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# First Selectman's Corner

As spring approaches we continue to clean up what the last weeks of winter throws at us and to make the more than 100 miles of Town roadways as clear as possible. With another winter that brought a series of storms dumping literally tons of snow, we executed an ongoing plan to maintain our streets. Our thanks go to our Public Works Department and the other town departments that worked to clear the snow, making the streets safe for residents to travel and so businesses could operate with minimal disruption.

Meanwhile, we are fully engaged with preparing the Town's FY 2015-2016 budget. We have a process to identify our priorities and needs, where we can achieve efficiencies, and areas where we might be able to tighten our belts. I am optimistic that we will meet our goals and will continue to provide first rate services to our residents and businesses, while keeping our bottom line as low as possible. We are following the Town's established process of public hearings with the Board of Finance and the RTM through March and April, culminating with the budget's approval and a new mill rate being set in May.

And, as you may know, we have established a Public Building Commission and have recently appointed its members. They will soon be taking up a variety of important projects for the town. At the same time, we have also created a new committee to advise

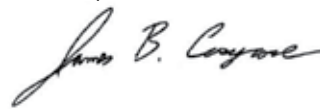
the town on a variety of issues related to veterans, such as employment and education. We want to thank those who have volunteered to serve on these new bodies, as well as those who participate in the dozens of other boards and commissions in town.



James B. Cosgrove  
First Selectman

As spring takes hold and our memories of winter melt away, I encourage everyone to keep up to speed with the many activities and issues in town – Branford offers a full calendar of concerts, exhibits, festivals and activities for all ages and interests. It's easily done through the Town's website - [www.branford-ct.gov](http://www.branford-ct.gov), BCTV channels 18, 19 and 20, Branford Events magazine, and by personally getting involved with any of the Town's many organizations, boards and commissions that are of interest to you.

Sincerely,



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# Shoreline Chamber of Commerce



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## Mission Statement

The Mission of the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce Guilford-Branford Alliance is to enhance business opportunity for the economic success of our members and the benefit of the community. Be Loyal to Local!

**March 28th** - The 3rd annual Chili Challenge for a Cause will take place within the Branford Green Merchant District, rain, (snow) or shine. Each year, up and down Main Street, 600+ chili lovers visit the restaurants and merchants serving chili, taste the 15+ participants' recipes and vote for their favorite. The winning chef receives a trophy, plus the Chamber gives a check to that chef's charity of choice. Come out and join the fun!

**April 8th** - Women in Business luncheon.  
Location and speaker to be announced.

**June 10th** - Women in Business luncheon.  
Location and speaker to be announced.

**June 19 - 21** - the Branford Festival is an event to be enjoyed by all. Chock full of music, entertainment and crafts, this 31 year old event is not to be missed. Be sure to visit all of the crafters and vendors on Saturday, there is something there for everyone.

The Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, located at 764 East Main St., Branford and 87 Whitfield St., Guilford is open Monday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm - always available to both merchants and community. Contact: Kathy Testa, 203.488.5500 or Kathy@shorelinechamberct.com.

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# Letter from the Publisher

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Sincerely,  
William McMinn, President  
Essex Printing and Events Magazines

# Planning and Zoning

## Housing And Development Update

### Branford Housing Authority

The Town of Branford has been awarded \$448,500 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, which provides grants to eligible municipalities for economic development, affordable housing, community facilities and other revitalization projects. The Small Cities Program is administered by the Connecticut Department of Housing. The Branford Housing Authority will undertake renovations at Parkside Villages 1 and 2 Senior Housing complexes. The work scope includes improving the site lighting, pavement reconstruction and provision of emergency generators for the community rooms. The project will impact 90 units of housing. Bids have been received and work should start in the Spring of 2015 to the chosen recipient. A feasibility study to improve and add additional subsidized housing for the elderly and disabled has identified possible additional housing at Parkside Village I & II with supportive services.

### Atlantic Wharf - Planned Development District

A development team has been approved for a Master Plan to construct a Planned Development District (PDD) which includes

construction of ten (10) buildings, with approximately 12,000 square feet of commercial space, approximately 10,000 square feet of restaurant space and approximately 205 residential dwelling on the site of the old Atlantic Wire Company on the corner of Montowese and Meadow Street. The Transit Oriented Development (TOD) will clean up a brownfield site, improve a dangerous intersection and provide upscale market rate rental apartment housing for young millennials and empty nest Baby Boomers along with commercial space near the Branford River.

### Transit Oriented Development (TOD)

The South Central Regional Council of Governments is undertaking a regional TOD feasibility study for municipalities along the Metro North /Shoreline East rail corridor. The study will provide local baseline data and essential mapping for communities to utilize to advance efforts to provide safer, more efficient pedestrian and bicycle connectivity between the town rail stations, destination attractions, residential hubs and town centers. The study is timely with increased development along Meadow Street with the new Stony Creek Brewery, Admiral Wharf and the Anchor Reef Development plans.

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## Annual Litter Collection Day

Branford's annual litter collection day will take place on Saturday, April 11th, with a "stormy weather" date of April 25.

Branford groups and individuals are invited to join us on the Town Green (across from Town Hall) beginning at 9:00 am to sign in. A list of identified "trouble spots" will be available, and other suggestions are welcome.

Litter bags, disposable gloves, water and snacks are provided. A dumpster will be available on Town Hall Drive for your collections. Participants are advised to wear sturdy footwear and gloves and to watch out for poison ivy. Branford High School students will be able to earn credit toward their volunteer requirement.

For further information, please contact Maryanne Hall at 203-488-4272 or [mlhall511@comcast.net](mailto:mlhall511@comcast.net).

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# Veteran Additional Exemption Program - Income Based

This is a reminder for Veterans to apply for an Additional Veteran Exemption based on Income. The exemption is based upon certain income levels and marital status. There are two programs available to veterans. One is a State Program §12-811 and reference in subsection b under §170aa and the other is a Local Option Veteran Program §12-81f.

Application for the state additional exemption and the local option additional exemption are filed with the Assessor's Office in the Town of which the veteran resides. The filing period is from February 1st through October 1st of 2015. Once a veteran is approved for the additional exemption he/she must submit an application on a biennial basis. Income received by both a husband and his wife is considered in determining the eligibility of married persons for the exemption. If a person is legally separated pursuant to CGS §46b-40, as of the December 31st, 2014, he or she is treated as single for purposes of this program. Under these additional exemption programs provided by subsection b under §12-170aa, §12-811 and § 12-81f, a veteran must

meet several requirements to qualify for these additional exemptions. The Veteran must have filed a DD214 or other proof of eligibility on the Land records by September 30th, 2015 as stated in §12-93 and meet the requirements under §12-81 subsection 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24. All income received in the calendar year of 2014 must be filed in the proper manner with the Assessor at application time. The Veteran and/or spouse's domicile, must be where they reside and located in the Town of Branford for the exemption to be applied. If the Veteran does not own real estate in the Town of Branford the veteran's domicile must be in the Town of Branford and have their Motor Vehicles registered in the Town of Branford.

Please telephone the Assessor's Office for additional requirements and any questions between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday at (203) 488-2039. Before applying you may want to telephone to learn the information that must be provided to make application.

# Homeowner Benefit For Elderly And Totally Disabled

Now is the time for homeowners to apply for a benefit program for the elderly and totally disabled pursuant to §12-170aa. The benefit takes the form of a credit that appears on an eligible person's tax bill this July of 2015. The benefit amount is based upon graduated levels of income and a person's marital status.

Application for this benefit under §12-170aa is filed with the Assessor's Office in the town in which the elderly or totally disabled person resides. The filing period is from February 1st through May 15th of 2015. Once a person is approved for this benefit he/she must submit an application

on a biennial basis. Income received by both a husband and his wife is considered in determining the eligibility of married persons for the benefit. If a person is legally separated pursuant to CGS §46b-40, as of the December 31st, 2014, he or she is treated as single for purposes of this program.

Under this benefit program provided by §12-170aa, an applicant or his spouse must, as of the October 1st, 2014 assessment date must meet several requirements to qualify for this program. Including but not limited to the age requirement

of the elderly who must be 65 years of age prior to December 31st, preceding the date of making application and/or be the surviving spouse of a person who had been receiving a benefit who has attained age 50 or older as of the December 31st preceding the application for the benefit.

Please telephone the Assessor's Office for additional requirements and any questions between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Monday through Friday at (203) 488-2039. Before applying you may want to telephone to learn the information that must be provided to make application.

# Leaf Collection

Beginning the week of March 30th and thru the week of May 15th, the Town will be collecting leaves curbside on alternating weeks. For the leaves to be collected, they must be in a brown paper leaf bag, or loose in a garbage can. Do not use plastic bags; the Town will not pick up leaves in plastic bags. Leaves should not be raked into the streets, piled at the curb, placed in wetlands, streams, storm drains, or on Branford Land Trust Property. Your leaves will be picked up on the same day as your regular recycling collection, though by a separate truck. Residents are reminded not to include branches and also to keep the leaves free of litter and other materials which will not decompose. These materials contaminate the compost which your leaves are turned

into at the Transfer Station and which is available to Branford residents for free. Brown paper leaf bags can usually be found at the following Branford stores: Big Y, Branford Building Supplies, Caron's Corner, Richlin's, Stop & Shop, Walgreen's and Wal-Mart. **Holiday Closings:** The Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday April 4 in observance on Good Friday. Also Monday May 25th in observance of Memorial Day and all curbside collections will be delayed one day that week.

For more information regarding leaves, pick-up schedules, or composting please visit our website at [www.branford.ct.gov](http://www.branford.ct.gov) or phone (203) 315-0622.

# Branford Shoreline Greenway Trail



## Town Meeting - Sunday, March 15 / 2:00 Blackstone Library Auditorium

Join us for our 2nd Annual Town Meeting to get the latest news on SGT's progress in building trail in Branford and other Shoreline towns. Find out how we are working to provide safe off road biking and walking for Branford's families. Ask questions. Slide presentation, refreshments. Contact: Judy Miller, 203-481-3870.

## Branford Cleanup Day

Saturday, April 5, 9:00, Town Green

Rain Date: April 12th

As part of the whole town effort to keep Branford clean, the Shoreline Greenway Trail traditionally works along the Branford River collecting the trash and debris that disfigure this beautiful area. You'll see views from the riverside that you don't often get to see! Contact: Chet Blomquist, 203-488-5640

## Connecticut Trails Day

Saturday, June 7, 10:00, Trolley Museum

The Branford and East Haven Shoreline Greenway Trail

teams will collaborate for the 3rd year with the Shoreline Trolley Museum for a fun filled, educational morning that includes a free ride on the trolley and a guided walk out to the old Farm River bridge crossing and crushing plant. Contact: Barbara Brow, 203-469-9127

## Work Parties

Work parties are held on the 4th Saturday of every month, meeting at 10:00. They're a great opportunity to get some exercise, have a sense of achievement, and meet fellow members.

Contact: Chet Blomquist, 203-4888-5640

On **March 28** we will gather in the parking area near Shoreline Kennels off of Pine Orchard Road to work on keeping the proposed Tabor trail open.

On **April 25** we'll work on the trail at the Hearth at Gardenside, gathering at the end of Katy Jo Lane off of Alps Road. This trail leads out to a beautiful promontory overlooking the Farm River estuary.

On **May 23** we'll work on the Farm River trail section, parking at the Pent Road entrance to Beacon Hill, to prepare the trail for Connecticut Trails Day.



## Branford Community Foundation

As spring bulbs begin to flower and longer days tempt us out-of-doors, we are inspired by the wonderful community around us and excited by the idea of a spring season filled with renewal and change. We look for opportunities to make our lives brighter, examine what we care about and recognize the importance of giving back to our community.

For 35 years the Branford Community Foundation has "connected people who care with causes that matter." As the

center of philanthropy in our town, and the lead agency responsible for supporting a variety of community programs and causes, the Branford Community Foundation has helped ensure the strong health and continued vitality of our hometown.

Created by Branford residents for Branford residents, the Branford Community Foundation benefits all who live in the community by pooling contributions from like-minded and generous donors, managing these funds with professional guidance, and then granting a portion of the income generated to local, nonprofit organizations. These organizations successfully address the programs and services that satisfy the

diverse challenges and opportunities our town faces. From basic needs and health services, to local environmental issues and education, to the arts and other programs, the work of the Branford Community Foundation helps build a healthy and successful community.

Visit [www.branfordcommunityfoundation.org](http://www.branfordcommunityfoundation.org) (or contact Liza Janssen Petra, Executive Director, at [lizapetra@gmail.com](mailto:lizapetra@gmail.com)) to tell us what you care about, to donate to the Branford Community Foundation, to create a permanent legacy fund of your own, or to learn how to initiate a grant.



# The Community Forest Commission

The Community Forest Commission is composed of Peggy Carpenter, Louise Lamontagne, Nancy Mancini, Shirley McCarthy and Chris Woerner and Town officials Diana Ross and Tom Brennan.

Its primary mission is to preserve and increase the number of trees in Branford via a planting program as well as educating our citizens on the value of trees: Trees renew our air supply by absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen (one tree produces nearly 260 pounds of oxygen each year). Tree roots stabilize the soil, prevent erosion, and improve water quality; trees reduce storm run-off and the possibility of flooding. Shade trees can make buildings up to 20 degrees cooler in the summer. Trees

decrease noise pollution, functioning as sound barriers. Trees are critical food and shelter for wildlife.

Proper care includes not mulching up against the tree trunk and any pruning should be conducted by a knowledgeable person, such as an arborist. The death of one 70-year old tree would return over three tons of carbon to the atmosphere. Trees are the longest living organisms on earth.

This year, Public Works will plant approximately 40 native trees. Native trees and plants help our ecosystem. A native oak supports well over 500 species whereas a non-native Bradford pear supports none.

# Branford's Education Hall of Fame 2015 Inductees

Since its birth in 1998, Branford's Education Hall of Fame has taken a broad view of the term "education" as they have recognized individuals whose work has enhanced, expanded and facilitated learning in our community. On Tuesday, February 3, 2015, ten individuals were selected for admission to the Hall of Fame. Eighty-six individuals participated in the selection process.

Selected from a list of over one hundred nominees, the 2015 Hall of Fame inductees are Terry Ahern, retired Branford High School social studies teacher; Laura Burban, Director of Branford's Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter; Rhonda Butler, licensed child care provider and day care director; Michelina Fazzino, retired Branford High School chemistry teacher; Ellen Levy Greenberg, teacher in the Linda B. Chipkin Early Years program at Indian Neck School; Diane Kaczynski, retired Mary T. Tisko second grade teacher and reading specialist; Pam Mahon, occupational therapist who provides services to Branford Public School children through ACES and Susan Swart, retired teacher and reading specialist at Mary T. Tisko School.

Rosalie Pinkham, elementary school teacher and professor of Elementary School Education at Southern Connecticut State University and Elwyn "Cappy" Thayer, at the Center School for 70 years, will be inducted posthumously.

The induction dinner will be held at Woodwinds Restaurant in Branford on Thursday, April 23, at 5:30 PM. Ticket information will be available in early March.

The names of inductees to Branford's Education Hall of Fame are inscribed on bookplates in library books the organization donates each year to the Branford Public School libraries. The Hall of Fame has named this process "The Susan Spear School Library Book Project" in honor of a longtime Branford teacher and Branford Board of Education member who developed the concept. Over the years approximately 1,300 books for school libraries and have been donated.

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## Brian's Hope



Heartfelt thanks go out to many for your continued support of Brian's Hope and to new followers as well. Recently, one of our sponsors, Barker Specialty and Roger Luchnick, graciously donated support and awareness wristbands to Brian's Hope. We are wearing them proudly in Brian's honor.

Brian's Hope is fortunate to be the beneficiary of Window Products Awning, Blind and Shade of Branford's "An evening of Interior Design Tips" on March 26th. Sally Morse, a nationally known speaker, will be presenting ways to improve the beauty of your home. Learn valuable decorating tips from an entertaining and engaging speaker. The event is FREE to the public and Window Products will donate \$25 per attendee to Brian's Hope. Refreshments will be provided as well as the opportunity to win gift certificates for Hunter Douglas Products. The event starts at 6 p.m. at their showroom at

11 Business Park Drive in Branford. Please RSVP to 203-481-9772, ext 10 to reserve a spot at this wonderful event for a great cause.

On May 9th, Jean and Jack Kelley will be riding in the Million Dollar Bike Ride, raising money for rare disease research. In it's second year, this event will begin and end at the University of Pennsylvania in downtown Philadelphia. We will be riding with Team ALD Connect. There is urgency for research that will advance new therapies, as well as tools for early diagnosis. It is important to raise awareness so that children with ALD can be identified as early as possible, while there is the best hope of beneficial treatment. 100% of the \$1.4 million raised in 2014 directly funded lifesaving rare disease research.

The date is set for The Hammerfest Triathlon, Sunday, September 20 at the Owenego. That gives you plenty of time to

get some good training in. Imagine how good it will feel to hit the road for some running and cycling when all this snow is gone. If you aren't up for completing the swim, bike, run as an individual, consider putting a relay team together with friends. We would be happy to have your participation in our biggest fund raising event. We welcome sponsors and volunteers as well.

Through Brian's Hope, a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation, we look forward to a day when no child will experience the devastation of adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD).

Anyone interested in riding in the Million Dollar Bike Ride, or purchasing an awareness wristband, (\$2 each) should contact Jean at [jeankelley@brianshope.org](mailto:jeankelley@brianshope.org).

Sincerely,  
Jean Kelley

## Branford Historical Society



The Branford Historical Society actively maintains the Historic Harrison House Museum at 124 Main St. Branford.

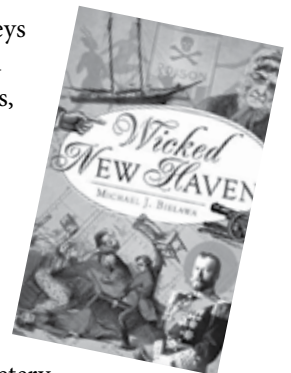
The Harrison House, circa 1724, is recorded on the National Register of

Historic Places, and is a step back in time. Make it a point this year to come visit Branford's history museum when it opens for guided tours, June through October, Saturdays 1-4 pm, or by appointment.

A new exhibit will be on display this season, of products that were made by the Atlantic Wire Company. This exhibit will accompany our other displays of Branford's past Industries including the Malleable Iron Fittings (MIF), and Branford Lockworks.

On Wednesday March 25th 7pm, at The Blackstone Library, the Historical Society will feature a talk by Michael J. Bielawa, an award winning author. Michael will be presenting his latest

book, *Wicked New Haven*, which journeys into New England's realm of legend and superstition. Receiving excellent reviews, *Wicked New Haven* documents the Elm City's paranormal heritage, and brings to life a host of forgotten crimes, characters and paranormal tales, including some supernatural events that Bielawa has newly discovered. Learn of Yale history and hauntings as well as New Haven Green's ancient cemetery, where an estimated 5,000 to 10,000 bodies remain buried! Pirates, a lighthouse keeper gone mad, and an international Czarist conspiracy are all part of New Haven's rich lore. One need not subscribe to supernatural stories to be entertained by this lecture. Suggested donation \$5.00.



More event information can be found on our website [www.branfordhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.branfordhistoricalsociety.org).

## Gordon Bok Sails Into Branford / April 18



Renowned folksinger Gordon Bok, characterized by Time magazine as the “poet laureate of those who go down to the sea,” will perform in concert on Saturday, April 18 at 8 p.m. at the Branford Folk Music Society’s monthly coffeehouse in the auditorium of the First Congregational Church of Branford, 1009 Main Street on the Branford Green. Admission is \$20 for the general public, \$15 for members, and \$5 for children age 12 and under. Light refreshments are served. For more information, call 203-488-7715 or access the society’s Web page at [www.branfordfolk.org](http://www.branfordfolk.org). Bok, who hails from Camden, Maine, has been preserving the musical traditions of the sea for five decades as a performer.

His music is largely self-taught and a Bok trademark is his rich, resonant, mahogany bass-baritone voice. He accompanies himself on 6- and 12-string guitars as well as the “cellamba” - a cross between a cello and a bass viol de gamba - which he designed. His repertoire consists of a rich trove of well-crafted ballads of Maine and the Maritimes, songs and dances from abroad, contemporary songs, stories of boats and sailors and tales of supernatural seal-folk. He is also renowned as a superb storyteller. Bok is a longtime favorite with the 41-year-old Branford Folk Music Society audiences, with his appearances at the society dating back to the early 1970s.

In the recent words of one music critic, “If the sea had a voice with which to sing, it would be the voice of Gordon Bok.”

### The Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut

We offer 7 support groups throughout the state in Bethel, Milford, Stamford, Middletown, Groton, Guilford & Hartford. Our meetings are for adults living with epilepsy and parents of children with epilepsy. Those interested in attending are asked to please RSVP, to the Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut by calling 800-899-3745 or emailing Allison at [Allison@epilepsysct.com](mailto:Allison@epilepsysct.com). For more information visit <http://www.epilepsysct.com> or call 800-899-3745. Offices are located at 386 Main Street, Middletown, CT.



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# James Blackstone Memorial Library



Everyone is fascinated by our MakerBot 3D Printer. Come see it in action at our MakerLab Open House on March 29!

“This is not your grandmother’s library!” Jan Doyle, Blackstone Library patron and host of Classroom Connections on BCTV, said this after learning more about the library’s MakerLab. The MakerLab, which includes a 3D printer, sewing machine, and circuitry supplies, is up and running with a number of fantastic programs. The popular Maker Mondays, for tweens and teens, allows kids to learn 21st century skills with a variety of hands-on tech-based projects. Adults and younger kids can get in on the learning, too, with Intro to 3D File Creation classes and TinkerLab sessions. Be sure to stop by our MakerLab Open House on Sunday, March 29 (1-3 PM) for hands-on demonstrations of the 3D printer, soldering irons, sewing machine and more!

In addition to the innovative MakerLab, we continue to support the education and enrichment needs of Branford residents every day with many other fantastic programs and classes for all ages, as well as continually adding to our collection of books, movies, and magazines. That collection is not limited to physical items, either. With your library card, you can borrow ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines, stream independent movies, and conduct research – for personal, business, or student needs - all online, accessible 24/7, for free!

Our friendly and knowledgeable staff can help you find just the right book for your project, show you how to access our research databases, help you get started with our ebook downloading apps, and work with you to find the community resources you need. It’s all part of our mission to provide essential access to information, resources and unique shared experiences to the town of Branford.

Speaking of unique shared experiences, mark your calendars for Murder at the Blackstone – a grand evening of murder, mystery, and intrigue at the library. Do you have what it takes to solve the clues and figure out ‘whodunit’? Come to our interactive murder mystery and find out! Saturday, May 9, the library opens up after hours for this special adults-only event. Stroll the library and interview suspects as you enjoy food, drinks, and quite a few laughs along the way. Check the website ([blackstonelibrary.org](http://blackstonelibrary.org)) for more details and ticket information.

## AtoZdatabases

Tuesday, March 24 / 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Blackstone Library subscribes to a powerful research tool: AtoZ-databases. With your library card, you can use it for free! Search for business information (management, annual sales, SIC codes), resident information (address, phone, home values), find information on doctors and hospitals, and conduct job searches, and more. This powerful database is easy to use, and an AtoZdatabase rep will be here to show you what you need to know! This program is free and open to the public. Take control of your research!

## Spring Flicks: The Theory of Everything

Saturday, March 28 / 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Join us for Spring Flicks at 1:00 p.m. on the last Saturday of each month. We’ll be showing the hot new releases you’ve been dying to get your hands on. Refreshments provided.

## Inside Granny’s Head: The Science of the Aging Brain

Tuesday, March 31 / 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

What happens when fantasy becomes reality? Will medicine of the future ever conquer cancer? What’s happening to our brains as we age? Come to Science in the News for answers to these questions and more. Each month, Yale graduate students and scientists will speak about a different science topic. The presentations are geared specifically towards non-scientists (adults and students).

## Future Topics:

April 29: When Fantasy Becomes Reality: Invisibility, Immortality, & Mammoth Monsters

May 26: Conquering Cancer: Medicine of the Future

## Living with Dementia / Middle Stage Caregivers

Thursday, April 2, 16, 23 / 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

For caregivers of people with any type of dementia.

Presented by Maria Tomasetti, South Central Regional Director of the Alzheimer’s Association, CT Chapter. Please register by calling 203-230-1777, ext. 14.

## Tips for Spring & Summer Gardens with Branford Garden Club

Saturday, April 11 / 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Learn tips and tricks to creating beautiful spring and summer gardens with the experts of the Branford Garden Club.

## Shakespeare and Star Trek

Tuesday, April 28 / 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

What has the Bard got to do with Mr. Spock? More than you might expect! Come explore Shakespeare’s cosmic connections in this lively and entertaining talk. Presented by Rob Nelson.

## Become an Ingredient Detective

Tuesday, April 21 / 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Join us to learn how you can become an “ingredient detective” for the products that you, your family, and pets use every day. You’ll learn how to read labels and unlock the mystery of ingredients known as fragrance, PEGs, GMOs, SLS, DMDM, CEA, DEA, and phthalates (and yes, we promise you’ll be able to pronounce that last one before you leave!) Come find out about free websites/apps to help you choose the safest sunscreen, cleaning products, and cosmetics. You will realize that besides exercising and eating healthy, what goes ON your body also contributes to your overall health and quality of life. Presented by Mary Cavaliere, a Wellness and Green Living Coach.

## Music in the Movies

Saturday, May 2 / 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Nicole Biamonte, Associate Professor of Music Theory at McGill University in Montreal will provide an introductory look at the different ways that music is used in movie soundtracks: it can set the scene, portray emotions, enhance the action, or sometimes contradict the images onscreen. Dr. Biamonte holds a PhD in music theory from Yale University and a BFA in piano from

SUNY Purchase. She has published a variety of articles and book chapters on music theory and analysis as well as the edited collection *Pop-Culture Pedagogy in the Music Classroom*. She is the editor of the journal *Music Theory Online*. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

## Writing Workshop: Healing Through Poetry and Prose

Saturdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 / 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Amy J. Barry, a professional writer, certified expressive arts facilitator, and Hospice-trained bereavement counselor, will lead this workshop series to encourage right-brain creativity. Using expressive arts techniques, such as visual and word prompts, she will engage participants in writing poetry and short prose followed by group discussion about what we read and write, in order to facilitate healing through any kind of loss or transition. Writing experience is not required. More information about Amy can be found at [www.aimwrite-ct.net](http://www.aimwrite-ct.net). Registration required.

To register for events, please call 203.488.1441 x 318, or visit [blackstonelibrary.org](http://blackstonelibrary.org).

## Branford Exchange Club



## Branford Exchange Club Donates Diapers

The Branford Exchange Club donated diapers to the East Shore District Health Department’s Diaper Drive. The Exchange Club Diapers were used for families in The Shoreline Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program.

The Shoreline Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program is a Parents as Teachers, evidence based, statewide service designed to promote positive parenting and reduce incidences of child abuse and neglect in conjunction with

the Department of Social Services and the Department of Public Health. Photo credit to Mary Johnson. From left to right- Bob Aceto, President Bfd. Exchange; Jack Mushin, Secretary Bfd. Exchange; Rita Foster, Public Health Nurse Coordinator; Gay

Firth, Parent Educator; Hector Velazquez Jr., Parent Educator; Terry McAvoy, Bfd. Exchange Member.

The Exchange Club, making communities a better place to live, is carried through its Programs of service: Americanism, Youth programs, and Community Service-as well as its National Project, the prevention of Child Abuse.

For more information about Exchange please contact: [art.promotions1@gmail.com](mailto:art.promotions1@gmail.com) or Phone 203.901.7982.

# Canoe Brook Center

11 Cherry Hill Road, 203-315-0687 / [www.branford-ct.gov/canoebrook](http://www.branford-ct.gov/canoebrook)



Canoe Brook Team of Drivers ~ Drivers Appreciation Luncheon February 11

Canoe Brook offers a very valuable service to Branford residents, transportation to medical appointments. Last year we provided 4500 rides for residents age 21+ who had no other means of getting to their doctor appointments. Critical to the success of the program is our dynamic team of volunteer drivers; last year they selflessly donated 2362 hours of their time to help others in need. On February 11 our team of drivers were honored and presented with a fleece jacket with our logo. Their dedication is the key to our success!

The Town provides us with the vehicles; we are dependent upon donations and fundraising to pay for gas and repairs.

## Pasta Tasting Fundraiser, April 8

### To Benefit Branford Medical Transportation

Canoe Brook will be hosting a Pasta Tasting Fundraiser; you will

have an opportunity to taste menu specialties from a variety of local restaurants & businesses, win some great raffle prizes, and support this valuable service. Tickets are \$12 each and available at Canoe Brook. Seating times are from 5:00 p.m. – 6:40 p.m. If you can't attend we gratefully accept raffle prizes and donations; please contact Nancy Cohen at 203-315-0684.

For more information on Branford Medical Transportation and all Canoe Brook transportation services call Gina at 203-315-0681 or read our Transportation brochure online: Transportation Brochure. A full schedule of spring activities at Canoe Brook can be found in Canoe Brook Connections our monthly newsletter available at the Center, Town Hall, Libraries, Senior Housing, on our busses, and online at <http://www.branford-ct.gov/canoebrook>. We look forward to seeing you!



## Branford Rotary Events

### Spring Golf Classic

The Branford Rotary Club is featuring its annual Spring Golf Classic on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, situated at the scenic Pine Orchard Yacht & Country Club, 2 Club Parkway, Branford. It is located on the prettiest shoreline of Connecticut, bounded to the south by a deep harbor with views across the Long Island Sound, and surrounded by the rolling greens of a nine-hole golf course punctuated with stands of birch and cedar.

**Schedule:** 10:00 am: registration, driving range & putting green open; 11:00 am: lunch; 12:00 pm: shotgun start (scramble); 5:00 pm: cocktail hour (open bar); 6:00 pm: dinner, raffle & auction.

Prizes to be awarded include Longest Drive, Men & Women Closest to the Pin (4) Gross Score for 1st, 2nd and last place, and HOLE-IN-ONE. Registration is \$150 per golfer. Appropriate attire is required. No jeans or spiked shoes permitted.

Spectators are welcome. Dinner is available for non-golfers at \$40. Sponsorships are encouraged and will be posted throughout the beautiful Pine Orchard golf course.

The Rotary golf tournament is a fundraiser for domestic charities. For further information contact: Ed Vescovi: (203) 415-9191/[ed@fidelitymortgage.com](mailto:ed@fidelitymortgage.com), or Doug Shaw: 203-494-8510/[doug.shaw@ccymca.org](mailto:doug.shaw@ccymca.org). and [www.branfordrotary.org](http://www.branfordrotary.org).

## Branford Rotary Book Collection

With the Branford Festival advancing, books are being collected for the annual sale. Book bins can be found at several locations in Branford including Remax Realtors on Pine Orchard Road, the YMCA on East Main Street, Raymond James on North Main Street, and Orchard House on Shore Drive in Short Beach.

The club is seeking donations of books, audio books, CDs, videos, & DVDs for its annual fundraising sale. Audio books, gently used hardback & paperback editions of all genres will be accepted, excluding encyclopedias and textbooks. 100% of all funds goes directly to the Branford Rotary Foundation, the charitable branch of the Branford Rotary Club. The sale of these books supports such projects as dictionaries to all Branford third grade students, construction of Branford Volunteer Services Center, and computers for the James Blackstone Memorial Library. Contact Dave Kozma, project leader, at 203.641.9485 or davejkozma@gmail.com to arrange for collection of large donations. Donations are tax deductible and receipts are available upon request.

## Branford Rotary Club at the Branford Festival

The Branford Rotary Club is hosting its annual food tent at the Branford Festival on June 19-21. The legendary All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast is on Saturday, the 20th, and Sunday, the 21st, from the hours of 7:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. The breakfast provides pancakes or French toast, sausages, coffee, and juice. Tickets are available from members of Branford Rotary or at the tent. The Rotary pancake breakfast has been a customary event in town for more than 40 years. The onset of the Festival 20 years ago has seen the Rotary Club expand from just breakfast to providing a variety of foods served during the afternoons and evenings. This year's menu includes lobster rolls, chicken tenders, curly fries, pretzels, hot dogs, and strawberry shortcake. Food prices range from \$5 to \$15. Beverages are \$1 each. Rotarians will gladly wrap food items for take out purposes. Anthony Terry (203/481-6424) is chairing the Rotary Festival Food Committee.

### Used Book Sale

In addition, the Branford Rotary Club also operates a Used Book Sale at the Festival.

The proceeds of this event are directed to the Branford Rotary Foundation, which finances scholarships and other educational endeavors. Tables layered with hundreds of volumes for sale can be perused. Titles include bestsellers, fiction, nonfiction, hardcover, and paperback at reduced prices. This event is a book-lover's dream and will provide many a summer read. David Kozma, 203.641.9485, chairs the Used Book Sale.

The Branford Rotary Food Tent & Book Sale will be operating on Friday, 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 7 a.m. - Festival closing.

The Rotary Club of Branford is an organization of women and men representing a cross-section of local business and professional leaders, living and/or employed in Branford, who work as volunteers on a variety of local and international projects to improve the quality of life in their home and world communities. Visit [branfordrotary.org](http://branfordrotary.org) for further details.

## Branford Compassion Club



Many homeless cats and kittens are available for adoption at Branford Compassion Club Feline Rescue & Adoption Center located at 2037 Foxon Rd in North Branford. The all-volunteer run shelter is open to the public on Saturdays from 11am to 3pm. In addition to operating a shelter, Branford Compassion Club volunteers feed and maintain several feral colonies in the Branford area.

Throughout the year, Branford Compassion Club hosts numerous fundraisers and food drives to benefit homeless, abandoned and feral cats.

For more information about Branford Compassion Club and to inquire about adoptions or becoming a volunteer, please

visit BCC's website at [www.branfordcompassionclub.com](http://www.branfordcompassionclub.com).

The following fundraisers are planned for the spring:

**An Evening in Roma / Italian Buffet Dinner** / Wednesday, April 22 / 6 pm-10 pm.

Pompeo's Restaurant, 485 West Main Street, Branford. Tickets - \$30. For tickets email [bccspecialevents32@gmail.com](mailto:bccspecialevents32@gmail.com).

### Phantoms for Felines

Paranormal Evening with the Ghost Hunter's Guild. Saturday, May 2 / 6:30 pm-9:30 pm. Blackstone Memorial Library, 758 Main Street, Branford. Tickets - \$30. For tickets email [bccspecialevents32@gmail.com](mailto:bccspecialevents32@gmail.com).

# “Keep America Beautiful” Presents...

“Keep America Beautiful” Presents Etta Hanlon and the Branford Holiday Recycling Program with 2015 Youth Recognition Award.



Etta Hanlon and Solid Waste Supervisor Dan McGowan [photo courtesy of “Branford Eagle.”]

Etta Hanlon received two Youth Recognition Awards at the annual “Keep America Beautiful” (KAB) National Awards Dinner, held during the recent 2015 KAB National Conference in Washington, D.C. Etta Hanlon, a Short Beach resident and a junior at Branford High School, distinguished herself for her outstanding community work on the Branford Holiday Recycling Program. Established in 1953, KAB consists of a national network of more than 600 community-based affiliates whose programs, initiatives and efforts aim to transform public spaces into beautiful places.

Etta received a Distinguished Service Citation (3rd place) in the National Community Improvement Recognition Awards, Recycling/Waste Reduction category; and a Distinguished Service

Citation in the Youth Recognition Awards, Individual category. The judges were impressed with the Branford Holiday Recycling Program and the efforts to make holiday recycling simple for residents.

“Thank you for all of your efforts to make your community a better place. Your commitment to volunteerism and giving back is impressive and we thank you for setting a positive example,” said Shannon O’Donnell, Senior Manager, Affiliate Services, Keep America Beautiful.

The Keep America Beautiful Youth Recognition Awards are open to individuals, youth groups or schools for program activities taking place in the past year. “It’s my privilege to honor Etta Hanlon and celebrate her dedication to making their community become more socially connected, environmentally healthy and economically sound through the Holiday Recycling Program,” said Jennifer Jehn, President and CEO of Keep America Beautiful. Keep America Beautiful’s National Conference, KAB’s premier educational and networking event, brings together KAB’s national network of state and local affiliate directors, business leaders, policymakers and other national experts who focus on framing new ideas and strategies to build and sustain vibrant communities.

We are all proud of Etta’s initiative and accomplishments, and congratulate her on the program’s success and her awards.

Daniel McGowan  
Supervisor, Solid Waste, Town of Branford

## Branford Parks and Recreation

### SPRING HAPPENINGS

In continuing to support its philosophy of “Recreation... Where the benefits are endless”, the Branford Parks and Recreation Department dedicates itself to running programs, both active and passive, to promote a positive and healthy lifestyle for all.

### Robert Martston Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the American Legion Corcoran Sundquist Post #83 will take place at Foote Memorial Park on Saturday, March 28 with a rain/snow date of Saturday, April 4th. The hunt will start at 11:00 a.m. at Sampson Field (near Foote Park) on Melrose Avenue for the following age groups: 4 years and under; 5-6 years old; 7-8 years old; 9 & 10 years old and a food

allergy group division. There is no registration for the hunt. All girls and boys should arrive at their destination points at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the hunt.

### Third Annual Adult Scavenger Hunt

If you are up to a challenge and would want to have the bragging rights over the town of Branford, then the Third Annual Adult Scavenger Hunt is just the right event for you. The Hunt is open to all and the age limit of each age group member is at least 18 years of age or older. This event will take place on Saturday, May 2nd and will begin from the Branford Recreation Department starting at 5:00 p.m. There will be a kick off at 5:45 p.m. with the hunt beginning promptly at 6:00 p.m.

The fee for each member is \$25.00 per player and a minimum of 4 team members to a maximum of 6 team members are allowed. This special event will help support the Joe Trapasso Scholarship Fund which awards families in need so that they may have their children attend Recreation Department programs or adults may have an opportunity to try a new class themselves. All proceeds from this Challenge will continue to fund these opportunities to our community members.

In the spring, the department provides movement & rhythm and music classes for Toddlers ages 12 months to five years of age, Tuesday to Friday mornings.

The Department offers afterschool and youth activities, ranging from Tae Kwon Do to tennis lessons for ages

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# BRANFORD TOWN HALL DIRECTORY

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# Branford Economic Development Commission



Pictured at the award presentation are [l to r] EDC member Joe Gordon, "Romi" Kaminskas and First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove. Photo: B. O'Brien.

At its January meeting the Branford Economic Development Commission presented K&G Printing with its "Business Recognition Award". The EDC periodically presents the award to a Branford business that is a leader in its field and that contributes to making Branford a better place to live and work.

Romauldas "Romi" Kaminskas and Roger Guay have been serving the shoreline and the Branford community for nearly forty years from their East Main Street location. Commission members praised K&G, noting that whether it's a new start-up or an established manufacturer, K&G provides its customers with the same undivided attention and first rate service. And in an age of social media and marketing, K&G remains the first thought most businesses have when needing copies or bound reports.

The EDC has voiced its support for the proposed "Atlantic Wharf" development as the project proceeds through the town's approval process. Plans call to transform the 7½ acres of the former Atlantic Wire property into a transit oriented, mixed-used complex of residential units and ground level commercial space. At a recent EDC meeting, the "Atlantic Wharf" development team presented its master plan and renderings to the commission and then engaged in a Q&A session. Further approvals will be required by P&Z as the project proceeds through its various stages of development.

Meanwhile, the EDC continues with its efforts to attract and support biotech development in Branford. EDC chairman Perry Maresca and EDC members Rich Sgueglia and Joe Gordon joined First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove, Representative Lonnie Reed and others on a recent tour of the new Mt. Sinai Genetic Testing Lab on Commercial Street. The event was hosted by the lab's managing director Todd Arnold, Andrew Kasarskis, co-director of the Icahn Institute for Genomics in New York, and Ginny Kozlowski of New Haven's regional REX Development. Mt. Sinai opened its doors last and began its genomics testing work at the 16,500 s/f facility on Commercial St. First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove said town officials worked quickly to fast-track the permits necessary for the lab to open. Todd Arnold said that with a current staffing level of 20, company officials expect that number to more than double in the coming year, adding "we can really thrive in Branford."

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five thru 14 and gymnastics for walking age to 10 years old. Other programs offered by the Recreation Department include:

### The Little Hornets Soccer Camp

For ages 4 to 6 years of age will run from April 27 until the end of May (May 22nd) and the volleyball clinic for grades 4 to 8 in April is always a popular attraction for all.

**Swim lessons** for children will run for ages four and five and ages 6 years and up on Friday nights starting the end of April (April 24) and running until the first week in June (June 5).

### Beginner Horseback Riding/Horsemanship lessons

Takes place at the Helen Joyce Center for Horsemanship in East Haven on Thursdays, April 9th to May 21st from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for \$185.00 per person.

**Registration** for the ever-popular Summer Camp Playground program will begin on Wednesday, April 1 and will cost \$375 for the six week program. A Before Care (from 7:45 to 9:00 a.m.) and After Care (3:00-5:00 p.m.) service will be available at all camp sites, including Hammer Field, Veteran's Park, Stony Creek, and Foote Park for an additional fee.

### Teen Travel

Another exciting camp is designated for boys and girls in grades 7 and up as of September 2015 is the ever popular Teen Travel. This program is designed for teens to fill their summer with excitement, exceptional trips and spending time with their friends and with their supervised experienced staff. Trips include venues to New York City, Six Flags, Lake Compounce, and Boston. The fee for this opportunity is \$500.00 per child and will be held on Tuesday and Thursdays during July. Registration for Teen Travel began on March 5.

### Kinder Camp

Summer Camp for ages four and five, known as Kinder Camp will have two sessions. This fun camp will include arts-n-crafts, organized games, special events, socialization and much more for a cost of \$150.00 per session.

**For adults**, a wide variety of programs are featured including: swim lessons, aquafit-aqua aerobics, tennis lessons, Tae Kwon Do and yoga.

**The Annual Dog Frisbee Contest and the Dog "Bone" Scavenger Hunt** are scheduled for Saturday, May 2 at Young's Pond Park starting at 10:00 a.m. Registration for the Frisbee Contest starts at 9:30 a.m. at the park.

**The Annual Shockley Swim Meet** will take place at the Walsh Intermediate School Swimming Pool starting at 5:00 p.m. for boys and girls of all ages.

**For details**, please call the Recreation Department at 203.488.8304, or visit our website at [www.branfordrecreation.org](http://www.branfordrecreation.org).

# Musical Art Society

The Musical Art Society of Branford is a cultural arts group that was founded in 1920 by Alice Collins and a group of local music teachers. (In 1919, Alice married Jeremiah J. Collins who was an owner of the Collins & Freeman Hardware Store in Branford, where Alice resided until her death in 1972). The original group met monthly in members' homes for their own musical entertainment. In past years, auditions were required for membership, but in recent years the group has expanded to include not only musicians but all music lovers, and auditions are no longer held. New members are always welcome! Dues are \$20 per year for an individual or \$30 for a household, and new members can join at any concert or by contacting a member.

The mission of the group is to promote and support excellence in music in the community. They occasionally meet in private homes for concerts and musicales, but most often present diverse artists in public spaces such as the Blackstone Library and various churches and concert halls in town.

The group gives a music scholarship each year to a graduating high school senior planning to study music at the college level, funded by members' dues, donations, and an annual scholarship fundraiser concert. In addition to the scholarship, MAS spon-

sors several free concerts each year which are open to the public, presenting music of many genres. Past years have included jazz, classical, bluegrass, choral, folk, Celtic, et al. MAS officers for the 2014-15 season include: Jean Sunny, president; Arlene Steinlauf, Vice President; Christine Cohen, treasurer; Martha Medford, Secretary.

Upcoming free concert presented by Musical Art Society on April 17 (Friday) at 7:30 at the Blackstone Library Auditorium: Theresa Pappa Madrid, Lyric Soprano, performing Broadway pieces and standards. The Cantare Voices, select 7th and 8th graders from Walsh Intermediate School directed by Theresa Pappa Madrid opening the program with several numbers. Info: Carol Titcomb (203) 488-3088  
Further info: Barbara Shaw (203) 481-2819 or MAS website: <https://sites.google.com/site/musicalartsocietyofbranford/>



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# Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library

## Spring 2015 Programs

Mark Schenker leads a new book discussion series, *Imagined Men*.

March 17 - Sherlock Holmes in *A Study in Scarlet*

April 21 - Jay Gatsby in *The Great Gatsby*

May 19 - Atticus Finch in *To Kill a Mockingbird*

All are welcome. The programs begin at 7:00 p.m.

### March

March 15 - *American Girl Mother/Daughter* book discussion at 2:00

March 17 - *Imagined Men* book discussion: *A Study in Scarlet* by Arthur Conan Doyle

March 20 - Friday Film *Big Hero 6* (rated PG) at 4:00 p.m.

March 21 - Spring Craft workshop with Miss Brigitte at 11:00 a.m.

March 26 - Flower arranging with Donna Rapino of Diva Fiore 6:30 p.m.

### April

April 2 - Coastal Gardening and Protecting the Long Island Sound presented by Judy Preston, Long Island Sound Outreach Coordinator of the University of Connecticut Sea Grant Program. 7:00 p.m.

### National Library Week

*Fine forgiveness opportunity at WWML!*

The Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library is offering the

opportunity to clear your library card record of fines. This only applies to WWML materials that are returned during the week of April 12-18. We will be collecting food donations for the Branford Food Pantry in lieu of fines.

### Events

**April 10** - Kickoff the celebration: Neal Fitzpatrick, classical guitarist, will perform in the gallery on Friday at 7:00 p.m.

**April 12** - Agatha Christie lecture. Mark Schenker will present a special Sunday afternoon lecture: *Hardly a Mystery: The Enduring Popularity of Agatha Christie* in celebration of the 125th anniversary of her birth at 2:00 p.m.

**April 15** - Wednesday Movie matinee: *Penguins of Madagascar* (rated PG) at 1:00 p.m.

**April 19** - *American Girl Mother/Daughter* book discussion at 2:00

**April 21** - *Imagined Men* series: *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

**April 24** - Friday Film *The Theory of Everything* (rated R) 7:00 p.m.

### Reminder:

The library offers these services on a regular basis:

- Passport Agent Service
- Museum Passes
- Storytimes on Wednesday and Friday mornings
- Lego Club on Wednesday afternoons. Please check the library website for more information: [www.wwml.org](http://www.wwml.org) or call us at 203-488-8702.

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## Bad Beauty Habits that are Aging You

As a cosmetic physician, I have counseled women against bad beauty habits for many years and am sharing two of them today. You must wash your face twice a day. Over the years I have met a lot of women who only splash water on their face in the mornings. It is important to wash away any film of moisturizer left over so you start the day fresh and clean. Also, bacteria can build up on your face overnight as well. It is equally important to develop a nighttime routine. It is imperative to take your make-up off EVERY night. When you fall asleep with make-up it gets pushed into your skin causing you to have a lack luster and aged look. If washing at night is a problem for you, try washing your face and applying night cream when you come from work. Don't wait until 10 pm or 11 pm when you've already fallen asleep on the couch. Your face doesn't know what time it is. You can't rely on the sunscreen in your moisturizer for protection. We seek out and sometimes pay extra money for these products. While the ingredients provide a good start, they are not enough. Most moisturizers contain ingredients that protect against UVB but not against UVA. It is the UVA rays that destroy your collagen and lead to wrinkles and sagging. The purpose of a moisturizer is to penetrate slightly into your skin and hydrate.

# Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps



2015 should be another great year for the Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps. Organized in 1886, the corps has been continuously active throughout the area. The Corps meets every Thursday night at our own practice hall right in the village of Stony Creek. Rehearsals run from 7:30 pm to 10 pm. The Corps is an all-male group ranging from ages 10 and up. There are no membership dues to be a part of the Corps. The Corps is always looking for new membership. For more information about membership or even booking the Corps for an event please contact Corresponding Secretary/ Business Agent Ken Avery via email at [Kenneth\\_avery@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Kenneth_avery@sbcglobal.net).

## Upcoming Performance Schedule:

- Saturday, March 14th**- Hartford St Patrick's Day Parade  
Hartford, CT at 11 am
- Sunday, March 15th** - New Haven St Patrick's Day Parade  
New Haven, CT at 1:30 pm
- Monday, March 16th** - Joint Review Ceremony  
Branford Armory at 7 pm
- Sunday, March 22nd** - Holyoke St Patrick's Day Parade  
Holyoke, MA at 12 pm
- Saturday, April 25th** - Meriden Daffodil Festival  
Meriden CT at 11:30 am
- Saturday, May 23rd** - North Haven Memorial Day Parade  
North Haven CT at 10:30 am
- Monday, May 25th** - Stony Creek Memorial Day Parade  
Stony Creek CT at 8 am
- Monday, May 25th** - Branford Memorial Day Parade  
Branford CT at 10 am

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The purpose of a sunscreen is to create a protective barrier in-between your skin and the sun's rays. You should wear a separate sunscreen every day with an SPF of at least 25. My favorite ingredients for the best protection are minerals - either zinc or titanium dioxide. So even after the summer winds die down, don't let your guard down. Protect your face. Today's tan is tomorrow's wrinkle.

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# It's Time to Get Back Outside!

Join the Branford Land Trust for these upcoming spring events.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, please visit [branfordlandtrust.org](http://branfordlandtrust.org).



## Tuesday, March 24

Fight the Bite: Ticks and Lyme Disease

As part of the Land Trust's Spring Lecture Series, Dr. Kirby Stafford III, Chief Entomologist of the Department of Entomology at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and the State Entomologist, will review the epidemiology of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases. 7:00 p.m. at the Blackstone Memorial Library.

## Wednesday, April 22

Sea-level Rise: Implications for Our Coastal Wetlands

For the final event in the Spring Lecture Series, Shimon Anisfeld, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies Research Scientist and Senior Lecturer, will discuss our current understanding of the history and future of sea-level rise, and how salt marshes respond to this phenomenon. 7:00 p.m. at the Blackstone Memorial Library.

## Saturday, May 9 and Sunday May 10 Nature Explorer Spring Bird Walks

Enjoy a spring morning bird walk with the BLT. Chris Woerner will lead two bird walks along the Stony Creek Trolley trail and into the BLT's Vedder property. It should be a fun and exciting walk for both adults and families. Chris will help us identify the birds by sight and by call. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in Stony Creek at the far end of West Point Rd., which is across from the Willoughby Wallace Library. You can choose the day that fits best into your

schedule, or for birding enthusiasts, you can even come both days - since the birds we sight will vary on each day.

## Tuesday, May 19

### Branford Land Trust Annual Meeting

Following a brief business meeting, nature author Robert Tougias will discuss the history and extirpation of the eastern cougar as outlined in his new book *The Quest for the Eastern Cougar*.

Tougias is a nature author and has been studying the eastern cougar story for two decades. He is also the author of *Birding Western Massachusetts - A Habitat Approach* and presently has a column appearing in the New London Day newspaper. He is considered by many wildlife biologists to be one of the few experts on the subject of the eastern cougar. 7:00 p.m. at the Blackstone Memorial Library. Refreshments will be served.

## Saturday, June 6

Connecticut Trails Day: Hike Supply Ponds Trails

Join the BLT on a guided hike at the popular Supply Ponds. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the parking lot at the pond (ends of Short Rocks Road and Chestnut Street). The walk will be 1.5 to 2 miles in length, 1.5 - 2 hrs duration. Terrain is generally rolling with a few short steeper sections. Suitable for ages 5 and up; younger children welcome but parents need to be prepared to carry them if necessary. Dogs allowed if on leash and well socialized.

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