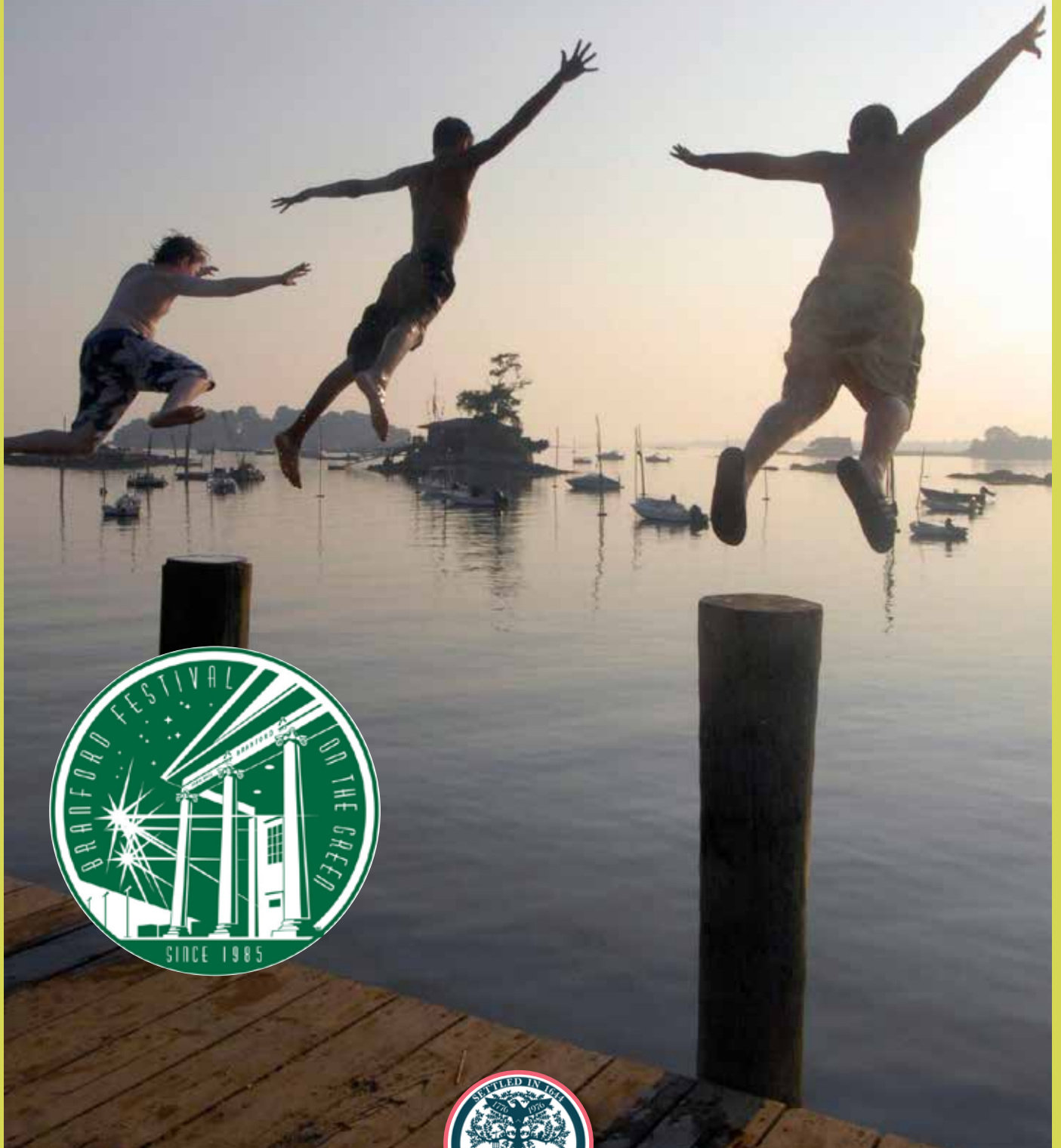


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## First Selectman's Corner

With the town's budget now in place for the new fiscal year beginning July 1st, we are ready to start working on a variety of projects to keep Branford an ideal place to live, work, and play. Repairs have begun on our roads, sidewalks and bridges, and upgrades will be made to a number of facilities to ensure that we continue to provide the best services and programs to our residents and businesses. State infrastructure projects continue to advance, as well, most notably with the expansion of Branford's train station. And, we are pleased to again have Standard & Poor's re-affirm our triple-A bond rating, a testament to the Town's sound and steady fiscal management.

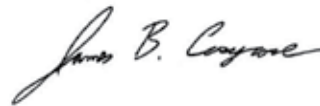
We want to congratulate Stony Creek Brewery on opening its new state-of-the-art facility on Indian Neck Avenue, as well as Core Informatics on its recent expansion into new offices on East Industrial Road. In addition, we would like to welcome the many new businesses that have opened around town and encourage you to visit and explore their new offerings, products and services that are available. The town continues to strive in making improvements to attract and retain businesses here in Branford.

And with summer here, it's time to enjoy our community to the fullest. We are fortunate to have a very high quality of life that includes access to beaches, parks, trails, museums, and a summer full of concerts and entertainment. Join the fun at the 31st Branford Festival, run in the 36th annual Father's Day Road Race, listen to some of the best jazz musicians on the east coast every Thursday as

we kick off the seventh season of jazz-on-the-green on June 25th, view the awesome annual Branford Fireworks on the 27th, try your luck and drop a fishing line in the Branford River, take off in a kayak or canoe from any of the public put-ins around town and explore the river and waters of Long Island Sound, find a bargain at the annual summer sidewalk sale in July in the Town Center, and spend a leisurely evening on the green while having some of the best ice cream in New England. You will find details on many of these events in the following pages, along with information on many other topics and issues of interest.

Although there's a lot going on all around our community, it's easy to keep up on all the activities and progress through your quarterly issue of "Branford Events", checking the Town's website at [www.branford-ct.gov](http://www.branford-ct.gov), as well as by tuning into BCTV channels 18, 19 and 20.

Best wishes to everyone for a happy and safe summer.



Jamie Cosgrove



James B. Cosgrove  
First Selectman

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# The Branford Festival 2015

## June 19 - 21st

Come to the Branford Green on June 19th through the 21st and help celebrate the summer with the 31st annual Branford Festival. Since 1985 the Branford community has been kicking off its summer season with a weekend long party of music and activities for all ages. This year's 31st edition of the Branford Festival will kick off on Friday, June 19th, at 4:45 and continue through to 4 pm on Sunday the 21st. For details on the weekend, go to <http://branfordfestival.com/>. This year's schedule offers a broad

variety of fine food from local restaurants, activities and rides for the kids, a talent show, baking contest, and Saturday's craft & business expo, along with great musical entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings, and Sunday afternoon. Musical shows include Draw the Line: Aerosmith Tribute Band on Friday evening, with a Saturday line-up of the Common Ground, The Rubber Band, featuring American Idol Finalist Erin Christine, Supernatural, and China Grove: The Doobie Brothers All Star Tribute band. And on Sunday, Southern Rock music from Vyntyge Skynyrd closes out the Festival program from the main stage in

front of Town Hall. If you have never been to the festival, check out the photo gallery of past weekends then check the schedule and make your plans for the weekend. If you are a veteran of the festival, check out what's new and make your plans for another fun-packed weekend. Festival hours: Friday 4:45 pm to 10:30 pm (Food available at 5:00 pm), Saturday 8:00 am to 11:00 pm, and Sunday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

See you at the Fest!  
Dale Izzo  
President, Branford Festival Board

## The Seventh Annual *Branford Jazz on the Green Series*

The Town of Branford, Branford Festival and the Branford Recreation Department, are pleased to announce the 2015 Branford Jazz on the Green Series. This year's concerts will span nine Thursday evenings, June 25th through August 20th, with each performance scheduled for 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This season's line-up includes:

<b>June 25</b>	<b>Urban Jazz Coalition</b>
<b>July 2</b>	<b>Lynn Riley &amp; The World Mix</b>
<b>July 9</b>	<b>Kelly Mittleman</b>
<b>July 16</b>	<b>Kathy Kosins</b>
<b>July 23</b>	<b>Frank Vignola &amp; Vinny Raniolo</b>
<b>July 30</b>	<b>Matt Marshak</b>
<b>August 6</b>	<b>Maria Tiscia with Rio Bound</b>
<b>August 13</b>	<b>Phil Denny</b>
<b>August 20</b>	<b>Janet Planet &amp; Friends</b>

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

Many of the town center's shops and boutiques join in the event by staying open late and the town's many 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](http://www.branfordjazz.com).

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

## Branford Fireworks Display

**June 27th**

Please join us on Saturday, June 27th (rain date June 28th) for Branford's annual Fireworks Display. Come celebrate with us. The display is held at Branford Point located on Harbor Street. Donations are welcome; please visit [www.branfordrecreation.org](http://www.branfordrecreation.org) to donate.

# events

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## Adoptions:

### The Hallmark of Branford Compassion Club



Since the Branford Compassion Club Feline Rescue & Adoption Center officially opened its doors in February of 2011, more than 900 cats and kittens have been adopted into forever homes. This is an amazing number when you consider that the shelter is staffed exclusively by volunteers and is only open to the public on Saturdays from 11 am to 3 pm.

Branford Compassion Club is proud of its high rate of successful adoptions, which is due in large part to the fact that all potential adopters are fully screened, with two references required, before being approved to take home a cat or kitten.

June is Adopt-A-Shelter Cat Month, and Branford Compassion Club will be reducing the adoption fee for adult cats from \$95 to \$35 during the month of June. At this time of year, beautiful, friendly adult cats are often overlooked because of the large number of cute kittens born in the spring and summer that win over the hearts of shelter visitors. Branford Compassion Club has two fundraisers planned in July. A summer food & supply drive will take place on Saturday, July 18 from 11am – 3pm at Branford Compassion Club Feline Rescue & Adoption Center, 2037 Foxon Road, North Branford.

Also, “Summer Feline Fete”, a summer indoor picnic, will be held on Friday, July 31 from 5 pm – 9 pm at the Italian American Club, 40 Hamre Lane, Branford. For more information, please visit [www.branfordcompassionclub.org](http://www.branfordcompassionclub.org).

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# Branford Community Foundation



## Connecting People Who Care With Causes That Matter

Summer is a special time for our seaside community, and Branford provides the best backdrop to enjoy lazy summer days and rejuvenate after a long, hard winter. The summer months offer a time to consider what makes 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.

## Taxes Due July 1st

All Branford residents and business are reminded that motor vehicle taxes as well as the first installment of real estate and personal property taxes for the 2014 grand list year will be mailed the last week of June and are due July 1, 2015 and payable by August 3, 2015 without penalty.

Payments made after August 3rd will accrue interest of 1 ½ % each month dating back to the original due date. If you do not receive a bill, please call us as failure to receive a bill does not preclude your liability for the tax and any interest incurred. If you escrow your real estate taxes, your lender will receive your real estate bill instead of you.

### Payments may be made:

1. On line at [www.branford-ct.gov](http://www.branford-ct.gov). Click on “View and Pay Taxes”, put your last name, a space, and first initial (no punctuation), click “Search” and your bills will come up. You can pay your taxes by clicking on the green shopping cart. Convenience fees are 2.95% for payments made with a credit card, or .95 cents for those made with a check (ACH).
2. At the Tax Collector’s office at Town Hall 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. We do not accept credit cards in the office, but payments can be made by check, cash, or money order.

3. By mail. Checks should be payable to “Tax Collector Branford” and mailed to Tax Collector, PO Box 136, Branford, CT 06405.

4. At Official Payments either on line ([www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com)) or by phone (1-800-272-9829). Jurisdiction code is 1750 and bill number is the last 6 digits of the list number on your bill. You may use credit cards only and the convenience fee is approximately 3%.

Questions concerning your tax bill should be directed to the Tax Collector’s office at 203-315-0672; questions concerning your assessment should be directed to the Assessor’s Office at 203-488-2039.

## An Important Reminder!



An important reminder to all dog owners; June is dog licensing month! Every dog 6 months and older is required by law to be licensed annually in the State of Connecticut.

### Branford’s 2015 Top Dog Contest

Each dog licensed in Branford during the month of June (Town Clerk’s Office at 1019 Main Street) will be entered in a special drawing. The winning entrant,

picked at random on July 1st, will receive a gift basket, and the distinction of wearing Tag #1 for the year as Branford’s 2015 “Top Dog!” Also included will be a special photo opportunity at Town Hall, and the “Top Dog’s” bio and photo will be displayed on the Town Clerk’s web page for the year. Good luck!

Lisa E. Arpin  
Branford Town Clerk, 203-315-0678





# Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library

Fun summer events for library users of all ages.

## Summer Reading Program

### Kickoff for Summer Reading



Save the Date! Friday, June 26th from 2:00 - 4:00. This year's theme is: *Every Hero Has a Story*.

Join us for a Super Hero Training Camp - pick up a summer reading kit, run through our training camp and get ready for a summer of reading, fun and prizes. Early registration begins on June 17. Stop by on the last day of school to celebrate the start of summer. Enjoy a frozen treat and choose some books for summer reading.

## Cartooning Workshop

July 8 - Cartooning Workshop with Debi Hamuka-Falkenham from 3:30 - 5:00. Registration recommended.

## Other events include:

Local Hero Day, Bingo night, Sandcastle building, afternoon movies, Lego build-

ing and magic tricks. Check our website for dates and times.

## Films Nights

June 12 - Film night / *American Sniper* rated R.

July 10 - Film night - *Serena*, rated R.

Aug 7 - Film night - *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, rated PG.

## Museum Passes

The library has passes available for a wide range of local attractions. Fun for the whole family.

## Planning a Trip?

The library has lots of new travel books. We do Passports. If you need a new passport call for an appointment. Also, download book or magazines for easy reading while you travel.

## Fridays at Willoughby Wallace

Check our website for upcoming events. Movies, music and poetry on Fridays at 7:00 pm.

## Classical Guitar

Join us for an evening of Classical Guitar with Neal Fitzpatrick. July 24 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Fitzpatrick will perform great selections of classical guitar and original works. Neal Fitzpatrick is a Yale University trained professional classical guitarist and composer. He currently gives guitar lessons in his studio in Branford, CT, and plays concerts in New York, New Jersey, and Massachusetts as well as Connecticut.

## Adult Summer Reading Contest

Enjoy some great summer reads and then share the experience! Read a book, write a short review and take a chance to win a prize. Starting June 19.

Alice Pentz, Director  
Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library  
203-488-8702.



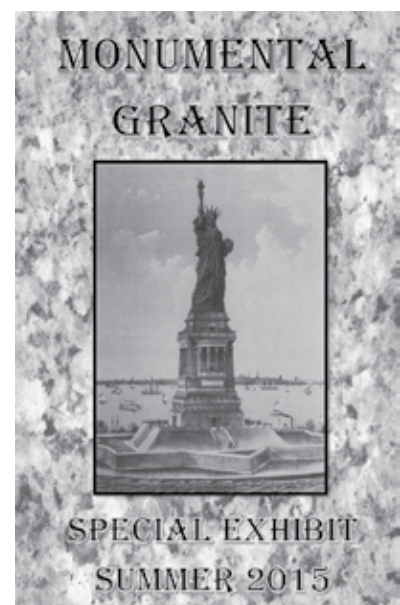
As summer approaches, the Stony Creek Museum will again welcome the public to enjoy the popular exhibits highlighting Stony Creek and the Thimble Islands. This year we are introducing our new exhibit entitled "Monumental Granite". Stony Creek granite was used for the base of the Statue of Liberty, the West Point Battle Monument and many local monuments, and our special exhibit looks at the hard-working men of the Stony Creek Quarries who had such a colossal impact on the memorial landscape of late 19th Century America. The museum will be holding lectures and events, including trips to both West Point in July and the Statue of Liberty in the fall.

Bring the children for many FUN hands-on activities!

The first in our summer series of lectures will be presented by Unk DaRos at the Willoughby Wallace Library on Wednesday June 24th at 7 pm. He will discuss the incredible obstacles that were overcome in quarrying, shipping, and installing the Battle Monument at West Point, a marvel of engineering in its day.

Call (203) 481-9369 for information.  
[www.Stonycreekmuseum.com](http://www.Stonycreekmuseum.com)  
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## June 13

The Branford Arts & Cultural Alliance (BACA), a recently formed, non-profit group will be sponsoring its first event (free) on Saturday, June 13 (rain date, Sunday, June 14).

*Plein Air* (painting outdoors): between twenty-five and fifty (or more) artists will choose locations around the green, set up their easels/pads/canvases, and paint a scene of their choosing. Visitors can stroll around our beautiful green, watching works of art develop. Previously completed work by these artists will also be on display that day at the First Congregational Church (Pilgrim Hall) giving visitors an overview of the breadth and scope of contemporary art in this area. These works will be for sale. The following week, during the Branford Festival on June 20th, the finished works, begun on the green the previous Saturday at the *Plein Air* event, will be on display in downtown storefronts for a week (June 20 to June 27). 25+ businesses have enthusiastically agreed to the use of their windows – allowing for the display of over 40 works of art. For further information visit our Web Page: <http://outer-island.com/photos/branford-plein-air.pdf>

## June 20

The Branford Arts and Cultural Alliance (BACA) will host a Pop-Up Gallery in Pilgrim Hall at the Congregational Church on June 20 from 10 to 5. This special addition to the Branford Festival will feature works by local artists utilizing many different types of media. The show will provide visitors with an opportunity to view paintings, sculpture, pottery, photography, decorative glass, etc., all by Branford residents. This gallery exhibit is one of BACA's first opportunities to introduce local artists to the community in a gallery setting. We hope that all those who visit the Festival on Saturday will stop in to visit the gallery and enjoy the artistic talents of Branford residents. Additional information about BACA is available on our Facebook page.

If you have questions, need further information, or would like to have your work considered for representation in this show, please contact Frank Carrano at [f.carrano@att.net](mailto:f.carrano@att.net).

## BCTV's First Annual Tour De Branford

Branford Community Television (BCTV) is our town's own television station, in operation for over 30 years, and providing informational, educational and entertainment programming about our lovely shoreline community. On Comcast channels 18, 19, and 20 or on Frontier channel 99, it covers political events such as elections and town meetings and gives the education department its own television outlet. At its production facilities on Kirkham Street, BCTV also offers free training to students and other citizens of Branford, providing an opportunity for them to learn how to produce an original television program, which can then be aired on BCTV.

Now BCTV will also sponsor a bicycle Tour de Branford. On Sunday morning, October 4th, 2015 this inaugural event will provide two possible routes, one fifteen-miles and one forty-miles, which explore various shoreline and scenic areas of our town. Both routes will begin and end at the new Stony Creek Brewery on the banks of the Branford River. It promises to be a festive and exciting event.



As a Branford based 501 (c) (3) non-profit community organization, BCTV relies heavily on fundraising efforts. BCTV is hoping Tour de Branford will help raise enough funds to continue and expand the many important services it provides to our town.

For more information about the event, and for registration and sponsorship opportunities, please contact BCTV by e-mail at [tour@branfordtv.org](mailto:tour@branfordtv.org) or visit our website at [www.branfordtv.org](http://www.branfordtv.org) or by phone at 203-481-3232.

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## Shoreline Chamber of Commerce



We are pleased to announce that Anna Munafo has joined the Chamber in the position of Director of Special Projects and Programs. The last time we saw Anna she was in

high school and was an intern at the Chamber. Since then, she has earned both a B.A. and a Master of Public Administration degree. Anna has worked for the Newington School System as well as the Town of Plainville. Anna can be contacted via email: [anna@shorelinechamberct.com](mailto:anna@shorelinechamberct.com); or (203) 488-5500.

The summer season is full of exciting events – be sure to check our website – [www.shorelinechamberct.com](http://www.shorelinechamberct.com), or our Facebook - Shoreline Chamber CT – for details of the events, as well as easy to use registration links. Following are some of the events we are sponsoring:  
Business After Hours – June 20 at

Liberty Bank, July 28 at the Trolley Museum and August 25 at Nellie Greens. Women in Business – September 9. Taste the Shoreline – August 22, on the Guilford Green. Enjoy food from several local restaurants, in addition to crafts and games for the children. Wellness Fair: Live. Life. Well. Guilford Green, September 13.



Sally Esborn, Mosaic Printing and Sue Brady, Guilford Savings Bank; Co-chairs of the Lobster Fest held at Owenego.



Ed Lazarus, Michele Call and Kevin Call, attending the June Business After Hours

### 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.

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## Shoreline Greenway Trail

### First Saturday Walks

Saturday, July 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Come celebrate Independence Day with the Shoreline Greenway Trail! Wear your red, white, and blue, bring the children, and meet at the Tilcon Road parking lot. We will hand out flags that we can wave as we parade along the new Tilcon trail section, up Totoket Road to Blackstone Avenue, through Young's Pond Park and along the Birch Road section of the Greenway Trail, ending at the Outdoor Classroom recently cleaned up by Boy Scout Charles Slate and Nature's Garden, under renovation by Sound School Student Luke Boyle. Contact: Leo Cristofar, 203-214-5824.

### Saturday, August 7th at 10:00 a.m.

Join us in Guilford at the East River Preserve. We'll be walking the Blue Trail, which goes through open meadows and tree covered trails. Leashed dogs that are friendly to people and other dogs are especially welcome on this walk. Meet at the bridge at the end of Sullivan Drive. Contact: Jo-Anne Basile, jbasile06437@gmail.com.

### Branford Festival

Saturday, June 20th, 9:00-3:00

Visit us at our booth and pick up a map and directions to Branford Shoreline Greenway Trail's current trails. We'll share news of what's happening currently in all five towns along the trail. We'll be focusing on the Tabor property, where SGT and the town of Branford are in the process of applying a federal grant toward building a beautiful ten foot wide trail linking Tabor Drive with Pine Orchard Road along Chet's Pond to provide safe off road walking and biking.

### 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, 203-488-5640.

### June 27th

Pine Orchard Birch Road. Preparation for our First Saturday walk July 4th. We'll be celebrating Independence Day, so we hope to have lots of people, and we want the trail to look good. Park at the SGT Trail head on Birch Road. A Boy Scout and a Sound School Senior have been working

on the Outdoor Classroom and Nature's Garden along the trail, so you'll be among the first to see their progress.

### July 25th

Tilcon trail section and Stony Creek Trolley Trail. Park at the Tilcon Parking lot at the end of Tilcon Drive.

### August 23rd

Tabor Property. The mugwort will have tried to fill in the trail. Park near Shoreline Pet Lodge off of Pine Orchard Road.

We'll try to get to the end of Chet's Pond.

### September 26th:

Tabor again. This time we'll approach from the west end, parking at Tabor Lutheran Church parking lot. This section of the trail is more recent and may include more brush trimming.

**Please note:** The state of Connecticut has authorized the application of a federal grant to the development of the Tabor trail section. Work parties help to keep it open until we get to the point of building the final, fully developed, wonderful 10 foot wide trail going along Chet's Pond and connecting Tabor Drive with Pine Orchard Road via a safe, off road pedestrian/bicycle path.

## The Branford Food Pantry

**The Branford Food Pantry, Inc.**

**30 Harrison Ave., Branford, CT 06405**

### Who we are...

The Branford Food Pantry is a 100% volunteer organization, started in 1978, that provides groceries to families in need.

In addition to family groceries, children are provided a snack package that can be used for school days. A new program, "Feed Branford Kids", provides weekend food when school subsidized meals are not available; these meals are distributed anonymously by the schools. As a special program, groceries for full turkey dinners are delivered for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Over 230,000 pounds of food are distributed annually. Check our website: [www.branfordfoodpantry.org](http://www.branfordfoodpantry.org).

### To obtain family assistance...

The Food Pantry provides groceries to families who qualify for assistance using U.S. government guidelines as determined by

the Branford Counseling Center (203-481-4248, 342 Harbor St, Branford). After approval, groceries may be picked up once per week, either on Tuesday or Friday morning, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at 30 Harrison Ave, lower level on the right side of the building.

### To help in our mission

Those who would like to consider volunteering to help, on distribution days, should call the office (203-481-3663) during office hours.

Non-perishable food donations, either personal or from food drives, can be dropped off at our location during open hours or call for special arrangements. Special needs: peanut butter, jelly/jam, cereal, canned tuna, healthy kid snacks for school. Cash donations are welcome and critical. Make checks out to the Branford Food Pantry and mail them to 30 Harrison Ave, Branford, CT 06405.



# James Blackstone Memorial Library



Children love dropping their earned marbles into the summer reading Marble Machine to watch them roll. Photo credit: Carly Lemire.

## Summer Reading June 17 - August 22

Our children's summer reading program is "Every Hero has a Story," and the tween/teen program is "Unmasked". Both programs include exciting events like comics creation, live Greek Myth performance, super hero training camp, and a Disney sing-along featuring songs from your favorite movie heroes and heroines. Visit us at [blackstonelibrary.org](http://blackstonelibrary.org) for a complete calendar of events and to register for the events you want to attend. Adults can get in on the summer reading fun, too. The adult summer reading program is Escape from the Ordinary; step out of your comfort zone and challenge yourself to try something new!

## Summer Events at Blackstone Library

Registration is required for all programs with an \*. Please call 203.488.1441, ext. 318.

### Writer's Workshop\*

Saturdays @ 10-11 AM  
Session I: June 6, 13, 20, 27  
Session II: July 11, 18, 25 & August 1  
Session III: August 8, 15, 22, 29

### What's the Buzz? Honeybees and Beekeeping\*

June 24 @ 6:30-7:30 PM

### Annual John Loeb Lecture\*

For the Sake of the Country: Female Civil War Spies / June 30 @ 7-8 PM

### World Dance Class\*

Mondays @ 6:30—7:30 PM  
July 6, 20, August 3, 17

### Tips for Home Organization

August 11 @ 6:30 - 7:30 PM

## Children's Programs

Programs with an \* require registration; please call 203.488.1441 ext. 323

### Graphic Reads\*

Mondays @ 4- 5 PM  
July 6, August 3  
A new graphic novel book club for grades 3 - 5.

### Teddy Bear Superhero Sleepover

June 19 @ 11 AM - 12 Noon  
This is a traditional story time and your teddy bear is invited to spend the night at the library! For babies- age 5.

### 3D File Creation and Printing\*

June 22 @ 2:30 - 4:30 PM  
Wednesday, July 29 @ 5:30 - 7:30 PM  
Thursday, August 20 @ 2:30 - 4:30 PM  
For families with children in grades 3 - 6.

### Power Play\*

June 23 @ 1 - 2 PM / Renewable energy sources with the Stepping Stones Museum. For grades K - 2.

### Design Your Own Hero\*

June 29, July 1, July 3 @ 2 - 3:30 PM  
Use a superhero graphic organizer to create your own hero. Grades 5+.

### Superhero Training Camp\*

July 7 @ 1-2 PM  
For K-4th grade.

### Super Birds, Super Abilities\*

July 10 @ 2-3 PM / Get up close and personal with nature's flying machines, with a

Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center ambassador. All ages.

### Hercules and the Heroes

July 16 @ 3 - 4 PM  
Hampstead Stage will introduce you to Greece's greatest hero, Hercules. For all ages.

### Lego Movie\*

July 23 @ 4-6:30 PM  
For all ages.

### Tie Dye with a SUPER Twist\*

July 25 @ 1-2 PM  
Bring a white cotton T! For grades K-4

### What Would Your Superhero Drive?\*

July 27 @ 3-5 PM / Using everyday materials, we'll design different forms of transportation and put them to the test-may the fastest hero win! Grades 5+

### Animals in Disguise\*

July 31 @ 2-3 PM / Learn about the hidden world of animal camouflage with an ambassador from the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center. For all ages.

### Comic Book Based Crafts\*

August 5 @ 2-3 PM  
Grades 5+

### Tsar Tsar: Animals Can Be Heroes Too

August 10 @ 3-4 PM  
Meet Tsar Tsar, a local therapy dog. All ages.

### Change the World Before Bedtime

August 11 @ 2-3 PM  
With local author Josh Chalmers. For K-4th grades.

### Disney Songs: Heroes, Heroines and Animals

August 22 @ 2-3 PM  
For all ages.

# East Shore District Health Department and Temporary Food Events



The East Shore District Health Department (ESDHD) would like to remind anyone involved with organizing temporary food events that each food vendor is required to have a temporary food permit.

All applications for selling/ providing/giving away/ or sampling food or beverages must be received by the ESDHD at least 14 days prior to the date you will be on-site.

All food vendors need to fill out an application for a Temporary Food Event. These applications are available at the ESDHD.

Qualifying temporary events are open to the general public and may include: Fairs, Carnivals, Public Exhibitions and Festivals. A license is not needed when an event is by invite to members of

a church congregation or organization, or, not open to the general public.

A temporary license is not required for licensed food establishments that have already been approved for off-site catering or for licensed itinerant vendors (for example: food trucks) within our district (Branford, East Haven, and North Branford).

Anyone organizing events in the Towns of Branford, North Branford, or East Haven must obtain and submit an application and license fee to the East Shore District Health Department. In addition to event information, applications require a menu list, sketch of the booth layout, sources of food, and primary food handler information.

For questions or for further clarification on whether your event requires a license, please call the East Shore District Health Department at (203) 481-4233.

## Inland Wetlands Agency

In 1972, the state legislature enacted the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act (IWWA, sections 22a-36 through 22a-45 of the General Statutes of Connecticut), which requires the regulation of activities affecting the wetlands and watercourses of our state.

In 1987, the IWWA was amended to declare it is the "public policy of the state" to require municipal regulation of such activities. CGS Sec. 22a-36, Inland wetlands and watercourses legislative finding, states that "The inland wetlands and watercourses of the state of Connecticut are an indispensable and irreplaceable but fragile natural resource with which the citizens of the state have been endowed. The wetlands and watercourses are an interrelated web of nature essential to an adequate supply of surface and underground water; to hydrological stability and control of flooding and erosion; to the recharging and purification of groundwater; and to the existence of many forms of animal, aquatic and plant life." The Branford Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC) was

established in 1974. The Branford IWWC members are volunteer Town residents, appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Inland wetlands are identified by soil type so they may or may not have standing water. If an area looks wet much of the year then it is most likely a wetland. However, many inland wetlands do not usually have standing water. An investigation by a soil scientist finding the presence of inland wetland soils is required to make the determination. Within its regulations, the IWWC has established a 100 foot upland review distance. Activities to be conducted in this area require review and a permit from the Agency prior to being undertaken. Activities conducted farther than 100 feet may also require a permit if the Agency determines that the activities may impact wetlands. Removal of vegetation, planting, grading, excavation, construction, installation of sheds and above ground pools are some types of the regulated activities that require a permit.

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## Branford Rotary Pancakes & Books Stack Up at Festival



The Branford Rotary Club is hosting its annual food tent at the Branford Festival on June 19 & 20, 2015. The legendary All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast is on Saturday, the 20th, and Sunday, the 21st, from the hours of 8:00 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 and a mainstay of the Festival 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 on Friday and Saturday. Enjoy Rotary's tasty specialties while investigating various vendors or listening to music. The Rotary tent is conveniently located adjacent to the Main Stage in front of Town Hall.

This year's menu includes lobster rolls, chicken tenders, steamship round beef sandwiches, curly fries, hot pretzels, hot dogs, and strawberry shortcake. Food prices range from \$5 to \$20. Beverages are also available. Rotarians will gladly wrap food items for take out purposes. Anthony Terry (203-481-6424) is chairing the Rotary Festival Food Committee.

In addition, the Branford Rotary Club is also operating 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 editions, CDs and DVDs at reduced prices. Some vintage editions are also available. This event is a book lover's dream and will provide many a summer read. David Kozma chairs the Used Book Sale. He can be contacted at 203.641.9485 or [davejkozma@gmail.com](mailto:davejkozma@gmail.com) to answer questions or arrange for collection of large donations for the sale during the weekend.

The Branford Rotary Food Tent & Book Sale will be operating on Friday, 5:00-10:00 p.m., Saturday & Sunday, 8 a.m.-Festival closing. Over 50 members will be working at these events.

Rotary President David Chew encourages all to come and enjoy the Branford Festival happening and support the Rotary Food Tent and Book Sale. "This is Branford Rotary's largest fundraiser of the year and is a great opportunity for the community to see Branford Rotarians in action." The Rotary Club of Branford provides details about its operation and function at [branfordrotary.org](http://branfordrotary.org) and [facebook.com](http://facebook.com).

### 2nd Annual Classic Car Show

Sunday, August 23, 11:00am 3:00pm, Van Wilgen's Garden Center 51 Valley Rd, North Branford, CT. Enjoy walking through rows of vintage automobiles and chatting with their owners. Food trucks are anticipated. Donations for the event will be accepted.

### INLAND WETLANDS ... continued from page 11

If you have any questions about the regulatory process or are looking for more information related to wetland functions and values, wetland contribution to coastal

resilience change resilience, and best practices that a property owner can undertake to protect and enhance wetlands, visit the Branford Town Website, Inland Wetlands

and Natural Resources page or contact Department in Town Hall.





# EXCHANGE

THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF BRANFORD, CT

Branford Exchange Club Announces that Dr Henry Lee, World famous Forensic Scientist, will participate in the 2015 Honoring Shoreline Heroes Banquet. The Event will take place September 30 at the Woodwinds. Last year's Banquet had an attendance of 325 people and involved Branford, Guilford and North Branford. At our recent April 28 meeting, our club was honored and privileged to have dinner with Dr. Henry Lee and his wife Margaret. Our Club presented Dr. Lee with a framed award thanking him



Photo-Left to right: Bob Aceto President, Dr Henry Lee, Jack Mushin Secretary, Terry McAvoy, member.

for sharing his time and giving so much back in everything he does.

The Branford 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. Come visit us at our Fried Dough Booth at the Branford Festival this June 19-21. For more information about Exchange and its programs please contact: [art.promotions1@gmail.com](mailto:art.promotions1@gmail.com) or Phone 203.901.7982.

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Household hazardous waste comes from everyday products used in the home, garage, yard or garden. These products are corrosive, flammable, toxic or reactive. Alternatives to toxic products may be available. Visit our website at [www.rwater.com/hazwaste](http://www.rwater.com/hazwaste) or call the HazWaste office at 203-401-2712.

A visit to HazWaste Central is quick, easy and free. Participants never have to leave their cars, and the waste is off-loaded by professionals. The checklist helps identify products by rooms in a home. HazWaste Central serves residents in its 15 town region, including Branford.

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

Open Saturdays – 9 a.m. to noon - May 16 through October 31, 2015. Closed holiday weekends of July 4, and September 5, 2015.

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**Small Businesses:** Call 203-401-2712 for Disposal Information

\* Local disposal options are available. Please check with Branford's Transfer Station webpage <http://www.branford-ct.gov/content/143/179/default.aspx> or the following resources:

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

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

**Paint:** Visit the Connecticut page of [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org) to find a drop-off location for household paint.

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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 §12-81l 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, §12-81l 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.

## "SNOOPY!!! The Musical"

The Round Table Players and the First Congregational Church of Branford proudly present:

"SNOOPY!!! The Musical"

Based on the Comic Strip "PEANUTS" by Charles M. Schulz  
Book by Charles M. Schulz Creative Associates,  
Warren Lockhart, Arthur Whitelaw, and Michael L. Grace  
Music by Larry Grossman Lyrics by Hal Hackady;  
Originally Directed by Arthur Whitelaw  
Originally Produced by Arthur Whitelaw, Michael L. Grace  
and Susan Bloom  
Co-Directed by: Anthony Festa and Robert Esposito  
Choreographed by: Anthony Festa  
Music Director: James Teti

After their smash hit "Ragtime", last summer, The Round Table Players are back with their presentation of "SNOOPY!!! The Musical." Based on the beloved comic strip "Peanuts" by Charles M. Schulz, SNOOPY!!! The Musical is a ninety-minute, song-filled, gag-packed treat for the entire family! Re-live some of your favorite moments from the Sunday Funnies with Charlie Brown, Sally, Linus, Lucy, Peppermint Patty, Woodstock and Snoopy as they sing and dance their ways right into your heart!

"Snoopy!!! The Musical" is being performed one week only: July 9th, 10th and 11th at 7:00 p.m.; July 11th and 12th at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$10-\$15 with a SPECIAL FAMILY FOUR-PACK for \$40 - and are on sale now. They can be purchased in advance by emailing [rtplayersct@gmail.com](mailto:rtplayersct@gmail.com).

Performances are held at The First Congregational Church of Branford – Pilgrim Hall: 1009 Main Street, Branford

Started by a core group of friends who have performed throughout Connecticut and the U.S., The Round Table Players is a fledgling theater company based out of the New Haven area. Dedicated to bringing the most professional, quality performances to audiences, their mission is to serve the community as a source of uncompromising, exceptional entertainment, culture and education.

For more information on upcoming auditions or to volunteer to assist in upcoming productions, please contact us at [rtplayersct@gmail.com](mailto:rtplayersct@gmail.com).

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# Branford Economic Development Commission

As part of its effort to promote and support biotech development in town, the Economic Development Commission recently hosted a forum with Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medicine at the Blackstone Library. Featured speaker was Mike Hyde, Vice President for External Affairs and Strategic Partnerships for Jackson Labs. His remarks provided background on the company's move to Connecticut and its relationship with several area biotech companies.



EDC Chair Perry Maresca [l] and Jackson Labs VP Mike Hyde [r] at the Blackstone Library." Photo by Bill O'Brien.

The forum also included a panel discussion with several Branford-based biotech companies that highlighted what draws the industry to our town and the positive impact it has on our local, regional and state economy. In addition to the Town's business friendly approach, other attributes identified by the panel included a highly educated and motivated workforce, close proximity to Yale research centers, a strategic location between Boston and New York, low taxes with an excellent infrastructure and public services, and a high quality of life replete with cultural and recreational opportunities.

Also, at a recent meeting the EDC presented Vaiuso Farms 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



[L to R] EDC Chairman Perry Maresca, Mark Vaiuso, EDC member Joe Gordon, Joe Vaiuso, First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove, and Chris Vaiuso.

Branford a better place to live and work. The Vaiuso family has run the farm, greenhouse and nursery for nearly ninety years and, now with its fourth generation, operates a state of the art facility supplying quality plants year 'round to independent garden centers, florists and non-profits through the northeast states.

## Four Tips for Over Forty Skin

Somewhere around age forty our skin starts changing. Hormones start shifting and our skin can experience dryness, acne or even both. As we progress through our forties and into our fifties, signs of aging such as lines, wrinkles and skin laxity become a problem. Here are four tips to help with the most common problems.

**DRY SKIN** - When hormone levels start dropping, many women notice much drier skin. Dry skin can lead to premature aging and wrinkling. This is a good time to add Hyaluronic Acid to your skin routine. There are moisturizers that contain this ingredient and even Hyaluronic Acid serums that can be applied separately under your moisturizer.

**DULL SKIN** - Skin is designed to turn over every 28 days, but as we mature cell turnover slows down leaving our skin dull and lackluster. Professional exfoliation treatments like microdermabrasion are a great way to remove the dull top layer. At home systems must be used with caution because too much abrasion can cause your capillaries to break.

**ACNE** - Having pimples and wrinkles at the same time is the ultimate frustration. Unfortunately, break-outs around the mouth and jawline are common in our forties and are usually due to fluctuating hormone levels. Spot treatments with salicylic acid or benzoyl peroxide help to dry up occasional pimples. If the problem goes beyond the occasional pimple, prescription medications may be necessary.

**WRINKLES** - By age 40, most of us will have more than likely spotted our first wrinkle. Botox, dermal fillers and radiofrequency treatments can help wrinkles in different parts of your face. Now is the time to pay close attention.

If you haven't gotten into the habit already, sunscreen should be a part of your daily routine. Also, by age 40 you should be layering products and not relying on moisturizer alone.

To learn more about procedures that will keep you beautiful without surgery, please call 203 245-2227 for a free consultation with Dr. O'Malley or visit us at [www.sonasmedspa.com](http://www.sonasmedspa.com).

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# The Branford Land Trust



## Environmental Day Camp for Kids

Every summer for the past 20 years, the Branford Land Trust has sponsored an Environmental Day Camp for Kids. Since its inception, more than 800 children have participated in the camp, which gives kids ages 5-9 an opportunity to explore the natural wonders of Long Island Sound and its associated habitats.

Held each summer at the Killam's Point Conference Center, the day-long camp includes a variety of activities including tide pools and forest exploration, touch tanks, nature crafts and games, live birds, amphibians and reptiles, music, music, and more.

Registration is required, and participants are provided with an agenda, map and list of things to bring. This year's camp will be held on July 23 and 24. Participants may choose to attend either Thursday or Friday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Registration forms are available online at [www.branfordlandtrust.org](http://www.branfordlandtrust.org). 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 contact Martha Rice at

203-314-7128, [mhbrice@gmail.com](mailto:mhbrice@gmail.com).  
(Photos courtesy of the Branford Land Trust)

### Explore Branford this Summer with These Upcoming Events!

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

## JUNE 13

### Nature Explorer Program: Turtles and Snake Walk\*

Saturday, 2:30 pm

Luis Moreira, a Branford resident who has a special interest in turtles and snakes, is leading a walk at the Supply Ponds to provide us with information about these special animals and how to look for them in areas where he has known them to hang out. It promises to be a fun time as we put on our "explorer hats"!

We will meet at the main parking area. From Route 1, take either Mill Plain Road and then the first left onto Short Rocks Road, or take Chestnut Street, which goes directly into the preserve to the parking area. Families are especially invited to attend, but dogs must be left at home. For further information, call 203-415-1571. The event will occur if there is light rain, but move to the rain date of June 14 if there is heavy rain.

## July 23 and July 24

### Environmental Day Camp for Kids

Killam's Point Conference Center, Thursday or Friday / 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

The 20th Annual Hands-on Environmental Day Camp for children ages 5-9. Hands-on activities include touch tanks, woodland exploration, nature crafts and more. Registration required. For further information contact Martha Rice at (203) 314-7128 or [mhbrice@gmail.com](mailto:mhbrice@gmail.com).

## SEPTEMBER 12

### 17th Annual Branford River Parade

Mark your calendars for the 17th annual Branford River Parade for kayakers and canoeists on September 12 (rain date: September 13) when we paddle from Branford High School down to Branford Point. Boaters should plan on dropping their boats off behind the Branford High School between 10:30 am - 11:15 am, driving to Branford Point to leave their cars/trucks and taking the bus back to the high school for the noon parade start. See [www.branfordlandtrust.org](http://www.branfordlandtrust.org) for details.

### \*For all Branford Land Trust Walks

Please wear appropriate dress and comfortable, supportive walking shoes. Bring water. Walking sticks welcome.

# 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@epilepsyct.com](mailto:Allison@epilepsyct.com). For more information visit <http://www.epilepsyct.com> or call 800-899-3745.



# Planning and Zoning Department

## Transit Oriented Development (TOD)

The South Central Regional Council of Governments is wrapping up 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, Atlantic Wharf and the Anchor Reef Development plans.

## Brews, Food Trucks, Burgers and Clam Rolls

Branford has become a destination for breweries. The town is home to four (4) breweries/brewpubs including Stony Creek Brewery, Thimble Islands Brewery, DuVig Brewery, and SBC. All the breweries are

working together on tours, promotions, etc. Stony Creek Brewery opened in May with great fanfare including patio propane fire pits and events in the Celebration Room. Food trucks (2) are approved for the Stony Creek Brewery lot and will be sought for the Thimble Island Brewery site on Business Park Drive. Burgers slide off the plate from the west side of town to the east side of town along Route 1 at numerous restaurant locations. Every Connecticut shoreline town has their iconic clam bar. Branford has its own called the Clam Shack serving up clam rolls across the Branford River from the Stony Creek Brewery. Nellie Green's provides clam rolls and food next door to the Stony Creek Brewery.

## Branford Farmers Market

A regional Farmer's Market has opened and is operating out of 965 West Main Street (old Echlin site) parking lot space. The "Branford Alps Farmers Market" will

be managed by the wife of the owner of the property Martha Maguire. The market is scheduled to operate on Thursdays, between 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall months. Display booths will be under the "high pole Big Tent" with adjacent spaces to provide a cohesive and organized market atmosphere. The market includes local farm products and will be a great added benefit to the Branford citizens and the region.

## Boat Launch Information

The State CTDEEP is scheduled to repair the public boat launch off of Goodsell Point Road. The launch is in disrepair and is long overdue for significant improvements. The current ramp is over 30 years old. The new launch will be handicap accessible and will feature a floating dock that will replace the current fixed wood dock. An additional car top launching area will be built. Construction is scheduled to begin late Summer of 2015.

## Brian's Hope



At the end of a long, snowy winter there were two events that warmed our hearts. Brian's Hope was invited to be the beneficiary of Campania Ristorante's effort in the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce's Chili Challenge. Joey and Ronnie Solevo's Boar'n To Be Wild Chili, served at TrailBlazer, was the most popular, earning Campania the "Ladle Trophy" and Brian's Hope \$500. Thank you Solevo Family for matching that prize with your own donation! The following week, Window Products Awning, Blind and Shade Company hosted "An Evening of Interior Design Tips" to benefit Brian's Hope. Nationally recognized interior design expert Sally Morse demonstrated how to brighten any interior by taking "10 Steps Towards a Perfect Room." It was a nice evening with great information and fun prizes. We are grateful to Sylvia and John Prior and Ross Tannenbaum for your thoughtful generosity.

We have begun preparations for our biggest fund-raiser, the Annual Hammerfest Sprint Triathlon to be held Sunday, Sept. 20th. We are always grateful for new interest and support, be it

from sponsors, volunteers or athletes. Whether you're a "newbie" or a wily veteran of triathlons, as you face Long Island Sound and wait for the starting gun to sound, you're thinking 'why am I doing this? I could be home sleeping or having a leisurely Sunday breakfast.' You emerge from the 1/2 mile swim, jump on your bike for 13.5 miles and the next thing you know, you're crossing the finish line of the Hammerfest Triathlon after completing the 3.5 mile run. Exuberance, satisfaction, confidence and the elation only a triathlon's fatigue can bring. But best of all, your efforts have helped Brian's Hope get just a little closer to fulfilling its mission of stopping the progression of ALD.

And so it goes and has gone for some 19 years now – the Hammerfest Triathlon staged at the beautiful Owenego Club. As you mill about, enjoying the post-race barbecue and talking with fellow athletes, volunteers and friends, you just can't help thinking that at the heart of all this is Brian Kelley's courage and inspiration, and our unwavering commitment to help others afflicted by ALD, to stop its progression and provide hope to all it befalls. Your participation in Hammerfest embodies that commitment as we continue to promote awareness of ALD, work to ensure genetic screening for all newborns nationwide and support a study being conducted at the Kennedy Krieger Institute which holds the possibility of a new therapy for those living with advanced cerebral ALD and AMN. Thank you for helping us spread the ripples of that hope just a little bit further outward.

# Canoe Brook Seniors Get Around!

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



Photo: Canoe Brook Trip - Tour of Services / May 6

Exploring and discovering your passions, connecting with others who share in them, and having fun learning new things is the key to enjoying retirement. Studies have shown that compared to their peers those age 60+ who actively participate in Senior Centers report being healthier, happier, and greater life satisfaction. Canoe Brook strives to offer a diverse range of activities, literally - from A to Z - Art to Zumba and everything in

between, including travel. Our travel programs provide exciting opportunities to explore and learn with ease, and in comfort. Whether it's a daytrip or an extended tour, we do all the research, planning, and driving, all you need to do is stop by the Center, register, and go. Escorted by our Activity Coordinator dynamo Nancy Cohen, one thing is certain, you will have fun! Join us on some of our Summer adventures...

6/17 Historic Hudson Valley from Sky, Land, & Sea

7/9 "My Fair Lady", Theater by the Sea, Wakefield, R.I.

7/22 Foxwoods Resort Casino & newly opened Tanger Outlets

8/27 New Haven Open at Yale, quarterfinals

9/3 "La Cage Aux Folles", Goodspeed, lunch at Gelston House

For more information check us out on the web at <http://www.branford-ct.gov/canoebrook>.



## Branford Historical Society

**Branford Historical Society**  
**PO Box 504, Branford, CT 06405**  
**[www.branfordhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.branfordhistoricalsociety.org)**

The Branford Historical Society cares for and maintains the Harrison House at 124 Main St. We are waging an active campaign to save and preserve this historic Branford Landmark as a community resource and museum. We are gratefully accepting donations. All individual donations will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$35,000 by the Branford Community Foundation, who has teamed up with us, to help us reach our goal. Please donate today. Visit our website for more information. The Harrison House will open in June for guided tours, on Saturdays 1-4 pm, or by appointment. Visit and experience the circa 1724 saltbox house and property

featuring period furnishings, Branford artifact, exhibits, along with a colonial flower and herb garden beautifully maintained by the Branford Garden Club.

We will be serving our traditional Strawberry Shortcakes at the Branford Festival Saturday only, June 20th. Visit us on Montowese St., next to Trinity Church for fresh hand-hulled sweet strawberries and real cream whipped on location!

Dorrance Johnson will make a return engagement to the Blackstone Library on Wednesday September 23rd at 7 pm, speaking about the history of Branford's

Fire Department. He will highlight Branford's fire departments, historic fires and the brave and dedicated firefighters who protect us.

Join us for this popular program. Refreshments will be served, a \$5.00 donation is requested.

Stay in touch through our Website for other upcoming events, including another possible presentation of paranormal activity found at the Harrison House! [www.Branfordhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.Branfordhistoricalsociety.org). Become a Member!

## Usage of Plates & Permits for Disabled Individuals

**Parking Spaces** - On-street parking spaces reserved for people with disabilities are designated by local law or ordinance. Off-street parking spaces for people with disabilities are required by law at any private facility with 201 or more parking spaces. **Misuse of Parking Permits or Plates**

If you misuse plates or a parking permit or allow another to misuse them, the Department of Motor Vehicles may revoke the plates/permit or deny renewal. The most common misuse is when someone other than the person with a disability uses the plates or permit to park in a space reserved for people

with disabilities. These parking permits or plates are valid only when the person with a disability who received the permit is driving the vehicle or is a passenger in it.

**Traveling Out-of-State**

Connecticut plates and permits for people with disabilities are available only to Connecticut residents. However, Connecticut honors out-of-state plates and permits for people with disabilities, and most other states also honor Connecticut permits and plates.

[www.ct.gov](http://www.ct.gov)

# Branford Parks and Recreation Summer 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.

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 2015.

## The Summer Camp Playground Program

From July 1 to August 14 (excluding July 3rd) 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 2 and runs until July 30 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 Brownstone Discovery Park, Six Flags, Lake Com-pounce, NY Mets at Citi Field and much more. Cost for this program is \$500.00.

## The Counselor In Training Program (CIT)

For ages 14 and 15, helps 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, 2015 to be part of the camp experience in a capacity which bridges the gap between a camper and becoming a Counselor In Training.

**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), and **Aqua Aerobics**. 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 \$120.00 (Family Pass), \$60.00 (Individual Pass), \$40.00 (Senior Citizen Pass), \$10.00 (Day Pass) and \$5.00 (Guest Pass – Each Limited to Two). **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.branfordrecreation.org](http://www.branfordrecreation.org).

## Month of May Declared National Safety Month

Every year the month of May is officially recognized as Building Safety Month across the nation. Building Safety Month is an awareness campaign to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures. The awareness campaign also helps to improve public safety by increasing the understanding surrounding building codes and how code officials work to improve and protect the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play.

The State of Connecticut takes no exception to Building Safety Month. Governor Daniel P. Malloy has issued an official statement proclaiming the month of May 2015 as Building Safety Month for Connecticut.

The campaign reinforces the need for adoption of modern, model building codes, a strong and efficient system of code enforcement and a well-trained, professional workforce to maintain the system. The ongoing campaign to promote Building Safety Month awareness, and the important role code officials play in public safety in the built environment, comes from the President of the United States, governors, mayors, county executives and other government officials and construction industry professionals.

Anthony Cinicola  
Building Official, Town of Branford

# The Branford Garden Club



The Branford Garden Club was founded in 1928, and today has over 140 co-ed members. It is one of the largest clubs in Connecticut. The club is a Charter Member of the Federated Garden Club of Connecticut, Inc.

The day and evening group meet once a month. Both meet at the Community House, daytime at noon with a buffet lunch, and the evening group offers refreshments. We all work towards a common goal, keeping Branford Beautiful while working on environmental issues. Our speakers programs range from horticulture, design, planting to protecting endangered butterflies and bees.

During the month of June, we will be working on the Baskets on the Green. Shop owners help us with donations and words

of thanks. These baskets will be watered all summer long by garden club members. At our June 4th meeting, we gave out awards to Commercial and Residential Winners. These people are recommended for these awards for their outstanding gardens.

On June 20th, we will be at a booth at the Branford Festival. Please stop by if you have any gardening questions or just to say Hi!

We do not have meetings during July and August, but we keep busy maintaining our town gardens. We do planting and weeding at the Veterans Garden by the flagpole on the green. We also take care of the Mae McCabe Daylily Garden and the Harrison House Herb Garden on Main St.

## 2014 Personal Property Declarations

This is notification that the Personal Property Declaration for the 2015 GRAND LIST needs to be filed in the Assessor's Office by November 2nd, 2015. They will be mailed by the Assessor's Office no later than the beginning of September 2015.

All business owners of taxable personal property are required to file declarations of such property with the Assessor of the town where the property is located on the Assessment Date of October 1st, or with the Assessor of the town where the property has established situs in accordance with the 'three month rule'. This requirement applies to residents (§12-41) or nonresidents (§12-43) of the municipality where the property is located.

Property owners must file a Personal Property Declaration regarding their taxable personal property with the local

assessor on or before November first, in accordance with §12-41. A declaration's postmark date, as defined in §1-2a, determines the timeliness of its filing. Section 12-42 also provides that when the first day of November is a Saturday or Sunday, the declaration may be filed or postmarked on the next business day.

Pursuant to §12-41(c), declaration shall include but are not limited to the following types of property: disposals, all leased equipment, leasehold improvements, commercial furniture, fixtures, machinery and supplies owned by any manufacturer, wholesales, and/or retailer. This subsection specifies that personal property located in factories, stores, offices, hotels, restaurants, recreational halls, taverns, utility companies, all businesses, and etc. must be included on the declaration as filed by the owner.

Please read Subsection (b) of §12-41 which provides that registered vehicles, may be included if they are subject to taxation by a town other than the town in which they are registered. Motor vehicles registered in another state and unregistered motor vehicles must be reported if they are garaged in a city or town in this state, pursuant to §12-71b(g).

To avoid receiving a penalty for improper filing ALL PAGES of the form must be filled out completely including but not limited to Leased Equipment and Disposed Assets. If you have questions please telephone the Assessor's Office at (203) 488-2039 between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. and they will be glad to help you with the form. We will even have someone inspect the business for a listing of assets.



## Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps

The Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps are proud to be hosting most likely the biggest event since the Corps 100th Anniversary celebration in 1986. The Corps will be presenting an International Fife & Drum Concert on Thursday, August 20th, at 7 pm at Madera Park in the village of Stony Creek. This Concert will feature the St Mary's Prize Band of Limerick Ireland which has become great friends with the Stony Creek Corps through the years of their visits to USA in 1992 and 2002, and with the Creeks visit to Ireland in 1980, 1996, and 2001. This concert will also feature Branford's own Totoket Ancients, the only all female fife & drum corps in the United States, and the newly formed St. Mary's School Fife & Drum Corps. The concert is free - bring your lawn chairs and blankets.

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR STONY CREEK:

- June 13 Blessing of the Fleet Southport Ct / 11 am
- June 20 Company of Fifer's & Drummer's 50th Anniversary Concert at the Fife & Drum Museum in Ivoryton Ct / 1 pm
- July 4 Pine Orchard Yacht Club Kiddie parade / 9 am
- July 4 Madison 4th of July Parade / 11 am
- July 18 National Muster Deep River Ancient Muster / 11 am
- Aug. 20 International Fife & Drum Concert Madera Park Stony Creek / 7 pm
- Aug. 22 Westbrook Muster / 11 am
- Sept. 7 Short Beach Days Parade / 11 am
- Sept. 19 Guilford Citizens Parade / 10 am

For additional information please come on down to our practice hall, Seaside Hall, 215 Thimble Island Road on any Thursday night. Practices start at 7:30 pm.

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# The Branford Counseling Center

The Branford Counseling Center (BCC) is the municipally-funded behavioral health and social services agency, which provides services to Branford residents, both adults and children. To help us accomplish our mission, BCC is involved with various fundraisers offered by organizations, groups and individuals.

Spring was a very busy and exciting time for BCC. On April 26th, the Branford High Choral Program put on an incredible "Bach to Rock" fundraiser concert at Woolsey Hall in New Haven, with all proceeds going directly to the Basic Needs Program. The concert featured approximately 160 Branford High School students, the Intermediate School's Cantare Program, a 30-piece orchestra, and a rock band. It began with Bach's "Magnificat" and then transitioned in to 10 rock classics, including hits like "Born to Be Wild" by Steppenwolf and "I Got the

Music in Me" by The Kiki Dee Band. The Counseling Center was also one of the beneficiaries of the 4th Annual Rotary Club of Branford Golf Classic, which was held on May 12th at the Pine Orchard Country Club.

Upcoming summer fundraisers to support the programs of Branford Counseling Center include the Italian American Club Golf Tournament on June 14th (for more information, visit [www.iaclubbranford.com](http://www.iaclubbranford.com)) and the Branford Road Race on June 21st (for more information or to donate, visit [www.branfordroadrace.net](http://www.branfordroadrace.net)).

The Basic Needs 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 program's financial restraints. A portion of the funds to support this program comes from the Town budget and through fundraising events or donations. To learn more, please visit our website:

[www.branford-ct.gov/Counseling](http://www.branford-ct.gov/Counseling)  
Keep updated on events, fundraisers, and other announcements through our Facebook page:  
([www.facebook.com/BranfordCounselingCenter](http://www.facebook.com/BranfordCounselingCenter))

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