she is the creator of the Lifetime television series, "State of Mind," starring Lili Taylor as a psychiatrist whose personal life is in disarray. The synthesis of her story-telling, her career as a therapist, and her own personal, extraordinary trajectory as a woman allows her to bring to the podium a woman "in full bloom."

Proceeds will benefit the Fund for Women & Girls, an endowed fund of the Middlesex County Community Foundation that was founded by philanthropic women who established the endowment. The income helps generations of women and girls become self-reliant.

"In Full Bloom" begins at 5:30 p.m. at the beautiful Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station in Haddam. Tickets are available online at www.MiddlesexCountyCF.org or call the Community Foundation at 347-0025. Join us ...bring a friend...bring a spouse—as we raise funds for grants to benefit women and girls in Middlesex County.



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Moodus Drum Corps

Among the prominent organizations in the town of East Haddam is the Moodus Drum and Fife Corps, which is very widely known, and has a reputation second to no other similar organization in the country.

It has been invited to participate in nearly every important event in which martial music was appropriate, that has occurred in or about New England in many years, and on each occasion acquitted itself creditably.

These musicians have taken part in two grand contests for the championship of the State, and have in each instance borne off the honors.

The first, an elegant banner, was won at Rockville, Conn. on the 10th of October, 1877; the second was won in Hartford, Conn., in October, 1880. They have also had friendly contests with other prominent bands, the most noted of which was the famous Ninth Regiment Drum Corps of New York City. This occurred on the 24th of February, 1879, at the armory hall of the Ninth Regiment, in the presence of three thousand people.

The affair, which concluded with a grand reception, was one of the finest in the history of the regiment, and one of the most enjoyable in the history of the corps.

The band was organized in the autumn of 1864, under the tuition of the veteran drummer, W. Percival, and consisted of

the following members: F.W. Brainerd, W.S. Comstock, D.L. Williams, Emory Lewis, H.E. Cook, U.S. Cook, U.S. Purple, T.R. Spencer, J.S. Ackley and William Brown.

Of course, many changes have occurred during the 20 years of the existence of the corps, yet a goodly number of the original members remain, and the leader Mr. Percival though he has long since laid aside the drum and sticks, finds pleasure, in his 85th summer, in listening to the practice of "his" boys.

The style of their playing is that of the days when their teacher was in his prime, and their costume is of the old continental fashion. Their drums, too, are of the old style, and several are more than 100 years old, yet in a perfect state of preservation.

The Corps is now prosperous under the leadership of Dr. U.S. Cook, to whom much credit for its excellent standing is due.

The present members are – Fifers: Benjamin Adams, Fife Major; G.R. Buell, Leander Cook, Charles C. Morgan, W.A. Cone, Edward J. Grindshaw, W.A. Kinner, Snare Drummers: U.S. Cook, drum major; W.S. Comstock, D.J. Treat, Merrill E. Wetherell, D.L. Williams, secretary. Base Drummers; Sidney E. Ashley, William E. Odber, George N. Bowers.

Excerpts from the East Haddam Moodus section of the book entitled History of Middlesex County published in 1884.



Although officially organized in 1860, the origin of the Moodus Drum and Fife Corps dates back to 1821 when Hezekiah Percival learned to drum from Samual Wilcox of Middletown, Connecticut. The open stick "ancient" style of drumming learned by Percival and handed down to the present, when combined with the circa early 1800s Eli Brown drums still used by the corps, makes a truly unique sound. The corps strives to maintain a tempo that is considerably slower than that used by most corps today, and representative of the values instilled by the cadre of Moodus drummers that have gone before. It is this magic sound that has brought the Moodus Drum and Fife Corps a long and honored history of playing before several U.S. presidents, numerous commemorative events, and musters from Maine to Michigan. The Moodus Drum and Fife Corps takes pride in preserving this authentic sound from America's rich musical heritage.

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: William S. Purple - snare drummer, Ulysses S. Cook - snare drummer and drum leader, George Rinaldo Buell - fifer, Walter W. Beckwith - bass drummer, Leander E. Cook - fifer, George I. Emily - drum major, Daniel Lamond Williams - snare drummer, George O. Fielding - fifer, Wilbur S. Comstock - snare drummer, Charles H. Rogers - fifer, Dayton J. Treat - snare drummer, E. Merrill Wetherell - snare drummer, George N. Bowers - bass drummer, Gilson M. Heath - fifer, J. Wilbert Chapman - fifer, Michael J. Barry - snare drummer, Frederick G. Hefflon - snare drummer, Eugene R. Day - fifer, John P. Emily - fifer.

Take a step back in time!

The Moodus Drum and Fife Corp would like to invite all residents to Thunder in the Valley Ancient Fife and Drum Parade and Muster on Saturday, October 18.

The parade will step off at 12 noon from the Chestelm Rehabilitation Center and proceed up to the Old Town Hall property. Following the parade, all the fife and drum units will be going on stand and performing a few selections of their choice. There will also be a variety of food and craft vendors on site.

In the past, area organizations, businesses and residents have generously supported our event with monetary contributions. These contributions help offset the expenses that are incurred for this all-day event. This has been a great success for the past four years. Each year over twenty fife and drum corps come to East Haddam to participate in this event! Groups come from all over New England, New York, and New Jersey.

On behalf of the Moodus Drum & Fife Corps, we ask that you again support us. For each \$25 contribution, you will receive a complimentary picnic dinner ticket. Of course, any amount will be greatly appreciated and extremely helpful. Your generosity will be recognized on the day of the event.

Please make your check payable to: Moodus Drum & Fife Corps and mail it to P.O. Box 450, Moodus, CT 06469. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Hasuly at (860) 873-8837.

How and Where I Learned to Drum By: Pete Mietzner (January 17, 1950)

'Twas back in nineteen-hundred
Just fifty years ago
When first I heard the roll of drums
And it set my heart aglow
About eight-thirty in the evening
If memory serves me right
The moon was shining brightly
And 'twas a balmy August night
In a little village called Moodus
Just a country place remote
Where ancient drumming reigned supreme
And on history's page it's wrote
Where rudiments were known as rules
And a piece was called a beat
A soft pad used while learning
Where one could not fake or cheat
Where change-bands weren't called shivers
Or a three stroke roll a ruff
Where the men who taught this ancient art
Were strict and knew their stuff
Each blow was struck distinctly
For a rebound did not go
Each hand was raised to the shoulder
With instructions thus and so
Rhythm, time and execution
Were drilled into the bone
And a single drum made music
When one chose to play alone
They had a system too, quite unique
Not found in any book
'Twas the works of a great musician
Named Dr. U.S. Cook
Yes the style was quite unique indeed,
But for all they did not boast
And eighty years ago and more
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Lion's Auction a Success!

The Lions wish to thank Kevin Hogan of WFSB, town officials, and the people of East Haddam for helping to make the annual auction and tag sale a success again this year. A special note of appreciation is made to Paul and Sarah Gworek, who made an extraordinary donation to help the Lions in their charitable efforts and who helped make this year's auction the most successful ever. Once again, thank you to all.

Cars, trucks, boats, RVs, and other items of value are always accepted for donation. If you are interested in donating, please contact Joe Busher at 873-2994.



Kevin Hogan holding a fishing rod to be auctioned.



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A Note from the Director:

If you have ever attended an EHYFS activity, or read our newsletter or visited our website, you have heard something about the 40 Developmental Assets. These are the building blocks that young people need to grow up healthy, caring, and responsible. The more Developmental Assets young people experience in their lives, the more likely they are to choose thriving behaviors like school success and service to others rather than high-risk behaviors like under-age drinking and drug use. Parents play a major role in building these assets – by how they relate to their children and how they connect their children with other positive and healthy people and places in their community.

This year, with the support of funds awarded by the Middlesex United Way and the commitment of adults and young people in our community, EHYFS will be reaching out to parents to become actively involved in building an asset-rich community with and for our children and youth. Through a “Parents Pledge” campaign, we hope to identify a group of concerned parents who will work directly with us to strengthen parent connections through workshops, focus groups, and support and discussion groups as well as ongoing opportunities for communication and networking. Our goal is to educate, empower, and energize parents to become active and stay active in the important work of building assets and combating substance abuse among young people in our community. Parents, please join us in this effort. Your impact is undeniable and your commitment is key to our success.

Remember, our children are our greatest legacy ... as we shape them, we shape generations to come.

Toni McCabe

Mini-Grants Available to Youth Groups:

As part of our ongoing Developmental Assets initiative, EHYFS is offering ten mini-grants in the amount of \$250.00 each to established youth groups that are interested in developing and implementing asset-building projects in their school community or the community at large. Representatives from youth groups can contact Toni McCabe, Director (873-3296) or visit our website youthandfamily@prodigy.net.

Upcoming Events and Programs:

Please check our website for information on all events and programs offered by EHYFS including:

Parents Pledge

Youth Mini-Grants

Red Ribbon Week – October 23 through October 31

Family Game Night – Monthly beginning October 17

Teen Jam Night – Bi-weekly beginning September 19

Christmas Campaign

Positions Available:

EHYFS has three stipend positions available to assist in facilitating the Youth Mini-Grant program and the “Strengthening Parent Connections” initiative. Positions are funded under a grant from Middlesex United Way and are effective now through June 30, 2009. If interested, please contact Toni McCabe, Director (873-3296).

Thank You: Volunteers/Donations

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of East Haddam Youth & Family Services, we thank all who have volunteered their time or made a donation. We appreciate your support.

Transfer Station Amnesty Day

October 25th is designated
as amnesty day
at the Transfer Station
for electronics,
oversized furniture and tires
(8 tires maximum per household).

There will be no charge
for disposal.

Santa Visits Chestelm

Would you believe that Lion Ed Barry, as Santa, has brought Christmas cheer to the folks at Chestelm for nearly 30 years? Each year he delivers sunshine, chocolates and house plants. Occasionally, he has been accompanied by his elves: Al Sievers, Walt Shields, John Yeomans, Ed Messick, Fred Gagnon, Bill Jezek and others. However, it was generally “Ed” that brightened the day and offered some cheer at a special time of year. Ed was always rewarded with smiles and even tears for his extraordinary efforts.

Speaking of Christmas, the chairman, Bill Nelson reminds us that tree sales will begin on November 22nd and 23rd and will continue each weekend through December 20th and 21st. Christmas tree sales will be conducted at the Grange Hall area on Town Street.



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Calendar of Events for the Fall Season:

Health Fair - Saturday, October 18 at the East Haddam Elementary School Gym, 10:00 - 2:00. We will offer services to the community and many resources available to them. The VNA will offer a flu shot clinic, diabetic testing, cholesterol testing, lead testing for children, and blood pressures. Many screenings will be available, too numerous to list, so watch the papers, and visit our website for more information.

Military Whist - Friday, October 24 at the East Haddam Elementary School. Dessert will be served at 7:00 p.m. with card playing beginning promptly at 7:30. A donation of \$6 will contribute toward the Community Lions' projects in East Haddam. Card players of all ages are invited. Games other than Whist are also welcome. Prizes and raffles will round out the evening. Tickets are available from any Community Lion. For more information, call Marcy at 873-9650.

East Haddam Community Lions invite you to help us "LIGHT-UP" the Holidays

We are inviting all civic-minded individuals/groups to donate a decorated Christmas tree or wreath for auction. All proceeds from this community-wide fund raiser will go to our Town Fuel Bank, Food Bank and Youth and Family Services. The trees will be displayed in public buildings for the first two weeks of December. Advertising and a catalogue will be distributed, a silent auction will take place during this time. We then hope to host a Holiday Party and "sell off" our donations to the highest bidder, acknowledge our patrons, and have fun too.

Many of us - civic organizations and individuals - write a check during the holidays ... where is the "Feel good factor" in that? Let us "Light-up" East Haddam for a common cause, to benefit those in need in our community during this time of giving. Let us give something of ourselves, to brighten lives and have fun too. Wouldn't that feel better than just writing that check?

Decorated themes may say something about you or your group, but this would be up to your own creativity. Guidelines, including size, dates and places will be available upon request. We are now assessing the local interest in this fund raiser to benefit East Haddam during the Holidays.

If this is something that you could get behind and participate in, please contact me ASAP so we can start the ball rolling.... Christmas is coming!!

Details will be on our website in the near future:
www.easthaddamcommunitylion.com

Lion Linda Bradshaw, President 860-873-8933
305 East Haddam Moodus Road, Moodus, CT 06469

Senior Center News

Special events at the senior center:

October 13 - Meeting of Club (Meet the Candidates) 1 p.m.

October 15 - Flu Clinic 1 - 4:00 p.m.

October 25 - Start of Make a Difference campaign

October 27 - Connecticut Seminar (Health insurance)
11:00 a.m.

October 28 - Wine Tasting and education 6:30 p.m.

October 29/31 - AARP Safe Driving Class 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.,
\$10 per person

November 6 - Healthnet Seminar 11:00 a.m.

November 10 - Veteran's Day Program

December 8 - Christmas Party

December 31 - New Year's Eve Party

January 12 - Souper Bowl 12:00

East Haddam Senior Services will be coordinating the second annual Make a Difference Campaign starting October 25 at the Senior Center. We will be having a tag and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year the proceeds will benefit the local Fuel Bank. We are urging all the churches, civic organizations, school, and businesses to become involved. There will be canisters at local businesses between Halloween and Thanksgiving for donations.

The AARP Safe Driving class is a two-day session. You MUST take both classes to qualify for an insurance discount.

We are looking for anyone interested in volunteering to participate in the AARP tax assistance program. Training is available. You would be assisting seniors in filing their tax returns during February, March, and early April. Call the center at 873-5034 if you are interested.

Residents 50 and older are invited to come in at any time to participate in any program.

We now have the Wii games, and you are invited to try your hand at bowling, baseball, golf, or tennis. We also have the exercise mat to guide you through a personal exercise program.

Photo Contest for East Haddam Events Covers

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East Haddam Free Public Library News

Story Hour for children 3 to 5 years old will be held on Wednesday mornings beginning Sept. 17 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Stories, crafts, and other activities will be available. Registration is required.

The Friends of the Library will be holding their annual silent auction from October 4 to November 1. Donations of goods and services will be available to bid on. Anyone wishing to donate items can call the library or drop them off by October 1.

Starting November 15 the library's second annual "Giving Tree" will be set up to receive donations of new or handmade hats, mittens, scarves, and socks. These items will be donated to local organizations to help keep people warm this winter. The tree will remain in use until February 28. Items can be left off any time the library is open.

Watch for the date of Children's Night on Moodus Green celebration in December. Local papers will carry this information closer to the date.

The library has a total of thirteen passes to local museums and parks that can be borrowed by local patrons. Call for more information and to reserve the passes.

Our new web blog has lists of upcoming events, museum passes, photos of past events, new books, DVDs, audio books and books on CD, and much more. Log on to www.ehfpl.blogspot.com.

For more information about the above programs call the library at (860) 873-8248.

Hours: Monday & Wednesday, 10-8 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays, 10-4 p.m., and Saturdays, 9-1. Closed Sunday.

Then and Now



This is how the same area looks today. "Then" was the original Moodus Center before it got torn down in 1967.

East Haddam Parks and Recreation Fall Newsletter

Registration Procedures

Do you want to register for a great program...or several? In order to register, just mail in or drop off your completed form and the appropriate fee. Forms are also available on the website: www.easthaddamparkandrec.com. The website also contains up-to-date program information. If you have a question or suggestion or need further assistance, please feel free to contact Tiffany at the Rec office at 873-5058 or by email at parkandrec@snet.net.

Community CPR/First Aid Class

This class will certify you in Adult, Infant, and Child CPR, First Aid, and/or AED through the American Heart Association. A minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 students will be accepted. The certification is valid for a two-year period.

When: Nov. 18 and 19, Jan. 6th and 7, OR Feb. 24 and 25 from 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Cost: \$40 per student, for HeartSaver Adult, Child, and Infant CPR (price includes materials and cards). You can add HeartSavers First Aid for \$15 (Total \$55 for CPR and First Aid), or CPR AED training and certification for \$10. Where: High School

Yoga

A good yoga program helps to increase your resistance to everyday stresses, improves the immune system, and develops self-confidence, poise, and a more graceful, refined body. Yoga increases strength, flexibility, range of motion, and vitality. 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.

Cost: \$65.00

When: Wed., 6:30-7:30 p.m., Dec. 3 – March 4, 2009

Where: Grange Hall

American Red Cross Babysitting Class

Become a safe, certified quality babysitter after taking this important class. Participants will learn many skills and techniques to child care, a good place to start for youth who are interested in babysitting. This class is taught by a certified, American Red Cross instructor.

When: Oct. 6, 13 and 20 OR Dec. 2, 9, 16 from 6:15-8:15 p.m.

Where: Elementary School

Who: Students must be aged 11 before the class begins.

Cost: \$60 per student, a textbook is included.

When I'm in Charge

A safety class for children ages 9-11 who may be home alone—teach kids the safe way! 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.

When: Oct. 29 or Nov. 18 from 6:15-8:15 p.m.

Where: Elementary School

Cost: \$35 per participant

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 will continue year round, returning to outdoor soccer when the weather permits.

When: Oct. 26, Sun. and Wed. nights from 6-8 p.m.

Where: Elementary School

Cost: \$10 per resident/\$20 per nonresident

Swing Bridge Arts Festival

Sponsored by East Haddam Parks and Recreation, the 1st Annual Swing Bridge Arts Festival is well underway! We have postponed the Swing Bridge Arts Festival until the spring of '09. If you are interested in helping us plan this wonderful event, please call Tiffany at the Rec. office at 873-5058

Parent/ Tot - Art in Motion Class

A traditional parent/tot art class for 2- and 3-year-olds with songs and gross motor activities related to the theme of the day. Activities will be focused around a different theme each week and will include activities such as songs, dance/exercise,

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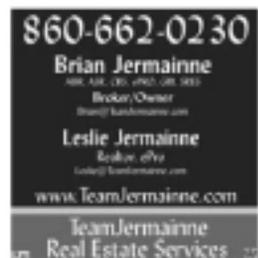
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art projects, "finger plays," etc. A minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 children will be accepted into this class, although if there are enough registrations, a second class can be scheduled. Enroll early to ensure your spot!

When: 9:30-10:30 a.m.- Mon, Nov. 3,10,17,24, Dec. 1

Where: Grange Hall.

Cost: \$55 per child

Kids' Art Classes

For children ages 4 and up: Children will be introduced to a variety of materials and art experiences. A different project will be taught each week. Parents should plan on staying for the class but do not need to sit with child. A minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 children will be accepted into this class, although if there are enough registrations, a second class can be scheduled. Enroll early to ensure your spot!

When: 11 a.m.-noon, Mon, Nov. 3,10,17, 24, Dec. 1

Where: Grange Hall

Cost: \$55 per child

Women's Volleyball

Recreational volleyball—join us for fun, laughs, and some healthy exercise! A minimum of 10 players is needed to hold this program.

When: Dec. 3, 7-9 p.m.

Where: Middle School gym

Cost: \$10 per resident, \$20 per nonresident

Performing Arts Classes

Acting classes run for seven weeks, meeting once a week (excluding skip dates). Some of the topics/activities include: Exciting theater games, improvisational exercises, acting terminology, concentration exercises, voice and speech, sense memory, subtext, stage skills, and script work. At the end of the session there will be an informal performance to demonstrate what participants have been working on. For our past and more experienced performers, these classes will be challenging and offer new and exciting activities!

Who: students in K-Grade 6

When: Session 1—Fri., Oct.3- Nov.21 (no class 10/31)

Session 2—Fri., Feb. 6- March 27 (no class 2/20)

K-Grade 2: 4:15-5 p.m.

Grades 3-6: 5:05-6 p.m.

Where: Elementary school cafeteria

Cost: \$90 per child (\$85 if you register online at www.performingartsprograms.biz)

Pumpkin Painting

In conjunction with Project Safe Halloween, East Haddam Park and Recreation will be sponsoring Pumpkin Painting for kids in preschool through grade 4 on Thursday, Oct. 30 from 5-7 p.m. at the Elementary School. This is free to community residents; kids will each decorate a pumpkin, and they will be voted on during Project Safe Halloween. The pumpkins with the most votes, in each age group, will win a prize!

Indoor Sports Fun

A great winter activity for preschoolers! Bring your children to the gym to let them run around in a safe, warm environment while they learn the basics of many sports, including basketball, soccer, parachute, dodge ball, and t-ball. They will get all of that extra winter energy out while working on important skills, including hand-eye coordination and balance. Each class has a

maximum of 20 players—please register early!

When: Saturday mornings, children ages 2 and 3 from 9-10 a.m., and children ages 4 and 5 from 10-11 a.m.; Jan.10-Feb.7.

Where: Elementary School gym

Cost: \$20 per child.

Youth Basketball Information 2008-2009

Registration forms are available online at www.easthaddamparkandrec.com

Grade 2: Instructional Basketball—fundamental skill development, introduction to rules and strategies. There are no teams and no formal games. Each player will receive a T-shirt. Practices will be held on Fridays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Elementary School gym on Jan. 16-Feb. 13.

Grade 3 and 4: Players will be divided into teams; they will practice once a week, with a game on Saturdays. Practices will begin the week of Jan. 5; games will be held Jan. 17-March 7 (no games Feb. 21). Players must attend 1 placement session, either Dec. 2 or Dec 9 from 6-7 at the Elementary School gym.

Grade 5 and 6:

Recreation League: Players will be divided into teams; they will practice once a week, with a game on Saturdays. All games will be played against other East Haddam teams. Depending on the registration numbers, girls and boys may be combined or there may be separate divisions. Practices will begin the week of Jan. 5; games will be held Jan. 17—March 7 (no games Feb. 21). Players must attend one placement session, either Sun., Dec. 2. or Dec. 9 from 7-8 p.m. at the Elementary School gym. These placement sessions are for BOYS and GIRLS, interested in the Recreation League!!

Travel League: One team of boys and one team of girls will be chosen through tryouts (dates to follow). Those players not chosen for the Travel team will be placed on a Recreation team. Practices will be held once a week, with one game on the weekend. Players will not be required to play in the Recreation League if they are chosen for the travel league. Games will require travel, and the parents must provide transportation. There will be an additional fee for this program; some scholarship money will be available.

Grade 7 and 8: Players will be divided into teams; they will practice once a week, with a game on Saturdays. Practices will begin the week of Jan. 5; games will be held Jan. 17-March 7 (no games Feb. 21). Players do not need to attend a placement session, but registration forms must be submitted by Dec. 15. Teams may travel to play out-of-town games.

Cost: \$10 per player (an additional fee will be required for 5/6 grade travel basketball)

Men's Basketball

Men's basketball is offered throughout the winter to all East Haddam residents. Non-residents are accepted as long as they are accompanied by an East Haddam resident each week (one guest per resident). This program offers pick-up basketball games on the following dates and times:

Men aged 18 and older-

When: Wed., Dec. 3-April 15 from 7-9 p.m.

Where: Middle School gym

Men age 30 and older-

When: Sun., Dec. 7-April 19, 9-11 a.m.

Where: Middle School gym

Cost: \$10 per resident, and \$20 per nonresident.

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When: Monday evenings, 7-8:30, Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10 OR Jan. 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2

Where: Elementary School Cost: \$40 per student

Bootcamp Fitness

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

Tuesday & Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. (location: Elementary school gym)

Bring a towel, water, and free weights: 5 to 8 lb for women & 10 to 12lb for men

Bootcamp Fitness: level 2

Tuesday & Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.; class will be held outside (location: Elementary school parking lot)

Dress for weather, bring towel, water, and free weights

Dates: Tuesday November 4 through Saturday December 13th, 2008

Cost: 3x week \$105; 2x week \$75; 1x week \$50 and drop in fee \$10

Hot Shot Contest

East Haddam Parks and Recreation will be sponsoring the local Hot Shot contest! This is a free throw contest open to East Haddam residents ages 9-15, boys and girls. There is no charge, but a parent must complete a registration form for each child. The winners of each age category will advance to the county level competition, with the opportunity to advance to the State competition. Trophies will be awarded at the local competition. The contest will be held on Fri., Dec. 12th at the Middle School gym. Registration will begin at 6 p.m., and the competition will begin at 7 p.m. Registration forms will be available at the door, or online at www.easthaddamparkandrec.com if you have any questions, please call Tiffany at the Rec. Office at 873-5058.

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East Haddam School Building Committee

Hundreds of residents turned out for the new Hale-Ray Middle School Grand Opening on August 26. This exciting day showcased the true spirit of our community, which included not only current students and parents but many residents, including middle-school alumni members from the 1930s who



participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

On March 17, 2004, the 4-8 Middle School Building Committee (SBC) met for the first time. Since then there have been 120 SBC meetings, two referendums, more than a dozen town meetings, and countless hours spent on planning and building a school that will be used for generations to come.

We would like to thank past and present members of the town's boards and commissions, including the Board of Education, Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, as well as all the community volunteers who supported this project and helped to make this school a reality. A special thank you to Dr. Stephen Durham, East Haddam's former superintendent, who was critical in laying the groundwork for this project, and to former First Selectman Brad Parker, who was responsible for putting this committee together.

We hope that students and residents alike will enjoy and be proud of this collaborative and successful project!

The East Haddam Stage Company

Submitted by Kandie Carle, Artistic Director of the East Haddam Stage Company

The East Haddam Stage Company, launched in 2002, has found a home base in East Haddam. The East Haddam Historical Society has graciously entered into a partnership with EHSCO to present live theatre in their intimate space at 264 Town Street. Past productions were seen at the Grange Hall as well as Life Space Gallery on the landing. Robert Cumming, Executive Director of the EHHS, says, "It's a great match! We have a strong theatrical connection, what with William Gillette. It makes perfect sense that this historical society have a resident theatre company"

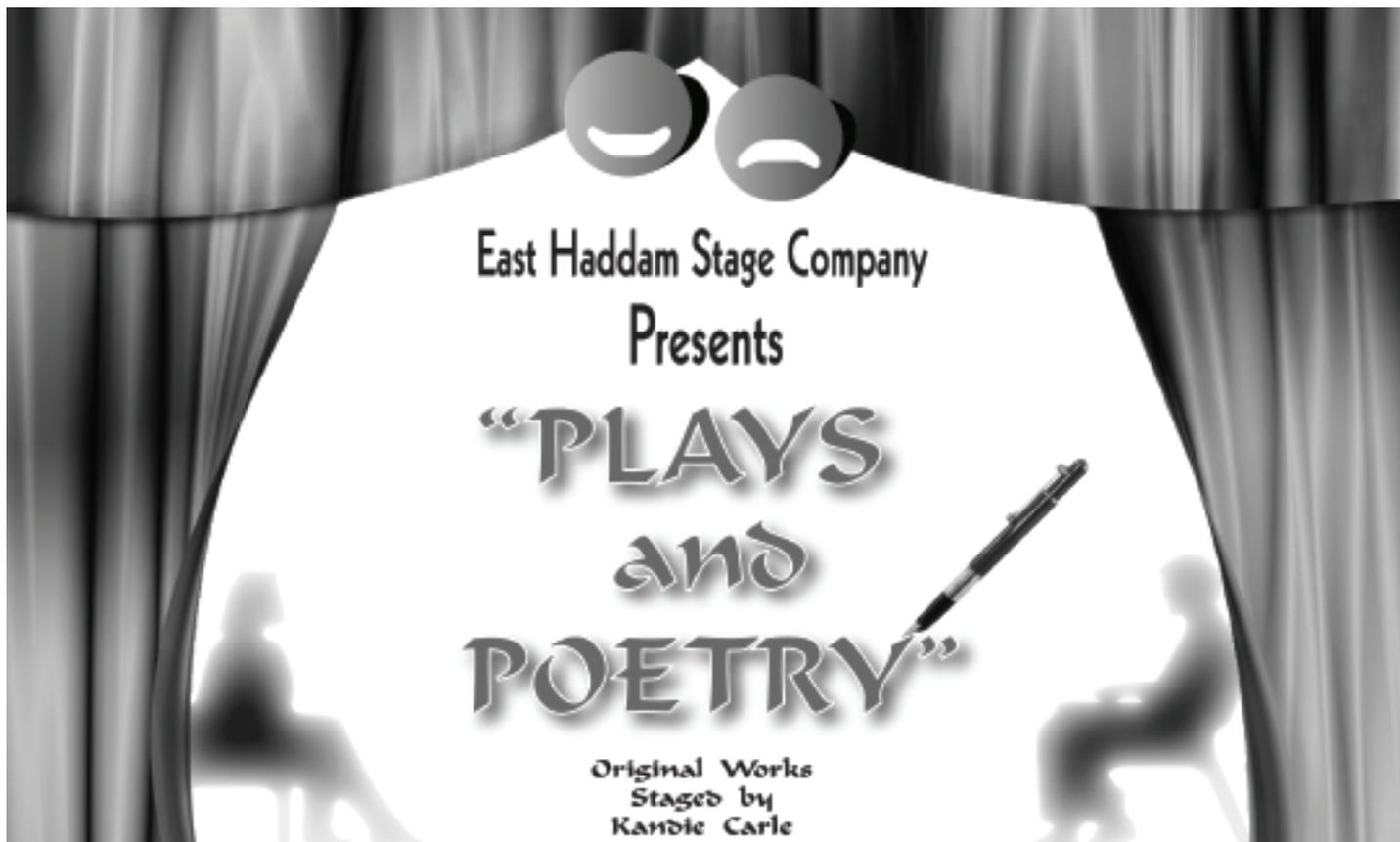
EHSCO's artistic director, Kandie Carle, is thrilled to announce the first production at the historical society will be the company's new edition of *Plays and Poetry*, a combination of six ten-minute plays interspersed with nineteen poems written exclusively by CT poets. Short and to the point, the ten-minute plays have been chosen from over seventy-five entries submitted from as far away as Australia and Ireland, and as near as our own back yard. The poignant, satirical, funny and moving poetry comes from across the state. Exciting pieces running the gamut from dramatic to hilarious guarantee something for everyone in this 90-minute production.

The talented five-member cast includes Kandie Carle and Laurel White of East Haddam, Erin Sullivan of Colchester, Aaron Schwartz of Middletown and Al Terry of Windsor. Stage Manager is Jamie MacKenzie of East Haddam. The company is currently looking for an assistant stage manager/intern, preferably from East Haddam.

EHSCO's mission statement is to produce original works with emphasis on the language, characters and subjects, not big sets and costumes, so the fit at the historical society is perfect. Please see the full-page ad in this magazine announcing the production dates, places and times, as well as how to reserve your tickets.



(Back row L to R) EHHS Executive Director Robert Cumming, State Representative Linda Orange, State Senator Eileen Daily, EHHS President Charles Farrow (front row) East Haddam Stage Company Artistic Director Kandie Carle launch the partnership between the two organizations Summer 2008.



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Cookie Fair

The Third Annual Homemade Christmas Cookie Fair sponsored by the Ladies Aide Society will be held on Saturday, December 6 at St. Stephen's Parish Hall from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or until sold out! **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!** Cookies are \$7 per pound.

Sunday School:

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday; our fall kick-off was on September 7. Nursery care is available.

Pre-K to third grade meet in our newly renovated Godly Play classroom. Grades 4-6 curriculum is a step-by-step exploration of faith.

Grades 7-12 study a weekly Scripture-based curriculum.

Youth Group for 7-12th grades meets every other week on Sunday from 12-2 p.m., plus scheduled excursions. This is a mission-oriented group helping local causes and beyond; there was a recent trip to Mississippi to help with Katrina Relief.

St. Stephen's play group began on Saturday, September 13 from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., ages birth to adult. For more information, please contact Julie Yale at ststephenschil-dren@att.net. There will be six sessions in the fall with singing, light snack, and crafts. Free admission for all families. Please bring one nonperishable item for the East Haddam Food Bank.

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Events Magazine Music Editor

Well I finally got the word from our publisher, let's write about buying and selling on eBay. OK, David, I'll do it anecdotally, but I can't do it all in one column!

Let's begin with the proverbial, "What is eBay?" Nut shell? The world's largest online buy/sell platform. For more, go on line or ask the person sitting next to you 'cause I can't afford the real estate to explain here. Originally known for its auction format, if you have not checked it out lately, it is now an online marketplace for anything you've ever wanted, new, used, auction, direct purchase. The latest Fixed Price format is an opportunity to find your product and haggle on the spot. Sounds amazing and it is; HOWEVER, it is not for the faint of heart and more than ever, let the buyer and seller beware.

As a buyer or seller you first need to set up an account. To do so is not that difficult, but to begin using it, there is a bit of a curve in what you need to know and how long it really takes. The list is a bit daunting. How are you going to pay? Check, e-Check, Credit Card, PayPal, Wire? How are you going to receive payment for something sold? Same list applies. When you buy something, where is it going to be delivered, have you "confirmed" your address(es). Some sellers will not deliver to unconfirmed addresses. To confirm an address requires a process involving eBay sending out a USPS letter to the address with a code that upon receipt you have to log into your account and enter the code. This "confirms" that the account user also controls delivery at the address. Pretty smart, but if you didn't set this up you could be over a week away from being considered a credible buyer. Money accounts also have a bit of a lag to verify your identify and that the user on the account has access to the money accounts, etc. More days. When I first went online to buy something, it took me so long to get eBay credibility that I forgot what I was going to buy.

Now that you're ready to pull the trigger on buying or selling, there's one more thing? You have to establish an unspecified level of transactional history for buying and selling. These unknown thresholds are different for certain product types and value levels. There is a much higher level of experience that is critical if you plan to do higher priced deals. Each user has a history that is available with your account and although you remain anonymous to the world, your history does not, and you must build up a history to establish credibility with the marketplace. Each user also has a right to leave feedback about the user after a transaction. If you treat someone poorly or are treated badly yourself, reporting this against the user will haunt them for

quite some time and hinder their ability to get the best deals from the most credible online traders.

This feedback and history is an ingenious quality control mechanism for an anonymous marketplace. There is a huge level of trust in e-commerce. The concern is a result of two sometimes painful realities. First, the item is only seen through the computer screen and the words of the seller. Talk about trust. Was the picture blurry or taken from the right angle, was it taken from all angles. Cheating buyers by selling them on the package cover has been around for centuries. Ever hear about the guy that bought a DVD player on the street of NYC and opened it up back home only to find a brick wrapped in newspaper?

Once you hit send on your payment there is a high level of stress until that UPS gal shows up to your front door, you open the box, peel through the peanuts and touch and plug in your prize. But PRIZE is the critical word; one thing that remains constant for successful eBay users, you can find anything you want at what you really believe is the best deal. That feeling of purchase and sales satisfaction is a the eBay prize.

BTW, what a great event I went to at the Community Music School in Centerbook a couple weeks ago. They held an open house. What's that about? Well, I was not sure either, but the program was simple, get your music instructors in individual rooms with a whole bunch of their favorite instruments and let people peruse the building, walking in and out of various open discussions and demonstrations on various musical instruments they teach. What a great opportunity to learn about and experience at arm's length many instruments some have wondered about or never even knew about. It was of interest and great value to my family, and from the turnout, many more. Support your local music center. It can and should be a center of vitality and opportunity for the entire community.

Wayne D'Amico, based in Essex CT, has been a working musician and musical entertainer for over 25 years and hosts ClassicaCafe.com, a website for Guitar and professional musical gear enthusiasts.



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Calendar for Voter Registration

The East Haddam Registrars of Voters calendar for voter registration for the Presidential Election November 4, 2008 is as follows:

Saturday, October 18, 2008: Open registration session: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 21, 2008: Hand-delivered registration applications must be received by registrars, and mailed registration applications must be postmarked by this date for the applicant to be entitled to vote in the election.

Tuesday, October 28, 2008: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. A special in-person enrollment session will be held for the purpose of registration and/or enrollment of electors entitled to vote in the presidential election. Registrars will also hear requests for adding names to the registry list by persons who were removed.

Monday, November 3, 2008: 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Anyone seeking to vote whose qualification as to age, citizenship, or residence was attained since October 28, 2008, may apply to register daily in the office until noon of Monday, November 3, 2008.

The East Haddam Registrars' office is located in the River House, near the town office complex by the Swing Bridge.

Registrations are also accepted Monday through Thursday in the East Haddam Town Clerk's Office during regular working hours. An absentee application must be filled out in order to apply for an absentee ballot and will be available beginning October 3, 2008. Absentee applications can also be mailed upon request, but time should be allowed to complete the process of application and the ballot. The ballot must be returned by November 4, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in order to be counted.

Call the Town Clerk at 873-5027 or Registrars of Voters at 873-5029.

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From the Economic Development Coordinator

The East Haddam Economic Development Commission (EHEDC) is available to assist businesses in East Haddam. As the Commission's Economic Development Coordinator, I am the key contact for Town businesses or "ombudsman." Please contact me at 873-1153 or edevcoordinator@easthaddam.net.

Our June 24th "East Haddam Business Night" was a successful kick-off to what we hope is a regular gathering for those owning or operating a business in East Haddam. The next Business Night will be held sometime in January.

Again this year, the EHEDC will host a Town Business Showcase during Project Safe Halloween at the Elementary School, October 31st. Stop by our table to collect information and handouts, discount coupons, or other advertising materials from our local businesses and tourism attractions. There will also be free raffle items and our friend Eli the Fox from Fox Hopyard Golf Course.

We are excited that the Goodspeed Opera House will be offering a Christmas show, Emmet Otter's Jug-Band Christmas – A World Premiere Musical from December 7, 2008 - January 4, 2009. The EHEDC will be helping to coordinate tie-in activities with other local businesses to help celebrate the season. EHEDC is also grateful for the use of the Goodspeed's grounds for the Park and Recreation Commission's successful Music on the River, and this fall's Cruise Day in East Haddam.

I've heard your requests (and growling stomachs) and I am working hard to bring back a local breakfast establishment. I have met with numerous prospective businesses, from both inside and out of town. I am optimistic that we'll be able to fill that need soon.

Also, I'll be working closely with the recently approved East Haddam Village Revitalization Committee to oversee and implement the conversion of the town office site property into a commercially viable area. There are openings on both that committee and the EHEDC. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, please contact the Selectmen's Office.

For information about local businesses, or to be added to the free listing, see our online Directory at www.easthaddam.net. Also visit the calendar section to find out about interesting local events.

As always, shop local and support East Haddam businesses!

Melissa Ziobron

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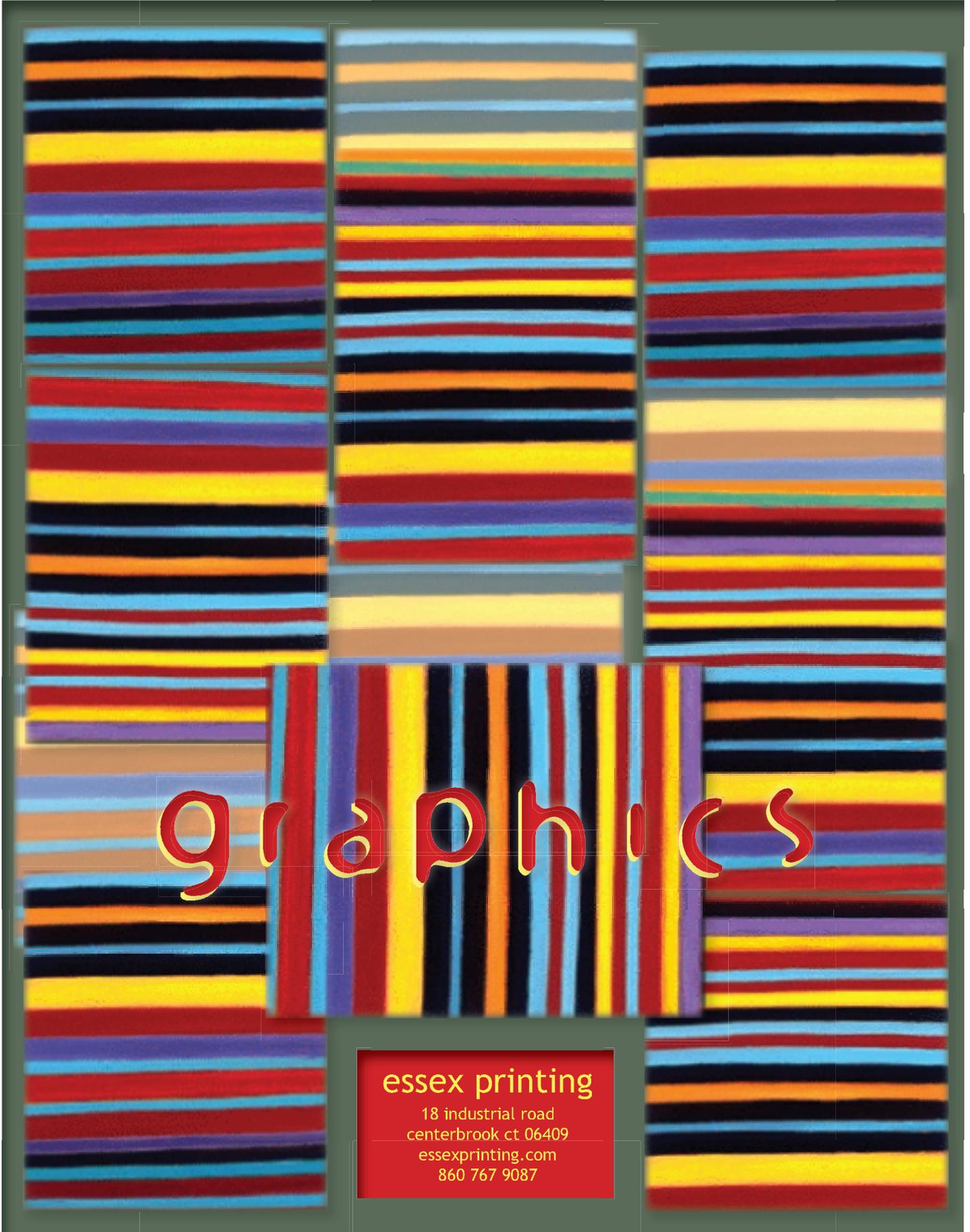
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Seating is outside, both on the raised, covered porch and at river level, either in a courtyard with picnic tables or along the dock with tables for two or four.

The atmosphere is relaxed and festive, with party lights and brightly colored seating placed so that diners have maximum views of the river. My husband and I arrived for dinner at about 5:45 to an already bustling restaurant. Along with a full parking lot of land-lubbers, boaters were taking advantage of the nearby dock to enjoy either a sit-down meal or take-out.

We ordered our meal on the covered porch, where the frequently changing menu is written on a large chalkboard on the back wall. Certain customer favorites, including the Lobster Roll, BBQ Baby Back Ribs, Crab Cakes, Fresh Guacamole with Fried Chips, and the Mandarin Salad, are always available. Other menu items change based on availability of fresh, seasonal ingredients. Non-alcoholic beverages are available to order, and patrons may also bring their own beer or wine.

After ordering, we found a seat on the dock right along the river, enjoying both the view and the breeze. We started our meal with a sweet, tangy summer salad including watermelon, goat cheese and avocado on field greens, dressed with balsamic vinaigrette. For entrees we ordered Cajun Mahi Mahi with Roasted Red Pepper Salsa and Grilled Swordfish with Tomato and Avocado Salsa, each with Sautéed Green Beans and Couscous. Both cuts of fish were excellent, moist and flavorful. The fresh tomato and avocado salsa offset the grilled swordfish perfectly, while the Cajun spices added a kick to the mahi mahi that was balanced nicely with the cool, sweet roasted red pepper salsa. The crisp green beans were lightly sautéed and the couscous was fluffy and added yet another fresh, summer flavor to this delicious mid-summer meal. Of the more than fifteen delectable dessert choices available, we enjoyed rich Chocolate Peanut-Butter Mousse and creamy Chocolate Mint Tart. By the time we left, all the tables were full, with folks of all ages in both large and small groups enjoying the food and atmosphere.

The Blue Oar is popular throughout its season, and rightly so given Jim and Judy's winning combination of casual, outdoor dining with high-quality, great-tasting fresh and seasonal menu selections. Lunch is also available, with sandwiches, burgers, soups and salads priced from \$4.50 to \$14.95. The Blue Oar does not take reservations, and lines may form on busy nights even with the brisk pace Jim and Judy set in the kitchen. Your best bet is to either come prepared to enjoy the view and a short wait, or arrive before 6 p.m. or after 8 p.m.

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