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## First Selectman's Corner

As summer winds down and autumn approaches, it's time for the next issue of "Branford Events". You will find in the following pages important and helpful information on a broad variety of events and programs ranging from an upcoming meeting with FEMA on its new maps and flood insurance, to community events including this year's Greater New Haven Columbus Day parade being held in Branford.

Governor Malloy personally delivered good news to our community over the summer. He announced that the Town is the recipient of a \$500,000 state grant to assist with the purchase of the Post Office property in Stony Creek. This acquisition will allow us to accomplish several objectives: provide public restrooms for residents and visitors enjoying the town beach, docks and tour boat operations; provide a facility for the town's public safety operations in the village, particularly with our lifeguards and dock master; and increase the likelihood that the Post Office will continue to operate in Stony Creek. All of this goes towards our ongoing improvements in public safety and public health.

The Town has also received a state grant for \$280,000 for improvements to the Branford Early Learning Center, located in former Pine Orchard School where preschoolers are prepared for learning in the areas of language, science and math. The funding program is based out of the state's Office of Early Childhood and was supported by the town's state delegation, Senator Ed Meyer and Representatives Pat Widlitz and Lonnie Reed. The grant will cover the costs for an intercom and security system, doors, and handicap accessible restrooms.

Our efforts to move towards a new public work facility continue. The building committee has reviewed the alternative location on Ivy Street and determined that it is, indeed, a viable site, and discussions have begun with the property owner.

At the same time, we have requested that the Board of Education present its facility plan to the Board of Finance in order to determine the scope of work and financial commitment that the town would face before taking any steps towards new school buildings.

Everyone is pleased that the Amtrak Bridge replacement is drawing to a close, ahead of schedule and with no interruptions during the road closures throughout the project. The result will be long awaited improved traffic flow along Rte. 1 between the Branford connector at Exit 53 and Short Beach Rd. [Rte. 142]. We are hopeful that our discussions with DOT will lead to transforming Commercial Parkway into a new connector in order to expand access to I-95 with a northbound ramp, improving traffic at the old "pretzel" by eliminating two of the three lights currently there, and allowing for sensible development of that area.

Meanwhile, additional infrastructure projects are underway around town. The intersection of North Branford, School Ground and Valley Roads is being widened for a turn lane and cleared for better site lines; once the intersection is finished, work will begin on replacing the School Ground Road bridge as well as on North Branford Road [Rte. 139], improving traffic flow in the east end of town. And DOT is also moving forward with plans this fall to construct a "kiss & ride" platform on Kirkham Street to serve the Branford Train Station.

I encourage you to keep up to date on these and other events in town, easily done through our website – [www.branford-ct.gov](http://www.branford-ct.gov), as well as with the next issue of "Branford Events".



First Selectman  
Anthony DeRos

Sincerely, Unk DaRos

The next deadline for Branford Events is October 11

## Branford Animal Shelter

Branford's Animal Awareness Day Festival is an annual event that takes place the first Sunday in October every year. This year's festival falls on Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> from 12-5pm on the Branford Green, and is a combination event for the Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter and Branford Compassion Club.

This event has been dubbed the largest shoreline Animal Festival and is a great fun-filled family day. There is a "Dog Walk" which people can sign up through our website at [www.branfordanimalshelter.org](http://www.branfordanimalshelter.org) or stop in the shelter to pick up information. Businesses are encouraged to start a "Dog Pack" and win a gift certificate for lunch for having the most participants! There is also the Blessing of the Animals which has included not only dogs and cats, but also horses, goats and even a pig! All denominations are welcome and all types of animals are welcome!

The rest of the day is filled with live music, food, animal rescues and vendors. We have a "Rescue Parade" where rescue dogs are highlighted on stage for adoption and awards are given out for Amazing Animals! We are still accepting rescues, vendors, dog walkers and sponsors for this event! Feel free to email us at [lburban@branford-ct.gov](mailto:lburban@branford-ct.gov) for more information or visit the Compassion Club's website at [www.branfordcompassionclub.org](http://www.branfordcompassionclub.org).

For any questions regarding the event call 203.315.4125 x198 or 203.483.MEOW.



Laura Burban, Director



## Branford Chamber Events Calendar

### Guilford Savings Bank Business Resource Center

Understanding the Affordable Health Care Act

Join us for a round table discussion led by Mark Czarnecki of Douglas Financial Services related to questions about the new Affordable health Care Act. Mark has worked with the State as a liaison in developing the new guidelines for CT. After a brief discussion, a roundtable discussion will occur.

August 29th / 8 am- 9 am / Parthenon Diner

### Webster Bank Women in Business Series

Our highly popular Women in Business Program will focus on financial issues that are directly related to women. Our guest Speaker, Fran Pastore works with the Women's Business development Council a leader in the financial and entrepreneurial training for women in CT.

September 12th Webster Bank Women in Business

Series / Finances for Women / 12 noon / Location TBA

### Guilford Savings Bank Business Resource Center

Learn the essential skills to become an effective manager and establishing quantifiable accountability within your organization.

Facilitated by Jim Rochford of Rochford Coach.

September 18th BGSB Business Resource Center

Organizational Accountability / 4:30 pm / Blackstone Library

Women in Business / Women's Health Issues

October 12th / 12 noon / Bill Miller's Castle

### Dancing with the Stars ... through the decades

October 26th / 6-11 pm / County House, East Haven

12 well trained, courtesy of Studio One, local celebrities will be dancing to the tunes of the 1950s through the 2000s. Join us for a special dinner dance in which we will crown the best Dancers on the Shoreline! The evening begins as you are photographed by the paparazzi as you enter the Country House in East Haven. After watching our decade dancers, dance to the tunes of a particular decade. Be sure to keep an eye out for cameos by celebrities from each decade, we have it on good authority that Elvis will be in the house as well as Madonna and John Lennon! \$50 per person. Included full dinner and commemorative items.

For all events call 203-488-5500  
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## Vista Vocational & Life Skills Center



Vista Graduate  
Nicole Martines holds her  
graduation certificate while  
Vista Executive Director  
Helen Bosch looks on

With operations in the Connecticut Shoreline communities from Guilford to Old Saybrook, Vista Vocational & Life Skills Center (Vista) is a fully accredited, nationally recognized, post-secondary program for adults with neurological disabilities.

Founded in 1989 as an alternative to a traditional college education, Vista has grown into a dynamic and innovative educational program serving nearly 200 adults. Vista students and members have an array of neurological disabilities such

as autism spectrum disorders, acquired brain injury and learning disabilities.

Vista offers a community-based training program designed for individuals who would like to succeed at work and independent living, and who are seeking a non-traditional, non-academic approach to address their needs.

Upcoming Vista community events include the Vista Tour de Shore on October 20 beginning and ending at the Westbrook Elks Lodge in Westbrook and the WALK for Vista on October 27 taking place at Hammonasset State Park in Madison.

The Vista Tour de Shore is a fundraising cycling event along the Connecticut Shoreline featuring rides of 5, 25, 40 and 60 miles, while the WALK for Vista is an event highlighted by beautiful 3 and 5 mile walk routes along the Connecticut Shoreline!

To learn a more about the Vista and all of our upcoming events, visit [www.vistavocational.org](http://www.vistavocational.org).

## Building Permits Available Online Soon

The Building Department has been closely working with the Finance and IT Departments over the past several months to allow for select permit applications to be filed and accepted over the web. We are happy to announce the project has been moving in a forward direction and select building and trades permit applications will be accepted online in the very near future.

We hope to have the system completed and running sometime this fall. We will also be adding the ability to accept payment by

credit card when applying for permits in person at the land use service counter.

We are offering this service in our continued efforts to reduce paperwork, increase proficiency and better serve the needs of the community and contractors alike. The initial release of this new process will hopefully expand our abilities to allow for all permit applications to be received over the web in the near future.

Anthony B. Cinicola, Building Official

## *Branford Economic Development Commission*

Branford's Economic Development Commission (EDC) charge is to develop recommendations for the improvement of Branford's economic condition and development, and to coordinate the activities promoting such economic development opportunities.

The Commission was pleased to coordinate and co-host a program at the Blackstone with CT Works and Workforce Alliance designed to provide local businesses with information and guidance on various resources for hiring and training new employees, as well as tax incentives and other programs related to hiring new personnel. Nearly twenty people representing a variety of businesses across town attended, with several already starting the process to take advantage of the various programs. Efforts are currently underway to conduct a second session sometime in the fall.

The Commission extends a warm welcome to the following companies and businesses that have recently opened in Branford: Celldex, Evotec, Excelerate, Wren Labs, Foë's Food & Catering on

Main St., Whole G Bakery across from the green between Myer's Flower Shop and Towne Pharmacy, Cross Fit on West Main St., and The Paper Store at Branhaven Plaza.

The EDC has voted to recognize the Student First Charter Bus company with its Business Recognition Award program. Student First traces its business roots back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century when the Ward family began transporting people around town in its wagons. Today the company is responsible for moving thousands of Branford students on a daily basis, as well as providing public transportation for many of our community events. The award, to be presented at an upcoming commission meeting, is designed to acknowledge a Branford-based business for being a leader in its field and for contributing to the betterment of the Branford community.

*Terence Elton, Branford Special Projects Manager and EDC*

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## *FEMA Map Changes and Flood Insurance*

### PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Branford received updated coastal flood insurance rate map (FIRM) panels in July 2013. These map changes have resulted in expanded floodplain areas and changes in the base flood elevation for some areas in the floodplain.

The Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 has also made extensive changes to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) which includes the gradual elimination of subsidized rates for Pre-FIRM structures (older homes built before the flood maps).

Due to these changes, the Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) and the CT Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) will be hosting a public outreach meeting to discuss flood insurance and coastal map changes. Please join us, Tuesday, August 27, 2013, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at the Branford Fire Department, 45 North Main Street.

The meeting will allow residents to view the new maps, understand the changes that are taking place to flood insurance rates, and learn more about financial steps that they may need to take to protect their investment. Staff from FEMA, CTDEEP and the Town Engineer will be available to answer questions and provide a short presentation.

*Janice Plaziak, PE, Town Engineer*

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## *Blackstone Library... More than Books!*

We've got some great programs and services lined up for the fall!

We've subscribed to IndieFlix, which means Branford residents with Blackstone library cards now have access to thousands of independent movies, all streaming right to you. Watch short films, feature-length films, award winning films, film festival films, and more.

Create an account from a link on our website and then watch movies on your computer, smartphone, tablet, Roku, Apple TV or xBox.

Axis 360 is coming soon! Branford residents will have more free eBook choices through our newest eBook service, Axis 360. Adults, teens and children will find books of interest in this new service provided by Baker & Taylor.

We are unleashing 20 iPads for programming purposes. Some of the ideas include but are not limited to: access to the school district's *myOn*, online reading system, inclusion of interactive apps during storytimes, stop motion video workshops, interactive apps for those learning a second language and "how to" sessions so that patrons can experiment and learn about new apps and how they are beneficial. iPad use will come with specific policies and procedures so be sure to check on our website and printable calendars in the fall to learn more.

Multimedia backpacks are here! These awesome activity kits can be checked out and taken home and are perfect for preschoolers. There are 15 backpacks full of books, games, various activities and more. Sure to be a hit for a classroom setting or home. A full listing of the backpacks' and their subjects can be found on our website.

Be sure to check our website and/or printed calendars for the most up to date information on programming and library hours. We offer a wide range of programs for all ages and would love to have you visit.

Don't miss our Annual Book Sale! The Friends of the James Blackstone Memorial Library support the library through a variety of fundraising activities. The major fundraiser is the annual book sale which takes place in the fall. The 2013 sale will take place on September 19 (Friends and Dealers Preview Night), September 20, 21, and 22.

The James Blackstone Memorial Library provides essential access to information, resources, and unique shared ex-periences to help ensure Branford is an educated and enriched community.

*Karen Jensen, Library Director  
758 Main St. | 203-488-1441  
[www.blackstonelibrary.org](http://www.blackstonelibrary.org)*



## Canoe Brook Center

The mission of Canoe Brook Center is to provide Branford Seniors opportunities for educational & cultural enrichment, assistance with Federal, State, & local social service programs, socialization with peers, and to maximize successful aging and independent living. A resource for all aging matters, the team of professionals at Canoe Brook has the answers to your questions! Additionally, medical transportation and fuel assistance services are provided to Branford residents of all ages. Canoe Brook participants, who range in age from 60 to 103, are as diverse as the programs we offer.

Current programs are designed to provide opportunities for fitness, personal growth and intellectual stimulation, while connecting with others.

**Keep Active!** Aerobics, Zumba, yoga, Tai Chi & Silk Reeling, swimming, tap dancing, line dancing, Wii, golf, billiards, bocci.

**Explore & learn something new:** Technology classes & tutoring, art classes, jewelry making, learn to knit/crochet, guest lecturers, brain games, defensive driving classes, or take a trip with us (regional and all over the world!)

**Dine with us:** lunch served daily (reservations required), monthly dinner parties with a cultural flair and entertainment, food & flicks (monthly).

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Check us out on the web: [www.branford-ct.gov/senior.htm](http://www.branford-ct.gov/senior.htm)  
Our monthly newsletter "Canoe Brook Connections" has all the details and is available at the Center, Town Hall, libraries, Senior Housing, our busses, and on the web.  
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## *Branford Early Childhood Collaborative*



### **Annual Live Family Game Show**

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Early Childhood Collaborative*

Branford Early Childhood Collaborative is holding its First Annual *Are you Smarter than a 3rd Grader?* live game show and silent auction at the Pine Orchard Yacht and Country Club on Friday September 27th, 2013 from 6pm-9pm. This exciting family event will feature a panel of 3rd grade experts challenging 8 teams of adults for a fun evening. All questions will be based on 3rd grade curriculum and child contestants will have completed a complete year of 3rd grade.

Branford Early Childhood Collaborative (BECC) is the single coordinating entity for all childhood issues in Branford birth-through age 8. We are aligned with the State of Connecticut's early childhood investment framework, Ready by 5, Fine by 9. We know by investing in quality early childhood support systems for children we experience better long-term outcomes that last a lifetime. BECC is committed to supporting all of Branford's children through our vibrant partnership engagement in the areas of health, education, and safety.

This fundraising event will benefit Branford children by helping BECC provide support in ways such as:

- Expanding RecREADS, BECC's and the Branford Recreation

Department's partnership tutoring program, supporting incoming first and second graders with help to stem the "Summer Slide."

- Supporting the East Shore District Health Department and Branford Cares Healthy Smiles program, a dental initiative to ensure that all Branford children receive proper dental care.

- Continued publication of our newly updated free Children's Resource Guide for families with helpful community information, in hard copy and online.

- Supporting our quarterly Early Childhood Roundtable series for pre-school and early educators with helpful teaching tools and topics.

- Continued literacy investments in free books through our annual "Week of the Young Child", Summer Camp Reading Corner and Food Allergy Awareness Week. In 2013, we distributed well over 1700 books to Branford children.

Tickets are available at;

- BECC/SACC office – 12 Melrose Ave  
(next to Indian Neck School)
- Branford Department of Recreation – 46 Church Street
- Home Restaurant – 1114 Main Street
- Myers Flower Shop -- 1008 Main Street

A few team sponsorships are still available! Individuals, friends, organizations, businesses can join in the antics by building teams of 3 adults. Call for sponsor information.

203-415-5237, Branford.becc@gmail.com  
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All donations are tax-deductible through our fiscal agent, United Way of Greater New Haven. Continued literacy investments in free books through our annual "Week of the Young Child", Summer Camp Reading Corner and Food Allergy Awareness Week. In 2013, we distributed well over 1700 books to Branford children.

## *Dental Care - A Partnership Between Patient and Professional*

Patients often ask, "How often should I have my teeth cleaned?" The standard answer used to be "every six months". But recent studies and advances in oral health have shown that this may not be the case. Personalized care, tailored by recommendations from your dentist is now the rule. Oral health, like physical health, is a partnership between the patient and their dental professionals.

In the June 10 issue of the Journal of Dental Research, researchers from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry explored the link between long-term tooth loss and frequency of preventive dental visits in adults with and without three risk factors for periodontal disease, smoking, diabetes and interleukin-1 genetic variations. The study concluded that individual risk factors help to dictate the

frequency of cleanings needed per year to help prevent periodontal disease. Based on data analysis, researchers speculate that high-risk patients would likely benefit from more frequent dental visits, while low-risk patients may see the same benefits from only one cleaning per year. The key takeaway for consumers, underscored by this study, is that personalized oral care is a necessity for good dental health. The ADA encourages people to work closely with their dentists to identify any potential risk factors that would determine the need for and frequency of follow up visits to enhance the outcomes of preventive care.

*Wendy Hackett, RDH*

*For Thomas P. Petrick DMD and Theodore Katz DDS, PC*

## Columbus Day Parade Coming to Branford



The Greater New Haven Columbus Day Committee and Anthony "Unk" DaRos, First Selectman of Branford have announced that the 2013 Columbus Day Parade will be held in Branford.

The Greater New Haven Area Columbus Day Parade is one of the largest in the United States and the largest in New England. It has rotated among five area towns; New Haven, Hamden, West Haven, North Haven and East Haven, and in 2013 will add Branford to the rotation. The Parade includes many musical units, floats, marching units, area organizations and participants.

"We anticipate that the Columbus Day Parade will be the biggest parade ever held in Branford", stated Columbus Day Board of Directors Chairperson Laura Luzzi. "It will bring to Branford many area- wide organizations and will be great fun

for not only the citizens of Branford, but for all of Greater New Haven." Grand Marshals for this year's parade are Branford residents Edward Mauro and Jeffrey Vailette.

The Parade, on October 13 will be the culmination of activities sponsored by the Columbus Day Committee, including a kickoff celebration, cultural events, the annual Heritage Dinner and many others activities in Branford and the surrounding area.

Chairperson Luzzi stated "we are looking forward to bringing our activities to Branford and also helping to celebrate the 75TH Anniversary of the Branford Italian-American Social Club." Additional information is available at [www.columbusdaynewhaven.org](http://www.columbusdaynewhaven.org). or by calling Andrea Steady at (203) 315-2355 or Paul Criscuolo at (203) 488-7571.

Parade co-Chairmen are Branford residents: Paul Criscuolo, Peter Desio and Terri Vailette



The traditional "Passing of the Flag" of the Columbus Day Committee took place on Wednesday, May 22 at the 2013 Parade Kickoff Party in the Branford Italian American Club.

Ms. Rosemarie Lemley, Assistant to Mayor John DeStefano of the City of New Haven, handed the Italian Flag over to Honorable Anthony "Unk" DaRos, First Selectman of the Town of Branford.

Pictured left to right: Paul Criscuolo, President of the Columbus Day Committee; Branford First Selectman Anthony "Unk" DaRos; Ms. Rosemarie Lemley, Assistant to New Haven Mayor John DeStefano; Laura Luzzi, Chairman of the Columbus Day Committee; Terri Vailette, Vice President of the Columbus Day Committee and Peter Desio, Co-Chairman of the Columbus General Committee.

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## Visiting Nurse Association Awarded Large Grant



From left to right: David Ring, New England Regional President and Managing Director, Enterprise Banking at First Niagara Bank; John R. Quinn, President & CEO - Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut

### First Niagara Donates \$27,500 to VNA of South Central CT Home Health Care Fund

New Haven (August 1, 2013) – John R. Quinn, President & CEO of the Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut (VNA/SCC), recently announced that VNA/SCC was awarded a \$27,500 grant from the First Niagara Foundation to provide home health care to Greater New Haven's underinsured and uninsured for the fiscal year 2014. \$7,500 of the grant will be used for the 2014 Nightingale Awards for Excellence in Nursing Program hosted by the VNA/SCC which honors area nurses and provides scholarships to students in the five area schools of nursing.

Through the VNA/First Niagara Home Health Care Fund, home health services are provided to Greater New Haven residents who are uninsured or underinsured. Home health care visits include nursing care, rehabilitative therapies, wound care, and social work. This generous funding from First Niagara will enable the VNA/SCC to provide over 150 home care visits to those who would otherwise lack necessary treatment.

"For the past three years, First Niagara has helped our VNA fill a large gap," said John R. Quinn, President & CEO of the VNA/SCC. "Due to the state of the economy, like other non-profits, we have received less philanthropic support these past few fiscal years, yet there is a greater need than ever to provide services to the underinsured. First Niagara recognized the serious need to fill this gap and continues to offer overwhelmingly generous financial support, living up to their mission of being a genuine neighbor of choice."

"First Niagara is committed to supporting organizations that help our community thrive," said David Ring, New England Regional President and Managing Director, Enterprise Banking at First Niagara Bank. "First Niagara has enjoyed a long-standing partnership of support with the Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut, and we are proud

to continue to be part of the solution to keep our neighbors from returning to the hospital because they lacked critical home health care service."

To make a contribution to support the VNA/SCC's mission of providing a wide array of high-quality health services for individuals in the home and community, including the Pam's Pantry program, please contact Melissa Healy, Community Development Specialist, at 203-859-6054.

You can also donate online at [www.razoo.com/story/Vna-Of-South-Central-Ct](http://www.razoo.com/story/Vna-Of-South-Central-Ct).

### About VNA Health Systems

VNA Health Systems is comprised of the Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut (VNA/SCC) and CareSource, Inc. Founded in 1904, the VNA/SCC, which is the original VNA of New Haven, Milford, East Haven, and the Valley, is a state licensed, non-profit, community-based home health care agency. The VNA/SCC staff consists of highly skilled nurses, therapists, medical social workers and home health aides. A vital resource to the communities it serves, the VNA/SCC provides a wide range of specialized clinical services, community programs, the Nurturing Families Network and subsidized care, (through the Valley United Way and First Niagara Foundation) to those who are in need. The agency employs over 180 staff members, has an average daily census of over 900 patients and makes over 150,000 home visits per year. The agency is the founder of the *Nightingale Awards for Excellence in Nursing*. The VNA/SCC is supported in part by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, Valley United Way, First Niagara, corporate sponsors and individual donors. To learn more about the VNA/SCC visit [www.vnasc.org](http://www.vnasc.org).

CareSource strives to maximize the quality of life for its clients and their caregivers in the home and health care settings. Their services include homemakers, companions and live-in aides. To learn more about CareSource visit [www.caresourceinc.org](http://www.caresourceinc.org).

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First Niagara Foundation is a not for profit corporation founded in 1998. The Foundation is committed to supporting organizations in the communities in which we live and work with specific focus on youth and education, community development and neighborhood revitalization. In 2012 the Foundation contributed more than \$10 million in charitable grants to community partners. For more information, visit [www.firstniagara.com/community](http://www.firstniagara.com/community)

## Brian's Story



Until age 6, Brian Kelley of Branford appeared to be a healthy little boy. He was doing well in school, sports and loved to ski. Unknown to his family, however, Brian was born with adrenoleukodystrophy, a hereditary disease of the central nervous system.

ALD manifests itself in early childhood and affects 1 in 20,000 boys between the ages of 4 and 8. The "Lorenzo's Oil disease" deprives healthy children of sight, hearing, speech and the ability to walk and eat. Tragically, Brian lost all of these by the age of 7, only 6 months after being diagnosed.

"Had we known at birth that Brian had ALD, we could have prevented the disease's progression" says Brian's mother, Jean Kelley, "but by the time children are symptomatic, Lorenzo's Oil and other treatments can no longer be effective."

Jean and her husband Jack founded Brian's Hope, a charitable organization dedicated to stopping the progression of adrenoleukodystrophy so that no child has to endure what their son Brian has. Brian's Hope promotes advances in research and works to ensure screening for all newborns.

Because of the Kelley's tireless efforts, Public Act 13-242 was passed on June 4th and signed into law. This bill will provide testing of all CT newborns for ALD so this insidious disease is stopped. The Kelley's hope it will be Brian's legacy.

"The support from our friends, family and our community in Branford sustains us," says Jean, "Thank you to everyone who contacted their State Senators and State Representatives. You have helped save so many little boys."

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## The Branford Garden Club



The Branford Garden Club was founded in 1928 and today has over one hundred and thirty co-ed members. We are a Charter Member of The Federated Gardens 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.

On September 5th, the day meeting is having Carrie Wilcox, a noted floral designer, presenting "European Techniques and Design". The Evening Committee meets on September 9 and features Maureen Gilles and her topic "Escape to the Wonderful World of Garlic".

In October we have two presentations by Adam Wheeler, Propagation and Plant Development Manager at Broken Arrow Nursery. He will be discussing "Throw the Burning Bush on the Brush Pile-Overused Plants and Superior Alternatives" and "Rare and Unusual Trees & Shrubs".

Also in October is our Third Annual "Scarecrows on the Green". We'd love to have your group, family or business participate with us for this fun event to celebrate Halloween. Please contact Rodney Hayes [rodneyfhayes@yahoo.com](mailto:rodneyfhayes@yahoo.com) for more information.

November brings the great Gary Zinsmeyer, a designer specializing in special events. His topic – "Floral Design for the Holidays – Trends and New Materials" and the evening meeting presents Todd Hansen with his "Bonsai, Illusion vs. Reality" talk. Nominal guest fees apply and the day meetings offer a light lunch.

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

*Rodney Hayes, Project Coordinator*

## Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut

The Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut is Connecticut's leading source of information for the thousands of people who have epilepsy. 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.

"There are approximately 60,000 people in Connecticut who have epilepsy and an estimated 50,000,000 worldwide. Epilepsy is the most common neurological disorder in the United States and is equal in prevalence to cerebral palsy,

multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease combined", said Linda Wallace, Executive Director.

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 condition. 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. Our newest group is meeting in Guilford for adults living with epilepsy and parents of children with epilepsy. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Guilford Parks & Recreation 32 Church Street Guilford, Connecticut 06437. 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).

About Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut, Inc. For more information visit <http://www.epilepsyct.com> or call 800-899-3745. Offices are located at 386 Main Street, Middletown, CT.

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## PROJECTS2k

**TERRA TRACTUS - the Earth Moves**, a Dynamic Multimedia Epic / 8 Shows Thursday - Sunday September 19 - 22 (Fall Equinox) and 26 - 29<sup>th</sup>. 6:00 pm. Stony Creek Quarry in Branford Connecticut.

Projects2k, (Projects for a New Millennium) well known for the "Quarry Spectacles" produced in the Stony Creek Quarry, is collaborating with the Stony Creek Quarry Corporation to bring *TERRA TRACTUS - the Earth Moves* to this spectacular quarry location in September. This is Projects2k's 20th anniversary year as an Art/Sci/Environmental not-for-profit. The performance will feature the geological and human history of the Quarry/Connecticut and our geological connection to world through a dynamic multi media spectacle to include light, laser, projections, music, and more. Our collaborators are Geologists from the Yale School of Geology and Geophysics.

Our last multimedia show, **TERRA MIRABILA** - If rocks could dream, in 2005, told the geological story of the recipe of Stony Creek Granite from the beginning of known time into the future. P2k's events are always widely anticipated and continue to amaze all who attend.

*TERRA TRACTUS - the Earth Moves* will have food trucks on site to include Caseus and Lunch Box of New Haven for audience pre-performance dining.

General admission is \$35.00. VIP tickets will also be available for scheduled performances for \$125.00. This one-of-a-kind opportunity includes a gourmet dinner, wines, commemorative memorabilia, and premium seating. Corporate Sponsorship evenings are available on September

17-18<sup>th</sup> and 23-25<sup>th</sup>, to include a tour of the quarry, dinner, and a private showing of the performance. More information and tickets available by calling 203-415-5613 or 203-215-2227.

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**ABOUT PROJECTS2K** - Projects2k has received a \$30,000.00 matching grant from the Connecticut Department of Economic Development - Office of the Arts and a \$10,000.00 grant from The David Bermant Foundation towards the match. Join us at any level to help make this very special and high profile event happen. Visit Kickstarter for our 30 day crowdsourcing campaign.

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## East Shore District Health Department

The East Shore District Health Department is your local health department, serving Branford, North Branford and East Haven. ESDHD provides essential public health services and programs. We are committed to improving the health and well-being of our residents through public health programs that promote wellness, prevent and control disease and provide education about healthy lifestyles.

East Shore District Health Department along with Branford Cares and Branford Early Childhood Collaborative (BECC) are currently working together to gather essential information on oral health needs among Branford residents. The Branford Healthy Smiles survey is currently being conducted in Branford to determine the barriers and strengths Branford residents have in the realm of dental health. Additionally, interviews with local dentists and local leaders are being conducted to get a complete picture of the community's dental needs. This information will help us to develop and implement programs to address oral health needs of Branford residents of all ages and educate them on the importance of oral healthcare.

This survey will be ongoing until September, at which time the collaborative partners will develop a strategic plan in order to address the oral health needs of the community. To access the survey you can go online to: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/BranfordSmileSurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BranfordSmileSurvey) or you can fill it out in person at one of

the public libraries or Town Hall and drop it in the drop box.

ESDHD has teamed up with The Food Allergy Education Network to create a restaurant education program called Food Allergy Safety Training (FAST). The purpose of this program is to educate restaurant staff how to safely serve meals to guests with food allergies. This program is a presentation, which includes a video and resource binder for the restaurant's staff relaying the necessary information to serve a food allergic guest safely. Currently this program is in the pilot testing phase in Branford.

Are you planning a trip out of the country? ESDHD offers a Travel Medical Clinic for those who are in need of vaccination before traveling abroad. Our experienced medical team will provide you with recommendations about your travel vaccine needs and travel concerns along with the vaccine required and any prescriptions you may need, such as anti-malarial medications. ESDHD is an authorized Yellow Fever Center and will provide those traveling with the Certificate of Yellow Fever Vaccination, which is required for entry into certain countries.

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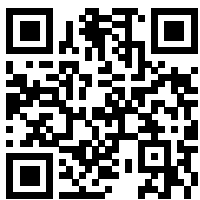
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