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First Selectman's Corner

The Town was busy over the summer months with a variety of projects, including road, bridge and sidewalk repairs, as well as upgrades to a number of facilities so that we can continue to provide the best services and programs to our residents and businesses. Plans are underway to develop a master plan for the long-term maintenance and replacement of trees on Main Street. The Foote Trust's recent donation to the Town of Foote and Riverside Parks now make them town-owned facilities and minor improvements have already begun. Plans are progressing with the Senior Center and Community House Renovation and Expansion project as well as the renovation and expansion of Walsh Intermediate School and the relocation of the Board of Education offices.

Other projects around town continue to advance, as well. Upgrades to the state's boat launch on Goodsell Point Road is on schedule and is expected to be completed by the end of this fall. DOT continues to plan for the replacement of the North Branford Road bridge (Rte. 139), a follow-up to the recent improvement project to the intersection of Rte. 139 at School Ground and Valley Roads along with the new bridge on School Ground Road itself. Meanwhile, DOT's plans to replace the Sybil Creek bridge, at the juncture of South Montowese Street, Linden

and Sybil Avenues, now has a 2017 start date.

And while summer activities are over and the fall season and the school year are in full swing, some of us are already anticipating the holiday season. Be sure to stay out and about town where there's something for everyone. We look forward to the return of the Branford Art Center's 2nd annual "Shoreline Harvest Art Festival" on October 8th on the green, just days before the ever-popular Blackstone Library book sale that will run from Thursday, October 13th through Sunday the 16th. And the Branford Garden Club will once again be bringing us "scarecrows-on-the-green" from October 19th through November 1st, while an entire season of music, singing and stage performances will be brought to us by the Musical Art Society, Branford Folk Music Society, Round Table Players and others. Details on those activities and more are contained in the following pages. I encourage everyone to support those organizations, and to enjoy our shoreline, trails, parks and open spaces as the brilliant colors of autumn take hold.



First Selectman
James B. Cosgrove

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A large advertisement for Saybrook Country Barn. The background is a photograph of a bright, elegant living room with a white sofa, patterned ottoman, and side table. Overlaid on the image is the text "The finest home furnishings you'll forever love" in a cursive font. At the bottom, there is a logo for "the Shops at Saybrook Country Barn" and contact information: "Furniture & Interior Design | 2 Main St., Old Saybrook | 860.388.0891 | saybrookcountrybarn.com".

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Finally, please remember that Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th and that District 4 residents now vote at Fire Headquarters, 45 North Main Street. For a list of all the polling stations and voting districts and for voter registration information, please visit the Registrar of Voter's page on the Town's website.

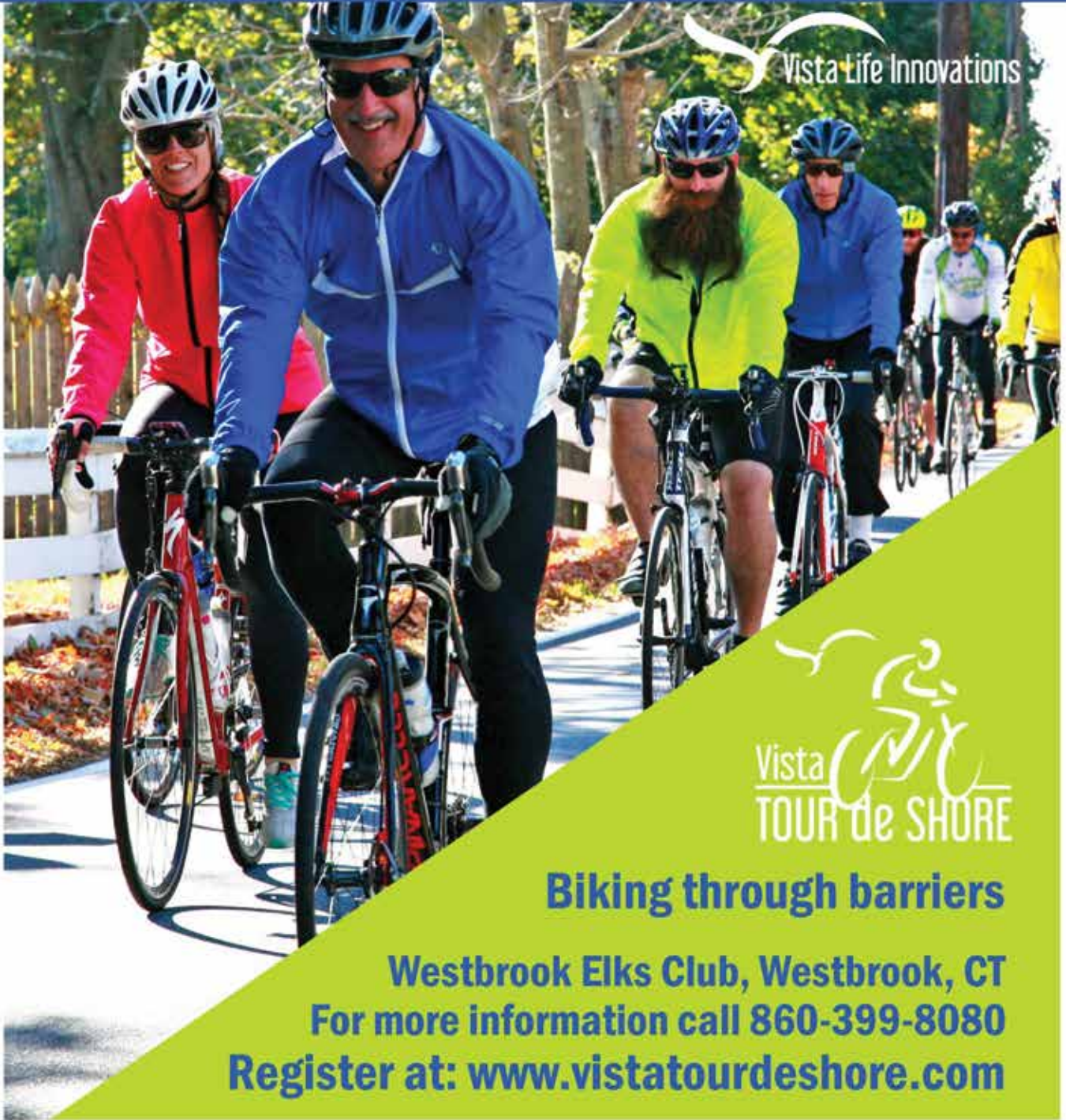
As always, all of these programs, events and activities are easy to follow by keeping your quarterly issue of "Branford Events" on hand, by checking the Town's website at www.branford-ct.gov, or by tuning into BCTV channels 18, 19 and 20.

James B. Cosgrove

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The Branford Exchange Club is on the Move!

The Branford Exchange Club recently donated diaper bags to the James Blackstone Library for their Baby Bundles Program. The diaper bags are filled with information and product for resident newborns.

We also donated diaper bags to Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) (see photo below).



(left to right) Jennifer Kelly project coordinator of BECC, Jack Mushin, Secretary Branford Exchange Club, Terry McAvoy, President elect of Branford Exchange Club & Carly Lemire, Youth Service Librarian

The Visiting Program gives pregnant women and families, particularly those considered at-risk, necessary resources and skills to raise children.

The Branford Exchange Club, making communities a better place to live is



(left to right) Jack Mushin (Exchange Secretary), Rita Foster (Program Manager MIECHV), Bob Aceto (Exchange President), Alison Tyliszczak (LCSW), Carol MacLachlan (Exchange Member), Hector Valaquez (Home Visitor for Fathers)

carried through its programs of service: Americanism, Youth programs, and Community Service-as well as its National Project, the Prevention of Child Abuse.

The Branford Exchange Club recently donated funds to the Branford Girls Swim Team, Branford's Model Congress, and the Branford Girls Field Hockey Team. We also donate funds to Bristol hospital for their Child Abuse Center and High school Scholarships.

Like us on Facebook for our latest updates. Branford Exchange Club (community organization).

For further information about the Branford Exchange Club and its programs please contact: art.promotions1@gmail.com or Phone 203.901.7982. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

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Branford Economic Development Commission



EDC chairman Perry Maresca, Tricia Bohan and First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove at the award presentation.

At its June meeting the Branford Economic Development Commission (EDC) presented Tricia Bohan Photography 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.

Based out of a restored historic house in the town center, Tricia Bohan Photography has been a dynamic part of Branford's business community for nearly twenty years. With a degree in Fine Art from the Paier School, Tricia's work is displayed in collections from Cape Cod to California.



EDC chairman Perry Maresca, Cathy Lezon and First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove at the award presentation.

In addition to her many contributions to the Branford business community, Tricia has spent much of her life serving the Branford community in a variety of capacities: as a driving force with the Branford Festival, as past president of the Branford Rotary Club, and in hosting an annual "Secret Santa" party that provides Christmas gifts for children from local families in need.

Eversource Energy's economic development and community relations official Cathy Lezon also

recently met with the Commission to bring it up to date on the company's programs and resources used to help retain and attract business to Branford and the region. As New England's largest energy provider, Eversource provides support as a resource for economic development strategies and objectives, focusing its efforts on delivery and supply, cost mitigation, and resiliency efforts. It works closely with the town's economic development office and its business development partners to help business grow and expand. A Branford resident, Ms. Lezon has decades of experience in the electric power industry and works closely with the town's economic development office and its business community.

The EDC is pleased to welcome marketing and business consultants Acara Partners to its new town center location at Main Street and Harrison Streets and Crème de le Crêpe, which has opened on Main Street across from the green. These new enterprises join our diverse collection of restaurants, shops and boutiques, enhancing the appeal of our Town Center as a destination for both residents and visitors to live, shop and play.

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2016 Personal Property Declaration

This is notification that the Personal Property Declaration for the 2016 GRAND LIST needs to be filed in the Assessor's Office by November 1st, 2016. They will be mailed by the Assessor's Office no later than the beginning of September 2016.

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 1, 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 the 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 am and 4:30 pm and we will be glad to help you with the form. We will even have someone inspect the business for a listing of assets.

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 referenced 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 2016. 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, 2015, 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 30t, 2016 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 2015

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 he/she must 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 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday at (203) 488-2039. Before applying you may want to telephone to learn the information that must be provided to make application.

The Branford Garden Club

HOLIDAY MAGIC - On Nov.3rd at 1 pm, Mr. Gary Zinsmeyer will be joining the Branford Garden Club Members at the Branford Recreation Dept., 46 Church St. He will be designing several floral creations in a presentation called "Holiday Magic." Mr. Zinsmeyer is a trained horticulturalist and inventive event florist. He is a graduate of Cornell Univ. School of Agriculture with a degree in Agriculture Education and Horticulture.

If anyone is interested in attending Mr. Zinsmeyer's program as a guest, please email Nancy Iannotti at: iannotti9@comcast.net. We welcome anyone who shares a passion for gardening, design and community involvement.

SCARECROWS ON THE GREEN - The Branford Garden Club Presents the sixth annual Scarecrows on the Green, A Branford Garden Club (BGC) Fundraiser. This year - over three weekends - Friday, October 21 through Sunday, November 6.

Registration Requested. Please consider making a donation to the Club!

All proceeds are used for Beautifying Branford Baskets on the Green, Daffodil Project, Wreaths and Décor at Libraries, Civic

Development Projects, etc. Complete the form below and mail, with your donation, to BGC, 4 Grove St., Branford, CT 06405.

Set-up: Anywhere on the main Green - Wednesday, October 19 and Thursday, October 20. Removal: MUST be done by Tuesday evening, November 8th. For more information or questions, please contact: rodneyfhayes@yahoo.com. No limit to size - No nails in trees or deep/large holes in the ground please.

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Nancy Iannotti

Shoreline Chamber of Commerce



Some happy Chowder participants.

The Shoreline Chamber is pleased to welcome North Branford as one of the towns it services. North Branford has many places of interest, from its two libraries to great walking/hiking trails. The business community includes a wide range of interests - from pre-schools to a sports complex, from feed and garden centers to attorneys and accountants. Visit North Branford and sample what's available.

Community Outreach: Did you know the Chamber actively supports the community

in a continually evolving role? Following are some examples of community support:

- Gold Sponsor at the Branford Festival
- Sponsor of the Branford Jazz Series
- Through Chili Challenge for a Cause; donation to Women and Family Life Center
- Through Chowder Challenge for a Cause; donation to SARAH, Inc.
- Sponsor of the Rotary Golf Tournament
- Scholarship for high school student
- Coordinates the Guilford Sidewalk Sale,

in conjunction with Branford and Madison.

- Developed and supports the 'Be Loyal to Local' campaign
- Campaign for Toys for Tots at holiday time.

Upcoming Event: The 3rd 'Chowder Challenge for a Cause' will be held on the Guilford Green October 15, 2016. Chowder from at least a dozen local restaurants will be voted on by the attendees. The winning chef receives an award. The chef's charity of choice receives a check from the Chamber.

Watch for more information on 'Dancing with the Stars' - a yearly event held in November. The dance 'stars' are Chamber members and friends. Great food, music, laughter and dancing.

The Chamber is planning two exciting trips - the Amalfi Coast in October and then Tuscany in March of 2017. Please contact Kathy@shorelinechamberct.com or call (203) 488-5500 for further information.

Outer Island

Did you know that you are part owner of one of the Thimble Islands off the shore of Stony Creek? Well, you are as a citizen of the United States. It was turned over to the Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge which is part of the US Fish & Wildlife Service. This beautiful special Island is an ecological preserve and refuge for migratory birds off the coast of Branford. Anyone can visit it from Memorial Day to just after Labor Day. So, why you might ask, are you telling us about our island in the fall issue of Events Magazines? Good question!

The answer is because you can see and learn about it now and until you go on it next summer by going to outerisland.org.

At that site you can begin to see and learn about your island by taking the Video Tour of the island lead by The Friends of Outer Island – that’s us – which will show and describe the whole island. You will also see that the island facilities include a research laboratory and seminar room for educators who want their students to learn firsthand about the wonders and uniqueness of Long Island Sound. So, go to outerisland.org and click onto the Video Tour and learn about YOUR special island. ENJOY! More in the winter issue of Events Magazines.

Bimmie Herget

Brian’s Hope - An Expression of Gratitude

Brian’s Hope is having an amazing summer. In early June our annual Branford Lions/Brian’s Hope Golf Tournament at Lyman Orchards was a great success. The golfers enjoyed a beautiful day on the Trent Jones course with fun competition, camaraderie, and a variety of raffle and silent auction prizes. The highlight for Brian’s Hope was the introduction of the two families whose babies were identified as having [adrenoleukodystrophy][I added this need to confirm], or ALD, by CT newborn screening. Although it was certainly not news these parents wanted to hear, they now have a chance to save their boys. With the appropriate monitoring and treatment, their boys will live healthy lives. It was an emotional and memorable afternoon for all involved. We cannot begin to express our gratitude to the Lions for their support.



Later that month, Jean (Brian’s mom) was the first recipient of the Branford Rotary “Service Above Self” award. She was also honored with the Paul Harris Fellow Award, named after the founder of the Rotary Clubs. We are grateful to have been chosen for these awards and for the opportunity to share Brian’s story and how important it is to #SaveTheBoys through newborn screening for ALD. Their generous contribution to Brian’s Hope is also greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting our cause and for all your organization does for the good of others.

As summer winds down, we continue to advocate for nationwide newborn screening. The most recent and exciting news is that California will start ALD Newborn Screening in mid-September. With such a high birth rate, the program is sure to #SaveTheBoys. The next target state for Brian’s Hope is Ohio, the home state of Jack (Brian’s dad). With the help of Jack’s family and friends, as well as other ALD families there, we are hopeful we can influence the powers that be in Ohio to approve ALD newborn screening there. We

look forward to a fun road trip and a chance to visit with family for Brian, our warrior advocate.

With just a week to go, we are excited to host the 20th Hammerfest Triathlon on Sunday, September 18th at the Owenego Club in Branford, Connecticut. Hammerfest is not just a triathlon; it is a unique community event that relies on many individuals and organizations for its success. We are grateful for our amazing sponsors, especially those who have been with us for all 20 years: Race Productions, The Owenego Inn, V.F. Mc Neil, Barker Specialty, and Zane’s Cycles. We want to also thank Ron Meneo, Michael D’Addetta, Margit MacDougall and Scott Roth, of Race Productions, who have held The Myelin Project and Brian’s Hope close to their hearts for 18 of the 20 years of this event.

If it weren’t for the success of Hammerfest, we may have not been able to achieve the success and attention for the ALD community that we have garnered in the last 20 years. We are honored to have had a part in saving lives through newborn screening and early identification, and we owe that all to our generous and dedicated supporters.

Branford Registrars of Voters



ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY,
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Polls are open from
6:00 am to 8:00 pm

Are you registered to vote in this
November Presidential Election?

NOTICE OF SPECIAL VOTER REGISTRATION SESSIONS
THIS FALL:

Saturday, October 22, 2016. The Registrars of Voters Office will be open at 40 Kirkham Street for a Special Voter Registration Session, for the purpose of new voter registration for the Presidential Election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Hours: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

REGISTERING TO VOTE IN BRANFORD:

You may register In Person in the Registrar of Voters office at 40 Kirkham Street any Tuesday or Thursday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, or in the Town Clerks Office Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Applicants must present ID.


You may also register by: a Mail-In Application, Online Registration, at the DMV, or a Voter Registration Agency. You are not a voter until your application is approved by the Branford Registrars of Voters at which time you will receive an acceptance letter from the Registrars of Voters Office notifying you of your polling location. For more information please call the Branford Voter Registration Office Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at 203-483-3998.

Tuesday, November 1, 2016. Last Regular voter registration session. Applicants must appear in person with ID to register to vote for this Presidential Election. Hours: 9:00 am to 8:00 pm for those who became 18 years of age, U.S. citizens, or residents of Branford.

Registration by Mail Deadline. A Mail-In Application for a new voter must be received by the Branford Registrars of Voters (or postmarked or received by DMV or a registration agency) by November 1, 2016 in order to become eligible to vote in this November Presidential Election.


Monday, November 7, 2016 Limited Registration Session is the deadline for registering in person with the Registrars of Voters or Town Clerk, for those seeking to vote in this election whose qual-

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& (1) 2 Liter Soda**

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One per customer.

ifications as to age, citizenship, or residence were attained since November 1, 2016. Applicants must appear in person with ID to register to vote for this Presidential Election. Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Election Day Registration (EDR) location is at the Branford Town Hall 1019 Main Street from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. Election day November 8, 2016. Please follow signs for Voter Entrance.

Visit the Town of Branford website branford-ct.gov for answers to frequently asked questions.

1. Online Voter Registration and Mail-In Voter Application
2. Absentee Ballot information and Application for a Ballot. Ballots become available October 7, 2016 through the Town Clerks Office (203-315-0678)
3. "State Voter Look Up" to check your current voter registration status and your poll location

Election Day ID requirements:

- Current Drivers License, or
- Copy of current and valid photo ID or
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or paycheck that shows your name and address

Polling Locations:

- 1st District: Recreation Department Community House, 46 Church Street
- 2nd District: St. Therese Church, 105 Leetes Island Road
- 3rd District: Orchard House Adult Day Care Center, 421 Shore Drive
- 4th District: Branford Fire Headquarters, 45 North Main Street
- 5th District: Indian Neck School, 12 Melrose Avenue
- 6th District: Mary T. Murphy School, 14 Brushy Plain Road
- 7th District: Walsh Intermediate School, 185 Damascus Road

Musical Art Society of Branford



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

are \$20 per year for an individual or \$30 for a household, and new members can join at any concert or by contacting a member.

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

The group gives a music scholarship each year to a graduating high school senior planning to study music at the college level.

The scholarship is funded by members' dues, donations, and an annual scholarship fundraiser concert. In addition to the scholarship, MAS sponsors several free concerts each year which are open to the public, presenting music of many genres. Past years have included jazz, classical, bluegrass, choral, folk, Celtic, et al.

Upcoming concerts include:

Bear Minimum featuring the duet of Dave Orlomoski and Dave Shaw. Bear Minimum is a bluegrass flavored duet that performs old country and bluegrass music in the traditional brother duet style. Both men are multi-instrumentalists and vocalists, playing various combinations of guitar, mandolin, banjo and fiddle. Their new recording is 'The Automobile of Life' and showcases their Louvin Brothers and Delmore Brothers style of singing. The event is free (donations accepted) and open to the public.

Friday September 23, 2016 at 7:30 pm
Blackstone Library Auditorium
758 Main Street, Branford, CT
Info: Barbara Shaw (203) 481-2819 or b.shaw@snet.net

MAS website: <https://sites.google.com/site/musicalartsocietyofbranford/>



Fall Events at Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library



Amy Barry

CHILDREN:

- Storytime for toddlers is Mondays at 10:30. Music, story and craft.
- Baby Storytimes are Fridays at 10:30. Lap songs and Board books.
- **LEGO Club** starts up on Wednesday, September 7 at 4:00. For ages 5 and up.

Afternoon movies:

October 5 at 2:00. *The Jungle Book*, rated PG - the retelling of a Disney Classic.

Upcoming afternoon movies: *Finding Dory* and *The Secret Life of Pets*. Check the library website for future dates.

Branford Alps Farmers Market

Due to the generosity of the Branford and Guilford Foundations, Branford Rotary, Branford Cross-Fit, the board of the Branford Alps Farmers Market, and volunteers - CT grown, raised, and/or produced fruits, vegetables, cheeses, breads and pastries, meats, eggs, maple syrup, jams, flowers, soaps, occasional crafts, and more are featured under a Big Top tent at 17 Alps Road at the base of Branford Hill just off Route 1. Each Thursday evening from 4-7, mid-June through the end of October, there is a celebration of tastes, textures, and colors at the vendors' booths. Outside in the mini food court, customers can browse through cookbooks for seasonal inspirations while tapping their toes to live music and sampling meals from a food truck. In partnership with the Guilford Art Center, the market engages children of all

ages in free activities - making animal masks, decorating flower pots, and painting rocks. Remember to hug a farmer on the closing night, Oct 27th.

The nonprofit market's mission is to help sustain the farming tradition in CT by providing a retail outlet for farmers while offering incentive programs to make fresh local products more affordable. Food Stamp customers swipe their EBT/SNAP cards at the market table and triple their spending power with market tokens and Veggie Buck vouchers provided by a grant through Wholesome Wave. The farmers redeem WIC and Senior FMNP (Farm Market Nutrition Program) vouchers.

Martha Maguire

TEENS: *ESCAPE!*

Friday, October 28 - 6:30

Teens - Do you have what it takes to escape the library? Your only way out is to solve the mystery of Mr. Willoughby Wallace's secret will. The Clues are hidden in the library. Grab a flashlight and bring a friend. The doors will be locked at 6:40. A pizza party to follow for those who escape. To register: contact at Emma at WWML at 203-488-8702.

ADULTS:

Express Yourself! Writing Workshop

Amy Barry, local writer and journalist, will lead a four part adult workshop to encourage creative self-expression. Thursdays, Sept. 22, 29 Oct. 6 and 13. 6:30-8:00 pm. Space is limited. Registration is required. For more information check the library website. Register by calling 203-488-8702. This event is sponsored by the *Friends of WWML*.

Literature of the American West.

Mark Schenker, of Yale, will lead a book discussion series on literature of the American West.

- September 20: *The Virginian* by Owen Wister

- October 18: *The Ox-Bow Incident* by Walter Van Tilburg Clark
- November 15: *Fool's Crow* by James Welch
- December 20: *The Son* by Philip Meyer

Discussions begin at 7:00. Copies of the books will be available at the library.

Friday Night Films:

September 9: *Me Before You*, based on the book by Jojo Moyes. 7:00 pm. Rated PG-13

October 7: *Love & Friendship*, starring Kate Beckinsale. 7:00 pm. Rated PG

SUNDAY HOURS:

Sunday hours begin on November 6 from 1:00-4:00.

Stop by for a party. Music by local group *Bop Tweed* at 2:00 and refreshments provided by the Friends.

Bop Tweed will perform music from *Flying Fish Sessions* and new material.

SERVICES:

The library offers Museum passes, passport and notary service.

Snow Removal Policy

Help us, Help you

With winter upon us, the Town of Branford Public Works Department is asking for your cooperation in assisting to provide maximum service to all our residents in helping us keep our roads safe.

Parking: During snow storms there is "No Parking" on the even numbered side of the road by Town Ordinance (sec. 223-1 & sec. 223-2). Vehicles parked on the even side of the road will be asked to move so snow plows can get down the roads. Failure to move a vehicle could result in having it towed at the owner's expense.

Parking Ban: During a substantial snowfall a parking ban may be enacted which would require no parking on both sides of the road. Parking bans announcements will be made through the local media.

Sidewalks: Town ordinance states that property owners are responsible for cleaning all snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property within eight hours of the end of the snowfall or precipitation (sec. 216-42). The Public Works Department suggests that residents wait until Town plows have pushed back snow to the curb line before clearing sidewalk areas. This generally happens after snow has stopped.

Road Hazards: Residents and private contractors should take note that Town Ordinance prohibits snow to be placed on any public highway in such a manner as to impede or inconvenience travel on any roadway (sec. 216-42b).

Contractors: Residents are also responsible for their contractor's actions. Residents or private contractors will also be held responsible for any curb damage done as a result of plowing snow across roadways.

Driveways: Residents should also keep in mind that snow plows are designed to remove snow from the roadway to the edge of the road. It is likely that the plow will leave behind a windrow of snow in front of the driveways. Residents are responsible for removing the snow.

Mailboxes: The Public Works Department suggests residents make certain their mailboxes are at least 42 inches above the roadway and set back slightly from the edge of the road so that postal carriers can reach it, behind either the face of the curb or the edge of the road. Our department does not replace mailboxes that are displaced by snow or slush from plows. If contact with a plow can be shown, then it would be replaced.

Storm Drains: The Department strongly urges each homeowner to keep the storm drain in front of or close to their home free and clear of any leaves or debris causing the drain to become clogged and not drain properly.

Thank you for assisting us. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Public Works Department at 203-488-4156.

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Fall 2016 Events

The Branford Rotary Club was chartered in 1928 and has a solid history of supporting the community. The Rotary Club of Branford is an organization of women and men representing a cross-section of local business and professional leaders, living and/or employed in Branford, who work as volunteers on a variety of local and international projects to improve the quality of life in their home and world communities.

Wednesday, November 9: Veterans' Day Luncheon for Branford Veterans - Italian American Social Club, 40 Hamre Lane, 12 noon-1: 30 pm.

For the eighth year in a row the Branford Rotary Club will observe Veterans' Day by hosting a luncheon for the veterans being serviced by the Eastern Blind Rehabilitation Center, VA Connecticut Healthcare System, West Haven; members of the American Legion **Sundquist-Corcoran Post; and Branford Veterans of Foreign Wars**. The luncheon will recognize those who served in all branches of the US military and were deployed in a variety of campaigns including Operation Desert Storm, the Korean conflict, European theater of WW II, Iran, Afghanistan, and the Normandy invasion.

This event is coordinated by Rotarian Nelson Bernabucci, who himself served with the US Navy as a Seabee in New Guinea during World War II. Nelson can be contacted at 203/488-5450 for event information.

Thursday, November 24: Thanksgiving Day Rotary Y-Run & Walk - Francis Walsh Intermediate School, 185 Damascus Road, 8:00 am. Registration fees range.

Join the Branford Rotary Club at the Y RUN & WALK on Thanksgiving morning on a 5K-race/walk certified course, which runs through Branford's beautiful Pine Orchard section.

T-shirts will be given to all registered participants and first 100 race day entrants. Awards go to top three race finishers in each division. Age Groups: Men & Women, 12 & under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80+ and Wheelchair. First male and female Branford residents also receive awards.

Registration forms are available at jbsports@snet.net or call 203/481-5933 for further information. Proceeds from this event help support the Branford Rotary Foundation and the Soundview Family YMCA initiatives.

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Questions to Ask Before Hiring a Dog Walker

Many dog owners grapple with the decision of whether to hire a dog walker or not. Short answer: Yes! Most dogs can really benefit from the physical and mental exercise they get with a good walker, and dog owners can put their mind at ease to focus on their busy day to know that their dog is getting to relieve itself.

Beyond this, a dog walker can provide an important second set of eyes on your pet. Often times, dog walkers are the first to notice that your dog may be acting a little off, or that your cat may have injured itself. This isn't a decision to make lightly: who you trust in your home and with your fur babies is a big deal. Here are some important questions to ask when choosing a dog walker or dog walking company.

1. Listen to your pooch. An obvious, but important, step is to have the walker meet your pet(s). You know your pets the best, and you can watch to see how they react to the person. Does the walker know how to make your pet feel comfortable?

2. Ask if your dog will receive one-on-one attention. "Pack walks" sound nice in theory, but in reality dogs can feel stress by being forced together with other dogs they don't yet know. Ask your walker if your dog will be walked on his/her own, and attended to according to individual needs.

3. Find out about backup and reliability. What happens if a walker gets sick or has an emergency? How does the walker or the company schedule their clients? Will you have to deal with worrying about whether

a walker will be late or will show up at all? A dog walker should make your life easier - make sure this walker or company will!

4. Who is the individual or company? Find out if the walker or company is insured and bonded (this will protect you if anything happens!). Does the walker have any background in dog training or understanding dog body language and stress signals? Are you provided with a contract for services (generally demonstrates a level of professionalism)? What is the process for responding to emergencies?

5. Ask for recommendations. Unless you're their first client, they should be able to provide glowing references! Be sure to ask!

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No place does fall like New England, and Branford is an ideal location to experience the full glory of the turning of the leaves. The changing seasons also provide a moment to stop and reflect on the unique nature of our community and the importance to give back.

The Branford Community Foundation has worked to "connect people who care with causes that matter" since 1980. 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. In 2015 alone, we proudly invested over \$95,000 in grants and scholarships to local causes.

Visit www.branfordcommunityfoundation.org (or contact Liza Janssen Petra, Executive Director at 203-444-4898) 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.

WPCA - Sewer Use Fees Due

All Branford residents and businesses that use the sewer system are reminded that the sewer use fees are due September 1, 2016 and may be paid by October 1, 2016 without penalty. After that date, interest is assessed at the rate of 1½% each month from the due date of September 1st.

Payment may be made by mail to: WPCA Branford, PO Box 136, Branford, CT 06405

Checks should be made payable to WPCA Branford. Payments in cash or check form are also accepted at the Tax Office in Town Hall. Hours are 8:30-4:30 Monday through

Friday. Online payments are not available for utility bills.

Bills were mailed the last week of August. If you have not received your bill, or if you have a question regarding your bill, please contact the Tax Office at 203-315-0672.

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CT Experiential Learning Center Middle School (CELC)

CELC Represents Branford as Science Fair Finalist Award

Over 600 students from 130 different middle and high schools throughout Connecticut participated in the 2016 CT Science and Engineering Fair (CSEF) held at Quinnipiac University March 15 - 19, 2016. Four of the six CT Experiential Learning Center (CELC) Middle School students who entered the fair were among this year's Finalists and Special Award winners.

Cade Morris (Northford) won the Talcott Mountain Science Center (TMSC) Founder's Award for \$450 and will attend a Saturday Mentorship Course at TMSC for his Bovine Emissions Methane-Capturing Device.

Galina Cooper (Milford) was awarded the Pfizer Life Sciences as a Finalist CSEF Medallion Award for her project entitled An Energy Bar That Sticks Best.

Sophie Burdick (Deep River) and Sue Hemingway (Branford) entered as a team and were awarded prizes both as Finalists and in the Special Awards category. For their project, BullyCheck – Designing Anti-Bullying Software, the team received the following awards: CSEF Physical Sciences Award, 2nd Place Middle School Team - \$100 each, trophy and an invitation to compete in Broadcom MASTERS; Barnes Aerospace Applied Technology Awards, 1st Place Middle School - \$300, trophy, and medallion; and \$1000 for The Karen J. Howell Middle School Award for "Learning and Serving."

Now in its 68th year, The CT Science and Engineering Fair provides an incredible experience for young people. The fair is open to 7th –12th graders throughout the state. The aim is to attract young people to the field of science and engineering and to develop critical thinking skills. The fair is supported by hundreds of academic and industrial organizations throughout the state and is run solely by volunteers.

CELC students worked diligently during the entire process, from initial conceptualization to the presentation itself. The fair enabled the students to feel excited by science and empowered them through the recognition of their own thinking and creative abilities.

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Fall Events at Blackstone Library



Players of all ages can enjoy a round of mini golf at CaddyStacks at Blackstone, where the library becomes an 18-hole mini golf course for a weekend. Bring your family and friends out in November and compete to see who wins the holiday leftovers!

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Registration for all programs with an ** is required. Please call 203.488.1441 ext. 318 for adult programs, or 323 for children. Alternatively, visit our website at www.blackstonelibrary.org to register and find out about more programs we are offering this fall.

CaddyStacks @Blackstone, November 25-27

Our popular fundraiser returns just in time for Thanksgiving Weekend. Fun for all ages; visit our website for full details.

Adult Programs:

Starting Your Own Business Workshop**, September 13 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Sponsored by SCORE New Haven.

Annual John Loeb Lecture**, Teddy Roosevelt - Mind, Body and Spirit, September 18 @ 2 pm - 4 pm, Actor and author Ted Zalewski brings one of America's greatest presidents to life.

Washboard Slim & the Bluelights, September 25 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Blues, jugband, early jazz and rockabilly mix.

The Art of Edgar Degas, October 16 @ 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm, Presented by Joy Pepe, professor emerita of the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts.

A Supernatural Evening with Trance Medium Chrystyne McGrath**, October 25 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Hear about Chrystyne's experiences with Ghosts, Spirits, Clearings of Homes and Businesses around Connecticut.

The Blue Meanies: Music of the Beach Boys, November 13 @ 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm,

The Purple Heart Battalion: The Japanese American Nisei and Their Fight for Citizenship, November 15 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Presented by Col. (ret) Richard Young, Connecticut Army National Guard.

Programs for Teens and Children

Maker Monday**, Every OTHER Monday @ 3:30 pm - 5 pm, High and low tech opportunities for teens to learn 3D design, digital art, web production, conductive sewing, video production and circuit creation!

Waterworks: Presented by the Stamford Museum and Nature Center**, 2nd - 4th Grade, October 5 @ 3:30 to 4:30 pm, An interactive watershed model and a hands-on pollution clean-up lab connects water quality to watershed protection.

Family Talk: Healthy Communication between Parents and Teens**, November 14 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Learn to communicate in more helpful ways with a combination of Active Understanding and Motivational Interviewing.

BCTV's 2nd Annual Tour de Branford

Branford Community Television (BCTV) is our town's own public access television station, providing informational, educational and entertainment programming about our dynamic shoreline community. On Comcast channels 18, 19, and 20 or on Frontier channel 99, it covers educational, political, and community events. Please stop by our production facilities at 40 Kirkham Street, to learn about free training for students and all Branford residents.

BCTV is hosting our 2nd annual Tour de Branford bicycle ride on Sunday morning, September 25th, 2016! The inaugural tour last year attracted over 200 riders from over 40 CT towns. Riders can choose from two routes, fifteen-miles (\$30; 9:30 am start) or forty-miles (\$50; 8:30 am start), which pass through scenic areas of Branford and the shoreline. Both routes begin and end at the 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 organization, BCTV is active in the community and relies on fundraising efforts for equipment purchases and maintenance. Tour de Branford funds will help continue and expand the many important services BCTV provides. For more information about the event and to register, please see www.branfordtv.org. If any questions, please contact BCTV by e-mail at tour@branfordtv.org or by phone at 203-481-3232.

Branford Solid Waste & Recycling Department

Leaf Collection & Holiday Schedule

Beginning the week of October 17th and through the week of December 15th, the Town will be collecting leaves curbside weekly. For the leaves to be collected, they must be in a brown paper leaf bag, or loose in a garbage can.

Do not use plastic bags. The Town will not pick up leaves in plastic bags. Leaves should not be raked into the streets, piled at the curb, placed in wetlands, streams, storm drains, or on Branford Land Trust Property.

Your leaves will be picked up on the same day as your regular recycling collection, though by a separate truck. Residents are reminded not to include branches and also to keep the leaves free of litter and other materials which will not decompose. These materials contaminate the compost which your leaves are turned into at the Transfer Station and which is available to Branford residents for free!

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Brown paper leaf bags can usually be found at the following Branford stores:

Big Y, Branford Building Supplies, Caron's Corner, Richlin's, Stop & Shop, Walgreen's and Wal-Mart.

Holiday Closings

The Transfer Station will be closed:

On Monday October 10th in observance of Columbus Day. All curbside collections will be delayed one day that week.

On Friday November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day. There will be no delay in curbside collection and the Transfer Station will be open on Saturday.

On Thanksgiving Day November 24th. Those with a normal Thursday collection will be collected on Friday. All other collections will be on their normal day.

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

Branford Parks and Recreation

Fall Happenings 2016

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

Starting in the fall, the department provides movement and rhythm classes and music classes for toddlers ages 12 months to five years of age, Tuesday to Friday mornings. Branford Recreation also stands behind its multitude of afterschool youth activities, ranging from Tae Kwon Do (ages 6 and up) and afterschool hoops for kindergarten and first grade, to tennis lessons (grades Kindergarten through grade 8) and gymnastics (walking age to 10 years old), beginner horseback riding class (ages 7 years old and up), swimming lessons for children on Friday nights and Saturday mornings (grades four and up), a new Drama Club and Theatre Training (grades five through 8), children's art lessons, Sports Squirts program (ages 3 to 5) and the ever-popular Toddler Halloween Party and Parade.

The Branford Junior Basketball League for grades two through eight begins in November and runs through mid-February. Registration occurs Friday nights and Saturday mornings from September 9 through September 24. [what times are registration?] For adults, a wide variety of programs are featured

including: swim lessons, aqua aerobics, yoga, pickle ball on Mondays from 8:00 am to 10:00 am and Thursdays from 11:45 am to 1:45 pm, and the Men's Adult Basketball League. The Department is [acquainted][not sure what word they are trying to use here?] with the Town of Branford for its Annual Pat Andriole Family Day on the Branford Town Green which is scheduled for late September (September 25th). Our Perfect Pals Adaptive Recreation Program designed for teenagers and young adults includes a Pizza and Movie Day event, a Bowling Night, and a PAL TIME night to enjoy board games and cards. [when, where?]

In the winter, holiday programs highlight the Recreation Department's event festivities. All Branford children who are registered can expect calls from Santa (December 13-15) or can send a letter to Santa. Those who are in the decorating spirit can enter the Holiday House Decorating Contest (December 14th) and win prizes. The town's Tree Lighting Spectacular on the Branford Town Green is held Thanksgiving Saturday starting at 5:00 pm. All toddlers can visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus in conjunction with the Branford Recreation Department's Toddler Class.

For any additional information, you can call the Recreation Department at (203) 488-8304 or log into our website at www.branfordrecreation.org.

Branford Lions Club's Annual OKTOBERFEST

The Oktoberfest at the Stony Creek Brewery (SCB) will take place on Sunday, October 2nd from 3-6 pm. Once again, the Branford Lions serve up an afternoon of fun and entertainment in the tradition of a good old-fashioned Oktoberfest. Reminiscent of the Beer Festivals held forty years ago, but with the flair of a microbrewery, this event has become an instant success. The IPAs, Ales, Lagers and Stouts are all crafted by the artisans at SCB and served right where it was made. You can't get any fresher than this. Held right at the brewery, overlooking the Branford River, you can enjoy many different beers as you take in the breathtaking views up and down the river.

As part of the festivities, the \$40 admission allows you to enjoy beer, wine, endless authentic German food, and the music of Dave Coglowski upstairs in the Celebration Room, which is reserved for this great event. In addition, Bocce, Corn Hole, Giant Jenga and other games are setup outside on the riverfront patio. For an additional donation, you can partake in a tour of the brewery. Walk amongst the towering tanks that are fermenting the next batches of your favorite Stony Creek Brew. Or you can sail down the Branford River aboard the Sea Mist with Captain Mike Infantino. Enjoy the rich history and magnificent beauty along this charted course.

During the 65 years that The Lions Club has been serving those in Branford, it has adopted many worthwhile causes in an effort to help those in need. Proceeds from this charitable event will go right back to the Branford community. This includes the Community Dining Room, The Branford Food Pantry, Branford Clothing Bank, Feed Branford Kids, and the Branford Counseling Center. Help us help others. Last year, this event was sold out to a standing room only crowd.

This year, don't be left out. Buy your tickets early.

For information as to how to purchase tickets, check out the: website: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/branfordclions/ Facebook page: [m.facebook.com/BranfordLionsClub](https://www.facebook.com/BranfordLionsClub) or email: perry@soundlightinganddesign.com. You can also purchase online through Eventbrite...<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/branford-lions-clubs-oktoberfest-tickets-27059928976?aff=es2>.

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Since 1989, the Regional Water Authority has been operating HazWaste Central to properly dispose of household hazardous waste from Branford residents for free, and from small businesses by appointment, to prevent them from contaminating our drinking water. Household hazardous waste comes from everyday products used in the home, garage or yard. These products are often corrosive, flammable, toxic and/or reactive. A visit to HazWaste Central is quick, easy, free, and participants never have to leave their cars as the waste is off-loaded by professionals.

Located at Regional Water Authority: 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven (Long Wharf). Take Exit 46 off I-95 South and follow signs to the RWA/ HazWaste.

Open Saturdays Only: 9 am to noon through Oct. 29, 2016;
 Closed Sept. 3, 2016.

What to Bring To HazWaste Central - Residential Waste Only

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Small Businesses:

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MADD's Power of Parents® research-based program and materials are provided to parents, equipping them with the tools necessary to prevent underage drinking.

Power of Youth classroom presentation

Meets Monday, 26 September 2016 10:00 - 11:00 am.
Ages: 10 through 14
Location: 28 School Street, Branford, CT
Cost: FREE

Teens have more power than they think when it comes to saying no to alcohol. MADD Power of You(th)™ is one of three key programs in MADD's underage drinking prevention initiative. Through an engaging presentation designed to reduce and prevent underage drinking, youth will hear vital statistics highlighting the dangers and consequences of underage drinking, including how it affects the developing brain.

What is MADD?

Founded by a mother whose daughter was killed by a drunk driver, Mothers Against Drunk Driving® (MADD) is the nation's largest nonprofit working to protect families from drunk driving and underage drinking.

Did You Know?

- Teen alcohol use kills about 4,700 people each year, more than all other illegal drugs combined
- One in three eighth graders has tried alcohol
- Almost half of all tenth graders drink and one in six teens binge drinks
- Every 90 minutes, a teen dies as a result of drinking alcohol

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Fall Fundraising: Calling All Turkeys

Every fall, the Branford Food Pantry kicks off its annual fund drive. This funding enables the Food Pantry to purchase food from the CT Food Bank (at very low cost) and to supplement this food with retail purchasing. Last year, we spent \$47,000 on supplemental purchases.

These funds also help us provide the fixings - groceries and turkeys - for a complete dinner to Branford families who need help during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. An important element of these meals is donated turkeys. We need at least 500 12-20 pound turkeys!

If you or your business would like to help with our fall fund drive or our holiday dinners:

- Send a check made out to the Branford Food Pantry to 30 Harrison Ave., Branford, CT 06405.
- Drop off turkeys at our site during open hours (see below); if you have a lot to donate call Jay Webb at 203-215-3533 to make special arrangements. The Food Pantry accepts turkeys after October 1, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am on Tuesdays and Fridays, right up to December 18. Please help! On two recent years we ran out and had to give out chickens because turkeys in volume are not available at the last minute.

Branford families facing difficult times during the holidays can obtain a turkey and basket of fixings by making a request after November 1, from the Branford Counseling Center, 203-481-4248 by:

- November 18 for Thanksgiving (delivered on November 22)
- December 17 for Christmas (delivered on December 22)

Note that you must be home to accept the delivery.

Who We Are

The Branford Food Pantry is a 100% volunteer organization, started in 1978, that provides groceries to Branford 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. Over 230,000 pounds of food are distributed by the Branford Food Pantry annually.

Check our website: www.branfordfoodpantry.org.

To Obtain Family Assistance

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and families who qualify for assistance using U.S. government guidelines. To qualify for support, simply call the Town of Branford Social Services Department at 203.488.5404.

Hours

Families in need can pick up groceries once a week on:
Tuesday or Friday morning between 8:30 - 11:00 am.
Tuesday evening between 4:30 - 6:30 pm.

The Tutor Paradox

The story: Aidan and Claire both began to struggle in math class. Aidan has a tutor and his homework grades immediately improve. Claire's parents hire a different tutor for Claire. Claire's homework grades improve slightly, but her parents wonder why the tutor continues to focus on material Claire has seen in previous years. A few weeks go by and Aidan sits for an exam on the material on which he and his tutor have been working on and his grade remains the same. Claire sits for the same exam and, while the material is still challenging for her, Claire completes the exam and scores a bit higher than she had on previous exams. After a few

months of continued work with their respective tutors, Aidan continues to score poorly on his tests but Claire's scores have consistently improved and she finds herself needing less help on her daily homework.

Mathematics, perhaps more than any other subject in primary and secondary grades, is highly foundational and linear in its design. The mastery of prerequisite skills is absolutely essential in order to move forward and fully understand any additional concepts which build upon those prerequisites. When children develop gaps in their mathematical foundation, they will struggle down the

road. When specific steps are not taken to address those gaps, the gaps will grow larger and the struggles will continue and likely worsen.

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Tammy Stanard

Straight Teeth = Strong Teeth

A simple truth: It is easier to clean your teeth when they are in the right place. Clean teeth are an important part of your oral—and overall—health. Teeth that are properly oriented are easier to brush and floss than teeth that are crooked, crowded, or spaced too far apart. Proper tooth alignment improves chewing, function, speech, and the health of your gums and bone. Dr. Vincent Michael, of Michael

Dental Care's Guilford office commented, "When teeth are leveled and beneficially calibrated, along with good oral hygiene at home, the risk of cavity and poor gum tissue health is greatly reduced." Clear aligner therapies—like Invisalign style braces—not only help to achieve a beautiful smile, but importantly improve tooth function and oral health. Clear aligner therapy moves teeth through a series of

custom made, removable, nearly invisible aligners. This invisibility makes them particularly popular with teens and adults wishing to improve their dental hygiene and smile. "Straight teeth are not just about a great smile; they are important to tooth longevity, dental health and overall health - which will certainly give you something to keep smiling about!"

Become a Better Athlete

CrossFit is a strength and conditioning program that gives you the tools and techniques needed to become a better athlete. Athletes are healthier, live longer, and are more prepared for anything that life may throw their way. Our goal is for you to enjoy the environment, the challenge, the community, and give you the tools to work harder, every day in and out of the gym.

We offer a variety of different programs or all ages and walks of life. One of our programs is the middle school strength and

conditioning program which drops the kids right off the bus after school. It is a great program for those who are in the preseason for sports or those who need to learn how to be fit. To often kids are hooked on technology, it is so important at a young age we teach them the benefits of fitness. These principles will be something they can carry with them their entire lives.

Craig Kenney

Shoreline Greenway Trail

When you and your family are trying to walk, jog, or bike along our roads in Branford do you find cars coming too close for your comfort? Very few shoreline roads have shoulders, bike lanes, sidewalks, or other accommodations for walkers and bikers. That is one of the reasons we're building the Shoreline Greenway Trail. It's SGT's ultimate goal to make the Greenway Trail the backbone of a network providing bike and hike safe travel throughout Branford. We want to create safe travel from Stony Creek to the Green, from Young's Pond Park to Hammer Field, from Foote Park to Branford Beach to Short Beach and to Hospice Pool, from your households to Shoreline East train station and bus stop and onward to the rest of this great country from this great town of Branford and back.

Because the Pine Orchard/Birch Road section of trail is set within Nature's Garden, which includes Branford Community Gardens and Outdoor Classroom, we've been working with Branford schools to make the most of the educational opportunities it offers. Paddy Spiegelhalter, who has been our school liaison, has facilitated collaboration with Branford High School whereby students work on community service and capstone projects benefiting the trail. Paddy and SGT Walk Leader Leo Cristofar have been leading walks for WIS fifth graders. Also we are working with WIS Green Scene advisors Robin Axtell and Karin McNamara on native plant project at the garden.

Celebrate Labor Day weekend by walking with us on Saturday, September 3 as we walk along the Tabor section of the

Greenway Trail, which has been a temporary trail for some years now. The engineering design for that section has been completed, and we hope to begin construction of a beautiful ten-foot wide trail going past Chet's Pond in 2016. We'll also visit Ecology Park, the former Branford landfill. This is a mostly flat walk of about 2 miles with one hill. Meet in the parking lot of Tabor Lutheran Church, 45 Tabor Drive (from center of town, go south on Montowese Street, cross bridge over the Branford River, and take first left onto Tabor Drive). Leader: Leo Cristofar, 203-214-5824.

The Branford SGT team will also be helping out at the BCTV TOUR DE BRANFORD on Saturday, September 25th. This is the second annual fundraiser for Branford Community Television, offering cycling routes of 15 and 40 miles through Branford and Guilford. Some 200 cyclists rode in last year's event. Visit branfordtv.org.

Contact Us! Shoreline Greenway Trail would love to hear from you. Visit our website: shorelinegreenwaytrail.org. Join one of our FIRST SATURDAY EVENTS. Send us a note or an email, or give us a call. Email: info@shorelinegreenwaytrail.org. Mail: Shoreline Greenway Trail, Inc. Box 148, Branford, CT 06405. Telephone: See "Contact Us" on our website for numbers of specific contacts.

Bimmie Herget
bimmiehrgt@gmail.com

So You Have a Painting Project

So you have a painting project; a room, an apartment or home, small or large, and you've decided to do it yourself. Your next step is where to get materials to get started.

I suggest that where you choose to buy supplies can make a difference in the success and satisfaction you achieve with your project. Your local independent paint store is a great place to go to for any painting project, for many reasons. You will find people who have a great deal of knowledge and expertise, both about products and how to use them. Independent paint stores will usually offer better products, and though they may carry a

higher price, are significantly better than their inexpensive counterparts. Higher quality usually means they not only work better and last longer, they are generally easier to use.

Those of us at local paint stores, want you to have a good experience, both shopping with us and carrying your paint project. We know that if you find this an enjoyable experience, and you have good results, you will likely come back to us for your next project. We will try to explain the best ways to get your project done, and the best tools and materials within your budget to work with. We know as you may have also learned, that using a cheap

paint is not always the least expensive; when you end up having to go back and repaint or prime something a second time. Cheap materials often lead to unsatisfactory results, and waste more time. Quality paint products with good application tools cover better, are easy to use, and look better.

Next time you have a painting project stop in and talk with the people at your local paint store; we can help you make your project a rewarding and successful experience.

Joe Pagliaro
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Braveminds

Braveminds is a nonprofit dedicated to improving the lives of military veteran caregivers – meaning the spouses, children and loved ones of U.S. military personnel, veterans and civilians suffering from Post Traumatic Stress (PTS), Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) and other daily challenges. We provide services, resources, and programming to build a supportive community aimed at identifying and meeting their critical health and emotional needs while raising awareness about the continuous struggles and sacrifices of those suffering from PTS, TBI and many other significant challenges. We are headquartered in Chester, CT. Check out our website at www.braveminds.org for more information.


Parkinson's Exercise Program

East Shore Region Adult & Continuing Education is hosting classes by Beat Parkinson's Today, an exercise program designed specifically to improve Parkinson's symptoms. There are presently 12 classes per week in 4 locations in CT with almost 50 Parkinson's clients participating. Results have been astounding. Clients have improved gait, balance, fine motor control, explosive movement, attitude, self-image, and fatigue. Some have lowered their dosage of their medications. For more information: email at info@beatpdtoday.com, or see our website www.beatpdtoday.com.

Community Forest Commission

A significant amount of research has shown that exposure to greenery enhances healing and recovery from a number of physical and mental ailments (Green Cities: Good Health, U. of Washington, 2016). Trees and other vegetation along the roadside decrease stress and its physiologic indicators (e.g., blood pressure, heart rate, etc.). Drivers viewing natural roadsides exhibit lower levels of frustration compared with those viewing built settings, particularly mall-style environments. The latter can trigger more unsafe, aggressive driving and exacerbate attention deficit disorder. In addition to improving human health, trees, specifically native trees, support our insects, birds and mammals. Trees help clean our streams and rivers, prevent soil erosion and attenuate storm water run-off, cool buildings and sidewalks in the summer, conserve energy in the winter, decrease noise pollution, decrease carbon dioxide and increase property values.

Via the Department of Public works, including our Memorial Tree program, trees are planted annually on Town property. Proper care of trees includes deep watering at least once a week, <http://www.milliontreesnyc.org/html/planting/watering.shtml> for newly planted trees and correct mulching, http://www.milliontreesnyc.org/downloads/pdf/Tree_Planting_Guide_NYRP2.pdf. The CFC members are: Nancy Mancini, Joann Minicozzi, Louise La Montagne, Shirley McCarthy, Christopher Woerner and ex officio, Tom Brennan and Diana Ross.



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Saint Mary School Fife & Drum



Photos (courtesy of E. Robitaille, edits by D. Schwall) taken of Saint Mary School (SMS) Fife & Drum Corps as they participated along with 54 other fife & drum corps groups at the distinguished Deep River Ancient Muster & Parade on July 16th, where they celebrated 240 years of American fife & drum (to view more photos look for DRAM 2016 photos/videos <https://www.facebook.com/DeepRiver-AncientMuster/> also some photos posted on <https://www.facebook.com/SMSBranford>. Senator Richard Blumenthal (from left to right) is seen in the photo marching in the parade alongside First Selectman Angus McDonald, and State Representative Phil Miller (both wore pink in honor of First Selectman Dick Smith of Deep River, who passed away in March).



The earliest recorded gathering in Deep River was for a Field Day on May 13, 1879, when musicians came together to honor the history of the fife and drum in America's Revolutionary War militia service. During the Revolutionary War, this music was instrumental in sounding commands to the troops, keeping the troops together as they marched, signaling battlefield maneuvers, and regulating camp life.

SMS Fife & Drum Corps will be marching in the Guilford Citizen's Day Parade on Saturday, September 17th at 10 a.m. on the Guilford Green.



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Identify potential home hazards that could develop during a hurricane, such as those involving gas, electricity, chemicals, and structural damage. Install a smoke detector. Have a fire extinguisher and make sure your family knows where to find it and how to use it. Conduct an evacuation drill for at least two ways out of your home. Provide escape ladders for multi-story structures. Post emergency phone numbers at every phone; inform local authorities about any special needs, i.e., elderly or bedridden people, or anyone with a disability. Fill several clean containers for water, large enough for a 3-5 day supply of water (about five gallons for each person). Have a battery-powered radio, flashlights, extra batteries, candles and matches.

During the Storm -Monitor the radio or television for weather conditions, if possible. Stay indoors until the authorities declare the storm is over. Stay away from all windows and exterior doors, seeking shelter in a bathroom or basement. Bathtubs can provide some shelter if you cover yourself with plywood or other materials. If you should lose electrical power, eat perishable food first. For more information, go to www.ct.gov.

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Canoe Brook Celebrates National Senior Center Month



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Congratulations to Richard Batick Branford’s 2016 Remarkable Senior recipient! Nominated by his peers, Richard has gone above and beyond in his service to them.

After a career in retail Richard retired in Branford, and joined Canoe Brook in 2004.

Art in many forms has been a passion of his since grade school and his contributions to the many artistic endeavors and gardens at Canoe Brook have touched the lives of many. Most days Richard can be found assisting instructors with set-up, encouraging and helping his peers - lending them a hand, engaging them in a game, or just making people feel welcomed and at home at Canoe Brook. Richard has embraced his role as an Ambassador for Canoe Brook, mentoring others as they “Find Balance at Canoe Brook” in their shared passion to age successfully.

Approximately 8000 of Branford’s residents are age 60+. This month, during National Senior Center Month, we invite the community to learn more about Canoe Brook’s programs and services. We invite you to celebrate with us at an open house Happy Hour 2:30-4:00 pm, Thursday, September 22. Refreshments and appetizers will be provided. It’s free but you must make a

reservation by Monday, 9/19, as space is limited. All month we encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor to join you in an activity and discover how enriching Canoe Brook programs are! Join us for fitness and art classes, cultural events, wellness workshops, free blood pressure screenings, computer classes, benefits counseling, trips, lunch and more as we celebrate this years’ national theme: “Find Balance at Your Center.”

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 which is available at the Center, Town Hall, Libraries, Senior Housing, on our buses, and online at www.branford-ct.gov/canoebrook. We look forward to seeing you! Canoe Brook Center, 203-315-0683, dridgway@branford-ct.gov

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The 6th Hammonasset Festival will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 1 and 2. Because of planned construction throughout Hammonasset Beach State Park, this year's festival will be held at the Guilford Fairgrounds, located at 111 Lovers Lane in Guilford. The Fairgrounds offer a larger event space with ample free parking and protection from the wind, in a comfortable outdoor setting.

This popular event honors Native American culture and tradition and celebrates the Natural World. Returning for multiple performances each day will be "Celtic Indian" Arvel Bird, international award-winning recording artist, as well as the Native Nations Dance Troupe led by Erin Meeches. There will be an opening blessing and smudging ceremony at 10:30 am on both days.

In addition, the Festival features authentic Native American art and crafts, music, dance and food; live wildlife shows; museum outreach programs and environmental exhibits; and the ever-popular New England Atlatl Championship.

Admission is \$5/person; children under 12 are admitted free. Pets are not permitted. Participating vendors and exhibitors must be pre-approved and pre-registered. Contact HammonassetFestival@gmail.com for more information. The Hammonasset Festival is presented by Friends of Hammonasset, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.



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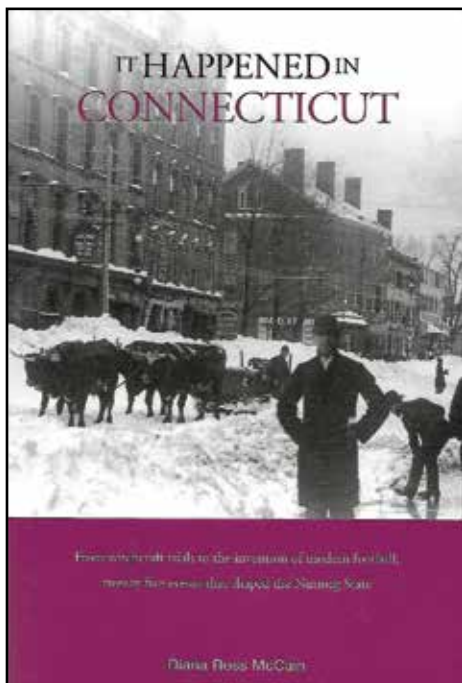
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Branford Historical Society



The Branford Historical Society, as of May 13, 2016, is now the proud owner of the historic Harrison House Museum at 124 Main Street Branford. Heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all those who donated to make

this possible. The Harrison House will remain intact and continue to be a local history museum for all the community to learn from and enjoy.

The House is open for guided tours on Saturdays 1-4 pm through the end of September, or by appointment. Visit and experience a step back in time. The circa 1724 saltbox house and barn feature period furnishings, Branford artifacts, and exhibits of early Branford industry including MIF, Branford Lockworks and Atlantic Wire Company. The charming back yard includes a colonial flower and herb garden beautifully maintained by the Branford Garden Club.

On Wednesday October 26, 7 pm at the Blackstone Library, Diana Ross McCain will present and speak on "Genius, Grit, and Sacrifice: Connecticut's Role in the American Revolution." Connecticut supplied courage, daring and ingenuity, all in abundance to the fight for our American independence. Diana will

present a lively and compelling program on three examples of Connecticut's contribution to victory: Brooklyn's fearless living legend Israel Putnam, who inspired civilians and soldiers alike; Westbrook's inventive genius David Bushnell, who created the "Turtle," history's first submarine; and the courageous men and boys who defended to the death Groton's Fort Griswold against a British assault. McCain draws on her book "It Happened in Connecticut" for these inspiring stories. Copies of her books will be available for purchase and autographing.

Refreshments will be served. This program is sponsored by the Branford Historical Society in partnership with the Blackstone Library.

Stay in touch through our Website at www.Branfordhistoricalsociety.org for other upcoming events. Become a Member. Like us on Facebook.

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Branford Land Trust



Help the Branford Land Trust Raise \$200,000 to Protect Our Woodlands and Islands

The Branford Land Trust has the unique opportunity to purchase and protect two spectacular, diverse properties: Spectacle Island, off the shore of Indian Neck, and Red Hill Woods, a 29-acre wooded parcel at the northern edge of the Hoadley Creek Preserve. Raising the \$200,000 necessary for these two purchases will ensure that both are protected for generations to come.

The purchase of Spectacle Island, an undeveloped granite outcrop island a half-mile off Branford, will ensure the protection of this summer home for nesting cormorants, gulls and other shore birds. The island also offers refuge to harbor seals that visit Long Island Sound during seasonal migrations.

Acquiring Red Hill Woods will increase the protection of a large unfragmented area of coastal forest, an environmentally important habitat that is disappearing from Connecticut. Over the last four decades, the Branford Land Trust, Guilford Land Conservation Trust and Town of Branford have progressively created this natural preserve, already more than 950 contiguous acres, that covers much of the watersheds of Hoadley and Jarvis Creeks on the Branford-Guilford border. This very important acquisition also protects one of only two trails that connect from Branford to Guilford's Westwoods trails, and is home to several threatened and endangered species.

Please join us for one of our upcoming walks at Red Hill Woods and see this stunning property for yourself.

Saturday, August 27, 10 am

Saturday, September 10, 10 am

Saturday, September 24, 10 am

The walks are approximately one mile in length, and will take about an hour. Walkers should expect moderate terrain, with some sloping trails and inclines. Bring water. Walking sticks welcome. Directions: From Leetes Island Road, turn onto Red Hill Road and continue past Van Wie Pond to the very end of the road. Park along the gravel lane.

All contributions, large and small, are important and tax deductible. Watch your mail and local media this summer for more about efforts to preserve Spectacle Island and Red Hill Woods. To make a donation today in support of the Land Trust's efforts to preserve these amazing spaces, please visit www.branfordlandtrust.org and click on the turtle. Contact the BLT at (203) 483-5263 or info@branfordlandtrust.org for information about

the public walks, how to coordinate an employer's matching grant program, or to arrange a gift of appreciated stock.

Help us continue in our mission to preserve open space in Branford and to promote our community's appreciation of Branford's diverse natural features. Visit our website to see a current schedule of walks, take a virtual tour of the property, and to make an online donation today: www.branfordlandtrust.org.

Out and About with the Branford Land Trust

For more information, visit www.branfordlandtrust.org

Red Hill Woods Nature Walks; Saturday, September 10 & September 24, 10 am

The Red Hill Woods nature walks are approximately one mile in length, and will take about one hour. Expect moderate terrain, with some sloping trails and inclines. Bring water. Walking sticks welcome. From Leetes Island Road, turn onto Red



Enjoying a walk at Red Hill Woods. Photo courtesy of the Branford Land Trust.

Hill Road and continue past Van Wie Pond to the very end of the road. Park along the gravel lane.

Nature Explorer Program; Sunday, November 20, 1 pm; Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Van Wie Walk

Our traditional pre-Thanksgiving hike will explore the fields, woodlands, streams and granite outcrops of the 100 acres donated by two generations of the Van Wie family. 87 Red Hill Road off Leetes Island Road. Park along road at #87.

Killam's Point Events (Co-sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Branford); Saturday, October 22, 10 am; Killam's Point Fall Foliage

Guided trail walk featuring the Point's trees decked out in reds, oranges, yellows and brilliant rusts. The forest is healthy, despite vicious hurricanes, and provides excellent habitat. Held at Killam's Point on Shore Drive just west of the Orchard House Adult Day Care Center. Please drive

SLOWLY to the end of the road to the parking area. For info, call 203-747-4184.

Work Parties

Saturday Work Parties offer a chance to get to know BLT properties and to spend a little time with like-minded people. If you have school age kids, this is a chance for them to pick up some community service credits. Call Bill Horne (203-488-6146) for more information.

Saturday, September 17, 9 am; Weil

We will continue our effort to remove invasive plants, especially Japanese barberry, from the Weil tract. Meet at the Buena Vista Rd cul-de-sac. Parking on Thimble Island Rd and walking up is encouraged. Bring loppers, small handsaws, sturdy hand clippers, mattocks, work gloves.

Saturday, October 22, 9 am; Lower Sybil Creek Preserve

We return to the Sybil Creek property next to the Bruce & Johnson Marina to

continue cutting bittersweet and other climbing plants. Park next to the woods between buildings #3 and #4 after entering the marina at the end of Block Island Road. Bring loppers, small handsaws, sturdy hand clippers, work gloves.

Saturday, November 19, 9 am; Van Wie Field

We will clear the edges of the field of woody shrubs and saplings that are interfering with the mowing. Bring loppers, small handsaws, sturdy hand clippers, work gloves. Park on Whitewood Drive near Flat Rock Rd.

Saturday, December 3, 9 am; Stony Creek Partnership

We will continue the clearing of woody shrubs and trees from Stony Creek Limited Partnership field. Bring loppers, small handsaws, sturdy hand clippers, work gloves. Park on Long Point Rd or Wallace Rd.

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Branford Folk Hosts Welsh Group



Fiddles, guitar, Welsh harp, accordion, bagpipes and step dancing explode into life when Welsh group Calan takes the

stage and they will be doing just that on Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Branford Folk Music Society's monthly coffeehouse concert in the auditorium of the First Congregational Church of Branford, 1009 Main St.

This concert marks Calan's Connecticut concert debut and it will also be a bit of history-making for the folk society: It's the first time in the society's 43-years that it has featured a Welsh artist on its stage.

The Oct. 8 concert begins at 8 pm. Admission is \$20 for non-members, \$17 for members and \$5 for children age 12 and under. For more information, call 203-488-7715 or access the society's Web page at www.branfordfolk.org/

Calan gathers together the remarkable talents of five young musicians who give a fresh and vibrant sound to traditional Welsh music. With a contemporary

and lively approach they breathe new life into the old traditions through their sparkling melodies, foot tapping tunes and spirited and energetic performances of Welsh step dancing. They blast their way through some of the old favorite reels, jigs and hornpipes with fast paced and uplifting arrangements before melting into some of the most beautiful and haunting songs.

Following release of their debut album *Bling* in 2008, which attracted five star responses from the critics, the band has been playing to large audiences and rave reviews at concerts and festivals around Britain and Europe, including the coveted Cambridge Festival and Celtic Connections soirees. Concert tours have taken them to Italy, Austria, Brittany and Belgium. They come to Branford fresh from a tour of Canada. They released their second album *Dinas* last year

The group, which has raised some eyebrows with a deliberate policy of eye-catching clothes and presentation, despite the ancient roots of their Celtic music, sees itself as a new generation of ambassadors, striving to take their new sound to new audiences, while raising the profile of Welsh traditional music on an international level. With their unique instrumental blend and the percussive sound of the Welsh clogs, Calan is certainly finding their musical niche. As the BBC Wales put it, "Calan has it all - energy, attitude, freshness, a sense of fun and, above all, real talent."

Article prepared by Steve Winters, secretary of the Branford Folk Music Society and host for 43 years of "Profiles in Folk" on WSHU Public Radio (91.1 and 89.9 FM) in Fairfield.

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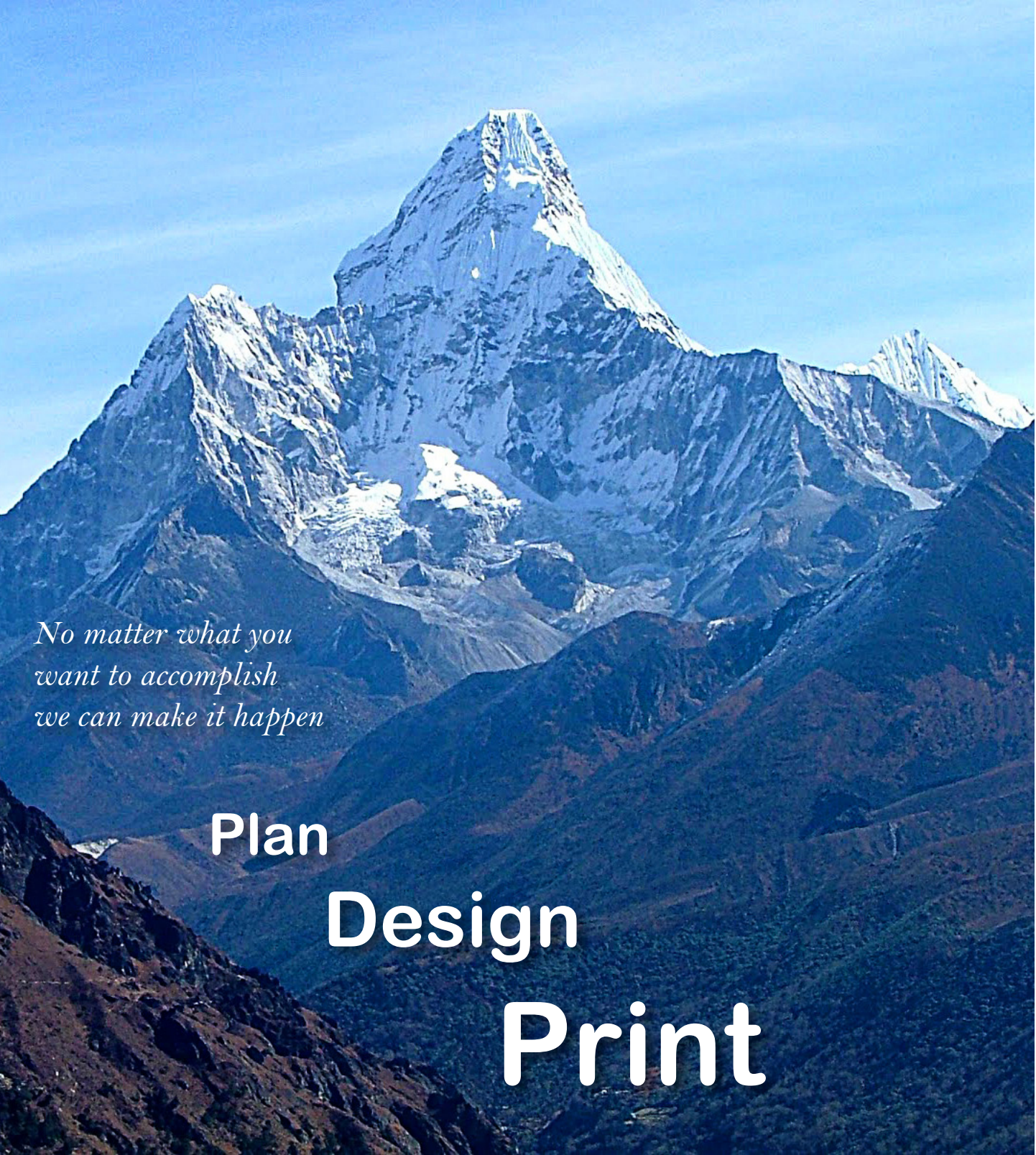
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