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## First Selectman's Corner

With vacations over and school back in session, everyone is looking forward to another great fall in New England and ready to enjoy all that was accomplished over the summer.

Progress continued over the summer on a number of town infrastructure projects. The bridge replacement on School Ground Road between East Main Street [Rte. 1] and North Branford Road [Rte. 139] moved forward with expectations that the road will re-open to through-traffic by the end of this year's construction season [late November]. Following its completion, the state plans to begin work on the replacement and road improvement to the North Branford Road bridge, between Commercial Street and Thompson Road. That, too, is designed to be finished within one construction season. These road and bridge projects are critical to the town remaining a desired place for businesses and residents alike.

And regarding infrastructure of a different type, the Town's triple-A bond rating has been re-affirmed by Standard & Poor's. Triple A is the highest rating possible - only ten other towns in the state have earned it, and is testament to the Town's sound fiscal policies and management.

In the town center new sidewalks have gone in around the green, extending down to the corner of Montowese Street and up South Main, matching the style and look of the decorative walkway on Main Street and further enhancing our town center. Plans are also underway to repair and restore the bell tower atop the Academy on the green, at the corner of Montowese and South Main. We want to be sure the structure is in top form as it approaches its two hundredth birthday in 2020, and able to withstand any future storms of the ferocity we've experienced in recent years.

The summer also brought progress with the expansion of the train station. A new commuter drop-off platform, located off Kirkham Street on the north side of the tracks, is expected to be finished and open in the spring of 2015.

And within sight of the train station I joined the Crowley family and others in breaking ground for Stony Creek Beer's new 40,000 s/f facility. This new state-of-the-art brewery will generate dozens of new jobs and enhance Branford's reputation for serious beer making and help create Branford's very own beer trail, with Thimble Island and DuVig breweries. And across town on East Main Street, the US Army's new reserve training facility is taking shape. When completed, it will serve as its main training facility along the central shoreline for reservists working in technology and on vehicles.

I also want to remind everyone this year is a "reval" year for Branford. With the project underway, we ask that all property owners cooperate with the assessor's office so they can conduct as thorough a property revaluation as possible. More information can be found in this issue, as well as on the Assessor's page of the town website.

And when you go to the website, you will see several improvements that give it a fresher look and makes it easier to navigate. More than ever it is the best source for all the information you need to be informed, register for activities, or to access programs and services. By logging onto the Town's website at [www.branford-ct.gov](http://www.branford-ct.gov), you can also tune in to the quality programming on BCTV's channels 18, 19 and 20 for community, government and education issues [[www.branfordtv.org](http://www.branfordtv.org)].



Sincerely,

*James B. Cosgrove*  
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First Selectman

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# Shoreline Chamber of Commerce

Starting on September 11, you can find us in our new offices located at 764 Boston Post Road in Branford. Our new space is exactly 1/3 of a mile (about 1,600 feet) from the Guilford border. The new office has plenty of parking and includes some cubicles that can be used by members as needed. Just contact us for further information.

We are pleased to announce that Michele Call, an employee of the Chamber since 2010, has been promoted to the position of Membership and Recruitment Coordinator.

Michele can be contacted via email: [Michele@shorelinechamber-ct.com](mailto:Michele@shorelinechamber-ct.com); or (203) 488-5500.

September, October and November are chock full of exciting events; be sure to check our website at [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**—September 23, October 27 and November 18.

**Chowder Challenge** - Guilford Green Merchant area, September 27. All are welcome to this fun-filled event. Taste great chowder, and vote for your favorite!

**Saturday, November 15** is our 'Dancing with the Stars' event. This venue features dancing through the decades of the 20's, 40's, 50's, 60's, 80's, and 90's.

**The Mission Statement** 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.



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



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



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By Mike Reiss

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## The Branford Garden Club

The Branford Garden Club was founded in 1928 and today has over one hundred and forty co-ed members. We are a Charter Member of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. and have memberships in many organizations supporting horticultural and environmental issues.

In 1991, the Evening Committee was started to give those who could not come to a day meeting a chance to join the Club. Membership in one is membership in both. Both programs offer monthly meetings featuring noted speakers on Horticulture, the Environment and Design.

In October the day group meets on the 2nd and features the wonderful Bill Duesing from Stevenson, CT who will speak on Green Up Your Yard with Organic Land Care, a very important and timely subject for all of us here in Branford living so close to Long Island Sound. Bill served for 12 years as the Executive Director of the Northeast Organic Farming Association of CT (NOFA).

Also in October The Branford Garden Club presents its Fourth Annual SCARECROWS ON THE GREEN. For more



information on participating in this wonderful fundraiser, please check the Garden Club's web site at [www.branfordgardenclub.org](http://www.branfordgardenclub.org). We'd love to have your group, family or business participate with us for this fun event to celebrate All Hollow's Eve!

November brings Patricia McNelis of West Haven to the day meeting on the 6th. Pat holds a Masters Certificate in the Art of Ikebana and studied in Tokyo for 10 years. Her presentation is Ikebana – The Art of Flowers.

The evening meeting on November 10th presents a Film made by Deborah Koons Garcia on The Future of Food -

Do you really know what you're eating? And how does it get on your table? Nominal guest fees apply and the day meetings offer a light lunch.

We welcome you to any and all of these meetings and would love to have you become a member. For more information, check out our web-page at [www.branfordgardenclub.org](http://www.branfordgardenclub.org). Please join us, we look forward to meeting you!

*Rodney Hayes*

*Scarecrows on the Green Project Coordinator*

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## *From the Assessor*

### **TOWN OF BRANFORD REVALUTION 2014**

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

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

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

Most recently all residential property owners received a Data Mailer. Data Mailers that were returned for inspection received telephone calls for appointments and the majority have been processed and are being reviewed.

We are now in the process of field review of parcels and neighborhoods. When this process is complete the data collected will be entered and the final analysis will be done. Sales will be considered through October of 2014 with the analysis.

If you have not returned your Data Mailer or Income and Expense please do so as soon as possible, so that all the data is correct when review is completed. Please return the completed forms to the Assessor's Office. If the data is correct you do not have to return the Data Mailer form to the Assessor's Office. Hold on to the Data Mailer and use it as a review of the data on the new field cards when they appear on line at the completion of the Revaluation. However, the Income and Expense Form must be returned to the Assessor's Office.

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

### **VETERAN ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION PROGRAM INCOME BASED**

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

Application for the state additional exemption and the local option additional exemption are filed with the Assessor's Office in the Town of which the veteran resides. The filing period is from February 1st through October 1st of 2014. Once a veteran is approved for the additional exemption he/she must submit an application on a biennial basis. Income received by both a husband and his wife is considered in determining the eligibility of married persons for the exemption. If a person is legally separated pursuant to CGS §46b-40, as of the December 31st, 2013, he or she is treated as single for purposes of this program.

Under these additional exemption programs provided by subsection b under §12-170aa, §12-811 and §12-81f, a veteran must meet several requirements to qualify for these additional exemptions. The Veteran must have filed a DD214 or other proof of eligibility on the Land records by September 30th, 2014 as stated in §12-93 and meet the requirements under §12-81 subsection 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24. All income received in the calendar year of 2013 must be filed in the proper manner with the Assessor at application time. The Veteran and or spouse's domicile must be where they reside and located in the Town of Branford for the exemption to be applied. If the Veteran does not own real estate in the Town of Branford his domicile must be in the Town of Branford and have his Motor Vehicles registered in the Town of Branford.

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

### **2014 PERSONAL PROPERTY DECLARATIONS**

This is notification that the Personal Property Declaration for the 2014 GRAND LIST needs to be filed in the Assessor's Office by November 3rd, 2014. They will be mailed by the Assessor's Office no later than the beginning of September 2014.

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.

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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.

## The Community Forest Commission

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

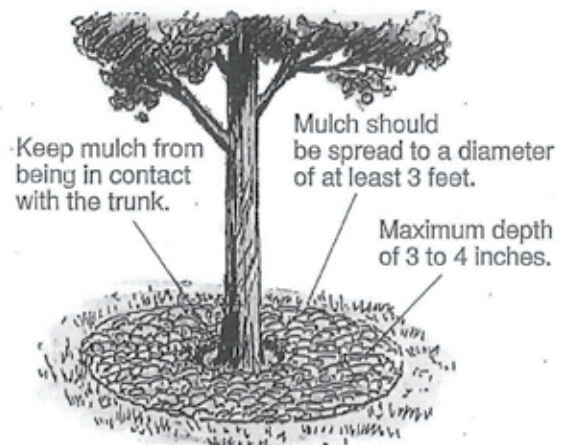
Its primary mission is to preserve and increase the number of trees in Branford via a planting program as well as educating our citizens on the value of trees and how to care for them. In conjunction with the Department of Public Works, 51 trees were planted this year.

Education is also important, for example, publishing articles about how to mulch, given that there are a number of landscapers that do not know how to place mulch around a tree: it is harmful to pile mulch up against the tree trunk.

Another example: The Community Forest Commission was very active in interfacing and educating the utility companies and PURA re: the ecological, economic and esthetical damage done by extensive tree cutting.

This Fall, trees will be planted via the Memorial Tree Program where citizens can buy a tree in memory of someone (or a pet) which Public Works will then plant.

**Q: Why are rings of mulch sometimes placed around trees?**





## *Branford Rotary - Upcoming Events*

**Wednesday, November 5**  
**Veterans' Day Luncheon for Branford Veterans**  
**Italian American Social Club, 40 Hamre Lane**  
**12 noon - 1: 30 p.m.**

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.

This event is coordinated by Rotarian Nelson Bernabucci who can be contacted at 203-488-5450 for event information.

**Thursday, November 27**  
**Thanksgiving Day Rotary Y-Run & Walk**  
**Walsh Intermediate School, 185 Damascus Rd.**  
**8:00 a.m.**

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,



*Branford Rotarian John Picard, right, assists runners with registration.*

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](mailto:jbsports@snet.net) or call 203-481-5933.

### ***Tax Collector***

**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, 2014 and may be paid by October 1, 2014 without penalty. Payment may be made by mail to:

Tax Collector  
 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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## *Branford Economic Development Commission*

At its June meeting the Branford Economic Development Commission presented Branford Book and Card Shoppe 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. The Esposito family has owned and operated the Branford Book and Card Shoppe for more than forty years, located across from the green on the corner of Main Street and Park Place. PS Stationers, owned and operated by son Sal Esposito, is located only steps away on Main Street, and has come to share the reputation and popularity of the Book and Card Shoppe. At its June meeting, Joe Gordon turned over the commission's gavel to new chairman Perry Maresca. Gordon, owner and president of Differential Pressure Gauge, LLC, served as EDC chairman since 2009 and will remain on the commission. Life-long Branford resident Perry Maresca joined the commission in 2009 and owns and operates Affordable Lighting Center on Business Park Drive.



*Pictured [l to r] are EDC chairman Joe Gordon, Sal Esposito [representing the Esposito family], and First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove*

In July the EDC partnered with CURE, the state's biotech association, to host one of its "biotech clubhouse" events. More than eighty participants from Branford and shoreline biotech companies attended, along with CURE and town officials.



*CURE: Pictured [l to r] are new EDC chair Perry Maresca, Branford state representative Lonnie Reed [102nd], CURE president Susan Froshauer, and First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove*

The program included presentations from eight of the companies, highlighting their R&D work and plans for growth. The Branford Economic Development Commission is pleased to welcome the following new businesses to our community: E. McHenry's Irish Pub in Indian Neck, Five Guys Burgers and Fries on West Main Street, and the Mt. Sinai Genetic Testing Lab on Commercial Street; it also extends congratulations to Core Informatics for being named one of the state's top 40 tech companies by the CT Technology Council and the Marcum Group.

## *New Residential State Building Code*

The Office of the State Building Official has announced that 2013 Amendment to the State Building Code was passed by the legislature's Regulation Review Committee on January 28, 2014. This Amendment adopts the 2009 International Residential Code and the 2011 National Electrical Code into the 2005 State Building Code, with Connecticut specific changes. The new code replaces the 2003 International Residential Code which regulates all residential construction up to Two Family Dwellings and Townhouse not more than three stories above grade was adopted February 28, 2014.

Some significant changes within the new code includes permits are now exempt for the following work; detached accessory structures such as tool sheds, storage

sheds, etc., provided the floor area is less than 200 s.f., exterior decks less than 200 s.f. provided they are less than 30 above grade and not attached to a dwelling and repairs that are limited to 25% of roof covering and building siding within one calendar year.

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

*Anthony B. Cinicola  
Building Official*

## *Branford Historical Society*

The Branford Historical Society actively maintains the Historic Harrison House Museum at 124 Main St., Branford. The Harrison House, circa 1724, is open for guided tours, every Saturday 1-4 pm, or by appointment, through the end of October.

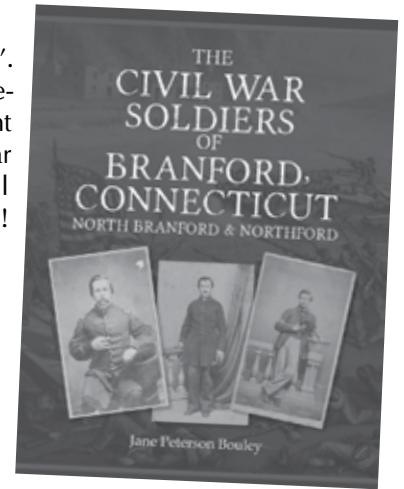
On Tuesday Sept 23rd, 7pm, at The Blackstone Library, the Historical Society will feature a movie by Historical Haunts, titled "Vampires of New England". This award winning do-cumentary, created by filmmaker Alec Asten, tells of the Tillinghast tale, exploring the fact and folklore of vampirism in Rhode Island. The findings may surprise you, as sometimes truth is stranger than fiction! Suggested donation \$5.

Saturday Sept 27th, 1pm at Center Cemetery, join a cemetery walk with Al Russell, introducing the history, the stones, crosses, epitaphs and more, of one of the oldest cemeteries in town. Suggested donation \$5. Rain date Sept 28th, 1pm.

Wednesday Oct 29th, 7pm, at the Blackstone Library, we'll present a talk by Town Historian Jane Bouley, on

'Branford's Civil War Soldiers'. Jane has done extensive research and will bring to light the soldiers and their war experiences. True local Civil War history, not to be missed! Suggested donation \$5.

Jane's presentation coincides with the release of her new book, 'Branford's Civil War Soldiers', the first comprehensive history of Civil War Soldiers from Branford and North Branford. It will be available for purchase the night of the talk, also at a book signing Saturday Oct. 25th, 2-4pm at the James Blackstone Memorial Library, and on Friday, November 7th at 6 p.m. More event information can be found on our website [www.Branfordhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.Branfordhistoricalsociety.org).



## *Diane Taraz at Branford Folk on October 11*

Massachusetts singer-songwriter Diane Taraz, renowned for her exquisite voice, returns to the Branford Folk Music Society stage on Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the First Congregational Church of Branford, 1009 Main Street on the Branford Green.

Diane Taraz is a performer who loves to write songs and loves to interpret traditional music. Variety is the spice of life, and she enjoys singing not just folk music but also blues, standards, the classic singer-songwriter repertoire, plus Renaissance music of the 1500s. Her latest album is a collection of jazz standards.

Voice is her main instrument, although she delights in playing her three guitars and her mountain dulcimer. Her music is difficult to pigeonhole. She is director of the Lexington Historical Society Colonial Singers and is a member of Vox



Lucens, a 12-voice Renaissance choir in Arlington, Mass. She also sings with the UUlations, an eight-woman a cappella group.

Her songs draw much inspiration from traditional folk and many of them celebrate weird and wonderful events of the past. To wit: "The Sea-Serpent of Cape Ann" tells the story of that mythical New England beastie while "Les Filles du Roi" looks back at her great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great grandmother's leap into the unknown as one of the young women who sailed to New France in the 1600s to marry the settlers in Quebec.

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

## *The East Shore District Health Department - Flu Shots*

The East Shore District Health Department (ESDHD) will be offering Flu Shots at 2 locations in Branford.

Fall will be here soon and the East Shore District Health Department is gearing up for its annual flu clinics. Our community-wide large clinic will be held at Branford High School on Wednesday, October 22nd from 1 until 5 pm. The clinic will be staffed by our talented, licensed and experienced nurses as well as our Medical Reserve Corps volunteers to

help with parking, forms and information. There will be very little wait time. Both injections and flu mist (which is an intranasal spray) will be available.

We will also hold a flu clinic at the Branford Town Hall on October 9th from 2 until 5 pm in the lower level conference room for municipal employees and their families. We accept Anthem, Medicare, Cigna and Aetna. The cost for flu shots if you have no insurance will be \$30.

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This past year, Connecticut experienced 2 waves of flu that added up to over 6500 reported cases. Nearly 2000 people in Connecticut with the flu were hospitalized and 37 residents over the age of 30 died. Many people think they can get

through the flu season without getting vaccinated against the flu. The best way to protect you and your family is to get your flu vaccination every year.

For more information and a full list of flu clinics visit us on [www.esdhd.org](http://www.esdhd.org) or call 203-481-4233.

## Canoe Brook Center



*Canoe Brook gang 8/20/14 trip to Wolf Conservation Center, South Salem, New York*

### September is National Senior Center Month!

"As a new generation of older adults looks to redefine retirement, there is a growing focus on wellness, work, involvement, and volunteerism. When it comes to finding tools for staying healthy and involved or information about benefits, Senior Centers are the place to start. "The people coming into our center have deep ties to the community and are excited about sharing their diverse skills and talents. Our goal is to provide the tools, resources, and opportunities to help them age successfully and remain independent, manage their wellness, and find new ways to contribute to the community."

*- Dagmar Ridgway, Director*

This September, Canoe Brook invites the community to learn more about its programs and services during National Senior Center Month. Join us as we celebrate this year's national theme Senior Centers: Experts at Living Well. We invite you to celebrate with us at an open house Happy Hour 2:30-3:30 pm, Tuesday September 23. Refreshments and appetizers will be provided, it's free but you must sign up by 9/16 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 year's national theme "Senior Centers: Experts at Living Well."

Aging actively is key to successful aging, stop by and join the fun! A full schedule of activities can be found in Canoe Brook Connections our monthly newsletter available at the Center, Town Hall, Libraries, Senior Housing, on our busses, and online at <http://www.branford-ct.gov/senior.htm>. We look forward to seeing you!

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

## Branford Exchange Club

### HONORING SHORELINE HEROES BANQUET

Sept 23rd at the Woodwinds  
29 School Ground Road.

The Branford Exchange Club, is hosting a banquet to honor firefighters and police officers from Branford, Guilford, and North Branford on September 23rd.

#### Honored firefighters and police officers are:

Branford Fire Dept.: Assistant Chief Shaun Heffernan and Deputy Chief Thomas Mahoney  
Branford Police Dept.: Detective Paul Perotti and Officer Luigi Amasino  
Guilford Fire Dept.: Lieutenant Jeff Larsen and Firefighter/Paramedic John Planas  
Guilford Police Dept.: Guilford Police Sgt. Steven Renchy and Detective Sgt. Timothy Bernier  
North Branford Fire Dept.: Lieutenant Thomas Hart and Former Captain Laura Burich  
North Branford Police Dept.: Officer Robert Deko and Officer James Lovelace

All of the individuals being recognized have gone above and beyond what their position requires, and their actions have made a significant impact on the communities they serve.

Cocktail Hour will start at 6:00 pm. At 7:00 pm The Emerald Society Pipe and Drum band will lead in our heroes.

Ms. Scarlett Lewis (author and founder of the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Foundation), and various distinguished speakers including Dr. Henry Lee (Distinguished Chair, Professor of Forensic Science, University of New Haven) will speak. The world-famous Yale Alley Cats will sing our national Anthem.

*Thank you to all our sponsors and the communities for their support.*

The Branford Exchange Club is proud to announce their 65th anniversary of service to our communities. For more information please contact: [art.promotions@gmail.com](mailto:art.promotions@gmail.com) or 203.901.7982.



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## Fall at the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library



· After Labor Day our Story Time with Miss Stephanie schedule will be: Wednesdays at 10:30 for toddlers and pre-schoolers, and Fridays at 10:00 for babies under 2 years old.

· Miss Phyllis is here on the first Saturday of the month at 11:00 for Stories and Crafts.

· Mark Schenker returns for our Bookmark series on Tuesday, September 16. This fall the series is Imagined Women: Emma, Carrie, Lily, Clarissa. The first book for discussion is *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert.

· Our Lego Club starts back up on Wednesday, September 17 at 4:00. This club is open for 1st to 5th graders for a fun afternoon building projects based on weekly themes or individual designs.

· Colleen McDonald is returning to lead a four part writing workshop beginning Monday, September 22 at 6:30. Space is limited and registration required.

· Our second annual Halloween Wicked Window Painting event is Saturday, October 25 at 1:00. Fun for the whole family. Refreshments will be provided.

Save the date: Friday, November 7 for an upcoming talk by town historian Jane Bouley. She will present a talk on the Stony Creek Civil War soldiers at 7:00 with a book signing at 6:00.

From September 2nd, 30 libraries all over Connecticut are participating in Passport to Connecticut Libraries. This is an exciting program that is designed to show the power of your library card. Pick up a passport at Willoughby Wallace Library and visit at least five libraries on the list of nearly 90 of those participating. Get a stamp in your passport and enter to win a chance at a gift card. For a list of participating libraries visit: [Facebook.com/passporttoctlibraries](https://www.facebook.com/passporttoctlibraries). Your Connecticut library card is honored in all Connecticut public libraries.

More programs will be scheduled.

Please check our website for updates: [www.wtml.org](http://www.wtml.org) or call the library at 203-488-8702.

146 Thimble Islands Road, Stony Creek, CT 06405

*Alice P. Pentz, Library Director*  
*apentz@branford-ct.gov*  
*Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library*

## Brian's Hope

In the past few years there have been many advances in the fight to stop Adrenoleukodystrophy and we have been a big part of that. Passing legislation for newborn screening here in CT, helping nationwide, and continuing to spread an awareness of this dreadful disease are two of our life-saving efforts.

Brian's Hope is directly supporting other states in their efforts to add ALD newborn screening to their protocol.



We can happily report that our colleagues at The Myelin Project are moving legislation forward in California. In August their bill unanimously passed out of the Senate and awaits the governor's signature. Massachusetts has passage in progress as well.

New York began testing in January and has confirmed 6 newborn boys and two newborn girls (carriers) with ALD. As a result of the positive findings, mothers, siblings and various relatives will be tested. In fact, we already know a 4 year-old brother of one of these New York babies has been found to have ALD as well. Thankfully, he will receive the treatment he needs before symptoms manifest, giving him the chance to live a healthy life. Early detection through newborn screening is truly life saving. We continue to work with the Connecticut Department of Health to implement testing here.

Along side our friends at Race Productions, LLC we recently held the 18th Hammerfest Sprint Triathlon. As you might imagine, we have one of the most scenic of racecourses. We have great appreciation for our hosts at the Owenego, the many local businesses who generously sponsor the race and the many kind individuals who have supported our efforts, first through the Myelin Project and now Brian's Hope. For more information, please visit us at [www.brianshope.org](http://www.brianshope.org).

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## *St. Mary Ladies Guild*

The goal of St. Mary Ladies Guild is to achieve a sense of family, where all women of the parish are welcome. Experience a sense of spiritual enrichment by helping others in our parish, our community and also globally.

### **Saturday October 4th - 9th Annual Craft Fair**

Branford St. Mary Ladies Guild will hold its 9th Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, October 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in St. Mary School Gym at 62 Cedar Street in Branford.



This year's Craft Fair focuses on local tables of jewelry, handmade craft items, handbags, articles for the home, and home baked goods. Hot breakfast and lunch available by members of St. Mary Ladies Guild. For information, contact Betty Gallacher at 203-488-4890.

### **Sunday October 5th - Living Rosary 2:00**

In celebration of the Memorial Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Mary's Ladies Guild invites parishioners to participate in a Living Rosary

### **Sunday October 26 - Ladies Guild Mass 8:45**

Guild Members attend Mass in memory of deceased members

### **Saturday December 6th - Christmas Bazaar**

All things Christmas, Crafts, Jewelry, Brunch, Baked Goods

### **Saturday, Sunday - December 20-21**

#### **Christmas Cookie Sale**

Sale of Trays of Home baked Christmas Cookies after all Masses

### **January 4th is our Ladies Guild Luncheon**

Guild Members Christmas Luncheon at LaMonaco's at 1:00 p.m.

## *Branford Parks and Recreation - Fall Happenings*

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 afterschool youth activities, ranging from Tae Kwon Do and afterschool hoops for kindergarten and first grade, to tennis lessons and gymnastics for walking age to 10 years old, Learn To Swim Lessons (ages 4 and up), American Red Cross Babysitting Class, Beginner Horseback Riding class, Golf Lessons (ages 6 to 14), Wrestling Clinic for grades K thru Five, Sports Squirts program (ages 3 to 5) and the ever-popular Toddler Halloween Party and Parade.

The Branford Junior Basketball League for grades two thru eight begins in November and runs thru mid-February. Registration for the league will begin late September and early October.

For adults, a wide variety of programs are featured including: swim lessons, Senior Yoga, and the Men's Adult Basketball League. The department is associated with the Town of Branford for its Annual Pat Andriole Family Day on the Branford Town Green scheduled for late September (September 28th), and the Annual Touch a Truck program in October.

In the winter, holiday programs highlight the Recreation Department's event festivities. All Branford children who



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are registered can expect calls from Santa or can send a letter to Santa. Those who are in the decorating spirit can enter the Holiday House Decorating Contest and win prizes.

The town's Tree Lighting Spectacular on the Branford Town Green is held Thanksgiving Saturday starting at 5:00 p.m. 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](http://www.branfordrecreation.org).



## *Planning and Zoning Department*

In our last edition I wrote about the role of the Branford Planning and Zoning Department in administering the Town's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program. I also mentioned that the Town was competing for additional grant money to help fund needed improvements to the Parkside Village I and II elderly housing complexes run by the Branford Housing Authority. As this was going to deadline the Town of Branford received news from the State that we have been awarded \$448,500 to undertake those improvements. The work scope includes improving the site lighting, pavement reconstruction and provision of emergency generators for the community rooms. The project will impact 90 units of housing.

The Town of Branford worked tirelessly through their consultant, Planning and Zoning Department, and the Branford Housing Authority to complete the extensive requirements for the grant. The funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, which provides grants to eligible municipalities for economic development, affordable housing, community facilities and other revitalization projects. The program is administered by the Connecticut Department of Housing.

On another front, the Planning and Zoning Department is collaborating with BCTV on a series of panel discussions targeted to the growing elderly population in Branford. Local resident Otty Norwood has produced episodes on estate planning and aging in place. Our Assistant Town Planner, Richard Stoecker has been assisting Otty and BCTV in the production of this series. Future topics include use of technology, planning for elder care, and examples of universal design in homes.

The past six months have seen some changes in the staffing of our Department. Our former Zoning Enforcement Officer, Laura Magaraci, left us for a position in North Haven. Our Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Acquino was promoted to Laura's position and has been doing a great job of making the transition seamless. Taking Jennifer's place at our front counter is our new Administrative Assistant, Michelle Arbachouskas, whom we were lucky to steal away from the Waterbury Planning Office. Please feel free to stop by on your next visit to Town Hall to say hi and wish the new staffers well.

*José Giner, AICP, Town Planner*

## *Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut*

Founded in 1982, the Foundation works to ensure that people with epilepsy are able to participate in all life experiences through information, education, recreation, advocacy and support.

A seizure is an abnormal electrical discharge in the brain. Seizures can be caused by head injuries, lack of oxygen at birth, brain tumors and other health conditions. People often think of seizures only as jerking and shaking uncontrollably; however, not all seizures are convulsions. There are many different symptoms of seizures, which can include eye fluttering, staring and laughing. Recurring seizures can be a sign of epilepsy.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut has many programs to offer those living with epilepsy. In particular, we offer 7 support groups throughout the state. Those interested in attending meetings 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.

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## *Election is Tuesday, November 4th*



Saturday October 18, 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 State Election to be held Tuesday, November 4. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Registration by Mail Deadline A Mail-In-Application for a new voter must be received by the Registrar of Voters (or postmarked) by October 21, 2014 in order to be eligible.

Tuesday, October 28 - Last Regular voter registration session. For admission of electors for those who become 18 years of age, U.S. citizens, or residents of Branford on or before October 28, 2014. Applicants must appear in person with ID to register to vote, for this State Election. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Monday, November 3 - Limited Registration Session, is the deadline for registering in person with the Registrar of Voters or Town Clerk, for those seeking to vote in this election

whose qualifications as to age, citizenship, or residence was attained since October 28, 2014. Applicants must appear in person with ID to register to vote, for this State Election. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Election Day Registration (EDR) location is at the Registrar of Voters Office Building at 40 Kirkham Street from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. 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 Hills School, 80 Burban Drive

**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

Visit the Town's website [branford-ct.gov](http://branford-ct.gov) for answers to frequently asked questions.



## *Shoreline Greenway Trail*

### **RUN THE GAUNTLET SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

Hammonasset State Park; have fun while contributing toward building the trail! Shoreline Greenway Trail is a sponsor of this fun event. Some runners take this obstacle course along the beach, over walls, through tunnels, etc., seriously; in other cases, families and friends join together to simply have a good time running the course as best they can. Forming a team is great fun; some groups even wear identical clothing, funny hats, etc. To find out how to enter and make sure that your entry benefits the Shoreline Greenway Trail, go to [jbsports.com](http://jbsports.com). For further information, email [kristen.jbsports@snet.net](mailto:kristen.jbsports@snet.net), 203-481-5933.

### **FIRST SATURDAY WALK SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 10:00 A.M.**

The Branford First Saturday walk will highlight the new path that the town has made up to the top of the old land-fill near the Tabor property. The views from the top are spectacular, overlooking Long Island Sound, the center of Branford, the Branford River, and even East Haven. To the north and east are the woods and hills of Branford. Meet at the end of the Shoreline Kennel drive off of Pine Orchard Road, go west on the Shoreline Greenway Trail along Chet's Pond, then cross the Public Works road to

begin the walk up the hill. We will return to our starting place via the Branford Trail. Parking will be at the end of the Shoreline Kennel drive. Directions: Main Street Branford to Montowese, left on Pine Orchard Road, right following Pine Orchard Road, Shoreline Kennels on the right immediately after crossing the bridge over the railroad. Part of the walk is on a temporary trail, so strollers are not recommended. Dogs are welcome. Approximate length: one hour. Contact: Leo Cristofar, 203-214-5824.

### **WORK PARTIES**

All work parties begin at 10:00 a.m. Wear sturdy shoes and gloves, bring loppers and pruners and rakes. These work parties are a great way to get some exercise, have a sense of achievement, and meet fellow members of the Shoreline Greenway Trail. Contact: Chet Blomquist at 203-488-5640.

**September 27th:** Tabor Trail in preparation for the first Saturday walk on October 4th. Meet at the end of the Shoreline Kennels Road off of Pine Orchard Road.

**October 25th:** Tilcon Trail and Stony Creek Trolley Trail. Meet at the Tilcon parking lot at the end of Tilcon Drive.

**November 22nd:** Back to Tabor in preparation for our 3rd annual post Christmas Get the Children Outside Walk on Saturday, December 27th.

## The Stony Creek Museum

THE STONY CREEK MUSEUM is open through Columbus Day - Fri., Sat. and Sun - 1:00 to 4:00, with exhibits highlighting the rich history of Stony Creek and the beautiful Thimble Islands.

### Exhibits include:

#### STONY CREEK PINK GRANITE QUARRY

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#### SUMMER HOTELS

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#### CHILDREN'S CORNER

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#### SUMMER IN THE CREEK

Our 2014 summer exhibit - with period bathing costumes.

#### A LIFE UNLOCKED

A trunk belonging to a Finnish quarryman, untouched for 100 years - "A true time capsule".

Our mission is to preserve the rich character of our community. The museum is actively collecting memorabilia in our new archival area, overseen by Maureen DaRos White of the Peabody Museum.

#### ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

In October, we sponsor Quarry Tours, with talks by Unk DaRos and Carl Balestracci. In December, we hold a Community-wide holiday "Cookies and Carols".

## The Daily Grind

If you experience severe tooth, jaw or facial muscle pain, it may be from the effects of grinding or clenching your teeth - also known as bruxism. Most people brux their teeth in response to stress or pain. Nearly 25% of Americans clench or grind their teeth to the point of destructiveness. This destruction leads to tooth sensitivity, wear and breakdown. Studies suggest that while almost all people unconsciously clench or grind occasionally, more than 80% of habitual bruxers are unaware of their habit.

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## Vista Arts Center - Celebrating the Artist Within

The Vista Arts Center is a unique community arts program for adult artists of all abilities. Located in Madison, Connecticut, the Vista Arts Center has been offering classes in literary, performing, and visual arts since September 2012 and is now opening its classes to all adults in the shoreline community! The Vista Arts Center is unique in that they believe that the ability lies inside everyone, and they are waiting to “celebrate the artist within” you! The Vista Arts Center’s mission is to provide quality arts programming to a diverse, adult population that promotes self-expression and learning in a nurturing, noncompetitive environment. Their programming and instructional methods encourage the inclusion of all talent and skill levels while providing a platform for the development of artistic and interpersonal skill development, self-esteem and confidence. All courses are led by arts professionals with many years of experience in their field of specialty

and in individualizing instruction for a variety of students.

In almost two years of operation, the Vista Arts Center has grown exponentially in its diverse offerings, instructors and community involvement. They have participated in over 7 art showings, put on a full scale, all abilities, community theater production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” in partnership with the Ivoryton Playhouse and seen their class offering grow from 4 classes to 30 classes. Registration for the Fall-Winter semester opened August 15th with new and exciting offerings for everyone!

For more information about how you can start celebrating your artist within at the Vista Arts Center, please contact Jeanean Cox, Arts Program Manager at 860-399-8080 or [jcox@vistavocational.org](mailto:jcox@vistavocational.org). Visit Vista online at <http://www.vistavocational.org>.

## Follow the Detour and Support Us

Follow the Detour and support our School Ground Road businesses. Although School Ground Road is closed to thru traffic while the bridge project is underway, please remember that all of the businesses located along School Ground Road, Tipping Drive and Research Drive remain open and ready to serve their regular and new customers. That includes the “River Run” business complex with Grace’s Grill, DuVig

Brewery, Another Look Consignment Shop, AA Auto Parts, and more. And on neighboring Tipping Drive and Research Drive you will find Fairways Driving Range, Bassett Logo Products, Aegis Solar Energy, and Britain’s Automotive, along with others, all open for business as usual. Please make an effort to support these businesses through the completion of the bridge project and afterwards, as well.

*Perry Maresca, Chairman  
Branford Economic Development Commission*



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Do not use plastic bags; the Town will not pick up leaves in plastic bags. Leaves should not be raked into the streets, piled at the curb, placed in wetlands, streams, storm drains, or on Branford Land Trust Property. Your leaves will be picked up on the same day as your regular recycling collection, though by a separate truck. Residents are reminded not to include branches and also to keep the leaves free of litter and other materials which will not decompose. These materials contaminate the compost which your leaves are turned into at the Transfer Station and which is available to Branford residents for free. Brown paper leaf bags can usually be found at the following Branford stores: Big Y, Branford Building Supplies, Caron’s Corner, Richlin’s, Stop & Shop, Walgreen’s and Wal-Mart. For more information regarding leaves, pick-up schedules, or composting please visit our website at [www.branford.ct.gov](http://www.branford.ct.gov) or phone 203-315-0622.

# Annual Animal Awareness Day - Pet Party!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5  
ON THE BRANFORD GREEN

Branford's Annual Animal Awareness Day/Pet Party will be held Sunday October 5th from 12 noon to 5 pm on the Branford Green. Please share this exciting news with your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues for a great day of music and fun! Our Animal Awareness Day/Pet Party is a nonprofit fundraiser created to assist the Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter and Branford Compassion Club to care for our communities rescued animals in Branford, North Branford and Northford.

## ALL PETS WELCOME!

- Dog Walk led by the New Britain Rock Cats Mascot, starting at 1:30am at the Branford Community House. All entrants receive a goody bag & T-shirt;
- Blessing of the Animals - 1 p.m.
- Pet-pet owner "Look-alike" Contest
- Puppet Show
- Dog Rescue Parade
- Flash Mob
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## help make middlesex county a bully-free community

STAND UP TO BULLYING AND MEAN-SPIRITED BEHAVIOR.

Did you know that one out of seven kindergarten through grade 12 students are either a bully or a victim of bullying? And that an estimated 160,000 children miss school every day for fear of intimidation or attack? Bullies are everywhere, on the playground, in the classroom, at the workplace and, more and more often, online. It is up to each and every one of us to put an end to mean-spirited behavior in our communities by learning more about the issue and the resources available for empowering individuals and preventing bullying. For more information call the Community Foundation of Middlesex County **860.347.0025** or go to **MiddlesexCountyCF.org**.

STAND TOGETHER FOR CHANGE.  
TAKE THE PLEDGE.

## Do You Have A Renovation Strategy?

With our warmer months now coming to an end, I'm noticing a lot of home improvements while I drive about. I remember when my husband and I moved into our house and did some renovating. Built in 1979 and not maintained by previous owners, our house needed "a little work." Watching renovations take shape has brought a lot of thought into "a little work" and I have some parallels and insights that I would like to share.

Our renovation process took longer than anticipated for a couple of reasons. As we saw our ideas coming to life, my husband and I became more creative and added more ideas to our wish list. (Fun!) But more importantly, as the project progressed, it became apparent that years of neglect had taken their toll, requiring more labor and more money than initially anticipated. (Not fun!)

Through it all, we remained grounded and realistic. Some projects required more money and some less money. Sometimes things could be salvaged, but sometimes things just needed to be replaced. And, in time, our neglected colonial shaped up to be a beautiful colonial. But if our goal had been to change our neglected colonial into a contemporary, we would have been very frustrated and very poor.

We live in an instant gratification society with new technology emerging on a daily basis. As a result, many people believe that any problem can now be solved quickly, easily and cheaply. And the truth is that a lot can, but a lot cannot. The key to a successful outcome in any cosmetic procedure is to have realistic expectations.

Every procedure will have limitations, even facial plastic surgery. Every procedure will only last for so long and will need to be repeated - even facial plastic surgery. Some procedures will last for months and some for years, but nothing lasts forever.

Each procedure is designed to give specific results. If your physician is clear about the results you can expect and those results are in line with your desired outcome, then it is an open playing field for non-surgical procedures for you.

So enjoy every non-surgical option available - explore them and discuss them with your physician (be it me or someone else). If you're realistic, not only will you be beautiful, you'll be happy too. What a combo!

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

## Safe & Free Disposal of Household Chemicals

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 until October 25, 2014.

### What To Bring To HazWaste Central: Residential Waste Only

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Other Oils/Cleaners  
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\* Local disposal options are available. Please check with the Branford's Transfer Station: [www.branford-ct.gov](http://www.branford-ct.gov) 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: log on to [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org) and visit the Connecticut portion of the site to find a drop-off location for household paint.

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## *Thimble Islands Saxophone Quartet*

The Musical Art Society of Branford, a non-profit music club that has served the Branford community for 95 years with free programs and scholarships, is announcing its first concert of the season.

MAS will be presenting a free concert with the Thimble Islands Saxophone Quartet on September 19 at 7:30 p.m. This concert will be presented at the First Church of Christ Congregational, 192 Thimble Island Rd., Stony Creek, CT.

The Thimble Islands Saxophone Quartet will be presenting works by Bach, Bernstein, Gershwin, Mozart, Ellington, and Jelly Roll Morton. The members of the quartet are Frank Vasi, David Langlais, Will Cleary and Tim Moran. They are all graduates of music schools such as Mannes College of Music, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and Oberlin Conservatory.



Individually, they have been performing in CT for many years. The TISQ has been playing for several years and are gaining recognition for their exciting arrangements, which are all done by Frank Vasi.

The Musical Art Society of Branford was founded in 1920 to promote and support music in the community, produce concerts that are free and open to the public, and provide an opportunity for members to perform or just indulge their passion for listening to good music.

## *Branford Land Trust*

Nature Explorer Events for Adults and Families



### **FALL BIRD WALK**

**Supply Ponds with Paul Wolter  
Saturday, October 18, 8:00 am**

Paul Wolter is an avid birder who started birding as a teenager in England, and rekindled his interest in birding after moving to Branford. Paul will help us identify birds by sight and by call. Meet at the main parking area. From Route 1 take either Mill Plan Road and then the first left onto Short Rocks Road, or Chestnut Street, which goes directly into the preserve.

### **FALL FOLIAGE WALK**

**Hammer and Sliney Preserves with Truman Sherk  
October 25, 10:00 am (Rain date: October 26)**

Enjoy the fall colors on this walk led by Truman Sherk, who knows the history and botany of the property. He grew up in Branford, is a biologist, has been actively involved in the Branford Land Trust for many years. Meet and park at the lot behind Jalapeno Heaven Restaurant.

### **ANNUAL PRE-THANKSGIVING WALK**

**Van Wie Preserve  
November 23, 1:00 pm**

Join the land trust for this opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors in the refreshing fall weather! One of our most popular events! Directions: From Exit 56 on I-95, go south on Leetes Island Rd. for 0.1 mile, and turn left (east) onto Red Hill Rd. Proceed to #87, which is on the right, and park on the right side of the road.

For more information, call (203) 415-1571, visit the new Land Trust website, [www.branfordlandtrust.org](http://www.branfordlandtrust.org), follow our Facebook page, or sign up to receive regular email notices of upcoming events.



## Branford Compassion Club

Branford Compassion Club Inc, is a 501C(3) non-profit, all volunteer-run feline rescue organization.

It was founded in 1997 by a small group of Branford residents concerned with the alarming number of feral and stray cats in Branford. BCC established a mission to provide for the feeding, shelter and care of homeless, abandoned and feral cats; to educate the public about the importance of spay/neuter population control, responsible pet ownership and kindness to animals; and to establish an ongoing community network to achieve these goals.

On May 23, 2011, Branford Compassion Club Feline Rescue & Adoption Center officially opened its doors to the public under the guidance of President, Mary Mellows. The shelter is located at 2037 Foxon Rd (route 80) in North Branford and is open to the public on Saturdays from 11 am to 3 pm.

For more information about Branford Compassion Club and to inquire about adoptions or becoming a volunteer please visit BCC's website at [www.branfordcompassionclub.org](http://www.branfordcompassionclub.org) or call (203) 483-MEOW.

### Four great fall fundraisers to benefit the homeless felines of Branford Compassion Club:

#### ANIMAL AWARENESS DAY

Co-hosted with Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter  
Sunday, October 5.  
12 pm – 5 pm. Vendors, Animal Rescue Organizations, Food, Live Music and Family Fun.  
Free Admission. All proceeds from event to benefit homeless animals. [www.branfordcompassionclub.org](http://www.branfordcompassionclub.org).

#### NATIONAL FERAL CAT DAY FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, October 18  
11 am – 3 pm  
Donations of unopened canned (pate) and dry food can



*Laverne & Shirley*

be dropped off at Branford Compassion Club Feline Rescue & Adoption Center at 2037 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT or Guilford Walmart.

#### SOPHISTI-CAT FASHION SHOW & BRUNCH

Sunday, October 19.  
11:30 am – 2:30 pm  
Pine Orchard Yacht & Country Club  
2 Club Parkway, Branford  
Fashions by Coco's on the Green  
Special Guest Appearance by Miss Connecticut.  
Surprise Celebrity Models and Silent Auction.  
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Now in its 13th year, the Shoreline ArtsTrail Open Studios Weekend is a great way to explore the shoreline's arts community. Enjoy refreshments while you watch demonstrations and ask questions, meet the artists one-on-one and explore their studios, see new and amazing art, get a head start on your holiday shopping and much more!

During Open Studios Weekend, the colorful "Open Studio" signs point you to all of these artists and studios. For

Visit the private studios of artists during Open Studios Weekend  
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specific locations and more information about events, discount offers and participating artists, pick up a copy of the Shoreline ArtsTrail map, available in libraries, town halls, Connecticut welcome centers, and visitors' centers in Branford, Guilford and Madison, as well as at the Guilford Art Center and the various studios. Contact Martha Link Walsh at (203) 481-3505 or visit [www.shorelineartstrail.com](http://www.shorelineartstrail.com), and its companion blog or Facebook page, for more information.



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