

Dear Neighbor,

Welcome to Killingworth! I hope that you will grow to love this town as much as I do.

I expect that you were attracted by the quality of life here—the natural beauty, the active community, the peace and calm. We work hard to protect the qualities that make Killingworth such a special place.

You will find information about town services and government at www.townofkillingworth.com. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call Town Hall at 860-663-1765 and leave a message if you don't reach someone directly. You will get a call back promptly. Please sign up on the home page for email messages from the town. That's often the way we get the word out on such topics as emergency road closures, upcoming major events, and other local information.

A few things you will want to know:

1. *Town Hall.* Business hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 8:00 am – 4 pm; Thursday, 8:00 am – 7:00 pm; Friday, 8:00 am – noon.

Selectmen's Office	Extension 501
Town Clerk	Extension 502
Registrars of Voters	Extension 216
Tax Collector	Extension 508
Assessor	Extension 506
Land Use Office	Extension 504
Health Department	Extension 223

2. *Trash and Recycling.* The Transfer Station, on Recycle Way off of Route 81, is available to all town residents at no cost. You are entitled to window stickers for two vehicles. You can get stickers at the Town Hall or the Transfer Station; you will be asked to show your vehicle registration. Please recycle as much as possible; the more we recycle, the better for the Earth and the town's finance.

2. *Police.* Killingworth is fortunate to have an extremely low crime rate, and our police force consists of one resident state trooper, Rich Mulhall. Rich can be reached at 860-663-1132; when he is not on duty, your call will be taken at the Troop F State Police Barracks. In an emergency, call 911.

4. *Emergencies.* Killingworth has a highly dedicated and effective volunteer fire company and a volunteer ambulance association. Call 911 in an emergency, and the Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company (KVFC) will be dispatched. The Killingworth Ambulance Association (KAA) has a response team of trained volunteer emergency medical professionals. Membership is \$20 per year.

By the way, both the KVFC (kvfc8118@comcast.net) and the KAA (860-663-2450) are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please contact them directly.

5. *Power.* Electric, not political. Thanks to our lovely tree-lined roads and our high elevation, we lose power somewhat regularly. When storms threaten, you will want to be prepared for outages from a few hours to, occasionally, many days. For information, visit <http://portal.ct.gov/emergency-preparedness/>.

6. *Roads.* Most of Killingworth's roads were built for horses, not high-speed cars. Your neighbors may be checking their mailboxes, walking their dogs, or actually riding their horses. Please drive slowly and carefully. Also, please do not put snow or leaves into the roadway, and do not park on the street when snow is forecast or falling.
7. *Town Meetings.* Killingworth remains a direct democracy; our legislative body is the Town Meeting, at which all citizens can vote. At present, most meetings are being held remotely. We encourage you to participate. Check the calendar on the town website for details.
8. *Government.* Much of the work of the town is done by volunteer committees and commissions, some elected, some appointed. We are always looking for people who want to get involved. If you have a special area of interest, from conservation to housing, please let me know.
9. *Voting.* You may download a mail-in form from the town website or register online at voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do. If you would like to register in person, please call the Town Clerk's office or the Registrars of Voters to make arrangements.
10. *Community events.* Information on community organizations and events can be found in several places. You will automatically receive the *Killingworth Krier*, a monthly newsletter published by the Killingworth Chamber of Commerce and the *Source* and *Haddam-Killingworth News*, weeklies that come by mail.
11. *Dog Licensing.* The State of CT mandates that all dogs over 6 months old be licensed each year to track dog population, as well as control the spread of rabies. Not only is licensing required by law, but it is also a useful tool to reunite a roaming dog with its owner. When licensed, the Town Clerk's office often locates the pup before it even reaches town hall and arranges a reunion. If already licensed in another CT town, your pup's license can easily be transferred to Killingworth. Additionally, if you license in June, your dog is entered into our Top Dog Contest. Please, protect your pet and license in Killingworth! Contact the Town Clerk's office for information.

A few benefits you might not know about:

- Killingworth residents have beach rights in Clinton; seasonal passes to the town beach are available from the gate keeper at the Clinton Town Beach.
- Wood chip mulch is available at the Transfer Station during normal hours of operation. Residents are welcome to take it for home use.
- The Killingworth Library (www.killingworthlibrary.org) is a wonderful resource for residents. In addition to books (paper, audio, or ebook), periodicals, DVDs, language learning programs, and computers, passes to over a dozen area attractions are available. These include the Beardsley Zoo, Conn. Old State House, Conn. River Museum, Conn. Science Center, Custom House Maritime Museum, Florence Griswold Museum, Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk, Mystic Aquarium, Mystic Seaport, New Britain Museum of American Art, New Haven Museum, Peabody Museum of Natural

History, Regional Water Authority Recreation, CT State Parks and Forests, and the Wadsworth Atheneum. Right now, the Library is open regular hours, and offers curbside pickup service and a number of online activities for children and adults.

- *Killingworth Prescription Drug Discount Cards* are available at Town Hall and at the Killingworth Family Pharmacy. The card can save you money on prescription medications when your prescription (or your pet's!) is not covered by insurance. The card also provides discounts on some medical services, including vision, hearing, and Lasik services. It is not age- or income-restricted and may be used at thousands of participating pharmacies nationwide, including most large chains.
- The Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Authority (www.hkrec.org; 860-345-8334) offers programs for adults and families as well as children.
- Several town facilities offer a variety of passive and active recreational opportunities. The Eric Auer Killingworth Recreational Park, on Parker Hill Road Extension, has access to walking and horseback riding trails as well as four multipurpose (field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer) fields. Sheldon Park, on Route 80 east of the traffic circle, has ballfields, an outdoor basketball court, two tennis/pickleball courts, horseshoe pits, fishing, and a playground. At Parmelee Farm, on Route 81, you will find community gardens, well-marked walking trails, and events such as crafts markets, holiday celebrations, workshops, and concerts—starting again soon, we hope!

We're glad to have you with us. I look forward to meeting you soon.

Sincerely,

Nancy Gorski