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*Larry McHugh, President**Franco Piscitelli,
Killingworth Chairman****Hello Killingworth!***

We have reached the holiday season in Middlesex County, a time filled with joy, fellowship, and a number of exciting events and activities.

First of all, on the home front, the 8th Annual Christmas at the Farm event is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7th from 3-4:30 p.m. Families are welcome to join us at Parmelee Farm to enjoy a tree lighting, caroling, photos with Santa, and much more. We look forward to continuing this popular tradition that will help us officially ring in the holiday season, and thank the Killingworth Lions and Barnum Capital Management for being co-sponsors of this important event. We also look forward to our December Killingworth Division meeting which will be held at Chatfield Hollow Inn at Chatfield Hollow Farm on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 8:00 a.m. We are so lucky to have this beautiful bed and breakfast in Killingworth, and look forward to a great visit and a productive meeting.

Up in Middletown, the 34th Annual Holiday on Main Street, presented by Pratt & Whitney, kicked off on Nov. 29 with three tree lightings, a parade up Main Street, pictures with Santa, and much more. The event continues on Saturday, Nov. 30, Saturday, Dec. 7, and Saturday, Dec. 14. As is always the case during Holiday on Main Street, parking is free in all municipal parking lots, and family friendly activities are aplenty. For more information on Holiday on Main Street, please visit www.holidayonmain.com.

Before closing, we also ask that chamber members and other interested parties save the date of Friday, Dec. 13 for an important chamber morning in Cromwell. Gov. Ned Lamont will serve as keynote speaker for the first time at our annual Governor's Breakfast at the Red Lion Hotel. The chamber is proud of the fact that the sitting governor of the State of Connecticut has addressed our organization in the month of December every year since the administration of Governor William A. O'Neill in the 1980's. We look forward to welcoming Gov. Lamont to Middlesex County, and thank Eversource for its sponsorship of this important annual chamber event.

In closing, we would like to wish everyone in our region, and throughout the State of Connecticut, a safe and joyous holiday season. We also ask that as we celebrate the holidays, we keep in mind the men and women of our armed forces who are serving at home, and around the world. Finally, please also keep in mind those who are less fortunate. May they experience joy and happiness during this holiday season, and beyond.

Winter may be upon us, but the sun continues to shine on Middlesex County. Happy Holidays!

Larry McHugh
President, Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce

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Catching Up with Justin Fornal

By Karen Milano

Killingworth is sometimes described as “out in the middle of nowhere”, and while I’d dispute that on several levels, one thing is certain. We manage to raise some pretty interesting folk, perhaps there’s something in the well water.

Ktown born and raised, Justin Fornal is a 1996 graduate of Haddam-Killingworth High School and the University of Pittsburgh. A culinary expert and international explorer, Justin adds a whole new level to that description. His exceptional talent in filmmaking and acting and his natural flare for the dramatic have earned him significant standing in the world of entertainment.

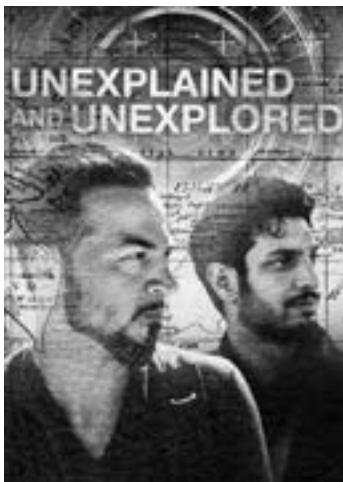
You might even consider that an understatement if you’re familiar with his now famous character, Baron Ambrosia. Baron traveled around New York City, especially the Bronx, from 2006 through 2013 exploring various cultures and their unique cuisines. In 2012 Fornal picked up an Emmy for best on-camera talent in the category Performer/Narrator. During a segment of Anthony Bourdain’s Parts Unknown in the Bronx in 2014, he served as a consulting producer. At the time, Bourdain described Fornal/Ambrosia as “an evangelist for introducing the manifold splendiferous delights of his mighty borough to the ignorant. He has a show on the TV, and throws parties where he serves creatures that would make Andrew Zimmern turn gray and slump unconscious to the floor. A showman, iconoclast, explorer, and gourmet”. Accolades from one of the masters don’t get any better than that.

Fornal has something exciting in the works – UNEXPLAINED AND UNEXPLORED, a new series that premiered on November 10th on the Science Channel and the Discovery Channel. Catch it on Sundays at 10 pm. International mysteries, vintage maps, hidden treasure.... Did the Mayan Empire relocate to America? How did Merriweather Lewis really die? Where did the Ark of the Covenant end up after being smuggled out of Jerusalem? ... Explorers Justin Fornal and Emiliano Ruprah are on it!

Justin generously gave us an interview for the Krier’s December issue.

KM: So tell us, how does a kid from Killingworth, CT otherwise known as the sticks ... find his bliss in The Bronx? What lessons and experiences of growing up in a small town have you taken with you out into the wide and wild world?

JF: Growing up in a small town there is an etiquette of warmth where you say hello to everyone you encounter. I truly believe that being a friendly person has been the



secret to my success when it comes to just about anything. When I first moved to the Bronx my local friends told me to not be so friendly, that people would think I was a mark. I didn’t care, I refused to put up a cold veneer and would strike up a conversation with almost anyone I met. You never know what information or access a person might hold. If there was a place I wasn’t supposed to go or seemed like I wouldn’t be welcome I always had to go in. So many of us paint ourselves into a corner through our fear of the unknown. If you live with fear you limit the experiences you have.

KM: Your career began with film making and acting entwined with your love for exotic cultural cuisine mostly found in your adopted hometown, The Bronx. Your new adventure as an explorer along with Emiliano takes you down a very different path. Perhaps your experience working with the beloved Tony Bourdain was a source of inspiration? What can you tell us about your new show?

JF: International Exploration has always been my endgame. Any money I made during the Food Years would go straight to purchasing an airplane ticket. At the time I did the food programming because it was local, accessible and everyone loves to eat. Behind the scenes I was always researching and writing about my true passions which are vanishing cultural traditions, rituals, and ancient textiles. Food is also a great IN for researchers looking to take a deeper dive into closed off cultures. Folks will certainly share a meal with you long before they will welcome you into witness secret rites or share their uses of ethnobotanical plants. While Bourdain focused largely on food, it usually served as the framework for the larger cultural story he was trying to tell.

KM: What advice would you give the young residents of our small town who may have big dreams of their own?

JF: In regard to exploration. Don’t turn up your nose to any cultural experience. If someone offers you goat, try it. Don’t make a face at something just because your parents say you won’t like it. I remember seeing a sign at Burghardt’s gas station on Route 80 for ‘Smoked Bluefish’ and begging my parents to take me there so I could buy some. I didn’t know if I would like it but I needed to try it! I loved it and wish they were still there.

In regard to film making and professional creative pursuits. Create, create, create...even if no one is seeing your work. You need to truly love the act of creating. If you are only focused on conventional success you are missing the joy of the process. There will be times when money is tight

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The Killingworth Ambulance Association extends its thanks and sincerest appreciation for donations you have made to us over the years. The KAA is a 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit Organization that relies on its volunteers for duty and the citizens of Killingworth for its support. While the Association receives some reimbursement from insurance, it does not cover all

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Meet Your Neighbor: Jim Lally and the Importance of the Ambulance Association

By Clark Judge

Jim Lally, owner of Schumack Engineered Construction in Clinton, has been a resident of Killingworth since 1972. As a former Killingworth Ambulance Association board member, he's passionate about the Association. As a resident who contributed so much to the community that he was named Killingworth Citizen of the Year in 2012, Jim Lally admits he's also concerned about the KAA's future. The reason: A shrinking pool of volunteers serving as first responders.

"There are good people in Killingworth who want to volunteer," said Lally "but the ambulance association needs to get out there and let people know: Get involved!" Lally has a point. The KAA is not unlike other emergency volunteer services in the area ... or the country ... trying to interest persons in becoming EMTs or EMRs. There's a shortage of volunteers, with the KAA last year hanging a "Volunteers Needed" sign outside its Route 81 headquarters. That was when its number of EMTs shrunk to 17 from a high of 25. It is now at 22, with one EMR. That's better than many rural areas but not enough to prevent NBC News last month from detailing what it termed a national "crisis" in a story entitled, What if you call 911 and no one comes? It's a good question and one that has so much of Lally's attention that, when he made his annual donation to the KAA this summer, the contribution was so substantial it gained special attention at a board meeting.

"Why did I do it?" he said. "Because I'm very passionate about the importance of the Ambulance". In the summer of 1960 when Lally, then 20, drove his sister home from Madison to Wallingford on a rainy Tuesday evening, the roads were slick from a heavy rain.



As Lally passed through Guilford on Route 1, his car slid on the wet surface, spun out of control and skidded off the road – not stopping until it hit a tree. Lally suffered life-threatening injuries, but survived. His 18-year-old sister did not. "I put the steering wheel through my chest," he said, "and I was in the hospital for almost seven months. My life was saved by the Guilford ambulance crew. That's how good they were, and I'm very thankful. After that, I always said I'd give back to an

organization like that ... because it's a matter of saving lives. And that's critical."

Lally admitted he hadn't volunteered before. But all that changed that evening. When he recovered, he jumped at opportunities to help where and when he could. "I felt I owed it," he said. "I got to know a couple of guys (Guilford EMTs) after the fact. I kept in touch with them. And I always felt it's important – if you can afford to – to give back. It doesn't have to be money. It can be time."

Or it can be both, and Jim Lally is proof.

Not long after moving to Killingworth, he joined the KAA and served on its board for nearly a decade. Then he donated the services of his construction company toward the building of the KAA's two-story headquarters completed in 1983. "Jim was quiet," said Don McDougal, a KAA board member who made the group's third-ever ambulance run in 1971 as an EMT. "But if you needed anything done, he did it. And I know he did a lot for the ambulance (KAA) when we first started. No questions asked. He just did it."

Lally has been chairman of the Killingworth Parks and Recreation Department. He co-chaired construction of the new EOC building. He donated the services of Schumack Construction toward the creation of Eric Auer Park ... the renovations to Irene Sheldon Park ... construction of the Sugar Shack at Parmelee Farm ... and work at Rocco Reale Memorial field and the Killingworth Elementary School. He also supported youth sports leagues, the HKYFS, Pumpkin Run and Lions Club Concert Series and provided materials for the Killingworth Town Picnic. In short, his fingerprints are everywhere in town. "I love the volunteer spirit of Killingworth. It's the engine that drives this town" says Lally.

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One of Lally's favorite stories involving the KAA and its volunteers dates back to the 1970s when former KAA president, founder and EMT Charlie Smith answered an emergency call on Route 81. Smith, so active locally that people who know him call him "a professional volunteer," rushed to the scene and helped pull a pig out of a burning building. Nobody was injured, but Smith was so concerned about the pig that he stayed behind to comfort it, rubbing snow that had fallen along its injured back. "It made me feel better," Smith said, smiling when retold the story, "but I don't know about the pig."

Another story Lally recites involves EMTs rescuing a grandson after he was injured in an ATV accident at Cockaponsett State Forest. It happened when the vehicle in which he was riding crashed into a tree, injuring the young man so seriously that he was rushed by ambulance to Hartford Hospital. He not only survived but works for Lally today. "The ambulance company saved him," he said. "He was in shock, but they got there when they could and they stabilized him. They saved his life. Those are the kinds of things that people don't know, and it's the kind of thing that needs to be brought out about volunteers. There are stories like that all around." Then he paused. "We cannot

let ourselves fall into the trap of having someone tell us we don't have enough responders," he said. "That would break my heart."

Lally's concerns are echoed by Madison Ambulance Association director Chris Bernier, who last month said the group is "not receiving the funding that is adequate for the town's safety" and asked for more help to provide for additional paramedic support. According to a recent report in Philadelphia's City Journal, "declining volunteerism is especially pronounced in America's rural counties, many of which – with aging populations and a declining financial base – must support increased support for ambulatory and fire services."

"Everyone has the problem," Lally said. "What I don't want is to have a professional ambulance have to come to us ... where we have to pay them ... because we don't have enough responders. That would be catastrophic. But that's where we are now. We need to get more interest. With the Killingworth Ambulance Association you have an organization that lays its heart on the line. I just hope people see the need more than there is now."

If you're interested in joining this vital organization as a volunteer, contact www.killingworthambulance.org

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In a busy world cluttered with competing media venues it is not easy to highlight local elections. But it is important to do so and we appreciate the space you gave both parties to present candidates, their positions, and scheduled campaign events.

Thank you again.

Annie Stirna, Chairwoman

Editor's reply: You are very welcome. We were pleasantly surprised to see all submissions were respectful and in fact this election cycle was conducted in a way we can only hope for on the grand scale. The Krier will keep the doors open in future election seasons.

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We will be accepting toys starting now and until December 20th at these 3 locations below

1. The Hair Loft Barbershop- in Killingworth, CT.
2. Grand Central Sports Bar- in Wallingford, CT.
3. Parisian salon & day spa- in Cromwell, CT.

If you know a child who has lost a parent to an overdose, please reach out to us! We would love to make sure they have an amazing Christmas this year. Interested in helping out during the toy drive? Feel free to contact Shaina Rowley on her personal Facebook, Instagram or by email at thebrierowleyfoundation@gmail.com. If you are unable to attend but are still interested in making a generous tax deductible donation, please head over to thebrierowleyfoundation.com.

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Kindergarten Registration

Regional School District 17 will be holding kindergarten registration on Wednesday, January 8th, 2020 from 9 am to 7 pm and Thursday January 9th, 2020 from 9 am to 3 pm at both elementary schools. Children do not need to be present at the time of registration. Please bring your child's birth certificate and two proofs of residency with you at the time of registration. Acceptable forms of residency include deed or current mortgage bill as well as the following: homeowners policy, rental agreement, bank statement, current pay stub etc.

Parent orientation and school visitation dates will be provided at registration. Children entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before January 1, 2021.

FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:
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Seniors Visit - The Killingworth Lions and a few LEO club members from the HK Middle School visited the Apple Rehab Center in Old Saybrook last month. The two students, Wyatt and Anthony spread some Halloween cheer passing out some candy and beautiful carnations to the residents. So many smiles and many thanks to our young students who were so happy to bring joy to these seniors.

Pictured below - Charlie Smith, Guy Vecchitto, Greg Wind and our favorite "good" witch Nancy Keyes. Many thanks to Missy Giannotti, Director of Therapeutic Recreation at Apple Rehab for the opportunity to have the Lions and LEOs come in and share some stories and spread a little cheer.



A Christmas to Remember and Bikes for Kids - The Killingworth Lions gave a child in our community a Christmas they would never forget, granting the child and a parent an hour long ride on the Essex Steam Train for a holiday performance of the Polar Express. After the amazing ride, the child along with others selected by local schools proceeded across the street to the Bikes for Kids Wheelhouse where an early Holiday present awaited them. Each of the 27 children were gifted a new bike and helmet. The Lions also had a tremendous amount of fun helping assemble over 30 bicycles during its recent membership social held at Parmelee Farm. We were so glad to help the Bikes for Kids staff and support them on this wonderful community service project.

Lions Club Holiday Food Drive

The Killingworth Lions Club will hold their Annual Christmas Food Drive on Saturday, December 7th, the 14th and the 21st at the town compactor site from 8 am to Noon. Donations of food, food gift cards and cash are needed and will be greatly appreciated. All items collected will be turned over to Helping Hands of Killingworth for distribution in the community. Please remember your neighbors in need during the holidays.

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Calendar of Events

Dec 2 - Tech Time with the HK Leos – How to Download Audio Books to Your Cell Phone., 3:30 – 4:30 pm at the Killingworth library. Do you want to try out the library's new expanded collection of downloadable audio books but just aren't sure how to do it? Join us as we partner with the tech savvy teens of the Haddam Killingworth Leo's for our first "Tech time with the HK Leo's" and have your questions answered! Bring your iPhone or smart phone with you and we will step you through the process (you will also need your library card #). This program is free, but advance signup is requested. Please contact the library at 860-663-2000 or visit our website to register: <http://killingworthlibrary.org/>

Dec. 3 - Photos with the Grinch at Killingworth Library, 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Come take a photo with the Grinch and make a Grinch craft! Free fun for the whole family, no registration required.

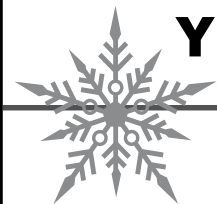
Love 2 Sign with Jaye - Sign Language for Children 6 mos. to 6 yrs. Thursdays 10 - 10:30 am from **December 5 - February 6**. Sign up begins December 2. Space is limited and Killingworth residents are given priority. Register by visiting our online calendar at: killingworthlibrary.org

Dec. 5 – Life's a Trip at Beechwood Presents... It Happened One Christmas Eve, at the Westchester Broadway Theatre. Bus trip to the theatre includes lunch, dessert, coffee & tea. Watch the play, which spans several time periods from 1989 through 1919.

Lots of songs, a great storyline in a house full of interesting characters. Their lives change forever on Christmas Eve when a baby is placed on their Brooklyn doorstep. Cost - \$125 includes all – RSVP to Shirley (860) 452-4530.

Dec. 6 – St James Annual Service of Remembrance and Support and Reception, 6:30 pm. The community is invited to attend this service, which recognizes that not everyone shares in the usual joyful celebration of the season. Some grieve the death of a spouse or a precious child. Others grieve the loss of a dear friend or a pet, a broken relationship or the loss or health or youth, while others struggle with unemployment or poverty. For further information contact Cherry Czuba at cherylczuba@comcast.net.

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Dec. 6, 7 - Saint Lawrence Christmas Fair in Killingworth - 5 – 8 pm Fri, 9 am- 2pm Sat. Attractions include a silent auction, gifts and gift baskets, basket raffle, evergreen decorations, and homemade holiday baked goods. The kitchen will offer homemade pies, soup, chili, hot dogs, pizza, meatball grinders, and more. For more information, visit www.stlawrencechurch.com.

Dec. 7 – Congregational Church Christmas Fair, 9 am – 3 pm. Stop by for a day of shopping, including beautiful wreaths, seasonal (and all-year) gifts, our very popular cookie sale and much more. Bid on the silent auction items, enjoy hot soups and grilled cheese and bring your kids for free children’s activities and a visit from Santa. For more information, please call the church office at (860) 663-1791 or email Office@Killingworthchurch.com.

Dec. 7 – Christmas Fair, Killingworth Historical Society. 8:30 am – 3 pm, Parmelee Farmhouse, 465 Route 81. Baked Goodies and Candies, Hand made gifts, Gift Baskets, Holiday Arrangements, Ornaments, Santa’s Attic. Don’t miss this popular fair, it’s a gem!

Dec. 7 – 32nd Annual HKMS Craft Fair - 9 am – 3 pm. 80 + vendors from near and far selling handcrafted jewelry, artwork, holiday decor, pottery, soaps, candles, and much more. Grab a bite at our concessions stand and bake sale, 60 items in our raffle. Children can enjoy a scavenger hunt while you look for the perfect gifts. **FREE ADMISSION.** Haddam- Killingworth Middle School, 451 CT-81, Killingworth

Dec. 10 – Tuesday book Discussion Group - “The Dry” by Jane Harper. A small Australian town suffering a prolonged drought when multiple murders bring fear and consternation to a place already on the edge. The hatreds and suspicions of a previous unsolved murder are also brought to the boiling point by the return for the multiple funerals of a police investigator. ** A tradition for the holiday season, the discussion will be held at a local restaurant. For more info call Kathy at (860) 663-3130.

Dec. 14 - Breakfast with Santa – 8:30 am -11 am, Adult Breakfast \$6, Child Breakfast (under 10 yrs old) \$4. Have your picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Crafts for Sale, Raffle, Fun Activities for the kids! Killingworth Nursery School, 273 Route 81 (860) 663-1950 Killingworthnurseryschool.com

Dec. 15 - Saint Lawrence Church, Killingworth - Christmas Concert 2-3:30 pm. The event features congregational signing of carols, songs by the adult choir, instrumentals, vocalists, and refreshments. For more information, visit www.stlawrencechurch.com

Dec. 15 - Advent “ Lessons and Carols” Service, 10 am at Emmanuel Church, 50 Emmanuel Church Rd, Killingworth. Listen to lessons and join in singing traditional hymns. A wonderful way to find stillness and peace in heart and mind. ALL Welcome.

Dec. 15 - Celebrate Christmas Songs in the Sanctuary, 4 pm. Get in the holiday spirit and hear the Filosi Trio, the Connecticut Yankees Quartet, and Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Chorus, plus the church organ and hand bells. Hear wonderful holiday music and song and have a great time enjoying seasonally-inspired refreshments and trying your luck at a 50/50 raffle. Donations are \$20; free for children.

** All proceeds from the Christmas Concert will support the church’s Preservation 2020, a fund-raising effort to raise money for much-needed church renovations. For questions, please contact Preservation 2020 co-Committee Chairs Rachel Schemmerling (203) 500-9500 or Charlie Smith (860) 663-1583. For more information visit: killingworthchurch.com or call (860) 663-1789



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Dec. 15 - Brie Rowley Foundation Toy Drive - Killingworth Fire House from 1-5 pm. FREE ENTRY! Free Food and Drinks, Santa will be available for pictures, 50/50 raffle and gift baskets, Clothing drive, Touch a Truck. Seeking Unused and Unopened gifts for all ages – Cloths, books, toys, games, sport items, batteries, etc. All donations will be distributed to children who have lost a parent to an overdose.

Dec. 16 - Mystery book club read - "Lethal White" by Robert Galbraith. The fourth in Galbraith's mystery series featuring the crime fighting duo Cormoran Strike and Robin Ellacott. Killingworth Library, 6:30 pm. Copies of the book will be made available at the library.

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candle-Light Service at "The Little Church in the Wilderness". Join us for a spiritual, healing, and up-lifting celebration. All people of peace and good will are welcome. Caroling, accompanied by organ and strings starts at 5:30 pm, Service at 6 pm, Tuesday, December 24th. Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 50 Emmanuel Church Road in Killingworth. For info and directions visit churchinthewilderness.org

Through Jan. 12 - Spectrum Gallery, Centerbrook - annual Holiday Tree, adorned with original ornaments crafted by fine local artisans. Holiday hours beginning Dec. 4 through the 23rd Mon-Sat (12-6 pm); and Sun (12-5 pm). Christmas Eve from 11 am-3 pm. For more info call Spectrum Gallery (860) 767-0742 spectrumartgallery.org.

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- Unsure about lacrosse? Information meetings will be held on Dec. 9th and 10th, 6 to 7pm at the Killingworth Public Library for new or prospective parents and players. Stop by to learn more about the game of lacrosse and our HKYLA philosophy.
- We are dedicated to ensure every youth in our program develops, strengthens and matures through fun, organized, and competitive game play.



Library

Programs at the Library

Saturday Story Time - Every Saturday from 10:30 – 11 am. Drop in format; no registration required but space is limited.

Make It & Take It - Seasonal Crafts for Families Saturday Mornings in December from 10 am-12 pm. Drop in format; no registration required but space is limited

ABC Amigos - Bilingual Storytime for Preschool Children, Thursdays 10 - 10:30 am from December 5 - February 6. Online sign up begins December 2. Space is limited and Killingworth residents are given priority. Register by visiting our online calendar at: killingworthlibrary.org

Paws & Read - 1st and 2nd Graders read with a Pet Partners Therapy Dog Tuesday evenings, (by appointment): January 7, 14, 21, 28 Killingworth residents given priority. Contact the Children's Librarian at (860) 663-2000 for more information.

Jan. 28th - Readers & Eaters - 4th and 5th Graders Book Discussion with Pizza 6 -7:30 pm. January's book: 'Ban This Book' by Alan Gratz. Sign up online at killingworthlibrary.org. Extra copies of the book will be available at the library.



1BigCircle

On a brisk Sunday afternoon in October, boys from the Haddam Killingworth High School soccer team gathered on the soccer field with 1BigCircle athletes for fun, fitness, and soccer! 1Big Circle is a social wellness club that offers free friendship building activities for young adults with disabilities. The high school boys ran the athletes through soccer drills, shots on goal, and finished with a closely fought soccer game. The advisor for 1BigCircle, Pearl Elliott, noted that the athletes "really enjoy the challenge and respect they are given when they are taught by boys who are knowledgeable about the sport. Peer to peer learning doesn't have to end after high school. This is a great example of inclusion. The HK soccer players are true role models of something positive. At the end of the event, Colby Whitehead, co-captain of the HK team, summed it up best by saying, It was an eye-opening experience and I enjoyed teaching others how to play the game I love.

For more information or how to join in, visit 1bigcircle.org



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The Gregory Bousquet Holiday Wish Drive

This year's wish drive, coordinated by the KWO and Helping Hands, will run through through Wed., Dec. 18th. Gifts will be given out on December 21st. Last year we came together fulfilling the wishes of 75 Killingworth children.

On Nov. 13th, gift lists were posted in the front office of Killingworth Elementary School (KES) and St. Lawrence Church. Participation is easy: 1) Visit one of the locations above to pick up a "wish card", which will have a gift or gift card request on it. 2) Purchase the gift or gift card requested on the "wish card". 3) Return the card along with the new, un-wrapped gift or gift card to the front office at KES or St. Lawrence Church. Or, mail gift cards and /or monetary donation to Killingworth Women's Organization, c/o GBHWD, PO Box 952, Killingworth, CT 06419.

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Newcomers Club Holiday Party

The Killingworth Newcomers Club was founded in 2018 by Sandy Allard, Donna Fitzgerald, Sarah Goeden, and Danyel Racenet. They have since added Nancy McCormick to the planning committee. The club has found much success bringing together new and established residents of Killingworth. Social in nature, the group regularly holds mix and mingle events at local establishments. They hope to see some new faces at their Holiday Party on December 7th. Future events include monthly lunch outings, movie matinees, mom's night out, wine tasting nights, trap shooting, golfing, gourmet dinners, and game nights.

The Killingworth Newcomers Club is always accepting new members and attendees to help make the Club truly something for everyone. While the purpose of the Club is to introduce new residents to Killingworth, they welcome everyone to participate in events; not just newcomers. Follow Killingworth Newcomers Club on Facebook to see upcoming events (@KillingworthNewcomersClub).

Santa's Mailbox is Coming to Town!

Santa's mailbox will make its first appearance in December at the Parmelee Christmas at the Farm tree lighting event. It will then magically fly to the Killingworth Library, where it will stay until one week before Christmas. "Mailed" letters should be sent between **Dec. 2 - Dec 18th** and addressed to Santa. Please include the child's name and full address, so Santa and his elves can send a response letter with the help of the Killingworth Women's Organization. After December 18th, Santa cannot guarantee a reply since it is such a busy time at the North Pole.

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In Loving Memory - Valerie Rose Hayward



Valerie Rose Hayward, 77, longtime resident of Killingworth, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family. Beloved wife of Anthony Hayward, Valerie was of British heritage. She was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland in Nov 1941 where her father was stationed at the end of World War 2. After the war, the

family moved to Kensington in London, and subsequently to Maidstone in Kent.

Valerie was a very talented artist but ultimately chose to follow a calling in healthcare, and graduated from nurs-

ing school at Pembury Hospital in Kent in 1964. This was she met her future husband, Anthony. They married and moved to Toronto, Canada where daughter Amanda was born. After returning to England, sons Jonathan and David were born 11 months apart. The family moved to the village of Coverack in Cornwall where they ran a seafront guest house for 4 years. Valerie was a wonderful cook and hostess, and with Anthony's help made guests so happy they often returned. Valerie went back to nursing school at Treliske hospital in Truro, Cornwall where she graduated as a state certified Midwife. Anthony also entered the nursing program at Treliske and 2 years after graduation took a position in Lubbock, Texas. Valerie worked for many years as a health unit coordinator in Labor and Delivery

there. Valerie and Anthony subsequently moved to New Haven, CT where Anthony worked at Yale New Haven Hospital. Later they moved to Manitowoc WI where Valerie became a prominent member of the local British Club. After Anthony retired they moved to Killingworth to be close to their daughter Amanda. Valerie loved to cook and make flower arrangements for the Church and also sang in the Church Choir. She was passionate about Dragonflies. Valerie is survived by her loving Husband Anthony Revall Hayward, daughter Amanda Hayward, her sons Jonathan Hayward (wife Cindy), and David Hayward, four grandchildren, Morgan and Cameron Gharibian, Abigail and Rachael Hayward, sisters Shirley Peters, Elaine Pullan, Jocelyn Peters and Stephanie Winter, and her brothers Malcolm Winter and Maurice Winter. Valerie was predeceased by her sister Beverly Kendall, her father Charles Winter and her mother Rosina Winter (Richardson). Memorial services will be held at St Andrews Episcopal Church, Madison on Sat. December 14th 10 am. Donations may be made in Valerie's name to the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation, 57 West 57th Street, Suite 904, New York, NY 10019 ♥

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In Loving Memory - Anthony B. Rock



Anthony B. Rock, 49, of Killingworth passed away on Saturday, November 9th. He is survived by his father Joe Rock, Sr. of RI and brother Joe Rock of Middletown, CT. He was preceded in death by his mother Susan Atwood. Tony lived his life devoted to taking every opportunity to making life better for everyone whose path he

crossed. This was most evident when it came to the love of his life Nancy Tepper; her children Gregory and Mackenzie and her 10 grandchildren. He loved each and every one of Nancy's family as if they were his own, always giving, always providing and always loving. The selfless gift of his life will forever be missed by his precious Nancy and her family.

Dubbed as "Uncle" by many a youngster, Tony filled the role with much commitment and love; but particularly to his nephew(s) Jeffrey Doran, Jr and wife Samantha, Jeremy Doran and wife Leyna; niece(s) Brittany Michaud and Samuel and Julia Doran. His unwavering dedication to their lives was shaped by his 37-year lifelong friendship to his "brother by

another mother" Jeffrey Doran, Sr and wife Kelly. Always present, always loved and forever missed.

Tony's memory will forever live on as the fun-loving owner of the Picking Pot, his support to those in recovery and one who gave of himself with such selfless compassion for others. There was a celebration of Tony's life in November at Living Rock Church, where visitors were asked to wear their best "Tony Attire", bright colors and bright smiles. ♥

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Catching Up with Justin Fornal, continued from page 3

and you are scrambling for the next gig before your furnace breaks. That's when you have to realize you are doing this because it feeds your soul. If you don't love it and don't have that samurai hunger, there are much more stable professions.

I want UNEXPLAINED AND UNEXPLORED to inspire viewers to engage the world around them. Put down the smart phone....walk a trail, look a stranger in the eye, go to the library, study a map of your town, or eat some curry goat. The world is a much more amazing place than most of us give it credit for, but you won't know if you don't experience it. For young explorers I think our show is a valuable watch as it serves as a bit of a crash course into my and Emiliano's process. We combine old maps and new technology. By cobbling together different source materials you can get fresh results to an old story. Tune in on Sunday nights on Science channel at 10 pm.

I recently visited a 17th century foundation in the woods behind my parent's house with my daughter that I used to

explore when I was a child. I have been speaking with town historian Tom Lentz on its possible origin. My nonprofit HASAN (History Arts and Science Action Network) might do a full excavation. www.hasanglobal.org

I also have plans of doing an epic beef roast somewhere on Roast Meat Hill Road this summer and handing out free sandwiches. Will keep you posted!

KM: - We happen to be the owners of the farm on the actual "Roast Meat Hill", Justin.. you will be more than welcome.

When not out in the wilds of this planet tasting the exotic, exploring the mysterious, Justin shares a home in Yonkers with his wife, daughter and the family dog. His parents still live in Killingworth and he remains a fan of the woods he called home as an inquisitive child, returning to visit often. For more information on all things Justin, visit justinfornal.com



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Congratulations! To the winners in the November elections, to everyone who ran in November, and to the citizens of Killingworth! Our election turnout was 60 percent, up from 48.5 in 2017. (Only the town of Kent, which has less than half our population, had a higher turnout: 60.2.) Statewide the turnout in this year's municipal elections was 33 percent.

We are democracy champs!

Many thanks to Republican Registrar of Voters Lauren Blaha and Democratic Registrar Mary Solera for their hard work organizing, monitoring, and reporting the election. Their scrupulous attention to every element of the process gives us all confidence. Thanks also to all the poll workers for their long hours of work. They are the air traffic controllers of the election, focusing on small details for long hours to avert possible disasters.

Town boards and commissions. On December 9, the Board of Selectmen will be making 2020 appointments to town committees. A full list of boards and commissions is available at townofkillingworth.com. We particularly need people on the Conservation Commission, the Energy Task Force, and the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission. If you are interesting in serving on these or any other committees, please contact me as soon as possible at (860) 663-1765, ext. 501.

Winter weather rules. The town's winter parking ban went into effect on November 15. Until April 15, parking on public roads is prohibited between of 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. When it snows, a full-time parking ban will go into effect. These rules make it possible for our plows to efficiently and effectively clear the roads.

It is illegal to push or blow snow onto roadways. If you contract with someone to plow your driveway, please make sure that your plower complies with this ordinance.

Our policy on mailboxes is the one widely used by U.S. towns: if one of our plows damages a mailbox, we will replace it, at a cost not to exceed \$75. A mailbox or post will not be repaired or replaced if damage was caused by the force of snow thrown by plows. Mailboxes should be placed according to U.S. Postal Service guidelines: <https://www.usps.com/manage/know-mailbox-guidelines.htm>

Winter road sand. Homeowners may take up to five gallons of road sand to help with icy driveways. The sand/salt mix is in a small shed behind Town Hall; bring your own bucket.

Town Hall holiday hours. Town Hall will be open on December 24 and closed on December 25 and 26 and on January 1, 2020

Transfer Station holiday hours. The Transfer Station will be closed on December 24 and open December 26 and 31, 2019.

Coffee with the First Selectwoman. Fridays, 8:30 a.m. Copper Skillet on December 13 and Cozy Corner Bakery

on December 20. And let's try an afternoon coffee: Andie's Cookies on Thursday, December 5, at 4:00. Take a break and let me know what's going on in your world!

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Thurs. 12/05 7:00 PM	<i>Parmelee Farm Committee</i>	<i>Town Office Building</i>
Mon. 12/09 7:00 PM	<i>Board of Selectmen</i>	<i>Town Office Building</i>
Mon. 12/09 7:30 PM	<i>Killingworth Park & Recreation Commission</i>	<i>Town Office Building</i>
Tues. 12/10 7:00 PM	<i>Board of Finance</i>	<i>Town Office Building</i>
Tues. 12/10 7:00 PM	<i>Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission</i>	<i>Town Office Building</i>
Wed. 12/11 7:00 PM	<i>Public Health Agency</i>	<i>Town Office Building</i>
Thurs. 12/12 7:00 PM	<i>Killingworth Conservation Commission</i>	<i>Town Office Building</i>
Tues. 12/17 2:30 PM	<i>Health & Safety Committee</i>	<i>Town Office Building</i>
Tues. 12/17 7:00 PM	<i>Planning & Zoning Commission</i>	<i>Town Office Building</i>
Wed. 12/25	<i>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – TOWN OFFICES CLOSED</i>	

Weds. – Senior Lunch Café – Noon at the Killingworth Congregational Church parish hall. The cost is \$3 for those 60 and older. Call (860) 388-1611 by 11 a.m. on Tuesday to sign up for the next day's meal.

Haddam-Killingworth Rotary Club – meets every other Tuesday at 6:30 at June's Outback Pub, 184 CT-81, for more information contact Hedy Watrous (860) 526-1337

Killingworth Women's Organization – second Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Killingworth Library, 301 CT-81. New members welcome. For info, contact (860) 663-2244 or info at kwoct.org.

Helping Hands, the Killingworth food pantry, is open by appointment to residents in need of food assistance. Call (860) 663-1765 x 401. The Pantry is supported by local contributions and is for Killingworth residents only. Donations can be sent to Helping Hands, c/o Town Hall, 323 Route 81. The Killingworth Library has a collection bin for non-perishable food.

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 Assessor..... 506
 Board of Elections..... 511
 Building & Sanitation..... 504
 Finance..... 501
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 Helping Hands..... 401
 Municipal Agent..... 510
 Public Health Agency..... 402
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 Registrar of Voters..... 511
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 Tax Collector..... 508
 Youth & Family Services..... 512
 Zoning & Wetlands..... 505

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