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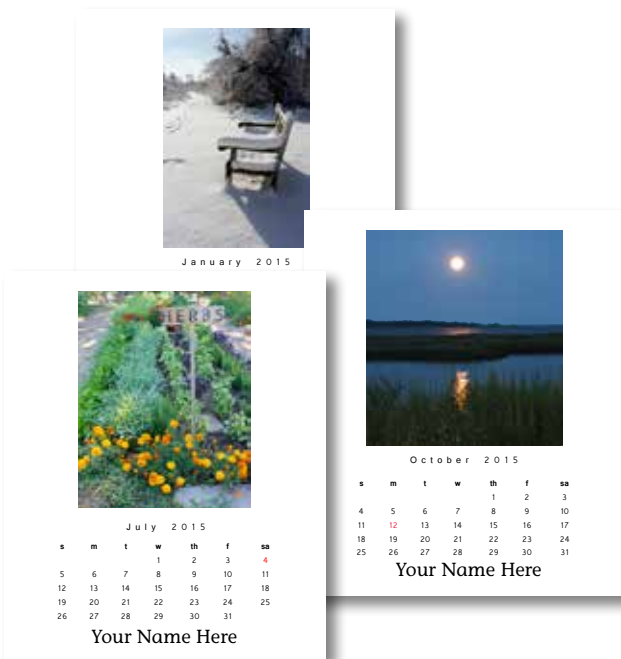
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First Selectman's Corner

With the holidays approaching, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. And to kick off the season, please attend our annual Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting, as usual, on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 29th this year. It's important to note that the parade will begin at 6:15 pm, not 5pm as in past years. The parade will follow the traditional route from Branford High School along East Main and Main Streets to the green, where Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive by fire truck to light the tree. We hope you, your family and friends can make it.

As winter approaches, our infrastructure efforts continue to progress. The decking for the new School Ground Road bridge was set in place and assembled in late October followed by the abutment construction and other structural components, keeping as close as possible to the targeted open date. And with state plans to replace its Rte 139 / North Branford Road bridge, we are working with DOT to keep that project's timeline as short as possible and traffic disruption to a minimum.

Meanwhile, the state is working to complete the pedestrian bridge connecting the new commuter drop off lot on the north side of the tracks with the main platform and station on the south side. These improvements are critical for Branford as Shore Line East rail service to New Haven improves.

In the center of town, pass by the corner of South Main and Montowese Streets and you will see that work has begun on the Academy on the green. In the hands of Branford's own M. N. Reale Construction, the bell tower has been removed for repair and reconstruction at the company's workshop on Meadow Street. When completed and re-erected atop the building next spring, the restored Academy and the new brick walkway wrapping around that corner of the green will further enhance the appeal of our Town Center historic district as a destination and focal point.

And not far from the green, plans are moving forward to repurpose the Atlantic Wire property on Meadow Street from a circa 1900 wire mill to a 21st century transit-oriented development with mixed use of residential and commercial space. Located in the town center, it will be a short walk from "Atlantic Wharf" to the Community House and other public venues, to the green with surrounding restaurants and shops, as well as to the train station and the new Stony Creek Brewery.

Also, please remember that this year is a "reval" year

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for Branford and that the best way to have a thorough property revaluation is with the cooperation of all property owners. Please feel free to contact the Assessor's office with any questions.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Chief Jack Ahern of the Branford Fire Department on his retirement at the end of this year and to thank him for more than 35 years of service to the town. Jack represents the best of Branford, and we have been fortunate to have had his leadership and dedication all these years. While he will no longer be chief, I am very pleased that Jack will continue to serve our community in assisting with emergency management operations during storms and other crises.

Happy Holidays, and stay safe and healthy this winter.
Sincerely,



James B. Cosgrove,
First Selectman

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Branford Parks and Recreation - Winter 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, especially during this busy and festive Winter Season.

Starting in January, 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 Field Hockey Clinic for Grades four and five and grades six thru eight, to Beginner

Horseback Riding/Horsemanship class, to Sports Squirrels for ages three to five on Mondays (1:00-1:45 p.m.), to the ever popular Spelling Bee for boys and girls in grades three thru the Adult Division, and gymnastics for walking age to 10 years old, Learn To Swim Lessons (ages 4 and up), American Red Cross Babysitting Class, Wrestling Clinic for grades K thru Five, Snag Golf Lessons (ages 5 to 12) and the Elks Hoop Shoot for boys and girls ages 8 to 13 in December and the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest for boys and girls ages 10-14 in January.

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For adults, a wide variety of programs are featured including: swim lessons, Tae Kwon Do, Aqua Fit/Aqua Aerobics and Senior Yoga.

In the winter, holiday programs highlight the Recreation Department's event festivities. All Branford children who are registered can expect calls from Santa or can send a letter to Santa. Those who are in the decorated 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. 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. Registration for winter classes will commence on December 4 for Branford residents and on December 11th for non-Branford residents.

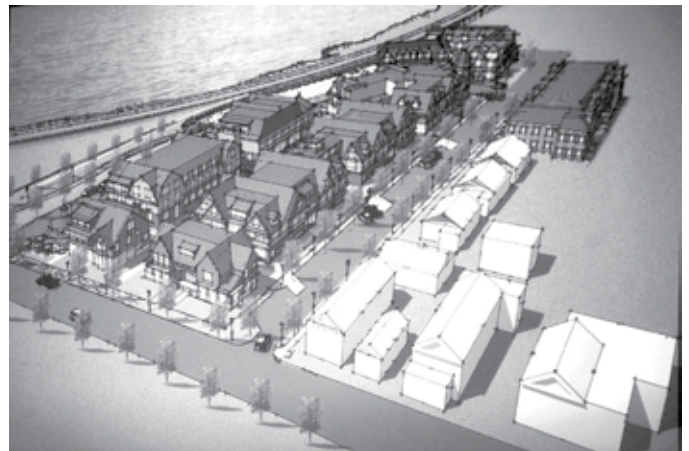
Branford Economic Development Commission

At its September meeting the Branford Economic Development Commission presented Brewer - Bruce & Johnson Marina 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.



Located on the Branford River since the 1960s, Bruce & Johnson's offers 500 slips at its 16 acre Block Island Road facility, and another 150 slips at its new west yard facility on Goodsell Point Road. The marina offers boat storage, repair and maintenance services to season guests and boats in transit by a staff of 20 full time professionals, many of whom have been with the company for decades. The marina operations include the popular Dockside restaurant, outdoor recreational space, and ongoing educational and community programs. Pictured above, receiving the award are [l to r] Chris Johnson, head of the mechanical department, assistant manager Brian Dombroski, EDC chairman Perry Maresca, Bruce & Johnson's general manager and Branford resident Ed Vianney, and First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove.

The Commission also recently met with the "Atlantic Wharf" development team to review and comment on their plans for the 7-1/2 acre former Atlantic Wire site along Meadow Street, between Montowese and Church Streets. Located two blocks from the town green, along the Branford River and a half mile to the expanding Branford train station, it is designed as a transit oriented development project that will include 205 residential units and approximately 24,000 s/f of ground level commercial space.



Congratulations! are in order to the following Branford businesses that were voted "Best of 2014 Annual Reader's Poll", many in more than one category: USS Chowder Pot, Cheri's Bakery, La Cuisine, Su Casa, Bud's Seafood, Home Restaurant, Margarita's, Tommy Sullivan's, Regal Cinemas, Eli's on the Hill, Branford Cue & Brew, La Luna, SARAH's Cupboard, Cheri's Bakery, G Café, G.W. Carson's, P&M Deli, 9 East, Parthenon Diner, Town House Diner, Le Petit Café, Ashley's Ice Cream, Campania Ristorante, Jalepeño Heaven, Capone's Pizza Bar, Chuck's Steakhouse & Margarita Grill, G-Zen Restaurant, Asti's Ristorante, Hallock's Furniture, Premier Subaru, Zane's Cycles, Branford Book & Card Shoppe, Cedar Chest II, Van Wilgen's Garden Center, Branford Jewelry, Brothers Harley Davidson, All Pets Club, Shoetique, PS Stationers, Coastal Wines & Spirits, Smoothie King, Foote Park, Pine Orchard Club, Thimble Island Cruise, Bruce & Johnson's Marina, Top Notch Haircutters, Fred's Barber Shop, By the Sea Day Spa, Planet Fitness, In Shape, Raven's Wing Yoga, and Dance in Rhythm.

And after leading the town's Economic Development Commission for the past five years, Joe Gordon stepped down as EDC chair on July 1st, the beginning of the new fiscal year. Gordon, owner and president of Differential Pressure Gauge, LLC, will remain an EDC member. The commission voted to pass the chairman's gavel to Perry Maresca. A life-long Branford resident, Maresca joined the commission in 2009 and owns and operates Affordable Lighting Center and Sound Lighting & Design, located on Business Park Drive.

BRANFORD COUNSELING CENTER

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The Branford Counseling Center (BCC) is a municipally-funded behavioral health and social services agency, providing services to Branford residents, both adults and children. BCC is the Youth Service Bureau and Social Services Department for the Town of Branford. Licensed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health, clinical services are provided by licensed professionals. BCC is a Medicare and Medicaid provider and most commercial health plans are accepted. Our exceptional staff of qualified personnel will help all clients and no resident will ever be refused treatment because of an inability to pay. It is the mission of the Branford Counseling Center to maximize treatment through collaboration with other local agencies, schools, hospitals, private practitioners, and various town departments.

While the business of the summer and fall are behind us, winter has a lot in store as well. By far our biggest program of the year, the Secret Santa Program, is already in the works. Last year we were able to connect more than 600 individuals and 350 families with our hundreds of generous donors. In addition to the donors, the Secret Santa Program grows more and more each year with the help and hard work of our staff and volunteers. They work countless hours to make sure every family has a joyous holiday.

As we all know, winter and the holidays can be difficult financially for many individuals. These needs extend beyond the ability to buy gifts and leave some struggling to be able to afford the basics, such as food or heat. It is for these individuals that, especially this time of year, BCC's Basic Needs Program is vital. The program offers short-term assistance to individuals and families who find they are struggling due to life changing circumstances. The program helps qualified individuals and families with temporary rental assistance, energy shutoff notices, and food cards. The program receives over 3,500 calls per year with less than 10% actually getting help due to the program's financial restraints. A portion of the funds to support this program comes from the Town budget and through fundraising events or donations.

One of the ways we hope to make our programs, such as Secret Santa, and other events even more successful is through our newly renovated Town website (<http://www.branford-ct.gov/Counseling>) as well as BCC's new Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/BranfordCounselingCenter>). The website provides basic information on the services offered by BCC and the Facebook page has become a great tool to keep the community updated on events, fundraisers, and other announcements.

Canoe Brook Center

11 Cherry Hill Road, 203-315-0687
www.branford-ct.gov/canoebrook

BRANFORD MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

Canoe Brook offers a very valuable service to Branford residents, transportation to medical appointments. Last year we provided 4355 rides for residents age 21+ who had no other means of getting to their doctor appointments. The Town provides us with the vehicles; donations and fundraising pay for gas and repairs. Critical to the success of the program is our dynamic team of volunteer drivers; last year they selflessly donated 2670 hours of their time to help others in need. We could not do it without them!

We are currently recruiting additional volunteers to drive one day a month and we hope you will consider joining us; you must have a valid CT drivers license and be actively driving. All potential volunteers must see Gina, our Transportation Coordinator, to complete a volunteer application; (for the safety of all background checks are part of the application process.) You'll find it feels good to help a neighbor in need! For more information on Branford Medical Transportation and all Canoe Brook transportation services call Gina at 203-315-0681 or read our Transportation brochure online.

A full schedule of holiday and winter activities at Canoe Brook can be found in Canoe Brook Connections our monthly newsletter available at the Center, Town Hall, Libraries, Senior Housing, on our busses, and online at <http://www.branford-ct.gov/canoebrook>. We look forward to seeing you!



Canoe Brook Team of Drivers - "To the world you are one person, but to one person you could be the world"

Branford Community Foundation



Connecting People Who Care With Causes that Matter

At this time of year it has become a tradition to take stock of our lives, the lives of those around us, and the life of our unique and remarkable community. We also recognize that we must be willing to open our hearts and our pockets to ensure the continued well-being of all Branford citizens.



that supports everything 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. Most recently, for example, the Branford Community Foundation supported an Expressive Arts Therapy Program at Orchard House, a Branford based adult day care center dedicated to keeping seniors living independently through specialized programs and structured activities.

For nearly 35 years, generous donors have made it possible for the Branford Community Foundation to connect people who care with causes that matter. As the "hub" of philanthropy in our town, and the lead agency responsible for supporting a variety of community programs and causes, this support has helped ensure the strong health and vitality of our hometown.

Branford relies on a variety of non-profit organizations and groups to address the needs, programs and services that satisfy the diverse challenges and opportunities our town faces. Through a carefully managed and flexible granting process

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Please help us continue the important work of the Branford Community Foundation and consider making a first time or renewed contribution. This year your gift will be "twice as nice" with a dollar-for-dollar match made possible by the generosity of the Guilford Savings Bank. If you would like more information, including how to donate to the Foundation or how to initiate a grant, please visit our website www.branfordcommunityfoundation.org or contact Liza Janssen Petra, Executive Director, at lizapetra@gmail.com

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Don't Be Fooled by a Phony Utility Worker

The Branford Police Department has recently investigated several cases of phony utility workers attempting to enter homes and stealing personal belongings and money. Someone may appear at your door claiming to be a utility worker, saying they need to inspect your water pipes, check your meter, investigate a gas leak or examine the wiring in your house. The person at your door may be carrying a walkie-talkie and wearing a hard hat and vest to appear legitimate.



So how can you tell a real utility worker from a scam artist? The key is to be cautious and ask questions. If you don't, you could unknowingly invite a thief into your home.

Posing as a phony utility worker is a classic scam that often targets seniors living alone. If you remain alert, you'll spot the warning signs that will help you avoid becoming a victim.

This type of scam is also known as a distraction theft because the victim's attention is cleverly diverted just long enough for the thief or his accomplice to rifle through the victim's house helping himself to money, jewelry and other valuables. In order to distract the victim, the imposter may ask you to step outside. Or he may ask you to go to another part of the house to turn the water off or bang on the pipes. These are all ruses to distract the victim's attention and give the thief time to ransack your house looking for loot to steal.

In order to avoid becoming a crime victim, here are some things to keep in mind when you get that knock on the door from someone claiming to be a utility worker who needs to get into your house:

- Stop and think: Are you expecting anyone to come to your home? Remember that most utility companies won't send a worker to your home unannounced. They usually will make an appointment before showing up.
- Before opening the door, use your peephole or intercom to identify visitors.
- If your door has a chain, put it on before answering your door. It will create a barrier between you and the caller.
- Always ask to see the caller's employee identification.
- Look for a company logo on the person's uniform and vehicle.
- Call the utility company to verify the person's identification. Make sure you have the person wait outside behind a locked door while you do this. A legitimate worker won't mind waiting while you verify their employment information. The utility company will be able to tell you whether the person is an employee and whether they've dispatched a service call to your home or neighborhood. If the person is an imposter, contact the police immediately.

Kevin Halloran,
Chief of Police





Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, November 29 - Gingerbread House Workshop.
10:30 Ages 4-12. Registration required.
Sponsored by the Friends of WWML.

Thursday, December 4 - Holiday "Roadsida" Centerpiece
Workshop 6:30 - 8:00 with Donna Fiore.
Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of WWML.
Bring your own vessel, ornament and some greens or
other roadside decorations.

Saturday, December 6 - Storytime and Craft with
Miss Phyllis at 11:00.

Friday, December 12 - Holiday film fest: *Home Alone*
(rated PG) at 4:00.

Tuesday, December 16 - Mark Schenker book discussion.
Final book in the Imagined Women series;
Mrs. Dalloway by Virginia Woolf at 7:00 p.m.

Friday December 19 - Holiday film fest.
Frozen, back by popular demand at 4:00.

Saturday, December
20 - Papercrafts with
Brigitte Riga. Registration
required. 11:00- 12:00.
Grades 6 and up.
Sponsored by the Friends
of WWML

Friday, January 16
Silly Snowman Sculpture
Challenge - Build a snowman out of found objects. Ages 4
and up at 4:00.

Saturday, February 7 - Save the Date - Take Your Child
to the Library Day!

Reminder: the library has a wide selection of Holiday films,
cookbooks, decorating and craft books. Stop by and browse
for something to read or watch.

Please check our website: wwml.org for more updates
or call the library at 203-488-8702.

Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library
146 Thimble Islands Road, Stony Creek, CT 06405

Alice P. Pentz, Library Director



St. Mary's Ladies Guild Annual Christmas Bazaar

December 6

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

St. Mary's School Gym

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Books and Gifts, a Household White Elephant Sale with
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certificates, the Candyland Café will offer breakfast and
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The Branford Exchange Club Honors our Firefighters from Branford, Guilford, and North Branford.

325 Attend the Branford Exchange Club's Honoring Shoreline Heroes Banquet

The Branford Exchange Club, hosted a banquet to honor firefighters and police officers from Branford, Guilford, and North Branford on Sept 23rd at the Woodwinds, 29 School Ground Road, Branford. Honored firefighters and police officers were: 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 recognized have gone above and beyond what their position requires, and their actions have made a significant impact on the communities they serve.

Speakers included Ms. Scarlett Lewis (author and founder

of the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Foundation), Dr. Henry Lee (Distinguished Chair, Professor of Forensic Science, and University of New Haven) and Third Congressional Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro spoke. The world-famous Yale Alley Cat sang our national Anthem, and the Emerald Society Pipe and Drum band lead in our Heroes.

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.

Our organization's mission, working to make communities a better place to live, is carried through it's Programs of service: Americanism, Youth programs, and Community Service- as well as its National Project, the prevention of Child Abuse.

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Branford Land Trust New Year's Day Walk

Start your New Year by walking outdoors! Join the Branford Land Trust for its Annual New Year's Day Walk on Thursday, January 1 at 1:00 p.m. Bill Horne will lead this popular walk on the Goss Preserve and the Trolley Trail.

It will begin at the western end of the Stony Creek Trolley Trail with a walk on the Goss property and then head east on the Trolley Trail towards Stony Creek.

The walk is open to all ages and free of charge.

Meet at the parking lot at the end of Tilcon Road, which runs off Totoket Road (It is the street just north of Juniper Point Road).

For questions please call 203-415-1571. Watch our website/Facebook page for weather related changes, www.branfordlandtrust.org.

(Photo courtesy of the Branford Land Trust)



The Stony Creek Museum

The Stony Creek Museum will be hosting its annual "Cookies and Carols" event at the Museum on Sunday, December 21 at 7:00. All are welcome!

Enjoy holiday music and home baked Christmas goodies.

The museum will be decorated in historic fashion.

For information call 203-488-4014, Follow us on Facebook, or E-mail us at info@stonycreekmuseum.org

From the Assessor

TOWN OF BRANFORD REVALUATION 2014

The Revaluation process for 2014 is proceeding as planned and the assessment notices will be sent the first week of December 2014. At this time, during the 2014 Revaluation process the following procedures have been completed: Data Collection for Data Mailer Changes, Building Permit Inspections, Review Analysis of Sales, Cost and Land Analysis, Income & Expense Review, Commercial Market Rate Analysis and Table Calculations. Where necessary the majority of the photographs have been updated. This is an ongoing process as owners update their buildings every year with changes.

The first week of December 2014, notices will be mailed. When you are reading the notice you will see a toll free telephone number to call. Telephone only if you wish to have an appointment for a hearing. It is a Vision Telephone Number in Northboro, MA. During your hearing they will address questions you may have or issues you wish to discuss or have clarified or changed. Please do not telephone the Assessor's Office for an appointment. The Schedules are kept in Northboro and they have all the Dates and Times. You must telephone by December 12th, 2014 to have an appointment for a hearing on any parcel with Vision. Please bring any information to support your request for a change. Hearings with Vision will be held in the Branford Town Hall.

When the Vision hearings have been completed all property owners who have had hearings with Vision will receive a second notice.

The property owners may view their 2014 Data on the Vision Appraisal Web site. It would be good to verify this data. The Vision Web site is as follows: www.vgsi.com. There is also a link through the Town Web Site (www.branford-ct.gov) to this web site. See Assessor's Department and then click on Assessor Field Cards. Sales are also available on the Assessor's Department web site.

You will only be able to retrieve the old field card at the Assessor's Office in the Town Hall. This 2013 field card has been updated with current building permit changes and any inspections that have occurred on the parcel since October 2009, which was the last Revaluation. You will also be able to print the 2014 Revaluation Field Card in the Assessor's Office.

The Assessor's Office, Vision Government Solutions and

the First Selectmen will be filming a short educational and informational program on the 2014 Revaluation. It will run on BCTV after the notices have gone out and through at least the month of December. I will also try and have it loaded on our Web Site under the Revaluation Section.

We will try and have Neighborhood and Sales Maps available at the Hearings. There is a great deal of data available on the Web Site and in our office. We have printed Sales Books.

I would also like to THANK the many Branford Homeowners who have worked with the Revaluation Company for Inspections on Data Mailers, Sales Verifications and Building Permits. If you were not available at the time of the inspection, letters were sent and many of you responded with appointments. We are very grateful to the many of you who took the time to respond. Thank You again for being an active participant and working with us to make this an accurate 2014 Revaluation. When you take the time, in these busy times to respond positively it helps all taxpayers in a fair and equitable Revaluation.

Remember, if you wish an appointment please telephone Vision Government Solutions before December 12th, 2014. Hours are 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

Please try and catch our Program on BCTV.

Remember, these notices and hearing dates are for All Properties.

Thank you all for participating and helping in this revaluation. It is never an easy process when we are required by law to satisfy our State Statues. There has never been a more difficult time than today. The State with all of its problems is passing adjusted payments on to Municipalities. We as taxpayers face helping our municipalities more than ever without relief from State Statue Requirements. Revaluations are still required every five years. It seems like almost yesterday when the 2009 Revaluation was new. Five years have passed so very quickly. Those five years are now old and we start a new revaluation cycle as of October 1st, 2014.

Remember this is the first step of the hearing process. The second step is with the Board of Assessment Appeals in February 2015. The final step is Court.

*Thank You,
Barbara Neal, Assessor*

Compassion Club



Branford Compassion Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer run feline rescue organization which operates a shelter at 2037 Foxon Road in North Branford. The Branford Compassion Club Feline Rescue & Adoption Center is open to the public on Saturdays from 11am to 3 pm. Please stop by to meet Mama Jo and Gracie, two wonderful female cats looking for their "forever" homes.

Mama Jo came to BCC as a pregnant stray. She had two babies, but, unfortunately, one passed away. Her other baby, Amy, who is all grown up now, is also at the shelter. It would be wonderful (but not necessary) for the two of them to go home together. Mama Jo loves to be petted; she doesn't mind being held and is very curious. She likes to admire her reflection in the mirror. She also enjoys a comfy place to lie and makes the cutest sound when she sees someone she knows. She gets along with other cats; however, she is a dominant cat, so she would need to be either in a single cat household

or with cats that do not have dominant personalities. She is 3 years old

Gracie is a beautiful tiger tabby with lots of personality. She is small and spry and very low maintenance. Gracie knows what she wants and is not afraid to express herself. She is very comfortable living among other cats in our community room and is often right at the door to greet guests as they enter the shelter. Gracie is a free-spirit cat; she needs an experienced cat owner who will understand her desire for independence. Gracie is not the cuddly type, but will certainly reward you if you are patient with her. She won't hide on you, but will not be under your feet, either. Gracie would be a great companion in a home with adults who will allow her to live among them on her own terms. She is 5 years old.

Our email address is contact_us@branfordcompassionclub.org and our website is www.branfordcompassionclub.org

Klezmer Concert at Branford Folk - December 13

The Branford Folk Music Society will sponsor a special Hanukkah concert and dance party with internationally renowned klezmer musician and composer Pete Rushefsky and his Ternovka Ensemble on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the First Congregational Church of Branford, 1009 Main Street on the Branford Green.

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

Rushefsky is recognized as a leading performer of the tsimbl (cimbalom), the traditional hammered dulcimer of klezmer music. Rushefsky and bandmates will provide a musical tour of the shtetls and cities of Eastern Europe that formed klezmer's wellspring and trace its evolution to the New World. Branford Folk's own renowned dance leader Willa Horowitz will teach dance steps at the end of the concert, turning the event into a pre-Hanukkah party.

A resident of New York City, Rushefsky is currently touring with violinist Itzhak Perlman in a program/recording titled "Eternal Echoes: Songs and Dances for the Soul", featuring the leading cantor Yitzchak Meir Helfgot, as well as klezmer

revival legends Hankus Netsky and the Klezmer Conservatory Band. Rushefsky serves as executive director of the Center for Traditional Music and Dance in New York City, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving and nurturing the performing arts traditions of the city's immigrant communities. He has been featured on PBS's Great Performances, National Public Radio's Prairie Home Companion, All Things Considered and American Routes, as well as Radio One France.

A popular instructor at Yiddish folk arts camps internationally, Rushefsky authored a pioneering instructional book on adapting the American 5-string banjo for klezmer, and an upcoming book on klezmer performance for hammered dulcimer. He is a well-known lecturer on klezmer and other traditional music, with a number of published articles to his credit.

The klezmer concert is part of the non-profit Branford Folk Music Society's 40th Anniversary concert season. The society will open the New Year with Karen Ashbrook and Paul Oorts on Jan. 10. Ashbrook is another renowned hammered dulcimer player who also plays flute and pennywhistle while her spouse is a Belgian-born fretted instrument master. Their collaboration mixes Irish, Scottish, Flemish and French music.

Branford Rotary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Rotary Chimes for Charity

Annual ringing of bells for the Salvation Army and the supervision of traditional red collection kettles will be at strategically placed locations near Branford merchants. Stop & Shop, Walmart, Mario & Joseph Men's Clothing at BranHaven Plaza, and the Branford Book & Card Shoppe. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.



Jeff Clark & Ray Figlewski

Rotarians operate 2-hour shifts to raise money, which, in turn, is forwarded to Social Services at the Branford Counseling Center. Some of the Music Makers from BHS may supplement the sound with their dulcet tones, as may individual Rotarians with recorded music.

Contact continuing Project leader, Jack Srebnik at 203-481-7331, for more information.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

Annual Branford Rotary Senior Citizen Dinner

Celebrate the season with a home-cooked meal. Cost is \$2.

First Congregational Church, 1009 Main Street (brick church on Green). 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Branford Rotarians prepare the entire supper using fresh ingredients in the kitchen of the church. This is a sit-down meal served by club members. Included are crudites, beverage, hot fresh vegetables, roasts, and dessert. Look forward to being musically entertained and experiencing a visit from Santa!

Contact the Canoe Brook Senior Center to pay by cash or checks (no credit cards). Checks are payable to: Canoe Brook-Town of Branford, branford-ct.gov/senior.htm.

Call Nancy at 203-315-0684 to register.

Bill Van Wilgen at 203-488-2110, coordinates this annual Rotary event.



Dagmar Ridgway (Canoe Brook), Rotarians Bill Van Wilgen & Elissa Jenny



Shoreline Greenway Trail



**THIRD ANNUAL GET THE CHILDREN OUTSIDE WALK
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27**

This walk usually celebrates the need for children to get out into the fresh air after spending the holidays inside with their sweets and electronics. This year, we'll also be celebrating the town's recent decision to apply federal funds to the SGT Tabor trail section, bringing Branford a wonderful recreational asset that, when finished, will be accessible for all - pedestrians, bikers, those who are handicapped, - to enjoy the beauties of the Tabor property and Chet's Pond.

We'll meet at the Tabor Church parking lot on Tabor Drive at 10:00 a.m. No matter what the weather, we'll walk from there onto the Tabor property, keeping our eyes out for birds and the other wild creatures that make this their home. If possible, we will connect to Ecology Park, where we can enjoy the views over Long Island Sound and the town of Branford.



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The Musical Art Society of Branford

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

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

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

MAS officers for the 2014-15 season include: Jean Sunny, President; Arlene Steinlauf, Vice President; Christine Cohen, Treasurer; Martha Medford, Secretary.

Upcoming concerts include:

December 7 (Sunday) at 4:00 pm
Holiday party for members and guests

February 8 (Sunday) at 3:00 pm
Scholarship auditions and Showcase of High School Talent
Location to be announced

March 6 (Friday) at 7:30 pm
Alice Collins Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser
Accordion 101 Extravaganza with Tim St. Jean (Anglo Concertina), Jesse Lege (Cajun), Damien Connolly (Irish) and Mary Tokarski (Classical)
First Congregational Church Hall
1009 Main Street, Branford
\$12 members, \$5 students, \$15 general public (tickets at the door)

April 17 (Friday) at 7:30 pm
Theresa Pappa Madrid, Lyric Soprano
Blackstone Library Auditorium
758 Main Street, Branford
FREE

Further info: Barbara Shaw (203) 481-2819 or MAS website:
<https://sites.google.com/site/musicalartsocietyofbranford/>

Holiday Wrapping Paper Program

The Solid Waste and Recycling Department is excited to continue the very successful Holiday Wrapping Paper Recycling Program for this upcoming holiday season. In its first year, the program directly resulted in an additional 18 tons of materials being recycled that otherwise would have been burned as trash! Many thanks are due to Etta Hanlon, a Branford High School student, for her hard work in bringing her concept to fruition.

Specially marked bags will be available at various locations throughout town, including Town Hall, the Senior Center, our Libraries, Community House and the Transfer Station for collecting your recyclable holiday paper.

Simply fill your bag as you open your gifts (please see below for a list of acceptable materials). And then place your filled bag(s) out with your normal recyclables for collection, or bring them directly to the Transfer Station. If you do not have one of the specially marked bags, your holiday paper can still be recycled by placing it in the same bag/ bundle as your newspapers and magazines.

We must stress that only paper products can be placed in these bags. Wrapping paper made of foil or plastic (Mylar) are not acceptable. Neither are ribbons or bows that are not made of paper. A good rule of thumb is, "If it rips, it fits."

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Paper Wrapping Paper
Paper Board / Gift Boxes
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Holiday Cards & Envelopes

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Styrofoam or Plastic Packaging
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Please recycle your corrugated cardboard along with your other recyclables; just not in this bag

Remember that recycling not only saves our environment, but our tax dollars too! For every ton of trash that is recycled, the Town saves over \$100. Please recycle.

Sincerely,
Dan McGowan
Solid Waste Supervisor
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BRANFORD TOWN HALL DIRECTORY

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The Nutcracker Comes to Life on the Shoreline

This December, shoreline ballet lovers can enjoy a live performance by several stars of the New York City Ballet without the hours of travel into Manhattan. They need look no further than the Garde Arts Center in New London to see a professional performance of the Nutcracker by Eastern Connecticut Ballet and guest artists.

Eastern Connecticut Ballet (ECB) will share the magic of the Nutcracker for the 13th year in a row, offering two matinees and an evening performance. Tickets are now on sale for Saturday Dec. 13 at 1:30 & 7 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Audiences will enjoy the combined star power of “the great American ballerina of our time,” Sara Mearns of the New York City Ballet as the Sugar Plum Fairy, and her accomplished co-star Jared Angle. Known for their artistry onstage, both are principal dancers with NYCB.

Appearing with them will be Branford resident Anna Vescovi, a member of the ECB’s pre-professional senior company. She will appear in the coveted role of “Dew Drop”, and as “Mother” in the corps of Snow.

“It’s become a holiday tradition for families to attend the Nutcracker together,” says Executive Director Lise Reardon. Many come to applaud the talents of 100 or more pre-professional students of ECB who come from neighboring communities. All are classically trained at the school of dance by Artistic Director Gloria Govrin, Associate Director Krystin Baribault



Anna Vescovi

and ballet instructor Gretchen Patchell.

Music lovers will be thrilled by the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra’s performance of Tchaikovsky’s famous score, Nutcracker Opus 71. The 1,450-seat theater of the Garde Arts Center, known for its superb acoustics, is a fitting venue for the musical masterpiece that premiered in Moscow’s Imperial Theater in 1892. ECB’s Nutcracker is the only one in the state to be accompanied by a full symphony orchestra instead of an ensemble. Rising talent Kensho Watanabe of Greenwich, CT will be the guest conductor.

The popular ballet has a timeless appeal for all ages and the ECB production is especially appealing to shoreline ballet lovers with its historical backdrop of the 1850s whaling industry and the trade and prosperity it brought to the Connecticut shoreline. Within the story’s fantasy world, toys can come to life, flowers can waltz, and a Nutcracker can become a prince.

For those who want to give family and friends an early holiday treat, ECB’s classic performance presents an opportunity to make some new memories together. Tickets may be purchased at <https://tickets.gardearts.org> or by calling the box office of The Garde at 860-444-7373 ext 1. Founded in East Lyme in 1992, Eastern Connecticut Ballet is a nonprofit organization and one of the state’s premiere schools for dance. More than 300 students from 42 towns are enrolled in its programs. More information is available at www.easternectballet.com or by calling 860-739-7899.

What Exactly Does Aging Gracefully Mean?

How many times have you heard the term aging gracefully? Maybe you have even said it yourself. But what does it really mean? Do you have to let yourself go completely to be considered aging gracefully?

Do women who have decided to age gracefully still cover their grey hair? How about gym memberships - are they out of the question? Plucked eyebrows, fashionable clothing... off limits too? And who decides anyway?

Young women who can’t conceive getting older and are appalled at the thought of injecting needles in their beautiful young faces are often leading this charge. And they’re usually not leading it for themselves. For goodness sake, they’re not even using moisturizer yet!

What they are really saying is “Not my mother.” I’ve seen many women in my spa who hide their treatments from their teenage daughters. I totally understand the concept of body image and not wanting their young daughters to think that they have to be physically beautiful to be of value. But that is not the issue. This is more like the tail wagging the dog.

I’ve had women say to me “If my daughter knew, she would kill me. She hates Botox.” Well, when your seventeen year old daughter develops frown lines that could hold a credit card, let’s talk.

In my practice I treat many women into their 70’s who are beautiful because with my help and a treatment here or there, they maintain their beauty, dignity and self-esteem.

I think aging gracefully is looking beautifully age appropriate. And it doesn’t matter how you get there. Sometimes nature can take care of that and sometimes you need a helping hand from technology.

Dr. Susan O’Malley, owner and Medical Director of Sonas Med Spa, is dedicated to helping women look younger without surgery. To learn which non-surgical procedures are right for you, please call 203-245-2227 for a free consultation with Dr. O’Malley or visit us at www.sonasmedspa.com.

*Susan O’Malley, M.D.
Sonas Med Spa*



James Blackstone Memorial Library



Branford residents Deb and Crystal watching the library's 3D printer in action.

James Blackstone Memorial Library is the place where community comes together for programs and events, for research and study, to share ideas and learn from each other. It's in that spirit of social and interactive learning that we are proud to announce our new MakerLab. Whether you want to learn how to make a green-screen movie, produce a podcast, or sew some creations, our MakerLab can help you make your creations a reality.

The MakerLab is stocked with a 3D printer, sewing machine, hand tools, electronics equipment, Windows Laptops and Mac Mini, digital video and still cameras, green screen and studio lighting, microphones, headphones and audio mixers for loop creation. And it's all available to use for free by the Branford community. Sign up to be trained on the equipment of your choice and then schedule sessions to work on your projects, or attend an upcoming program in the Lab. Check the calendar on our website for a complete list of upcoming programs and events: www.blackstonelibrary.org. Get in the holiday spirit with these special December programs, celebrating the joy of the season:

CT Accordion Orchestra Christmas Concert
Saturday, December 6 @ 2 pm

Roundtable Players Presents:
Christmas at Our House
Saturday, December 6 @ 7 pm

Music Makers Annual Holiday Concert
Sunday, December 14 @ 2 pm

After Hours in the MakerLab **Friday, January 9 @ 5:30 pm**

We're opening up the MakerLab after everyone's gone home for an Open Lab Session. Come in and take a tour of the MakerLab, tinker with some electronic circuits, design a 3D model for printing, sew something up, remix some music, or just learn how to use the equipment... the possibilities are endless.

Downton Abbey Tea Party **Sunday, January 18 @ 1 pm**

Save the date for an afternoon in Downton Abbey with high tea, a performance by Kandie Carle, "The Victorian Lady," and exhibits of Edwardian England. This event is a fundraiser to benefit the Friends of the Blackstone Library.

They Called Me Lizzy... **from Slavery to the White House** **Sunday, February 1 @ 2 pm**

East Haddam Stage Company's one-woman drama featuring Bristol, CT, actress Stephanie Jackson as Elizabeth Keckly is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Madame Keckly was born into slavery, but through her tenacity and skills as dressmaker, purchased her freedom and launched her own business. She came to the attention of Mary Todd Lincoln, became her dressmaker (and stylist) as well as confidante and friend.

Take Your Child to the Library Day **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

Started by Connecticut librarians, National Take Your Child to the Library Day is a celebration of reading and encourages their love of stories. This celebration includes stories, games, snacks, and fun. Bring your child to library and join us for this wonderful event!

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- Sign replacement 398 Hrs. (312 signs).
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- Street sweeping of 113 miles of town roads at 648 Hrs.
- Maintenance of town vehicles.

OTHER NEWS

The 2015 Road Paving Program kicked off in September completing 1.46 miles of roadway, milling and paving.

Roads included:

- Cedrous Court
- Conifer Drive
- Double Beach Road
- Eastwood Drive
- Fir Tree North
- Portion of Howd Ave.
- Wellsley Drive



Branford Water Pollution Control Facility

Branford Water Pollution Control Facility - when flushing ... It is human nature to dispose of all kinds of waste to the commode, including but not limited to the occasional dead goldfish. With a wide mouth and relatively powerful drainage, it's tempting to use the toilet like our own personal trash transporter: just dump, flush, and it's gone forever.

There are many things that should NEVER be flushed down the toilet. To direct these materials via the toilet drain is to risk significant plumbing problems for you and the Branford Water Pollution Control Facility (municipal sewer system which includes a centralized treatment plant and over 100 miles of sewer lines) which can lead to environmental pollution affecting our natural resource, such as the clam beds.

Towels, cloth items, and bathroom wipes - they're just cotton, right? It might seem like these things would just get soggy and eventually break down in the watery pipeline, but they don't. They eventually gather together in bends of the pipe, causing massive blockages. Despite the fact that the bathroom wipes are marketed to be flushed like toilet paper, these wipes are creating clogs and backups in sewer systems around the nation.

Fats, oil, and grease: this is a tough one, and everyone has done it at one point, but cooking fats should NEVER go in the drain or garbage disposal. It seems like a liquid when it's hot, but as soon as this grease hits the drain, it cools and congeals, becoming pipe-clogging wax. Scrape it into the trash or, if it's clean bacon fat, save it in a jar for reuse.

Rainwater - The discharge would at first seem to pretty

small, but it isn't. With a typical storm, the flow to the municipal wastewater plant can double or triple due to illegal stormwater tie-ins. The increase flow is expensive and interferes with proper treatment. In Branford, we run a "separated system", that is stormwater directed to a drainage system and municipal wastewater is directed to the plant for treatment.

Prescription Medication - Don't need the rest of those pills? Many people feel like they're doing the safe thing, keeping meds out of the wrong hands by flushing them, but it's actually very dangerous. These drugs (when improperly disposed of) destroy bacteria used in the biological treatment of the municipal wastewater, contaminates groundwater and surface water supplies, and can have terrible effects on wildlife downstream.

Chemical liquids - Any corrosive or flammable material (including painting supplies, fertilizers, herbicides and/or pesticides) should never be directed to the municipal sewers. These products are extremely toxic and will interrupt the secondary (biological) process at the treatment plant.

Cat litter - I can understand how this would seem ok; but cat litter is made from clay and sand, two things that you should NEVER put down a toilet. Not to mention that cat waste contains toxins and parasites that shouldn't be in our water system.

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Brian's Hope

It was an incredible fall for Brian's Hope with many shows of support for our effort to affect positive change for the ALD community.

The 7th Annual Hook and Slice Tournament took place at The Pine Orchard Club, September 12th. Fourteen 4-man teams left the dock in their boats under the cover of darkness to catch a bluefish and a striper. Once back to the dock they had lunch and headed out for 18 holes of golf. What a fun, unique event.

Hammerfest 2014 followed 2 days later. 260 individuals and 28 relay teams participated in the 18th year of this sprint triathlon. It was a beautiful day for all. Our great hosts at the Owenego and the fabulous views of the Long Island Sound on the racecourses make it a popular race. The tremendous support of many sponsors, donors, volunteers, (including the BHS field hockey and cross country teams), athletes, and the support of the



police and fire departments made for a record-breaking day.

Two weeks later, Brian and Jean went to bluebird bio, a biotech company in Cambridge dedicated to gene therapy, a cure for ALD. Brian's Hope was honored to be the beneficiary of their 2nd Annual Company Auction. It was especially nice to be with the dedicated

researchers and scientists pursuing this treatment. Brian, who is doing a great job as a patient advocate, inspires them.

Funds raised enable us to continue our mission to raise ALD awareness, support a nationwide effort to add ALD newborn screening to each state's protocol, and fund research for advances in treatment. These efforts have a direct, personal and vital impact on ALD patients and their families. You have our heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely, Jean Kelley



BE PREPARED... NOT SCARED

The East Shore District Health Department is always working to be prepared for any community emergency. We want the residents of our community to be prepared also. Whether its hurricanes, snowstorms, nor'easters, or disease outbreaks, there are ways to be prepared and stay safe. We ask people to Get a Kit, Make a Plan, and Stay informed.

Make a Kit to last you 3 days...

Water (1 gallon per person per day)

Non-perishable food:

Peanut butter, tuna, soup, crackers, etc.

Items: Flashlight, radio, first aid kit, medications, all-purpose tool, cell phone with battery charger, cash, list of contacts, and a blanket.

Make a Plan: Your plan should include: a list of contacts, an evacuation plan in case you have to leave, an out-of-town contact for everyone to get in touch with if they are alright, and a knowledge of the safe places in your home in case of harmful weather.

Stay Informed: Sign-up with B-Informed on the Branford Town website (www.Branford-ct.gov) so the town is able to send you voice messages and email messages during emergencies. Also sign up for CT-Alert on the State of Connecticut website (www.CT.gov), a similar alert system run by the State for state emergencies.

Stay safe from the flu and other infectious diseases: Wash your hands, sneeze or cough into a tissue or into your elbow, and Get Your Flu Shot. There are plenty of opportunities at the East Shore District Health Department or local pharmacies. Visit us at www.esdhd.org or call 203-481-4233 for more information.




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