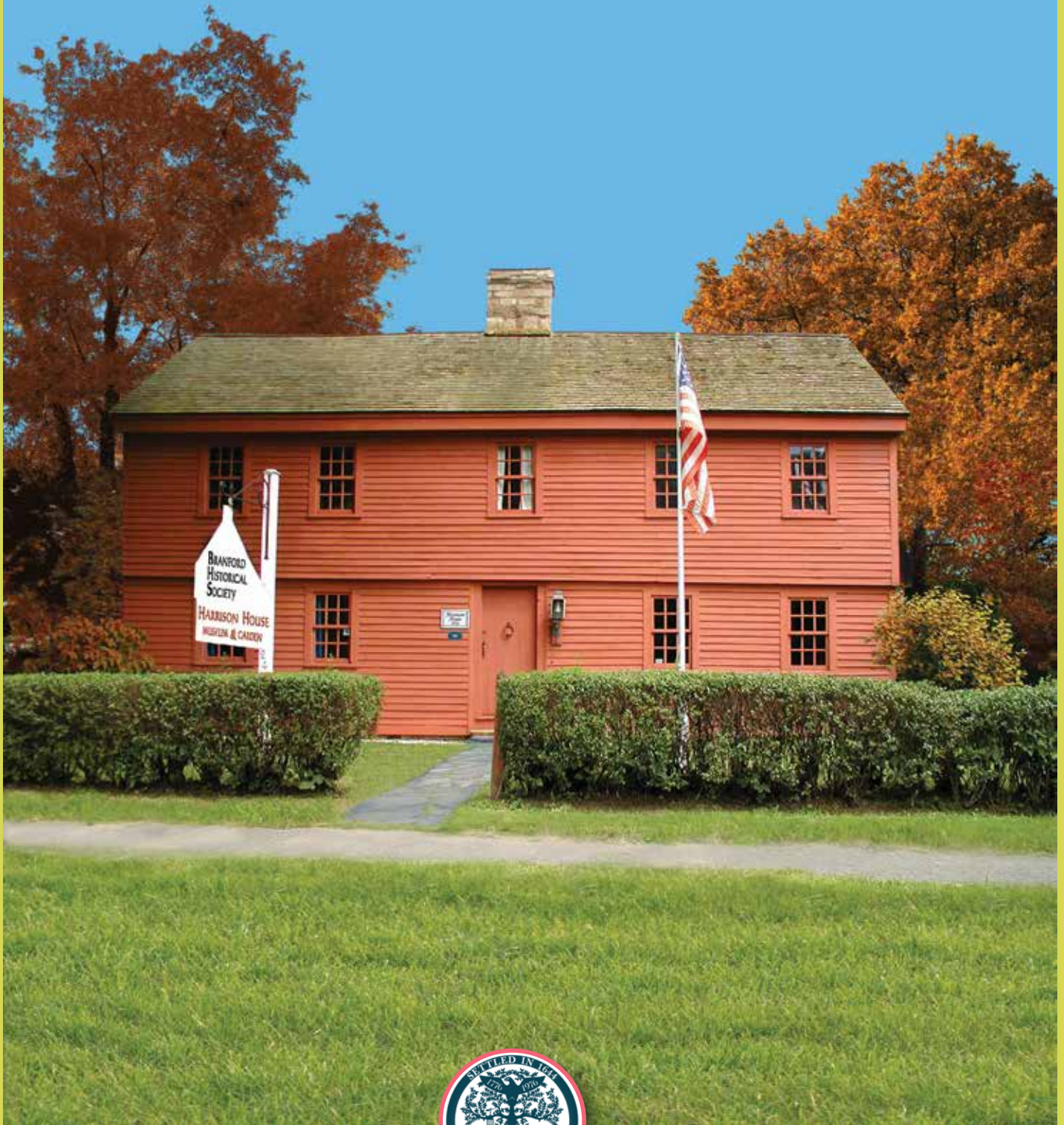


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First Selectman's Corner

The Town has been busy over the summer months with a variety of projects, including road, bridge and sidewalk repairs, as well as upgrades to a number of facilities so that we can continue to provide the best services and programs to our residents and businesses. The town center has seen tree pruning, removal and replacement, while the Academy has re-opened for public use with a newly restored cupola on its roof, and plans for a new Senior Center are progressing. Ecology Park at Tabor Road and Marshall Drive has opened to rave reviews and has already become a destination for its panoramic views of the Town and Long Island Sound.

State infrastructure projects around town continue to advance, as well. The expansion of Branford's train station is entering its last stages with construction of a new platform on the north side of the tracks and a connecting pedestrian bridge, while DOT continues with its plans for the replacement of the North Branford Road bridge [Rte. 139]. This project follows the completion of the improvements to the intersection of Rte. 139 at School Ground and Valley Roads, and the new bridge installation on School Ground Road itself. Meanwhile, DOT is moving forward with plans to replace the Sybil Creek bridge, at the juncture of South Montowese Street and Sybil Avenue.

And although all the summer activities have wrapped up, the school season is in full swing and some of us are already anticipating the holiday season, be sure to stay out and about town where there's something for everyone. We are very pleased to see the first Branford Arts Festival taking place on September 19th on the green, just before

the ever-popular Blackstone Library book sale. And the Branford Garden club will once again be bringing scarecrows-on-the-green from October 17th through November 1st, while an entire season of music, singing and stage performances will be brought to us by the Musical Art Society, Branford Folk Music Society, Round Table Players and others. Details on those activities and more are contained in the following pages, and I encourage everyone to support those organizations as well as enjoy our shoreline trails, and as the brilliant colors of autumn take hold.

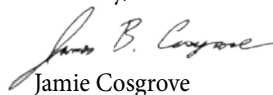


James B. Cosgrove
First Selectman

Also, please remember that election day is Tuesday, November 3rd and that District 4's polling station is now located at Fire Headquarters, 45 North Main Street. For a list of all the polling stations and voting districts across town and for voter registration information, please visit the Registrar of Voter's page on the Town's website.

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

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Musical Art Society Upcoming Fall 2015 Events

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.

Upcoming free concerts which are open to the public include:

October 23 (Friday) at 7:30

L.I.A.R.S. (Ladies of Integrity, Aristocracy, Repute and Society) Renaissance

Vocalists and Actors

Opening Act: Chris Cohen Recorder Ensemble

Stony Creek Congregational Church
192 Thimble Island Road, Branford, CT
FREE

November 20 (Friday) at 7:30

Biatowas Viola Trio

First Baptist Church of Branford, 975 Main Street, Branford, CT
FREE

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



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

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.

The Branford Garden Club will present its 5th annual "Scare-Crows on the Green" from Saturday, October 17th through Sunday, November 1st. All are welcome to join the fun by entering a display. Please contact Rodney Hayes at 203.640.2638 or rodneyfhayes@yahoo.com

For more information about our SCARE-CROWS event and other Garden Club activities, please visit www.branfordgardenclub.org. Please join us! We look forward to meeting you!

Rodney Hayes, Coordinator
Scarecrows on the Green Project

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Cecil Sharp Show / Branford Folk Music Society

England's Brian Peters and America's Jeff Davis have both graced the stage of the Branford Folk Music Society coffeehouse in the past as solo performers and now they return together on Oct. 10 for "Sharp's Appalachian Harvest", a special multimedia show devoted to the astounding collection of folk songs and music gathered by Cecil Sharp and his collaborator Maud Karpeles in the Southern Appalachians over three summers in 1916, 1917 and 1918. The two English folklorists ventured into the heart of the mountains to seek out old British ballads still being sung in remote mountain settlements, and their haul of over 1,600 pieces is one of the greatest folk song collections ever made.

The concert will take place at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the First Congregational Church of Branford, 1009 Main Street on the Branford Green. Light refreshments are served. For information, call 203-488-7715 or access the society's Web page at www.branfordfolk.org. In their presentation, Davis and Peters, two respected performers and researchers of traditional folk song and music, sing and play some of the musical highlights of Sharp's harvest, accompanied by readings from his diaries describing vividly the hardships and triumphs of song collecting, and a slide display of his terrific photographs of the singers and of mountain life. The music chosen ranges from old ballads to American breakdowns, dance tunes, children's songs and gospel numbers. Davis and Peters have been performing together on both sides of the Atlantic on and off for 16 years. Although Peters

music is essentially English folk, while Davis's work is often categorized as American old-time, the two share a love for old songs in general, and the folk music of one another's countries, so that they work



together intuitively as a duo. To Peter's multi-instrumental skills on concertina, melodeon and guitar are added Davis's talents on fiddle, banjo, mandocello and guitar, while their voices blend beautifully in harmony.

The Branford Folk Music Society is marking its 42nd year as a community group, offering monthly traditional folk music concerts from September through May and a monthly "house hoot" open to the public. The current 2015-16 concert season kicked off Sept. 12 with Grammy Award winners Jay Ungar and Molly Mason, a duo that exemplifies the heart and soul of American folk and acoustic music. Jay and Molly achieved international fame when their performance of Jay's composition "Ashokan Farewell" became the musical hallmark of Ken Burns' acclaimed PBS documentary "The Civil War."

Shoreline Chamber of Commerce

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce Guilford-Branford Alliance is to enhance business opportunity for the economic success of our members and the benefit of the community. Be Loyal to Local!

October 4th – BCTV Tour de Branford

October 14th – Women in Business luncheon. Location and speaker to be announced.

October 17th - The 2nd annual Chowder Challenge for a Cause will take place within the Guilford Green Merchant District, rain or shine. Enjoy strolling up and down Whitfield Street, enjoying the many chowders prepared by local chefs. Don't forget to vote for your favorite! The winning chef receives a trophy, plus the Chamber gives a check to that chef's charity of choice. Come out and join the fun!

October 27th – the October Business After Hours will be held at See Us Grow in Branford.

November 15th - Join us for a night you won't soon forget! The 3rd Annual Dancing with the Stars Event to Support the Be Loyal to Local Campaign will be held at the Country House in East Haven! Great food, fun and friends!

The Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, located at 764 East Main St., Branford is open Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm – always available to both members and community.



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- December 9** – Lecture by Roger Mandle, former President, RISD

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Shoreline Greenway Trail



First Saturday Walks Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Guilford: Bike Ride to Lake Quonni- paug

Join us for a vigorous bike ride from the Guilford Town Green to Lake Quonni-paug. SGT leader Ted Braun will lead the 25-30 mile round trip ride up State Street past historic homes, along Little Meadow Road and South Hoop Pole Road to loop around the lake, with two route options, and a short stretch on narrow Route 77. The route includes some long relatively mild inclines and hilly sections. Helmets required; waivers will be provided to sign. Parking available around the Green. Meet on the east side of Town Green across from Town Hall. Contact:

Ted, 203-305-2683.

Saturday, November 7th at 10:00 a.m.

East Haven: Hike from D.C. Moore School to Farm River State Park

Hike through picturesque woods with SGT leaders Barbara Brow and Mike Gambardella, at D.C. Moore School to an overview of the Bradford Preserve, the future home of a ½ mile pedestrian boardwalk along our completed 1500ft.



granite topped trail to our trailhead parking area, onto Pevetty Drive to Farm River State Park, peaceful and pristine. Osprey nests, caves, and spectacular water views. Two steep areas. 1.5 miles, 1.5 hours. Directions: From 142 West, left onto Mansfield Grove Road to stop sign, right onto Hoop Pole Lane to second school parking lot on left. From Coe Avenue take a left to Myrtle Street, right at stop sign, quick left onto Elliot Street, and right to school parking lot. Questions, call Barbara Brow, 203-469-9127.

1ST Annual BCTV Tour De Branford

Sunday, October 4th, the Shoreline Greenway Trail is very happy to participate in this event! Please visit our table along the Tour de Branford route. The tours start and end at the Stony Creek Brewery, 5 Indian Neck Avenue, Branford, CT. For

more information please call: 203-481-3232 Branford Community Television.

Work Parties

Work parties are held on the 4th Saturday of every month, meeting at 10:00. They're a great opportunity to get some exercise, have a sense of achievement, and meet fellow members. Volunteers should bring loppers, heavy gloves, pruners, rakes and other equipment to clear brush. Please wear sturdy shoes. Contact: Chet Blomquist, 203-488-5640.

September 26th: Tabor Property: Park near Shoreline Pet Lodge off of Pine Orchard Road. The mugwort will have tried to fill in the trail. We'll try to get to the end of Chet's Pond.

October 24th: Pine Orchard/Birch Road for fall clean-up. Please park at the SGT Trail Head on Birch Road.

Please note: The state of Connecticut has authorized the application of a federal grant to the development of the Tabor trail section. Work parties help to keep it open until we get to the point of building the final, fully developed 10 foot wide trail.

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

** Local disposal options are available. Please check with Branford's Transfer Station webpage <http://www.branford-ct.gov/content/143/179/default.aspx> or the following resources: Batteries: call 1-800-8-BATTERY or log on to www.call2recycle.org (excluding alkaline and auto batteries). Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) Bulbs: call 1-800-CLEANUP, or log on to www.earth911.com. Paint: Visit the Connecticut page of www.paintcare.org to find a drop-off location for household paint.*

Branford Historical Society

PO Box 504, Branford, CT 06405
www.branfordhistoricalsociety.org

The Branford Historical Society cares for and maintains the Harrison House at 124 Main St. Branford. The Harrison House Museum is open for guided tours, on Saturdays 1-4 pm thru the end of October, or by appointment. Visit and experience the circa 1724 saltbox house and property featuring period furnishings, Branford artifacts and exhibits, along with a colonial flower and herb garden beautifully maintained by the Branford Garden Club.

Dorrance Johnson will make a return engagement to the Blackstone Library on Wednesday September 23rd at 7pm presenting "Branford Firefighting – Saving Lives and Property". He will be speaking about the history of Branford's Fire

Department, highlighting Branford's major historic fires and the brave and dedicated firefighters who protect us. There will be slides and time for questions. Please join us for this popular program.

Refreshments will be served. A \$5.00 donation is suggested.

Stay in touch for other upcoming events on our Website at www.branfordhistoricalsociety.org.

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Veteran Additional Exemption Program - Income Based

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

Application for the state additional exemption and the local option additional exemption are filed with the Assessor's Office in the Town of which the veteran resides. The filing period is from February 1st through October 1st of 2015. Once a veteran is approved for the additional exemption he/she must submit an application on a biennial basis. Income received

by both a husband and his wife is considered in determining the eligibility of married persons for the exemption. If a person is legally separated pursuant to CGS §46b-40, as of December 31st, 2014, he or she is treated as single for purposes of this program.

Under these additional exemption programs provided by subsection b under §12-170aa, §12-811 and § 12-81f, a veteran must meet several requirements to qualify for these additional exemptions. The Veteran must have filed a DD214 or other proof of eligibility on the Land records by September 30th, 2015 as stated in §12-93 and meet the requirements under §12-81 subsection 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24. All income received in the calendar year of

2014 must be filed in the proper manner with the Assessor at application time. The Veteran and/or spouse's domicile, must be where they reside and located in the Town of Branford for the exemption to be applied. If the Veteran does not own real estate in the Town of Branford the veteran's domicile must be in the Town of Branford and have their Motor Vehicles registered in the Town of Branford.

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

Local Parkinson's Exercise Program

Parkinson's Exercise Program Shows Great Results in Helping People with Parkinson's Feel Better

The Orchard House Adult Day Care Center is hosting classes by Beat Parkinson's Today, an exercise program designed specifically to improve Parkinson's symptoms. There are presently 15 classes per week in 5 locations in CT with 60 Parkinson's clients ages 40-86 years old participating. Results have been astounding. Clients have improved gait, balance, fine motor control, explosive movement, attitude, self-image, and fatigue. Some have lowered their dosage of their medications.

Beat PD Today has classes for people of all ages and all stages of the disease. BeatPD Today is a program developed through personal trial and error by Michelle Hespeler, who said: "these classes were born out of the desire to offer People with Parkinson's a way to feel better - both physically, and emotionally. We've found that, in addition to the endorphins that are generated, the results are incredibly positive. As a person with Parkinson's, I can attest to that personally. Exercise has made a huge difference

for me." The Beat PD Today program is an affordable exercise class based on national research around the benefit of exercise to alleviate Parkinson's symptoms and slow the progression of the disease. Every workout is scalable to each individual within the group class. The Beat PD Today program focuses on full functional body movements that we use in everyday life. Our sessions use a variety of basic equipment such as ropes, TRX, kettle bells, BOSUs, weights and medicine balls. We create work-outs in each session specific to the group's needs. The classes will encourage brain stimulation, challenge balance and stability and teach proper technique and form - all in an encouraging group setting. Classes are every Tuesday from 2pm-3pm in Branford at the Orchard House, 421 Shore Drive. Pre-registration is required by calling 860.463.3747 or email info@beatpdtoday.com. Rates vary depending on number of classes purchased. See our web-site for details about the program: www.beatpdtoday.com.

Branford Economic Development Commission

The Commission continues to work closely with a variety of businesses and commercial interests on a number of development projects. It hosted a presentation by Bausch+Ströbel, a major pharmaceutical packaging manufacturer. After its presentation and a discussion with company officials, the commission voted to fully support the company's application before the Planning & Zoning Commission for its proposed 58,000 s/f facility on Rte. 139. On behalf of the commission, staff will work with the development team to help streamline the approval and permitting process and to assist in accessing any funding that might be available.

The commission also participated in several statewide and regional events showcasing the town as a business location. In June it was part of the *Community Investment Corporation's* [CIC] annual meeting held in Branford which highlighted the transformation of the former MIF site from brownfield to a state of the art manufacturing facility. CIC is a major SBA lender throughout Connecticut and Rhode

Island and has been involved in numerous business development projects in Branford.

The commission also hosted a monthly meeting for regional economic development professionals, as well as a quarterly meeting for the statewide economic development officials. The EDC also hosted the Connecticut CCIM chapter for a symposium on flood insurance for commercial properties, a topic of great interest to a shoreline town. These events with a variety of professionals and officials integral to development projects help to promote the town as a premier location for advanced manufacturing, biotech, and other industries.

And a follow up to the biotech symposium it held with Jackson Laboratories in the spring at the Blackstone Library, it co-sponsored a CURE event for new and expanding biotech companies. CURE is the state's association for the bioscience industry and provides technical and other services to both start-ups and mature companies.

Also, at a recent meeting the EDC presented *Ford of Branford* with its "Business Recognition Award". The EDC periodically presents the award to a Branford business that is a leader in its field and that contributes to making Branford a better place to live and work. The Ford brand of automobiles has been sold in Branford

for more than 80 years, and for more than ten of those years, brothers Dennis and Craig Zoufaly have owned and operated Ford Branford as part of their family's "Zee Automotive Group".



Pictured are [l to r] EDC member Joe Gordon, Jeff Zoufaly, Ford of Branford Director of Sales, and EDC chair Perry Maresca.

The EDC is also pleased to welcome the *Branford Alps Farmers Market* on Alps Road and *Bell'Oliva* gourmet cooking supplies on Main Street in the town center of the Branford business community. And it also congratulates *M.N. Reale Construction* for their receiving the "Big50" award by 'Remodeling Magazine' for their "exceptionally high standards and business practices." M.N. Reale Construction recently completed the restoration and rebuilding of the cupola atop the historic Academy, as well as the finish carpentry work on the exterior of the new *Stony Creek Brewery*.

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Personal Property Declarations

This is notification that the Personal Property Declaration for the 2015 GRAND LIST needs to be filed in the Assessor's Office by November 2nd, 2015. This was mailed by the Assessor's Office the beginning of September 2015.

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

Property owners must file a Personal Property Declaration regarding their taxable personal property with the local assessor on or before November first, in accordance with §12-41. A declaration's postmark date, as defined in §1-2a, determines the timeliness of its filing. Section 12-42 also provides that when the first day of November is a Saturday or Sunday, the declaration may be filed or postmarked on the next business day. Pursuant to §12-41(c), declaration shall include but are not limited to the following types of property: disposals, all leased equipment, leasehold improve-

ments, commercial furniture, fixtures, machinery and supplies owned by the any manufacturer, wholesales, and/or retailer.

This subsection specifies that personal property located in factories, stores, offices, hotels, restaurants, recreational halls, taverns, utility companies, all businesses, and etc. must be included on the declaration as filed by the owner.

Please read Subsection (b) of §12-41 which provides that registered vehicles, may be included if they are subject to taxation by a town other than the town in which they are registered.

Motor vehicles registered in another state and unregistered motor vehicles must be reported if they are garaged in a city or town in this state, pursuant to §12-71b(g).

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

East Shore District Health Department Programs



ESDHD will be holding a new educational program for those with Diabetes: Live Well with Diabetes. It is a nation-wide successful

Stanford University developed diabetes self-management program that addresses food, exercise, working with your healthcare providers and living an over-all higher quality of life. If you have diabetes, pre-diabetes, or live with someone who has diabetes this program will improve your life. Live Well with Diabetes is a six week program held at the East Shore District Health Department, 14 Business Park Dr., Branford on Mondays from 5pm-7pm, beginning on September 28th, 2015. Call to reserve your place, limited enrollment (203) 481-4233.

Another new program the East Shore District Health Department will be offering is our Prevnar 13[®] immunization clinics. Prevnar 13[®] is the new CDC recommended immunization against pneumonia. This vaccination is recommended for adults 65 years or older, 19-64 year olds who smoke or have asthma, and other at-risk patients. Ask your healthcare provider if it is right for you.

We will also be having our Seasonal Flu Clinics throughout our three towns. We also offer walk-ins hours at the Health Department any Monday afternoon from 3 until 5pm. The Branford Flu Clinic will be held at the Branford Town Hall on October 8th from 1:30 until 5. For the full list of public clinics visit us on www.esdhd.org.

org or call us at (203) 481-4233.

As always, the ESDHD Travel Clinic is your number one source for travel health information and vaccinations. International travel can be exciting but can also be a risk to your health if you are not prepared. We want to provide you with up-to-date travel information and health protection before you go. Our travel medical doctor will provide you with the most up-to-date health information and make sure you are protected for your trip. This allows you to travel with piece of mind, which is invaluable. We are Yellow Fever certified vaccinators. Call for your appointment today, (203) 481-4233.

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Planning and Zoning Department

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the community. My name is Harry Smith and I am excited to be the new Town Planner/Planning and Zoning Department Head for the Town of Branford. I have certainly arrived at an interesting time of change and challenge with respect to planning and development. I graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a Bachelor's degree in Engineering and a Master's degree in Community Planning. I have 30 years of experience in the Planning profession – the last eleven as City Planner with the City of New London. Prior to that I worked in Colchester, CT and Essex, Vermont as a Planning Director and at positions in Massachusetts and New Hampshire earlier in my career. I hope that my background and experience will help me provide sound support to the people of Branford as they deal with a diverse and unique set of planning challenges. A priority of mine has always been to provide

superior customer service and I hope to continue that focus in my new position. One of my responsibilities with the Town is to oversee our Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program. Through this program the Town is offering funds for use by income eligible residential property owners for housing rehabilitation projects at very favorable terms. Please contact our office at 203-488-1255 for more information on the program.

Our staff is available Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feel free to contact or visit us for information or aid with your planning or zoning-related concerns. While we are always open for counter service, we ask that you call ahead to make an appointment so we can set aside time to give you the attention you deserve. - Harry A. Smith, AICP, Town Planner

Branford Lions Club Fall Season

The Lions began their 65th year of service to the Branford Community this summer with an opening picnic held Monday August 17th at the Italian American Club. Announcing the schedule for the fall season, Lions President Steve Burke welcomed members back for the new year.

The Lions Club meets on the 1st Monday of each Month, 7 pm at La Luna Ristorante, 168 North Main Street. Upcoming meetings for the fall will be held October 5th and November 2nd. Membership is open to individuals and families who work or reside in Branford. Interested parties may contact Lion Vice President Brad Olt, Membership Chairman, at <mailto:olty23@gmail.com> or Lion President Steve Burke at 203.640.9329/<mailto:Sburke@weichertshoreline.com>

LIONS OKTOBERFEST

At the 1st fall meeting, Monday September 14th, Lion Vice President Tom Marchetti distributed tickets for the Club's inaugural Oktoberfest Project event to be held Sunday October 4th at the Stony Creek Brewery. Oktoberfest Chairmen Lions Jim Dornfeld, Perry Maresca and Jim Mendillo have organized a community charity event with a German theme reminiscent of the Old Branford Lions Bavarian Beer Festivals. The event will be an open house beer tasting of the Stony Creek Brewery's fall beer selections. Bavarian food and music selections will augment the



Branford Lions Club at the Memorial Day Parade!

Oktoberfest beer tastings. Back in the 70's and 80's, the Branford Lions held Bavarian Beer Festivals each summer that were widely attended events raising funds for Lions Community Charities. These Fests were the precursors of the current day Branford Festival. "We are so pleased to host this event", said Lion Jim Mendillo, "It promises to be a fun time and raise funds for a good cause." 50% of the net proceeds will go directly to the Community Dining Room of Branford and the rest to various charities supported annually by the Branford Lions. "Ed Crowley and the staff at the Stony Creek Brewery have been terrific to work with and very generous in partnering with us for this event" related Lion Jim Dornfeld. "This event is a community partnership for a great cause. It highlights the tremendous spirit of generosity we find in the Branford Business Community," added Lion Perry Maresca.

From 3-6 pm Sunday October 4th at the Stony Creek Brewery, Oktoberfest tickets include a flight of Stony Creek beer selections to enjoy and rate. Tickets will be available at the door, but to guarantee entry or just to support the cause please see any Branford Lions Club member or contact Lion Perry Maresca at 203.675.1030/<mailto:perry@soundlightinganddesign.com>.

The Branford Lions Club appreciates your support of the Branford Food Pantry. Help feed those in Need!



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Branford Compassion Club



Branford Compassion Club was founded eighteen years ago by a handful of Branford residents to care for the growing number of stray and feral cats in their town and along the shoreline.

Today, the 501(c)3 non-profit feline rescue organization operates a shelter for homeless and abandoned felines at 2037 Foxon Road in North Branford. Since its opening in February 2011, Branford Compassion Club Feline Rescue and Adoption Center has found homes for more than 975 felines. This is an amazing number, as the shelter is only open to the public on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is run solely by volunteers.

Adoption applicants are fully screened to assure that felines are placed with responsible owners. Many of the adult cats have had sad beginnings and deserve loving permanent indoor homes.

All cats are tested, neutered, and vaccinated before adoption. The cost for veterinary care and operating a shelter is great.

The organization relies on generous donations, adoption fees, small grants and fundraisers to cover the operating costs and veterinary expenses. Branford Compassion Club holds numerous offsite fundraisers throughout the year as well as four food and supply drives at the shelter. Supplies and monetary donations are always needed and can be dropped off any time in our donation bin or during our Saturday open hours. Please visit BCC's website at branfordcompassionclub.org for a complete wish list.

Fall Fundraisers

MA KIRTAN LIVE BAND FROM NYC on Sunday, October 4, at 7 p.m. at Avant Garde Holistic Center, 327 Main St. Branford \$20 donation.

NATIONAL FERAL CAT DAY FOOD DRIVE on Saturday, October 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BCC Feline Rescue and Adoption Center, 2037 Foxon Rd, North Branford.

JAZZ BRUNCH on Sunday, November 8 at 11:30 a.m.

The setting will be at the beautiful Pine Orchard Yacht and Country Club, 2 Club Parkway, Branford.

Volunteers are always needed. Our volunteers clean and feed and care for the cats twice a day at our shelter and help with fundraising events. If you love cats and are interested in volunteering, please stop by Branford Compassion Club Feline Rescue and Adoption Center, 2037 Foxon Rd, North Branford on any Saturday, from 11-3, or call us at 203-483-MEOW.

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2015 Remarkable Senior Honorees Liz & Larry Miller

This September with a theme of LIFE (learning - independence - friends - energy), towns & cities across the nation are joining together in showcasing our Senior Centers and promoting a positive image of aging in our communities. Branford's 2015 Remarkable Senior recipients Larry & Liz Miller, are the perfect example of LIFE and positive aging role models. Liz & Larry are a couple that have volunteered for 50 years, giving to

each of the communities they have lived in with their hearts, and true humility. Never wanting recognition, they lead by example in all that they do... whether its fundraising for or driving one of our medical cars, serving lunch, helping at the Y, donating a complete Thanksgiving dinner or gifts at the holidays to a family in need, they inspire all who know them to give more of themselves. "It's not the size of your footprint, but the kicks in the sand that make the difference."

Liz and Larry are wonderful ambassadors of what it means to be a Senior today; vivacious and full of LIFE we congratulate, celebrate, and thank them for all they have done for Canoe Brook and our greater community. Approximately 8000 of Branford's residents are age 60+, this month during National Senior Center Month, we invite the community to learn more about Canoe Brook's programs and services.

All month we encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor to join you in an activity and discover how enriching Canoe Brook programs are! Join us for fitness and art classes, cultural events, wellness workshops, free blood pressure screenings, computer classes, benefits counseling, trips, lunch and more as we celebrate this years' national theme "LIFE." Aging actively is key to successful aging, stop by and join the fun! A full schedule of activities can be found in *Canoe Brook Connections*, our monthly newsletter available at the Center, Town Hall, Libraries, Senior Housing, on our busses, and online at www.branford-ct.gov/canoebrook. We look forward to seeing you!

Dagmar Ridgway, Director, Canoe Brook Center
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Branford Fire Department

The Branford Fire Department is an organization comprised of career and volunteer professionals whose mission is to "provide the services necessary to minimize loss of life and/or property threatened by the hazards of fire, explosions, medical, chemical, and rescue related emergencies, through fire suppression, code enforcement, and conscientious prevention and education". Operating out of five stations strategically located to provide for rapid response to any emergency, our people are highly trained, selflessly dedicated, compassionate responders who I am honored to have been selected to lead.

Branford Fire Department is overseen by a board of six fire commissioners, created by public act on March 6, 1923. Each commissioner is a volunteer selected from the electorate and appointed by the first selectman to serve three-year terms. Current board members are Robert Massey Jr. (chairman), Madeline Clem, Albert Carfora, Kathy Fox, David LaCroix, and Paul Riccio. First organized in the late 1890s to protect citizens from the ravages of fire, Branford Fire Department has evolved into an all hazard emergency resource. BFD responds to over 6000 calls

annually, the majority of which are medical emergencies. The early interventions and pre-hospital care provided by our EMTs and Paramedics significantly contribute to positive outcomes for our patients.

Branford Fire Department considers every month to be fire prevention month; however, each October along with Branford educators and other allied professionals, we place special emphasis on public education. This year's fire prevention theme is "Hear the beep where you sleep," focusing on smoke detectors and home fire safety. We have partnered with the American Red Cross to reach out to the most vulnerable members of our community but wish each of you to consider the following:

Seven times a day, someone in this country dies in a home fire. The American Red Cross is launching a nationwide campaign to reduce the number of home fire deaths and injuries by 25 percent over the next five years.

- The number of residential fire deaths actually increased by nearly 15% in 2013. Smoke alarms cut the risk of death from a fire in half.

Please consider these steps which you can take to protect yourselves and your loved ones.

- Every household should develop a fire escape plan and practice it several times a year and at different times of the day.
- Include two ways to get out of every room and consider escape ladders for sleeping areas or homes on the second floor or above.
- Pick a place outside for everyone to meet and make sure everyone knows where it is.
- Practice that home fire drill until everyone in the household can do it in less than two minutes.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of the home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Test them every month and replace the batteries at least once a year.

Reminder! Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10 firepreventionweek.org

Yours in Service,
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Brian's Hope



It has been a summer of progress for the ALD community. August was notable with ALD advocates like Brian's Hope, participating in a month long initiative on social media to "#savetheboys", as a show of support for the addition of ALD newborn screening to the Recommended

Uniform Screening Panel, the gold standard for newborn screening nationally. Approval is expected at the Secretary's Committee on Heritable Diseases in Newborns and Children meeting, August 27th at NIH in Maryland. As I write, I look forward to attending in support of and in anticipation of this positive decision and hope to have great news to share with you in the winter edition of Branford Events.

Many thanks to our enthusiastic Brian's Hope supporters on social media for signing the petition to save the boys from adrenoleukodystrophy and for sharing important information. You can see the public service announcement and two other videos regarding newborn screening for ALD that Brian and I participated in at <http://brianshope.org/ald/educational-videos/>. Knowledge really is power.

Additionally, the Genetic Advisory Committee in Tennessee voted to add ALD to their state's screening panel. Their process is regulatory, eliminating the need for legislation. Brian and I had an informational meeting with the Director, Deputy Director and Chief of Staff of Public Health in Rhode Island, advocating for newborn screening there. I could not have been more proud of Brian, wide-eyed and responsive at one end of the conference table, opposite the Director, doing his work as a patient advocate. One state at a time...

Next on our agenda is our favorite day of the year, The 19th Annual Hammerfest Sprint Triathlon, September 20th at the beautiful Owenego. Relays welcome! The swim goes off at 7:30 and it's a spectacular scene. Sunrise on the Sound is worth getting up for. There's still time to sign up as an athlete, a volunteer, donor or come as a spectator and enjoy the mid-morning cookout. Ron Glick will be providing some energizing music and "the voice of summer", Mark Gilhuly, will be our announcer, keeping all up to the moment with his enthusiasm and avid support of Brian's Hope.

New to the triathlon this year is a bone marrow drive. Representatives from the Rhode Island Blood Center will be there for anyone who might be interested in joining the National Bone Marrow Registry. Thousands of people suffer from diseases treatable with marrow or blood stem cell transplants. The National Marrow Donor Program finds donors for patients who don't have a match in their family. A bone marrow transplant is one of the life-saving treatments for ALD as well. It's definitely worth a moment of your time to stop by their table if you are so inclined.

Please visit BriansHope.org for additional information regarding adrenoleukodystrophy, newborn screening for ALD and Hammerfest. Thank you for helping us spread the ripples of hope just a little bit further outward.



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Shoreline Arts Trail: It's Handmade! It's Art! It's Local!

OPEN STUDIOS WEEKEND: Nov. 21 and Nov. 22 10AM - 4PM
The Shoreline Arts Trail is pleased to announce the launch of its 14th season! Each November, artists from Branford, Guilford and Madison work together to present a two-day Open Studios event the weekend before Thanksgiving. This year, on November 21 and 22, you'll find 39 artists along the trail, including new members Laurie Flaherty (Guilford), Megan Mangum (Branford), Linda McCarthy (Branford), and Suzanne Siegel (Guilford).

Returning to the Arts Trail are artists Terry Bogan, Richard Carleton, Lisa Carlin, Christine Chiochio, Alice Chittenden, Anne Coffey, Jayne Crowley, Margaret B. Dean, Laurie Douglas, Eileen Eder, Susan Gillie, Carol Grave, Anita K. Griffith, Lisa Hess Hesselgrave, B. Joan Hickey, Sharon Hosley, Phyllis Lynch, Laura C. Lyons, Dayna Mankowski, Molly S. McDonald, Jackie McGuire, Jane Strauss Novick, Estelle Nussbaum, Robert Parrott, Steve Plaziak, Leslie Prodis, Pat Rist, Barbara Shulman-Kirwin, Marjorie Sopkin, Sandra Spahr, Catherine Steinberg, G. Scott Tabar, Martha Link Walsh, Sid Werthan, and Diane Wright.

The Shoreline Arts Trail is presented in collaboration with Guilford Art Center, and is sponsored in part by Zip06, Flutterby, Friends & Company Restaurant, Greene Art Gallery, Home Restaurant, Luckey Redo LLC, Madison Wool, Mix Design Store, Tidewater Inn, Tommy Sullivan's Cafe, Wall Street Gallery, and Words by Jen.

The Shoreline Arts Trail was started in 2002 by a small group of shoreline artists. Their intent was to create an annual open studios event to allow local residents and weekend visitors to interact with artists and experience the creative process first-hand. Three years later, grants from the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism and from the towns of Branford, Guilford and Madison, dramatically accelerated the project. The number of artists almost doubled, as did the types of media, which now includes jewelry, sculpture, fiber, paint, glass, pottery, metal, and textiles. The combined efforts of all parties led to the Arts Trail receiving the Compass Award for Excellence in Partnership in 2007 from the Greater New Haven Visitors' Bureau.

During Open Studios Weekend, the colorful "Open Studio" signs point to all of these artists and studios. For specific locations and details, copies of the Shoreline Arts Trail map will be available in September at the Martha Link Walsh Gallery (Branford), Madison Wool (Madison), and The Guilford Art Center, as well as libraries, town halls, visitors' centers and members' studios. Contact Martha Link Walsh at (203) 481-3505 or visit www.shorelineart-trail.com, and its companion blog or Facebook page, for more information.

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Branford Land Trust

**Nature Explorer Program
Events for Adults & Families**

Saturday, Oct. 3, 9:00 a.m.

FALL BIRD WALK FOR BEGINNERS

Join Meg Kilgore for a walk at the Supply Ponds, learn some basics about bird watching, and how to spot and identify local birds. It will be a fun and exciting time for both young and old. Please bring binoculars if you have them. Meet at the main parking area. From Route 1 take either Mill Plan Rd. and then the first left onto Short Rocks Rd., or take Chestnut St., which goes directly to the parking area. (Rain Date: Sunday, October 4).

Sunday, Oct. 18, 2:00 p.m.

FALL FLORA WALK LED

Come and walk the beautiful Vedder Property with Lauren Brown, a botanist

who really knows local plants and flowers. We'll walk at a leisurely pace and enjoy hearing a lot about the fall flora. As a bonus, the view of the Thimbles from the summit is spectacular. Meet on Pleasant Point Rd, just south of the Amtrak line.

Saturday, Oct. 24, 10:00 a.m.

FALL FOLIAGE WALK

Enjoy a walk through the fall colors and go all the way around Young's Pond and see Bob's Woods, which was acquired by the BLT in 2004. Led by Truman Sherk, who knows information on both the history and botany of the property: he grew up in Branford, is a biologist and has been actively involved in the Land Trust for many years. Meet and park at the large parking lot for Young's Pond on Blackstone Ave./Route 146. (Rain Date: Sunday, October 25)

Sunday, Nov. 22, 1:00 p.m.

Annual PRE-THANKS- GIVING

Van Wie WALK

Join us for BLT's annual walk at the Van Wie Preserve. A great family event. Directions: from Leetes Island Road, turn east onto Red Hill Road. Meet at the trailhead at 87 Red Hill Road.

All events are free and open to the public. For all BLT walks, please wear appropriate dress and comfortable, supportive walking shoes. Bring water. Walking sticks welcome. For further information: www.branfordlandtrust.org, 203-415-1571



Branford High School Choir is Europe Bound!

In April, 2016 approximately 80 students from the Branford High School Concert Choir, led by music director Cathyann Roding, will be travelling to Austria and Czech Republic. The students' itinerary includes performances at Vienna's famed St. Stephen's Cathedral and Hadynsaal at Esterhazy Palace, one of the most

beautiful and acoustically perfect concert halls of the world. While in Czech Republic, the choir is slated to perform at the American Spring Festival at the Church of the Holy Savior in Prague, and other local venues. Students are each responsible for the cost of their own trip, so they will be busy over the next few months with various fundraisers. The first will be a Flea Market, to be held on the Green on Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Dozens of choir families and other vendors will be set up among the Scarecrows, offering new and gently used items for sale. Please come out and enjoy the day, and pick up a bargain or 2, to help a great cause.

In November, be on the lookout for the always-in-demand BHS Choir Christmas CD to be recorded this Fall. Great as a gift or to keep your home in the holiday spirit all season long. Come find us at the Tree Lighting Parade.

A Rock Concert is slated to be held in January, 2016. Plans are still in the works, but a great time is sure to be had as several local bands hit the stage.

Finally, in February, the Choir will be sponsoring and selling a Raffle for a trip to Paris, France. At just \$5, these tickets are sure to be in high demand. What a great way to tell your "Valentine" how much you love them!

Please be on the lookout for more information on these events, or go to www.thechoirlobby.com. BHS Choir extends its heartfelt appreciation to the Town of Branford for its continued support of this worthwhile program.



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Branford Exchange Club

Branford Exchange Club Donates Diaper Bags for Baby Bundles

The Branford Exchange Club recently donated Diaper Bags to the James Blackstone Library for their Baby Bundle Program. The Branford Early Childhood Collaborative, working with city agencies and businesses, have filled the bags with useful information and gifts for expectant parents or those who have a child up to 18 months.

The main goal of the Baby Bundles is to promote early literacy, developmental safety, and nutritional information. "a one-stop baby informational shop." Many thanks to Carly Lemire, Youth Services Librarian for developing Baby Bundles for such a great job!

Dr. Henry Lee World famous Forensic Scientist announced that he will once again participate in the Branford Exchange Club's Honoring Shoreline Heroes Banquet. The Event will take place September 30, 2015 at the Woodwinds. Last year's Banquet had an attendance of 325 people and involved Branford, Guilford and North Branford. A Special Thank You to Our First Responders. The Branford Exchange Club making communities a better place to live, is carried through its Programs of service: Americanism, Youth programs, and Community Service-as well as its National

Project, the Prevention of Child Abuse.

For further information about the Exchange Club and its programs please contact: art.promotions1@gmail.com or phone 203.901.7982



L-R: Jack Mushin Exchange Secretary, Robin Comey, Bfd. Early Childhood Collaborative Coordinator, Carly Lemire, Youth Services Librarian. Terry McAvoy, Exchange President Elect, Judy Stengel Exchange Member & Past President.

Branford Parks and Recreation

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

Starting in the fall, the department provides movement and rhythm classes and music classes for Toddlers ages 12 months to five years of age Tuesday to Friday mornings and "Having A Ball With Books".

Branford Recreation also stands behind its afterschool youth activities, ranging from Tae Kwon Do and afterschool hoops for kindergarten and first grade, to tennis lessons (grades 1-8) and gymnastics for walking age to 10 years old, Learn To Swim Lessons (ages 4 and up), American Red Cross Babysitting Class (ages 11 to 15), Beginner Horseback Riding Class, Sports Squirts program (ages 3 to 5) and the ever-popular Toddler Halloween Party and Parade and the Annual Goblin Giveaway for Grades K-2. The Branford

Junior Basketball League for grades two thru eight begins in November and runs thru mid-February. Registration for the league will begin late September and early October. For adults, a wide variety of programs are featured including: swim lessons, Senior Yoga, Yoga for Everybody, Aqua Aerobics, Adult Tennis Lessons and the Men's Adult Basketball League.

The department is acquainted with the Town of Branford for its Branford Sports Hall of Fame Induction Dinner held at Wood Winds Restaurant on Friday, November 20th.

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 starting at 5:00 p.m. All toddlers can visit with

Santa and Mrs. Claus in conjunction with the Branford Recreation Department's Toddler Class.

Two major spring events that will take place are the Robert Martston Easter Egg Hunt and the Second Annual Adult Scavenger Hunt. The Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the American Legion Corcoran Sundquist Post #83 will take place at Foote Memorial Park in April at Sampson Field (near Foote Park) on Melrose Avenue for the following age groups: 4 years and under; 5-6 years old; 7-8 years old; 9&10 years old and a food allergy group division. There is no registration for the hunt. All girls and boys should arrive at their destination points at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the hunt.

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

Branford Solid Waste And Recycling

Beginning the week of October 19th and thru the week of December 14th, the Town will be collecting leaves curbside weekly. For the leaves to be collected, they must be in a brown paper leaf bag, or loose in a garbage can.

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

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

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

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

Holiday Closings: The Transfer Station will be closed on Monday October 12 in observance on Columbus Day; all curbside collections will be delayed one day that week. Also Wednesday November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day; Wednesday and Thursday collections will be delayed one day that week.

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

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Fall 2015 at Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library

Friday films:

Oct. 2: --*Love and Mercy* at 7 p.m.

LEGO Club began on Wed, Sept. 9 at 4 p.m. 1st grade and up.

Afternoon film: Disney's new *Cinderella* Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 1 p.m.

Mark Schenker Book Discussion Series:

The Culture of 19th Century New England.

Fall 2015, four titles featuring American themes of Puritanism, Whaling, Yankee Ingenuity, New England Calvinism & more. 7 p.m.

Oct. 20: *In the Heart of the Sea* by Nathaniel Philbrick. Nov. 17: *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* by Mark Twain. Dec. 15: Poetry of Emily Dickinson

Halloween Window Painting:

Join the fun. Paint a library window for Halloween. Refreshments and Prizes.

Sat., Oct. 24 at 11 a.m. Sponsored by the Friends.

Storytimes:

Miss Stephanie's Storytime is moving to a new day in the fall beginning Sept. 4. Mondays at 10:30 Toddler Storytime (ages 2 and up)

Fridays at 10:30 Baby Storytime

Parent/Child Workshop through Family Place in October. Check the library website for schedule of workshop programs.

Bingo Night! Fri., Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. Ages 5 and up. Sponsored by the Friends.

Museum & Park Passes:

Just a reminder: Fall is a great time to visit local museums and parks in CT. The Friends of the library just purchased a new pass to the Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington.

Save The Date: A Cool Yule Concert with the Thimble Islands Saxophone Quartet on Fri., Dec. 11. This is a fundraiser for the Friends of WWML. Tickets: \$15.00.

Library Book Plates:

Honor a family member or friend. With a minimum donation of \$25.00 the library will purchase a book in memory or honor of someone special. For more information call the library.

For more events: wwml.org.

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

Branford Food Pantry

The Branford Food Pantry, Inc.
30 Harrison Ave., Branford, CT 06405

Who We Are

The Branford Food Pantry is a 100% volunteer organization, started in 1978, that provides groceries to Branford families in need. In addition to family groceries, children are provided a snack package that can be used for school days. A new program, Feed Branford Kids, provides weekend food when school subsidized meals are not available; these meals are distributed anonymously by the schools. Over 230,000 pounds of food are distributed annually. Check our website: www.branfordfoodpantry.org.

What's Happening

FUND RAISING - The fall is our time of action. To keep programs going we are kicking off the annual fund drive that allows the Food Pantry to purchase food from the CT Food Bank (at very low cost) and to supplement that food with retail purchasing that cost \$52,254 last year. Your support is needed to continue in the mission to provide groceries to families in need. Cash donations are welcome and critical; make checks out to the Branford Food Pantry and mail them to 30 Harrison Ave., Branford, CT 06405.

How to Get Noticed

By the time we reach our 40's many of us find ourselves applying more than one product to get the desired results that used to come for free when we were in our 20's. In order to get the best results from your anti-aging products, they should be applied in a specific order.

Cleansing is an important first step. You should be using a cleanser that is specifically designed for your face and not any old thing that you have in the shower. Some cleansers that contain ingredients like glycolic and salicylic acids might be too harsh for over 40 skin. If you use a good facial cleanser, you should not need a toner. And when it comes to drying, please put down the hand towel. Reach for a tissue and pat your skin dry.

By the age of 40 all women should incorporate a serum into their daily routine. Moisturizing is essential for hydration, but a serum can help repair damage. My personal favorites are serums that contain growth factors. You should wait for a few minutes for your serums to dry before applying a moisturizer. So use that time to do something - brush your teeth, dry your hair. Just something

Holiday Turkey Dinners

We provide groceries and turkeys, for a complete dinner, to Branford families who need help for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. One element is the receipt of donated turkeys from 12-20 pounds each; we need at least 500 turkeys! If you or your business can help, turkeys can be dropped off at our site during open hours (see below); if you have a lot to donate call Jay Webb at 203-215-3533 to make special arrangements. We can accept turkeys at any time after October 1, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, right up to December 18. Please help, on two recent years we ran out and had to give out chickens because turkeys in volume are not available at the last minute. To obtain a turkey basket, you must call and make the request to the Branford Counseling Center at 203-481-4248 by: November 18 for Thanksgiving (delivered on November 22), and December 17 for Christmas (delivered on December 22).

To Obtain Family Assistance

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



Branford Food Pantry volunteers Mike Dodd (rear) and Brian Donnelly prepare turkeys for distribution last November to about 270 needy families.

Center (203-481-4248, 342 Harbor St, Branford). After approval, groceries may be picked up once per week, either on Tuesday or Friday morning, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at 30 Harrison Ave, lower level on the right side of the building. To help in our mission those who would like to consider volunteering to help, on distribution days, should call the office (203-481-3663) during office hours. Non-perishable food donations, either personal or from food drives, can be dropped off at our location during open hours or call for special arrangements.

so you won't notice the time. If you're new to layering products, it will make your new routine much easier.

Your next step is a sunscreen. This is the most important step and is often neglected. You should be in the habit of wearing a separate sunscreen every day, not only in the summer months. Many women seek out moisturizers that have an SPF and think that they have adequate protection from harmful UV rays. While this is a good first line of defense, it is not enough protection.

You should be using a separate sunscreen that contains either Zinc or Titanium Dioxide for maximum protection.

Aging is a complex process and one product or procedure rarely gives the desired result. Most skin rejuvenation plans include more than one topical treatment and tightening or volumizing procedures to enhance the results.

Start making a plan now! Call for a free consultation.

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Branford Rotary Upcoming Events—Fall 2015

Sunday, September 23: Rotary Classic Car Show, Van Wilgen's Garden Center, 51 Valley Rd, North Branford, 11:00 am-3:00 pm. Enjoy a stroll past various vintage automobiles made by different manufacturers, both domestic and international, and appreciate over 150 of them on display. Chat with owners about the uniqueness and restoration of their vehicles. Music and food trucks will round out your experience. Admission is free; donations suggested. The club is currently looking for sponsors to the event. Proceeds will benefit Branford Rotary Club charitable events and organizations that honor and support veterans and the A donation of \$10 is suggested per show car with raffle prizes and trophies being awarded. US Marine Justin Eldridge Children's Education Fund.

Please join in on this great family event, which will include fabulous cars and "oldies" music with the entertainment donated by MC and radio personality John Voket and a special appearance by Mrs. Connecticut International 2015, Paula Mele. Carshow@branfordrotary.org.

Wednesday, November 4: Veterans' Day Luncheon for Branford Veterans, Italian American Social Club, 40 Hamre Lane, 12 noon-1: 30 pm.

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

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

Thursday, November 26: Thanksgiving Day Rotary Y-Run & Walk. Francis

Walsh Intermediate School, 185 Damascus Road, 8:00 am. Registration fees range. Join the Branford Rotary Club at the Y RUN & WALK on Thanksgiving morning on a 5K-race/walk certified course, which runs through Branford's beautiful Pine Orchard section.

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

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



Town Of Branford Snow Removal Policy

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

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

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

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

Road Hazards: Residents and private contractors should take note that Town Ordinance prohibits snow to be placed on any public highway in such a manner as to impede or inconvenience

travel on any roadway (sec 216-42b).

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

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

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

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

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

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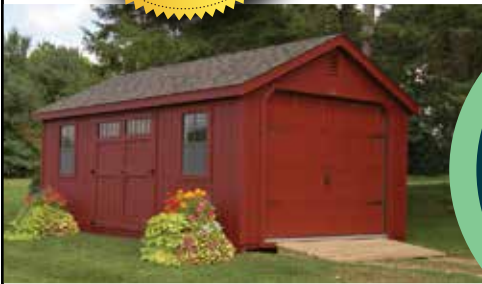
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The Round Table Players *A Christmas Carol*

The Round Table Players and the First Congregational Church of Branford proudly present *A Christmas Carol* (Broadway), based on the book by Charles Dickens.

Book by Mike Ockrent / Music by Alan Menken / Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens / Book by Lynn Ahrens / Directed by Anthony Festa / Choreography by Cindy Earle-Pattison / Music Director: James Teti.

A Christmas Carol follows Ebenezer Scrooge, a prosperous miser who believes his personal wealth is far more valuable than the happiness and love of others. With an infuriated "Bah! Humbug!", Scrooge summates his feelings of Christmas tidings and charitable giving, but he's forced to face his selfish ways when the ghosts of Christmas Eve lead him through his past, present, and future. Thanks to their guidance, Scrooge recognizes his faults and begs forgiveness of those he has wronged.

A Christmas Carol (Broadway) is being performed two weekends: November 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 7:00 p.m.; November 8 and 15 at 2 p.m.

Tickets go on sale October 1st. You can pre-order your tickets by visiting www.roundtableplayers.com or by emailing rtplayersct@gmail.com

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

A Christmas Carol (Broadway) is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI: 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019. 212-541-4684; Fax: 212-397-4684; www.MTIShows.com

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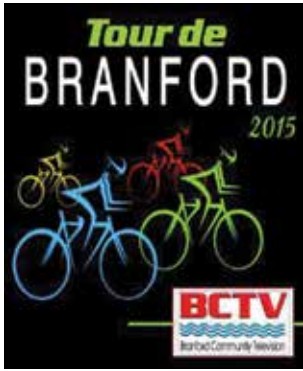
from the due date of September 1st. Payment may be made by mail to: WPCA Branford, PO Box 136, Branford, CT 06405.



Checks should be made payable to WPCA Branford. Payments in cash or check form are also accepted at the Tax Office in Town Hall. Hours are 8:30-4:30 Monday through Friday. Online payments are not available for utility bills.

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

BCTV's First Annual Tour De Branford



Branford Community Television (BCTV) is our town's own television station, in operation for over 30 years, and providing informational, educational and entertainment programming about our lovely shoreline community.

On Comcast channels 18, 19, and 20 or on Frontier channel 99, it covers political events such as elections, and RTM and Board

of Education meetings. At its production facilities on Kirkham Street, BCTV also offers free training to students and Branford residents, providing an opportunity for them to learn how to produce or host their own original television program, which can be aired on BCTV.

BCTV is hosting our first annual Tour de Branford bicycle ride on Sunday morning, October 4th! This inaugural event will provide two routes, fifteen miles and forty miles, which explore various scenic areas of our town and shoreline. Both routes will begin and end at the new Stony Creek Brewery on the banks of the Branford River. It promises to be a festive and exciting event.

As a Branford based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, BCTV is active in the community and relies on fundraising efforts for equipment purchases and maintenance. Tour de Branford funds will help continue and expand the many important services BCTV provides to our town.

For more information about the event and to register, please see www.branfordtv.org. If you have any questions, please contact BCTV by e-mail at tour@branfordtv.org or by phone at 203-481-3232.

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Birdie In The Biographies, Eagle In The Easy Readers!

Get ready for the Blackstone Library's fall fundraiser, CaddyStacks at Blackstone, which will transform the Library into an 18-hole mini golf course for a weekend! On October 3 & 4, 2015, the Library will be open for play for the enjoyment of the community.



The 18 greens and holes of the course will wind throughout the Library, between the stacks and down stairs, on all three levels. Putters, balls, and scorecards will be provided to players, and favors and prizes will be offered throughout the course. A flat \$5 admission fee applies to all golfers, making this an affordable family outing and opportunity to support the Blackstone Library. Visit blackstonelibrary.org for more information.



On Saturday evening, there will be a special adults-only event, the 19th Hole Party. The event includes the opportunity to play the entire 18-hole course, a craft beer tasting with a local brewery, wine, food, and prize drawings. Want to try for Best Dressed Golfer? Go wild with your outfit. Tickets for the adult event are \$40 in advance and are on sale now, online or at the Library. Get a group together for even more fun and get your tickets today!

Other Fall Events:

All programs require registration. Please register by calling 203.488.1441 or visit: www.blackstonelibrary.org. There are many more programs listed on our website, too!

American History Book Club

2nd Thursdays @ 6—7 PM
October 8, November 12

Board Game Gathering

Select Thursdays @ 6—8 PM
September 24: Scrabble October 29: Clue
November 19 TBD

Bestseller Book Club

Saturdays @ 3—4 PM
September 26, October 31, November 28

Brian Gillie's Roots of Rock 'n Roll Concert

Sunday, September 27 @ 2—3 PM

Learning Labs Open House

Tuesday, September 29 @ 5:30—7:30 PM

Understanding Long Term Care:

Medicare, Medicaid, ACA
Wednesday, September 30 @ 6—7 PM

Lisa Reisman: 5 Months, 10 Years, 2 Hours

Wednesday, October 14 @ 2—4 PM

Painters of Seascapes—Art Lecture

Sunday, October 18 @ 2—3 PM

Demonology & Occult in the Civil War Lecture

Monday, October 19 @ 7—8 PM

Eerie Connecticut: Local Myth & Mystery

Wednesday, October 28 @ 6:30—8 PM

Rave On! Concert

Sunday, November 8 @ 2—3:15 PM

Charge or Retreat at Gettysburg—You Decide!

Tuesday, November 10 @ 6:30—7:30 PM

For Children:

Tellabration—Stories with an Improv Twist

Saturday, November 7 @ 11—12 PM

3D File Creation and Printing-Families

2nd Saturdays @ 10:30—12:30 PM

October 10, November 14

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