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First Selectman's Corner

For those of you reading "Branford Events" for the first time, welcome to town. And if you are a regular reader, let me wish you a happy summer.

Summer is finally here and the worst winter in more than a decade is now a distant memory. Throughout the spring we worked hard to get our streets, sidewalks and infrastructure back in top shape and at the same time successfully completed our annual budget process, meeting our goal to continue providing first rate services to our residents and businesses while keeping the bottom line as low as possible.

Meanwhile, various projects continue around town: The Kirkham Street expansion of our commuter rail station is taking shape and when completed will enhance our access to rail service along the shoreline, with connections to New York, Boston and beyond; the School Ground Bridge project is in full swing and is expected to be finished at the end of this construction season; and once the town has completed its bridge project, DOT will begin to replace the state bridge on Rte. 139 between Commercial Street and Thompson Road. These two new bridges, along with the newly widened intersection at North Branford, Valley, and School Ground Roads, will greatly improve traffic flow on that end of town between Route 80, Route 1 and I-95. In the private sector, construction of the Stony Creek Brewery is underway at Indian Neck Avenue on part of the former MIF site, and American Polyfilm's new manufacturing facility is going up on East Main Street.

I also want to take this opportunity to add my voice to that of the Town Assessor's and alert everyone that this year is Branford's "reval" year. As the project begins in earnest in the coming months, we ask that all property owners cooperate with Town Hall and the Assessor's office so we can

conduct as thorough a property revaluation as possible. More information can be found in this issue, as well as on the Assessor's page of the town website.

And with summer here, I want to encourage everyone to take advantage of all that Branford has to offer. There is a seemingly endless menu of programs, activities and events offered by the James Blackstone and Willoughby Wallace libraries, Parks and Recreation, and the Senior Center. There's also our annual summer fireworks show on June 21st, Thursday evening jazz concerts through late August, a steady stream of events on the green, not to mention visiting our beaches, parks, and open space to sunbathe, swim, fish, hike & bike.

It's easy to get the information you need to enjoy any of the town's activities; simply log onto the Town's website at www.branford-ct.gov, tune in to the quality programming on BCTV's channels 18, 19 and 20 for community, government and education issues [www.branfordtv.org], and of course, read the current issue of "Branford Events."

Best wishes to everyone for a happy and safe summer.



James B. Cozyne

First Selectman

Land Trust



Summer is a great time to explore Branford! Pick up a copy of *The Walks of Branford*, available at both libraries, or visit the Branford Land Trust website for a listing of local trails perfect for a summer hike!

Each summer, the Land Trust offers a number of great activities to enjoy the season. Watch for details on these upcoming events.

Environmental Day Camp

Scheduled for August 18 and 19 at the Killam's Point Conference Center, this day-long camp for kids ages 5-9 includes a variety of activities:

tide pools and forest exploration, touch tanks, nature crafts and games, live birds, amphibians and reptiles, music, puppet shows, and more. Registration is required, and participants are provided with an agenda, map and list of things to bring. Volunteers are always needed for this event. If you work well with children and would like to enjoy a summer day by the water, please email Land Trust at info@branfordlandtrust.org.

Branford River Parade

Enjoy a scenic trip down the Branford River during the annual Branford River Parade to be held this August. Deliver your non-motorized boat to the launch site at Branford High School, and paddle to Branford Point. Bring a picnic with you and celebrate the day by sharing our experiences of our river trip, and staying at Parker Park to eat lunch, and enjoy the view of the beach and Branford Harbor. The date will be announced shortly.

For more information on all upcoming events, please visit www.branfordlandtrust.org, follow our Facebook page, or sign up to receive regular email notices of upcoming events.

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New Residential State Building Code

The Office of the State Building Official has announced that the 2013 Amendment to the State Building Code was passed by the legislature's Regulation Review Committee on January 28, 2014.

This Amendment adopts the 2009 International Residential Code and the 2011 National Electrical Code into the 2005 State Building Code, with Connecticut specific changes. The new code replaces the 2003 International Residential Code which regulates all residential construction up to Two Family Dwellings and Townhouse not more than three stories above grade was officially adopted February 28, 2014.

Some significant changes within the new code includes

permits are now exempt for the following work: detached accessory structures such as tool sheds, storage sheds etc provided the floor area is less than 200 s.f., Exterior Decks less than 200 s.f. provided they are less than 30 above grade and not attached to a dwelling and Repairs that are limited to 25% of roof covering and building siding within one calendar year.

Although permit applications are now exempt from the work mentioned above I would recommend you still contact the appropriate departments such as Planning and Zoning, Engineering and Inland Wetlands to discuss your project to be assured your are meeting their requirements.

Anthony B. Cinicola, Building Official



Economic Development Commission



Premier Subaru - Pictured [l to r] are First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove, EDC chairman Joe Gordon, Premier Subaru owner and general manager Bob Alvine, and Premier Subaru sales manager Tom Backes.

At its February meeting the Branford Economic Development Commission presented Premier Subaru 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. President and general manager Bob Alvine opened Premier Subaru in the summer of 2000 at the corner of North Main and Ivy Streets. Today Premier is the largest Subaru dealership in Connecticut, was voted "Business of the Year" in 2012 by Business New Haven Magazine, and has been joined by Premier Kia, also on North Main Street. In April the EDC presented the award to Towne Pharmacy. Towne Pharmacy is owned and operated by the third generation of the Ward family, carrying on the tradition of personal service and community involvement. Located on Main



Towne Pharmacy - Pictured [l to r] are First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove, EDC chairman Joe Gordon, Towne Pharmacy owners and managers Karen Ward Ragonse and Vince Ragonese.

Street directly across from the green, Towne Pharmacy is one of about 30 independent, locally owned pharmacies across Connecticut, and replaces "drive-thru" service with "follow through" service. In addition to providing prescriptions and medications, it also has an extensive gift department that includes local items ranging from "Branford" caps & shirts to Short Beach Candles.

The Branford Economic Development Commission is also pleased to welcome the following new businesses to our community: Amity Physical Therapy on North Main St., Asti's Ristorante on Main Street [behind Trailblazer], Brunello's Pizza at the corner of Main and Monroe Streets, wireless site development companies DNA Wireless and D&A Construction on Commercial Street, the Mt. Sinai biotech group, and Robyn's Gluten Free Bakery on East Main Street near Willoughby's.

Photos by Bill O'Brien



Planning and Zoning

One of the lesser known functions of the Branford Planning and Zoning Department is to administer the Town's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program. The Small Cities Program is a competitive grant program that provides funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help smaller communities with housing programs that generally are not served by the market economy. These funds are passed through the State of Connecticut Department of Housing who solicits annual proposals from eligible communities around the State. These proposals are highly competitive since there are always more funds requested than are available to give out.

The Town of Branford has had a fairly good record in competing for these funds to help out with worthy community projects. We are currently in the process of closing out a \$400,000 grant that was obtained in 2011 for various improvements to the Adult Day Care facilities at the Orchard House. These improvements, which included a new roof, were substantially completed in the fall of 2013. In March of this year we applied for, and received permission, to reprogram \$100,000 of additional CDBG funds that we had in our account from a previous grant to complete additional improvements at the Orchard House that were cut out of the funding for the first round. The Town is currently preparing bid documents for the work.

As we complete one Small Cities Grant we are applying for another \$700,000 on behalf of the Branford Housing Authority

for needed improvements to the Parkside Village I and II elderly housing complexes that the BHA oversees. The application was submitted to the State in April. The Department of Housing is in the process of reviewing all the submissions and will rank them prior to notifying the successful applicants.

We also have an ongoing Housing Rehabilitation Grant program that was originally funded through a Small Cities Grant. This program provides no interest loans to income-eligible property owners to rehabilitate residential dwellings in need of repairs. The owners are obligated to pay these funds back to the Town of Branford but only at the time of transfer or sale of the property. The funds then are put back into the program to fund additional rehabilitation projects as intended in the original grant to the Town. If anyone has an interest in learning more about this program, please feel free to call the Planning and Zoning Department at 203-488-1255.

The Town of Branford has been fortunate to have L. Wagner & Associates on board as our consultant in helping us keep on top of the many requirements that the State and HUD impose on us as a condition of the Grants.

We are always open to suggestions for new projects that we can undertake that will benefit Branford Residents. Please call us with any questions or suggestions.

José Giner, AICP, Town Planner

Shoreline Chamber of Commerce



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.

Fulfilling the Statement

To support its mission statement, the Chamber sponsors and supports a variety of events for the benefit of the business community:

- Women in Business - 6 programs, covering a wide variety of subjects, including Open Networking, Take Charge of Your Financial Future and Domestic Violence, to name a few.
- Business After Hours - a monthly networking event, each month held at a different member location.
- Ribbon Cuttings - for any new member location. Photos and member information appear in local newspapers
- Business of the Month - highlighted in local newspapers. Each article contains photos and information on the member business.
- Men in Business - a quarterly event, featuring speakers on a range of subjects.

Additional Chamber sponsored activities to benefit the community:

- The Chili Challenge is a great time for the community. Over 500 participants braved the rainy weather to taste

the delicious chili at 16 different stations during the March Challenge. This event is held in early Spring each year.

- Fashion's Night Out is an event full of fun, food, beautiful clothing displayed in runway fashion, plus booths from several local retailers.
- The Wellness Committee offers many great programs throughout the year.

For information on our many other programs, events and support, go to www.shorelinechamberct.com.



Edward Lazarus (Shoreline Chamber) and Sally Esborn (Mosaic Printing Marketing and Signage)



Kiera Eule (Guilford Savings Bank) and Christine Blaylock (Aflac).

Woofstock 2014



On August 16 from 12:00 pm until 8:00 pm, Branford will be having its Second Annual WoofStock on the Branford Green!

This is an all-day free music festival to raise awareness and donations for the Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter in Branford (\$5 donation per guest requested).

Guests are also encouraged to bring Bleach, Wet and Dry Kitten Food, Raw Hide Chew Bones, Timothy Hay, used soccer balls and footballs and bedding for animals to the Green this day.

Guests will be treated to:

- 6 Bands - soundboard run by Branford's Dennis Nardella
- Family Fun and Entertainment for all ages!
- Food Trucks
- Raffles
- Games, contests, and FUN
- And Surprise Guests!!!!

More information, including for vendors and sponsorships, go to "Branford Woofstock" on Face Book, visit our website at www.branfordanimalshelter.org, call the shelter at 203-315-4125, or email lburban@branford-ct.gov.



How To Get Noticed

By the time we reach our 40's many of us find ourselves applying more than one product to get the desired results that use to come for free when we were in our 20's. In order to get the best results from your anti-aging products, they should be applied in a specific order.

Cleansing is an important first step. You should be using a cleanser that is specifically designed for your face and not any old thing that you have in the shower. Some cleansers that contain ingredients like glycolic and salicylic acids might be too harsh for over 40 skin.

If you use a good facial cleanser, you should not need a toner. And when it comes to drying, please put down the hand towel. Reach for a tissue and pat your skin dry.

By the age of 40 all women should incorporate a serum into their daily routine. Moisturizing is essential for hydration, but a serum can help repair damage. My personal favorites are serums that contain growth factors.

You should wait for a few minutes for your serums to dry

before applying a moisturizer. So use that time to do something - brush your teeth, dry your hair. Just something so you won't notice the time. If you're new to layering products, it will make your new routine much easier.

Your next step is a sunscreen. This is the most important step and is often neglected. You should be in the habit of wearing a separate sunscreen every day, not only in the summer months.

Many women seek out moisturizers that have an SPF and think that they have adequate protection from harmful UV rays. While this is a good first line of defense, it is not enough protection. You should be using a separate sunscreen that contains either Zinc or Titanium Dioxide for maximum protection.

Aging is a complex process and one product or procedure rarely gives the desired result. Most skin rejuvenation plans include more than one topical treatment and tightening or volumizing procedures to enhance the results.

*Susan O'Malley, M.D.,
Sonas Med Spa*

Shore Line Trolley Museum



Did you know that the first trolley line to Branford opened way back in July, 1900? Or that Branford residents' first interaction with electricity over 100 years ago may have been riding the trolley? These are some of the interesting things you may learn while taking a scenic trolley ride back in time at the Shore Line Trolley Museum this summer.

Enjoy a three mile leisurely round trip onboard a restored historic trolley car through the scenic Branford and East Haven

salt marshes near Long Island Sound. Learn about the history of trolley development and trolleys in Connecticut and beyond from our expert trolley operators/tour guides. Tour our trolley storage buildings and our indoor exhibit room to understand how trolleys played a role in the development of Branford and America as we know it today.

In addition to our regular summer trolley tours (daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm), we offer several special summer events:

Golden Oldies - Antique Auto and Fire Truck Show: June 21; Ladies Night: June 26; Children's Trolley Reading Program: Tuesday mornings in July and August; Super Hero Day: July 26, and more!

Check out our new website to learn more: www.ShoreLineTrolley.org.

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Historical Society



The Branford Historical Society has opened the historic Harrison House & Museum for the season, located at 124 Main Street Branford. Come visit for guided tours, every Saturday 12-4 pm, or by appointment.

A new exhibit of a working colonial style loom is on display, along with working displays of a flax wheel and a big wheel for spinning wool. Come see artifacts and exhibits of old Branford industries, nautical and war displays, and maybe the largest fireplace in town! The colonial and herb gardens are beautifully maintained by the Branford Garden Club. The circa 1724 saltbox house and property is recorded on the National Register of Historic Places.

On July 10, at The Blackstone Library, the Historical Society will hold a presentation by Northeast Paranormal Investigations Society (NPIS). They are an established paranormal investigation team working with historical properties throughout the northeast in an effort to raise awareness of history by way of a professional paranormal investigation. Their main objective during an investigation is attempting to capture evidence of spirit activity of former inhabitants, as direct communication with history. On May 3 and June 21, they investigated the Harrison House in attempts to find evidence of any spirit activity. They were able to capture some very interesting evidence. On July 10th they will present their findings from the historic Harrison House. Suggested donation \$5.

Visit our website www.Branfordhistoricalsociety.org for information about events and becoming involved, beginning with membership, along with sales of our publications and historical information.

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James Blackstone Memorial Library



Fizz Boom Read!

The Blackstone Library joins other libraries statewide to celebrate this summer's science-based summer reading program:

Adult Summer Reading-Literary Elements

Registration begins Saturday, June 14. Take the Literary Elements Summer Reading Challenge! Pick up your gameboard at the Reference desk and earn stickers for reading various

genres. Submit your completed gameboard to the Reference desk by August 31 for a chance to win the grand prize!

Farms, Factories & Families: Italian Women of Connecticut

Wednesday, June 25 @ 7 - 8 PM

Author Anthony Riccio will discuss his new book about the hidden story of Italian American women who finally tell their largely unknown history in their own words.

CT Works Job Networking

Thursday June 26, July 31, August 28

@ 10 AM - 1 PM

Make connections, talk about what's worked for you and what hasn't, and workshop ideas for moving forward.

Comics as Literature

Wednesday, July 2 @ 7 - 8 PM

English Professor Rob Nelson will talk about ways that graphic novels can address serious issues that blur the lines between high art and pop culture.

Thimble Islands Brewing Company

Tuesday, July 5 @ 1 - 2 PM

Mike Fawcett, Co-Founder and Brewmaster of Thimble Island Brewing Company, will provide an overview of the science and art of brewing great craft beer. The discussion will also include a brief history of the Thimble Island Brewing Company and some amusing anecdotes from Mike's years as a home and professional brewer.

Diners of Connecticut

Saturday, July 26 @ 2 - 3 PM

Join us for a book talk and signing with author Garrison Leykamauthor of Diners of Connecticut, who hosts a road trip to Connecticut's diners, celebrating local recipes and diner lingo - order up a #81, frog sticks or a Noah's boy with Murphy carrying a wreath - as well as stories that make each diner unique.

The Art & Science of Great Coffee with Willoughby's Coffee & Tea

Saturday, August 9, @ 11 AM - 12 NOON

Come and learn the insider secrets to the world's great coffees with this wonderful presentation by Willoughby's Coffee & Tea. You'll learn to appreciate coffee on a whole new level!

Teens & Tweens - Spark a Reaction!

Grades 5 and up Summer Reading 2014

Registration begins Saturday, June 14

Head to the Branford Green on Saturday, June 14 or sign up online, then head to the library on Thursday, June 19 from 2-4 for a popsicle social summer reading kick-off. Can't get to the library? You can track your reading virtually when you sign in to your summer reading account. Here, you'll find tools to help you keep a running, printable list of books read, write reviews and view other users' book lists for recommendations. Weekly gift certificate drawings will be conducted every Friday through the site.

Learning Labs (grades 5 and up)

Tuesday or Wednesday (you choose the day)

@ 4 - 8 PM

Tuesdays: June 24, July 1, 15, 22, 29, August 5

Wednesdays: June 25, July 16, 23, 30, August 6 & 13

Registration for each week is required; join us for 7 weeks of discovery as we explore:

Week 1: Bots & Circuits

Week 2: Tech Take-apart

Week 3: Kitchen Chemistry

Week 4: Egg Drop/Paper Airplanes

Week 5: iPad Apps/Editing Software

Week 6: Computer Coding

Week 7: Duct Tape/Magnet Creation

Mythbusters

Thursday, June 26 @ 2 - 3:30 PM

Challenge a variety of scientific phenomena to see if they are true or false. Registration required. Grade 5+.

Think It, Invent it, Test it: Engineering Projects

Select Thursdays @ 4 - 5 PM

July 3, 17, 31, August 14

A 4-session series featuring a different engineering project each week. Create catapults, bridges, and more. Registration is required. Grade 5+.

Quotable T-Shirts

Monday, July 21 @ 2:30 - 3:30 PM

We'll provide the paints, brushes, stencils and inspiration - you bring your favorite blank T. You are welcome to bring your own materials, too. Registration required. Grade 5+.

Star Wars Party

Thursday, July 24 @ 4:30 - 8 PM

Includes a library-wide scavenger hunt! Pizza, snacks and a showing of the original Star Wars movie included. Registration required. Grade 5+.

Summer Reading for Children 2014 - Fizz Boom Read!

Sign up at the Branford Festival on June 14, in person or online at blackstonelibrary.org. Registration is required for all programs.

Popsicle Social Kick-off

Thursday, June 19 @ 2 - 4 PM

Information about the summer reading program, myOn and reading lists will be available for caregivers. Enjoy popsicles for a sweet treat!

Weather Wise: Stamford Museum

Friday June 27 @ 3 - 4 PM

Explore weather through a hands-on, multi-station lab utilizing

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a variety of real weather instruments. K - 4th Grade.

Cryptid Creations with Katie Stevenson

Monday July 14 @ 11 AM - 12 NOON

Interested in the "truth" behind Big Foot, Nessy and the Abominable Snowman? We'll uncover the legends behind famous cryptids and participants will make a 3D model of their favorite. Grades 4 - 6.

Animal Adaptations: Create a Creature

Wednesday July 16 @ 2 - 3:30 PM

Dive into biology and review the different habitats and ways that certain animals change in order to survive! Each participant will make their animal/creature out of recycled materials. Grades 2 - 5.

The Day the Crayons Quit

Saturday July 19 @ 11:30 AM - 1 PM

Ingrid Schaffer returns with a theatrical workshop based on the popular picture book where a young boy's crayons have decided to take a break from coloring! Grades K - 4.

The Science of Magic with Jon Cap

Friday, August 1 @ 2 - 3 PM

Magician Jon Cap presents his show, ending with a hands-on workshop explaining the science behind the tricks. Grades 3 - 6.

What's it Matter: Stamford Museum

Tuesday, August 12 @ 2 - 3 PM

Discover the world of solids, liquids and gases in this new hands-on workshop. Grades 2 - 5.



Fireworks Display - June 21

Please join us on Saturday, June 21 (rain date June 22) for Branford's annual Fireworks Display. Come celebrate with us. The display is held at Branford Point located on Harbor Street.

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Canoe Brook Senior Center

Congratulations to Bobbi Racette - Branford's 2014 Remarkable Senior

"In recognition of her outstanding service to the community of Branford through volunteerism, commitment to her friends & family, and her professional achievements, Bobbi brings inspiration and continuity to the fabric of Branford."

A retired Hospice nurse, advocate for the disabled, volunteer for the VA, WWII veterans, Canoe Brook, and her "neighborhood nurse" Bobbi is a representative of the many Remarkable Seniors in Branford. Humbled and surprised, she was honored at a luncheon at the Owenego on May 14; previous award recipients include John DePalma, Nelson Bernabucci, and Jacky Cohen.

Canoe Brook is a resource for all of Branford's estimated 8670 residents age 60+ and their families. Programming and services are



Bobbi Racette

designed to provide opportunities for successful aging and maximize independent living. Participants range in age from 60-102 years of age; are active, independent, and oriented. Transportation is provided to Canoe Brook activities, grocery shopping, and medical appointments. A hot lunch is available weekdays at 11:45 a.m. (advance reservations required).

Fitness classes, trips, cultural endeavors, educational opportunities, wellness seminars, technology training, benefits information, and

creative arts abound at Canoe Brook this summer. Aging actively is key to successful aging, stop by and join the fun! A full schedule of activities 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/senior.htm>. We look forward to seeing you!

The Branford Counseling Center

The Branford Counseling Center is a community behavioral health agency that has served Branford's adults, adolescents, and children since 1971. BCC is also the Social Service Department and Youth Service Bureau for the Town of Branford. Clinical services are provided by licensed staff and no Town resident will ever be refused treatment due to an inability to pay. BCC accepts Medicare, Medicaid, and most commercial insurances.

It is the mission of the agency to provide a high level of care to all our clients and, when appropriate, collaborate with other local agencies, schools, hospitals, private practitioners, and town departments.

In addition to providing counseling services, BCC manages the Basic Needs Program, which was established to help Branford residents who do not have sufficient resources to provide for their

basic needs. The program offers short-term assistance to individuals and families who find they are struggling due to life changing circumstances. The program helps qualified individuals and families with temporary rental assistance, energy shutoff notices, and food cards. The program receives over 3,500 calls per year with less than 10% actually getting help due to the programs financial restraints. A portion of the funds to support this program comes from the Town budget and through fundraising events or donations.

This year BCC is working with the Branford Road Race to help raise money for the Branford Counseling Center's Basic Needs Program. Several other fundraising events are planned in the coming months in hopes of raising money to help sustain the Basic Needs Program in the future.

Off To The Races

Woodbridge. Fresh from a series of fast track, off-road mountain bike races, to his professional life as a physical therapist, Bethany's Peter Geloso is pumped up with his active lifestyle.

Geloso, a doctorate program graduate of Elon University in Elon, North Carolina, brings his cycle racing experience to the practice of physical therapy, by diagnosing all sorts of cycling injuries.

"Off road racing is serious stuff," Geloso commented. "It's a strenuous sport, and cyclists can get injured during races with muscle sprains, lower back pain and knee problems among a host of other potential injuries. The secret is conditioning, proper exercising, and time spent on practice runs on neighborhood roads."

A weekend warrior at cycling, Peter Geloso is a member of the Laural Bike Club, a team that enters many of the Root 66 Mountain Bike Series - races that cover many of the Northeast

states from Connecticut to New Hampshire. In 2013, Geloso won the entire Root 66 Northeast Mountain Bike Series in Cat 3, men from 19-29. This year he's taking on Cat 2 (sport/intermediate) men 30-39.

"Bike racers are a tight community" Geloso said. "From our club to partners like D'Aniellos's Amity Bike in Woodbridge to cyclists we encounter on the road, we all get to know each other when we compete. We take no prisoners but we're still friends."

In preparation for his races Geloso logs many miles each week, largely on the back roads of Bethany and Woodbridge and off-road trails. "That's where the terrain gets tough," he said. "It shows what you're made of."

For cyclists having problems with injuries, Geloso can be reached at Amity Physical Therapy in Woodbridge. Phone: 203-389-4593.

Canadian Trio Returns To Branford Folk

Finest Kind, the folk music trio from Ottawa whose exquisite harmony singing and brilliant vocal arrangements bring a fresh sense of excitement and discovery to the performance of old songs, will kick off the Branford Folk Music Society's 2014-15 concert series on Saturday, September 13 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the First Congregational Church of Branford, 1009 Main Street on the Branford Green.



Finest Kind

Admission to the coffeehouse is \$12 for society members, \$15 for non-members and \$5 for children 12 and under. For more information, call 203-488-7715 or access the society's Web pages at <http://folknotes.org/branfordfolk/>.

The all-volunteer, non-profit Branford Folk Music Society is currently marking its 40th year and celebrated its lengthy

history with a sold out dinner and concert in April at the Branford Italian-American Club that featured performances by Grammy Award winner Stacy Phillips and his Bluegrass Characters, Wry Bred and balladeer Cliff Haslam.

Finest Kind, with its glorious sound - much of it a *cappella* - and its easygoing humor, has won a devoted following across North America and the United Kingdom since being established in

Ottawa, Canada in 1991 by Ian Robb, Ann Downey and Shelley Posen. The group's material is an exhilarating mix of British, America, Irish and Canadian traditional ballads and drinking songs, gospel rousers, sea shanties, pop golden oldies and a few novelty numbers.

Educating Children About Invasive Crabs in Long Island Sound

The Asian shore crab (*Hemigrapsus sanguineus*) has become a commonly known invasive species along the coast of Connecticut. An "invasive species" is any organism that colonizes an area that is not in its native range.

It is speculated that the Asian shore crab first came to the U.S. in the ballast water of cargo ships docking in New Jersey in 1988. In just over 25 years, the distribution now ranges from Maine to North Carolina. The shore crab has no natural predators, which allows for the population to grow and spread exponentially. This growth causes it to compete with other important species to us, such as: the blue crab, green crab, and lobster. While these other crustaceans have natural predators, the Asian shore crab does not. Thus, it has the potential to overwhelm and decrease the other crustacean populations, which we rely heavily upon. It is incredibly important to understand the negative impacts of invasive species such as the

Asian shore crab and even more important to teach our youth.

Cedar Island Marina has instituted a summer camp for children between the ages of 9 - 15. These children will have the opportunity to work side-by-side with real marine biologists doing fieldwork. One major focus of this camp will be to educate children about the fragility of our local marine environment and to show them how invasive species can be so damaging.

They will quickly realize that other crab species that were once common, such as: the green crab, Atlantic marsh fiddler crab, and purple marsh crab, have decreased in abundance. It is incredibly important to educate younger generations on invasive species and their effect on various habitats because they will soon be the "stewards" of our local environment.

*Beth Patrizzi and Kris Shapiro,
Cedar Island Marina Research Laboratory*



Revaluation 2014

This is a gentle reminder that the Town of Branford is currently in the process of doing a Revaluation for the Grand List of October 1st, 2014. In order to complete this process we are doing a great deal of field work and inspections.

You most likely will see individuals in the field working on different phases of this revaluation. They will be reviewing properties that have been sold, inspecting building permits, taking photos of parcels to update field cards and reviewing neighborhoods.

All individuals will have a letter from the Assessor's Office, a photo identification badge and their vehicles are registered with the Police Department of the Town of Branford. Individuals in the field are either working for the

Revaluation Company, Vision Government Solutions or are staff members in the Assessor's Office.

Most recently all residential property owners should have received a Data Mailer. Please review the information contained in the Data Mailer, make corrections necessary, sign the form and provide a daytime telephone number where you can be reached. Please return the completed form to the Assessor's Office. If the data is correct you do not have to return the form to the Assessor's Office. Hold on to the data mailer and use it as a review of the data on the new field cards when they appear on line at the completion of the Revaluation.

Please telephone the Assessor's Office if you have any questions between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday at (203) 488-2039.



Shoreline Greenway Trail

First Saturday Walk: August 2: We'll be walking on a trail near the Hearth at Gardenside on Alps Road. The end of this trail overlooks the Farm River estuary and the Shoreline Trolley line. The trail goes through a pleasant stand of laurels, the Connecticut State flower, and ends in a beautiful rock outcropping. Children and dogs welcome; temporary trail not suitable for strollers. Contact: Judy Miller, 203-589-8335, or visit www.wordpress.shorelinegreenwaytrail.org.

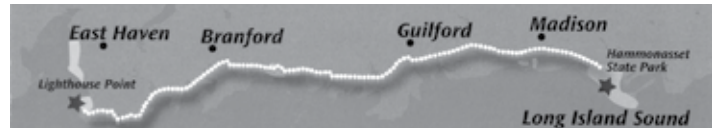
Run the Gauntlet, Sunday, September 28: Hammonasset State Park. Once again, Shoreline Greenway Trail will be a sponsor of this fun event. Some runners take this obstacle course very seriously; in other cases, families and friends join together to simply have a good time trying to overcome the obstacles. SGT will be notifying members about forming teams to benefit the Shoreline Greenway Trail.

Work Parties:

All work parties begin at 10:00 A.M. Wear sturdy shoes and gloves; bring loppers and pruners and rakes. These work parties are a great way to get some exercise, have a sense of achievement, and meet fellow members of the Shoreline Greenway Trail.

June 28: Pine Orchard Birch Road. Park at the SGT Trail head on Birch Road.

July 26: Hearth at Gardenside. Preparation for First Saturday walk on August 2. Park along the right side of the drive leading in to Hearth at Gardenside.



Avoid Being A Victim Of Theft At The Gym

Gyms and workout facilities have become frequent targets for theft. In Branford we have experienced a steady rate of thefts from gyms, either from the locker room or vehicles parked in the lot while members are working out. The Branford Police Department has been working with gyms in an effort to reduce thefts by directing officers to patrol gym parking lots, posting warning signs and working with the gyms to change check-in procedures, but the thefts continue to occur. The police might also leave a card for you (left) to get you to think about leaving valuables in plain view.

People often think that by putting a lock on a locker keeps our items safe and we continue to lock wallets filled with credit cards, identification, cash as well as expensive watches, jewelry and keys to your home in gym lockers. These locks are easily defeated, by either someone getting past the reception desk without a membership or the thief who purchases a one-time workout carrying a bolt cutter in a gym bag.

Also, be careful what you leave in your car and always lock your car whether you are at home or in a commercial parking lot. Thieves are more likely to steal from your car when your car is unlocked and valuables are left in plain sight. A couple of weeks ago, our officers were checking a gym parking lot and found two cars unlocked with purses on the front seat in each of the unlocked cars. In this case, luckily, the officer retrieved the purses and found the gym member to return the purses.

With a couple of simple steps you can help to prevent these crimes from occurring.

- Always lock your car.
- When you go to the gym try to bring as little with you as possible by leaving cash and expensive items at home.
- Take only your gym membership and your car key into the gym.
- Leave the key fob for your car at home.
- If you absolutely have to take more than this to the gym, store items out of sight in the trunk of your car but don't

wait until you are in the gym parking lot to store the items in the trunk, because the thief may be watching.

Chief Kevin Halloran, Branford Police Department



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Garden Club: Not Your Mother's Flower Show

The Branford Garden Club (BGC) invites you to attend its upcoming flower show, "A Gardener's Wedding," to be held on June 28 and 29 at the Branford Community House, 46 Church Street, Branford. Fresh ideas in floral design and samples of new and old plant varieties for your garden are just one part of this decidedly un-stuffy event.

Fashionistas and history buffs alike will be fascinated by a collection of antique bridal gowns spanning well over a century. Artists and art lovers can enjoy the first show and sale of members' work by the recently formed Branford Arts. Lectures and demonstrations, door prizes, fresh cut flowers for sale, and carefully chosen vendors all will add to the fun.

Although many people don't realize it, the full name of the Community House is actually the "Town of Branford World War II Veterans' Memorial Community House." In honor of those who gave us our freedom to enjoy summer weekends, everyone is invited to a ceremony of thanks and placement

of flowers at the Veterans' Memorial Garden (Flagpole on the Green) on Sunday morning at 11:30.

Show hours are 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults; free for ages 12 and under. Tickets are available at the door. Entries to the show are welcome. If you are interested in entering an exhibit, send us an email at gardenerswedding@gmail.com.

Summary:

What: "A Gardener's Wedding" Flower Show

Where: Branford Community House, 46 Church Street, Branford

When: Saturday, June 28 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm; Sunday June 29, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Price: \$10; twelve and under free

For more information, contact the Branford Garden Club via email at gardenerswedding@gmail.com.

Branford Garden Club, P.O. Box 966, Branford CT 06405

Shoreline Arts Trail: A Collaborative Effort



The Shoreline Arts Trail is pleased to announce the launch of its 13th season. Each year, more than 40 artists from the towns of Branford, Guilford and Madison work together to present a two-day Open Studios event in November. It is truly a collaborative effort that includes lots of volunteer hours from

member artists, an ongoing partnership with the Guilford Art Center, lodge and dine discounts from local businesses, and the support of community sponsors including Friends & Co., Guilford Art Center, Home, Luckey Redo, Mix, Tide Water Inn, Tommy Sullivan's, Wall Street Gallery and Words by Jen.

This year's Opens Studios Weekend, November 22 and 23, introduces four new member artists: Susan Gillie (Guilford), Lisa Hess Hesselgrave (Branford), Kathleen Hoskins (Guilford), and Estelle Nussbaum (Guilford).

Returning artists in Branford include Hannah Baldwin, Terry Bogan, Richard Carleton, Christine Chiochio, Anne Coffey, Margaret B. Dean, David Frank, Lisa Hess Hesselgrave, Sharon Hosley, Owen Sea Luckey, Molly S. McDonald, Kristin Merrill, Jane Strauss Novick, Pat Rist, Martha Link Walsh, Sid Werthan, and Maureen Wilkinson. Returning Guilford artists are Alice Chittenden, Laurie Douglas, Eileen Eder, Susan Gillie, Carol Grave, B. Joan Hickey, Kathleen Hoskins, Lorraine

Lewin, Phyllis Lynch, Jackie McGuire, Estelle Nussbaum, Steve Plaziak, Barbara Shulman-Kirwin, Marjorie Sopkin, Sandra Spahr, Catherine Steinberg, G. Scott Tabar, Linda Knudsen Westgard, and Diane Wright. And from Madison, Anita K. Griffith, Melissa Imossi, Stuart Alan Lerner, Laura C. Lyons, Dayna Mankowski, and Robert Parrott.

For more information, visit www.shorelineartstrail.com, and its companion blog or Facebook page, for more information.



The Shoreline Arts Trail's annual Spring Fling Event kicks off the 2014 season. Pictured from left to right are, front row, Susan Gillie, Eileen Eder, Owen Luckey, Alice Chittenden, Sharon Hosley, Steve Plaziak, Joan Hickey, Sandee Spahr, Kristin Merrill, Anne Coffey, Lorraine Lewin, Melissa Imossi, Maggie Dean, Richard Carleton. Back row: Pat Rist, Anita Griffith, Scott Tabar, Robert Parrot, Carol Grave, Estelle Nussbaum, and Lisa Hess Hesselgrave.

Town Clerk Top Dog Contest

June is dog licensing month. Each dog licensed in Branford during the month of June (Town Clerk's office) will be entered in a special drawing. The winning entrant, picked at random on July 1, will receive the distinction of wearing Tag #1 for the

year as Branford's 2014 'Top Dog.'

There will be a special photo opportunity at the Town Hall, and the 'Top Dog's' bio and photo will be displayed on the Town Clerk's web page for the year.

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Left to Right: Bob Aceto, President; Jack Mushin, Secretary; Jamie Cosgrove, First Selectman; Terry McAvoy, Member

Exchange, America's Service Club, is a group of men and women working together to make our communities better places to live through programs of service in Americanism, Community Service, Youth Activities, and its national project, the Prevention of Child Abuse.

Exchange provides members with opportunity to exchange views with other community leaders, clubs, and people to bond together in good fellowship, to share time, interests, and talents with like-minded individuals, and to help make our Communities a better place in which to live.

The Branford Exchange Club will be celebrating our 65th year as a Charter member. Come visit us at the Fried Dough Booth

at the Branford Festival this June 13 & 14. Dr Henry Lee will be joining us to Honor Shoreline Heroes on September 23.

Contact Bob Aceto 203-215-5619 for information and membership details, and be sure to visit our national website at www.nationalexchangeclub.org/.



Left to Right: Hector Velazquez, MIECHV Father Coordinator-Bob Aceto, President- Diane Mierz, President Elect- Sandy Lamarre, Member, Rita Foster, Program Director MIECHV

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Regional Water Authority's Headquarters. 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, I-95 exit 46 and follow signs to the RWA.

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* Local disposal options may be available. Please check with Branford's Transfer Station (www.branfordpublicworks.webbersaur.us/) or the following resources:

Batteries: call 1-800-8-BATTERY or log on to www.call2recycle.org (excluding alkaline and auto batteries).

Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) Bulbs: call 1-800-CLEANUP, or log on to www.earth911.com.

Paint: log on to www.paintcare.org and visit the Connecticut portion of the site to find a drop-off location for household paint.



Fifth Annual "Appetite For Life" To Benefit Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center

Middletown, CT - Local restaurants throughout the shoreline have joined together for a fifth year in a special dining program, Appetite for Life, to benefit the Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center. The Center offers a complete range of services to meet the needs of cancer patients and their families that include preventive, diagnostic, treatment, support, survivorship and end-of-life Hospice and palliative care services. Its team approach to care and treatment is carefully coordinated for patients throughout their cancer journey.

Each of the restaurants listed below have chosen a day during the month of June to donate a portion of their proceeds to the Center:

Centerbrook

- June 25 Gabrielle's Restaurant (Lunch/Dinner 15%)

Essex

- June 24 The Black Seal (Lunch/Dinner 15%)

Madison

- June 27 Lenny & Joe's Fish Tale (Magical Charity Carousel 100%)

Old Saybrook

- Month of June The Feedbag Pet Food & Supplies (Blue Buffalo products)
- June 19 Luigi's Restaurant- In memory of, Joanne DiBella (Lunch/Dinner 10%)
- June 20 Pizza Works (Lunch/Dinner 10%)

Celebrating Excellence Two Years in a Row



Robert Vankeirsbilck of Long Cat Graphics and Jill Butler of Jill Butler Design with Bill McMinn and Brad Cunningham from Essex Printing, holding the Pinnacle Award for a marketing piece designed by Long Cat Graphics, created by Jill Butler Design and printed by Essex Printing.

Essex Printing is the proud recipient of TWO Pinnacle Awards from the Print Industries of New England for 2014. The Pinnacle is given to the most outstanding entry in each category. The competition was intense with over 300 entries from printers throughout New England so entries must be flawless to win.

"Year after year, the quality of submissions for the Awards of Excellence increases and raises the standard to which they are held" said Christine Hagopian, PINE's Director of Programing.

"It's an honor to be selected as recipient of two Pinnacle

Awards for 2014 and it is an even greater honor to win PINE's Award of Excellence two years in a row. It is a testament to our core value to help our customers meet their objectives through marketing and print" said William McMinn, President, Essex Printing & Events Magazines.

Printing Industries of New England's panel of national printing experts recognized Essex Printing for its outstanding work. The award winning entries will now be entered in the 2014 Premier Print Awards competition, the largest international competitive print awards program.



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MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library Events

Upcoming events at the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library in Stony Creek:

This summer we kick off the Summer Reading science-themed program, **Fizz, Boom, Read!** on Friday, June 20 featuring the very popular **Sciencetellers!** The fun begins at 3:00 p.m. Students can enroll in our Summer Reading program and participate in weekly events all through the summer. As each student logs in reading hours, he or she can spin a wheel for prizes. To register, call 203-488-8702 or visit the library.

Some of our weekly events are:

June 27 **Silly Slime** - learn how to use chemistry to create slime! 3:00 p.m.

July 11 **Blue Moon Raptors** - a visit from the non-profit wildlife center with rescued birds of prey. 1:30 p.m.

July 16 **Sandcastle Workshop** - bring your architectural skills to build a sandcastle and then enjoy a visit from the Ice Cream Guy! 2:30 p.m.

July 25 **Fun Friday Film: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs.** 4:00 p.m.

July 30 **Scavenger Hunt** - Take a hike on the Trolley Trail to collect

materials for our Terrarium workshop. 3:30 p.m. (Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.) In the event of rain: Inside game day.

August 6 **Terrarium Workshop** - Create a terrarium out of nature's materials. 3:30 p.m.

August 20 **Spark a Reaction!** Surprise experiment with Miss Stephanie 1:00 p.m.

August 22 **Summer Reading Grand Finale:** guest appearance by the Airborne Jugglers, treats, games, prizes and juggling workshop. 3:00 p.m.

All the events are supported by our sponsors: The Friends of Willoughby Wallace Library and the Branford business community. Registration is recommended.x

August 7 **What is So Special about Stony Creek?** A presentation by DJ Howell at 7:00 p.m.

For more information and updates, check the library website: www.wtml.org.

Alice Pentz, Library Director
Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library

On The Green Series



We are pleased to announce the 2014 Branford Jazz on the Green Series. This summer's concerts will span nine Thursday evenings, June 26th through August 21, with each performance from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. The line-up includes:

26 - June	Hobo Congress
3 - July	Brian Torff & New Duke
10 - July	Hartford Jazz Orchestra
17 - July	David Newsam & Fred Haas
24 - July	Bill Cofrances
31 - July	Kelly Mittleman
7 - August	Jay Rowe
14 - August	KJ Denhert
21 - August	Jeff Kashiwa

The 2014 Branford Jazz on the Green Series invites residents, neighbors, family and friends from all along the shoreline to kick-off the weekend early with some of Connecticut's and the nation's best jazz musicians while enjoying the unique atmosphere of the Branford town green.

Many of the town center's shops and boutiques join in the event by staying open late and many of the town's award-winning restaurants will be looking forward to serving you! Remember to always check for restrictions or cancellations on the Branford Jazz website at www.branfordjazz.com.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the green this summer.

Veteran Additional Exemption Program

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 §12-81I 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 1 of 2014. 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 31, 2013, he or she is treated as single for purposes of this program.

Under these additional exemption programs provided

by subsection b under §12-170aa, §12-81I 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, 2014 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 2013 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 his domicile must be in the Town of Branford and have his 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.



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"Where the Benefits are Endless"



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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.

Two major summer events that will take place are the "Summer Camp Playground Program" for Branford boys and girls ages 6 thru 12, or have completed Kindergarten and "Teen Travel" for those that are in grades 7 and up as of September of 2014. The Summer Camp Playground program runs from July 1 to August 8 (excluding July 4th) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost for this camp is \$375.00 for six weeks. There is a before care that starts at 7:45 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. for an additional \$125.00 and an extended care from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for \$175.00. Camp Locations can be found at Hammer Field, Veteran's Park, Stony Creek and Foote Park.

Teen Travel starts on July 1 and runs until July 31 on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. This program is designed for teens to fill their summer with excitement, exceptional trips and spending time with their friends. Teens are supervised by an experienced staff and trips include New York City, Six Flags, Lake Compounce, Boston and much more. Cost for this program is \$500.00.

The Counselor In Training Program (CIT) for ages 14 and 15, will help strengthen the individual in a variety of areas, leadership, social skills, being a good role model and more as part of the Branford Recreation Department Summer Camp Playground Program. The goal is to have the CIT one day become an effective counselor. Cost for this training is \$125.00 and each applicant must submit a paragraph on "Why you would like to be a C.I.T. for the Branford Recreation Summer Camp?". The Junior Counselor In Training Program is for those children age 13 by July 1, 2014 to be part of the camp experience in a capacity which bridges the gap between a camper and becoming a Counselor In Training.

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Adults can also enjoy the Branford Recreation Experience by signing up for one of the many offered programs including: Adult Tennis Lessons (Beginner and CAPP), Tae Kwon Do, Adult Swim Lessons (Beginner/Advanced Beginner and Advanced), "Sunset Yoga on the Beach", and Aqua Aerobics to name a few.

The Branford Recreation Department offers a wide variety of sports clinics and camps ranging from field hockey (grade 4 to 9) and wrestling (6 years of age and up) to volleyball (grades 5 to 8), girls' basketball (grades 3&4), girls' and boys' lacrosse, tennis lessons (ages 5 to 8), softball camp (ages 9 to 14), baseball camp (grades 3 to 9), golf lessons (ages 6 to 14), and the ever popular Slamma Jamma Hoop Camp for ages 5 to 14 years old. In addition to these programs, our annual summer swim lessons program will be held at the Walsh Intermediate School Swimming Pool for ages 6 months thru American Red Cross Levels 5 & 6.

Swimming at the Hospice Pool on Double Beach Road will be available to those in the town during the summer. Passes are sold at the Branford Community House for \$100.00 (Family Pass), \$50.00 (Individual Pass), and \$30.00 (Senior Citizen Pass). Children's Swim Lessons for Levels 1, 2 & 3 will be offered in the evening and an Adaptive Swim Class for ages 10 and up will also be offered.

For any additional information on these programs or others, please call the Branford Recreation Department at (203)488-8304 or log into our website at: www.brandfordrecreation.org.

East Shore District Health Department

The East Shore District Health Department (ESDHD) Inspects Pools and Tests Beaches and Shellfish Beds for a Healthy Summer

As everyone heads to the pools and beaches this summer the East Shore District Health Department is ensuring the health of the community. We will be inspecting community pools before they open and testing beach water every week throughout the summer. Beach water is collected and sent to the Connecticut State laboratory to determine if the bathing water meets the EPA quality criteria. If standards are exceeded for any given beach, the beach is closed until re-sampling shows improved water quality. The beach is posted with signs indicating the beach closure. Beach status information can be found on our website at www.ESDHD.org.

ESDHD also assists in regulating shellfish beds by commercial and recreational harvesters. In Branford, the health district carries out the primary task of opening and closing shellfish beds based on water and shellfish meat testing. Recreational shellfishing is allowed by permit only. Permits and information are available from the Town Clerk's office and at the town website: <http://www.branford-ct.gov/Shellfishing.htm>. There is also a shellfish hotline which announces the status of beds in Branford. The hotline is part of the town of Branford Information hotline at 203-315-3909.

ESDHD will be participating in the Branford Festival. Please stop by our table to receive health and safety tips as well as give-aways. We will also be supporting the Branford Healthy Smiles booth where we will be providing information and giveaways to help our residents have healthy smiles. There will be local dentists on hand to answer questions and take referrals.

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