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The First Selectman's Corner

I am happy to report that the Town Assessor published the 2016 Grand List, which shows an increase of .37% or a \$11,273,000 increase above the 2015 Grand List. The increase of \$11 million equates to \$323,000 of additional tax revenue at our current mill rate of 28.67. This is the third year in a row we have had an increase in our Grand List. This increase can be attributed to our successful efforts in economic development.

The Connecticut Water Company informed me that as of March 6 we have reached our benchmark of 40% of returned service agreements from residents of Mulberry, Tuttles Point and Long Cove. These residents have agreed to sign up for city water service and have rendered their initial deposit to the water company. This 40% benchmark is significant because this is the threshold that had to be met for the water company to contribute \$1 million to the project. The remaining residents of those communities have until April 3 to send in their agreements and deposits. If the town goes beyond a 60% commitment, the water company will increase its contribution to \$1.4 million. The Town has also been chosen by the State Department of Health as one of the projects to be included on the "Fundable Project Priority List," which would make the Town eligible for a low interest loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund for the construction of the project. The project still has to be sent to Town Meeting and Referendum for approval before construction can begin.

The reconstruction of Long Hill Road from Route 1 to Hubbard Road began on March 6. This project is funded 80% from the federal government, 10% from the State Department of Transportation and 10% from the Town. This project will elevate the southern portion of Long Hill Road to mitigate flooding in that area. There will also be some road widening



Joeseph Mazza, First Selectman

and a reconfiguration of the Route 1/Long Hill Road intersection. Construction is being done by Trademark Contractors under the supervision of the DOT and the town's engineering department. The project is scheduled to be completed within a year with a total estimated construction cost of \$3.6 million. The road will remain open during the entire period of construction however there will be periodic lane closures. Once construction is completed in the spring of 2018, this major north/south artery will be a safer road, free of flooding.

On April 18 Guilford residents will go to the polls to vote on the 2017-2018 budget. The Board of Finance approved a budget totaling \$95,188,169 which represents a 1.88% spending increase continued on page 4



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over the current budget and, after providing for potential decreases in revenue from the state, would result in a property tax increase of 2.44% or .70 mills. This is due to the fact that the State of Connecticut through the proposed Governor's budget is eliminating the ECS Grant. Since the budget prepared by the Governor is a preliminary proposal and the town has to go to referendum before the General Assembly approves the state budget, any further cuts to the town aid or additional costs put on the town by the state budget that results in additional deficiencies not budgeted for in the approved budget, will not be made up by supplemental tax bills. These deficiencies will be made up through other town resources and not additional town taxes incurred by residents. The Board of Finance commended the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education for the well-crafted budgets, but highlighted the difficulties this year in budget planning with so many variables at the state level.

The golf course commission is currently interviewing for a full-time PGA professional who will be available to give lessons,

organize junior programs and events for all golfers, and maintain a fully stocked pro shop. The Golf Course is scheduled to open on April 1 depending on the weather.

Although we have not had a bad winter, we look forward to the warmer weather and our upcoming spring activities. The Parks and Recreation Department on April 22 is sponsoring our Annual Clean-Up Day along with Earth Day on the Green. A number of different groups will be participating in the events, which will also include Child Abuse Prevention Awareness activities as well. April 22 also marks Little League Opening Day. In addition, May 13-21 is D.A.Y week being sponsored by D.A.Y (Developmental Assets for Youth). This week will be marked by a display of purple flags on the Green and will include a number of activities to reduce youth substance abuse.

Joseph Mazza, First Selectman

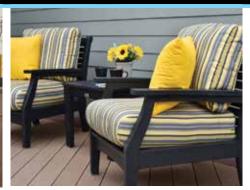
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Elderly tax relief applications will be taken in the Assessor's Office, between February 1st and May 15th during the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. If you are unable to come in, an agent of your choice may file on your behalf. Please bring all proofs of income for both spouses (for the year 2016), including (but not limited to) your Federal Income Tax Return (if you file or will file), your Social Security (SSA-1099 Form) annual statements, statements of pension, interest or dividends, etc. All information must be in English and U.S. dollars. Please visit the Town's website for more information: www.ci.guilford.ct.us/assessor.htm.

HOMEOWNERS PROGRAM, A.K.A. CIRCUIT BREAKER (STATE PROGRAM)

Under this program, the State of Connecticut pays a portion of your tax bill ranging from \$150 to \$1,250. There is no requirement to re-pay the state.

The basic requirements are as follows:

- 1. The homeowner must be at least 65 years of age as of last December 31st or was receiving 100% disability benefits from Social Security as of that date;
- 2. The homeowner must have lived in Connecticut for at least one year;
- 3. The homeowner must not be receiving tax relief from any other town or state:





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- 4. The homeowner must occupy the property as their principal residence; and
- 5. The homeowner must have income (including Social Security) of not more than \$35,200 for a single individual or \$42,900 for a married couple.

TAX DEFERRAL, A.K.A. GSTRP (TOWN PROGRAM)

This program allows you to "defer" up to 75% of your taxes (depending upon income) until either the property is transferred or at the time of your death (at which time the taxes must be re-paid with interest). The deferred taxes constitute a lien on your property. **The basic requirements are**

as follows:

- 1. The homeowner must be at least 65 years of age as of last December 31st or was receiving 100% disability benefits from social security as of that date;
- 2. The homeowner must have lived in Connecticut for at least one year;
- 3. The homeowner must not be receiving tax relief from any other town or state;
- 4. The homeowner must occupy the property as their principal residence; and
- 5. The homeowner must have income (including Social Security) of not more than \$37,200 for a single individual or \$44,900 for a married couple.

ELDERLY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM, A.K.A. ETRP (TOWN PROGRAM)

Under this program, the Town attempts to "freeze" your taxes subject to budgetary restrictions and the requirements of the enabling ordinance. **The basic requirements are as follows:**

- 1. The homeowner must be at least 65 years of age as of last December 31st or was receiving 100% disability benefits from Social Security as of that date;
- 2. The homeowner must have lived in Guilford for at least one year;
- 3. The homeowner must occupy the property as their principal residence:
- 4. The homeowner, if eligible, must be on the State Program known as Circuit Breaker (see above);
- 5. The homeowner must not owe any taxes (including motor vehicles);
- 6. The homeowner must not be receiving tax relief from any other town or state;
- 7. The homeowner cannot be on both the town's tax deferral and this program; and
- 8. The homeowner's income is based upon residency (as follows):

| Years of Residency | Single | Married |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| 1 to 4 years | \$29,600 | \$36,000 |
| 5 to 8 Years | \$44,500 | \$54,000 |
| 9 to 20 Years | \$62,500 | \$75,000 |
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Shoreline Chamber of Commerce

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Following are those events that occur in the second quarter, April - June:

 April 8 – The Chamber's Chili Challenge at the Branford Green Merchant Area,
 12 – 3:00 pm. \$10 allows you to taste a dozen different chili recipes plus vote for

your favorite. This extremely popular event draws people from all over Connecticut, as well as neighboring states!

June 17 – Join us on Saturday at the Branford Festival.
 Hundreds of artisans, crafts and information vendors will fill the Branford green. Enjoy the delicious food also!

CHAMBER IMPACT

Did you know that the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce accomplished all of the following just in 2016?

- Guilford Dollar\$ and Branford Bucks infused \$8,000 into local communities
- 72,000 viewers came to the Shoreline Chamber website
- 22,000 membership directories and 10,000 tourism maps were printed and distributed
- 7,200 direct mailers were sent out

- 1,200 people attended networking events or business development events
- Eight major events attracted over 10,000 attendees
- 332 people attended legislative forums and 320 attended nonprofit workshops

It's all about supporting and growing the business community – be loyal to local!

The Chamber is planning an exciting trip to beautiful

Ireland. This 9 day all-inclusive trip is \$2,800 pp. Sign up by April 30th and save \$300.00!

Inclusions: Round trip airfare and airport transportation; airline fuel surcharges, taxes and fees; 7 nights in a first class hotel; 10 meals (7 breakfast, 3 dinners); sightseeing, admissions per itinerary; professional tour manager; baggage handling; hotel transfers.

Highlights: 7 nights at a 4 star hotel; Muckrose House; Cliffs of Moher; St. Patrick's Cathedral; Wicklow National Park; Adare Village; Blarney Castle; Trinity College; Book of Kells; Old James Whiskey Distillery.

Please contact Kathy@shorelinechamberct.com or call 203-488-5500 for further information.





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Economic Development Department

We seem to say it too often, but time continues to pass quickly. Here we are in the second quarter and most of us are really looking forward to the spring and early summer seasons. While all seasons are great in Guilford, this is certainly the time when our community begins to shine. We are pleased to report that Guilford's Grand List has experienced growth for the third straight year, certainly aided by the economic development activity that has been occurring throughout town recently.

We have two new restaurants to announce. Thai Sweet Treats has opened at 1060 Boston Post Road (next to Bufalina). They offer eat-in, take-out and catering services, and feature a wide range of Thai desserts and many steamed food choices. By the time this issue is distributed, we expect Kamana Fine Indian Cuisine to have opened at 1004 Boston Post Road (former Anna's Temptation location). The interior space has been totally updated with seating for about 50 people and a small seating area at the bar. It is fully handicap accessible with an entrance ramp and renovated bathrooms. They expect to be open 7 days per week, for lunch, dinner and take out.

The west end of town is also seeing a flurry of activity. Bull Dog Tutoring opened in January 2017 at 2257 Boston Post Road. Bull Dog Tutoring is a full service company, assisting students across the elementary, middle, and high school levels, as well as older individuals who may be looking to return to the workforce. All tutoring is done by Yale educated people. They focus on specific subjects or prepare individuals for testing such as the SAT, ACT and Graduate level exams (i.e., business, medical, law). They primarily offer 1 on 1 tutoring but some group classes are offered as well.

Chabad-Lubavitch of the Shoreline, Inc is opening at 2710 Boston Post Road. This will be a living place for the family, will offer teaching to young students and will be a Place of Worship. The former Old Broadway Mason Supply, located in front of this facility along Route 1, is expected to be converted to the New Hav-

en-Middlesex Association of Realtors. They are going through the approval process with plans to renovate the building which will include a small addition for a conference/training center. At one time, the Shoreline Board of Realtors operated on the west end until its merger with the N-H Association. In effect, the organization is returning to Guilford from North Haven. Zoning has been approved to allow a 10 unit apartment complex on the corner location, abutting Moose Hill Road. Assuming the project moves forward, the existing house will be replaced with a new building, maintaining the general feel of the area.

A coalition of groups, including Guilford's Economic Development Commission, the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, and the Guilford Preservation Alliance (GPA), is working with the Connecticut Office of Tourism to enhance Guilford's visibility on the state's tourism website, www.CtVisit. com. Over 4 million people visited this site during the past year. Many are Connecticut residents, looking to travel locally to enjoy their nearby surroundings. And, as you would expect, many are from the bordering states of NY, NJ, Mass and RI. Historic Guilford has much to offer and we are focusing on our downtown Green, museums, trails, parks, arts programs, restaurants, merchants and many of our events as a destination to attract tourists. The GPA developed and funded the Visitors Center located on the corner of the Community Center property. They too, have an active tourism website, www.visitguilfordct.com, which features many of the same attractions. So, together we are promoting Guilford as a destination, fueling our local economy and contributing to the health of our community.

We feel Guilford has it all - history, beauty and charm! Shop, dine, and explore Guilford, especially as the weather encourages all of us to get outdoors. Should you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me.

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The SARAH Gala will Celebrate 60 Years in the Community



The SARAH Foundation is pleased to announce that the 2017 SARAH Gala will be held on Thursday, May 4th at The Woodwinds in Branford, CT. This year the SARAH Gala will be a celebration of SARAH's 60th Anniversary with a theme of Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow 1957-2017! Our Co-Chairs this year are wonderful SARAH supporters, Kristen Eveland, Erin McCallum and Wendi Little.

In honor of our 60th Anniversary, the Yale Whiffenpoofs will be performing at the 2017 SARAH Gala! For ticket, sponsorship and all event information go to our website www.sarahfoundation.org or call Yetta at 203-453-6531.

The Guilford Foundation



LIVE HERE GIVE HERE

Founded in 1975 by a group of friends intent on protecting the trees around the town green, the Guilford Foundation (TGF) has grown to over \$2 million in endowment funds as of December 31, 2016, and we hope to invest nearly

\$100,000 into Guilford in 2017 through grants, scholarships and leadership initiatives. Support for our work to enrich the quality of life in Guilford has grown stronger each year, and we continue to invest an increasing amount of funds to local organizations serving our community. We have fully embraced our leadership role in the community, most recently through our efforts to address a lack of housing availability in town.

Looking for grant funding? TGF offers a quarterly, competitive grant cycle. Grant applications are available on our website (www.guilfordfoundation.org). The next deadline is June 1.

TGF also partners with Guilford High School's Interact Club to support the Youth Advisory Group. This group also accepts grant applications (also available on our website). Their next annual deadline is April 1.

Looking to get involved? TGF has an annual dinner and celebration each year to review the previous year's accomplishments and present current strategies and efforts. The 2017 event will take place on June 1st at the Guilford Yacht Club - save the date!

In addition, TGF is pleased to report that the St. George Church Men's Club is hosting its 2nd Kentucky Derby party and dinner with the proceeds going to support TGF. The event includes a Derby Hat Prize, live band, and a viewing of the race and will take place on May 6th at St. George Church.

For more information, including ways to give, visit our website at www.guilfordfoundation.org. Thanks to the support of this amazing community, TGF is positioned better than ever to meet our mission to "connect people who care with causes that matter to them" and improve the quality of life in Guilford: now, and for generations to come.

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Children's Programs

REGISTRATION for programs began on Tuesday, March 14, at 9 am in person, by phone at 203-453-8282, or online at www.guilfordfreelibrary.org.

SPECIALS

Lana Ferguson Literary Festival featuring author Gordon

Korman: To honor the memory of a treasured former children's librarian, the Guilford Free Library and the family of Lana Ferguson present the second annual Lana Ferguson Literary Festival. We will be hosting two sessions of an author talk with Gordon Korman, best-selling author of the Masterminds series, The Hypnotist series, the Swindle series, as well as several 39 Clues books and many other great titles. Payback, the brand-new book in the Masterminds series, will be available for sale at a special discounted rate only at this event (\$9 as opposed to \$17 retail), or children can bring their own book for signing. There will be light lunchtime refreshments and time for interested children to chat with the author in between the two talks, and fans can get their book signed after each talk. Registration is required and children may only attend one of the two sessions due to space limitations. No registration required to attend the Meet & Greet & Eat with the author. (Adults may be asked to watch the presentation feed from the lobby if the room cannot fit all attendees. All fans welcome, but most appropriate for children in grades 3-7.)

Saturday, April 29th from 10:30-11:30 am OR from 1:30-2:30 pm. Meet & Greet & Eat from 12:00-1:00 pm. Suggested for ages 8 & up.

Harold and the Purple Crayon Story & Craft (Part of the Lana Ferguson Literary Festival). Listen to this children's classic story about releasing your imagination and do a related craft. The first 50 children who sign up and attend will receive a free copy of the book (one/family unless there are extras). Must be present to claim free book.

Tuesday, April 25th from 11:00-11:45 am. Ages 3 to 5.

Friday Fiddle Frenzy (Part of the Lana Ferguson Literary Festival). Volunteer Girl Scout Rosalie Coleman is 14 years old and has been playing music since she was 4. She'll be sharing her love of fiddle music through a fiddle-focused story and a short performance, plus guiding children through the creation of their own musical instruments.

Friday, April 28th from 4:00-5:00 pm. Ages 4-8.

Thumbprint Family Tree. Children and their families are welcome to come and create their own unique family tree using

ink and their finger and thumb prints. (Ink is washable, but wear clothing you don't mind getting messy, just in case.) Presented in collaboration with non-profit organization, The MILLA Project. Registration required.

Monday, May 15th from 4:00-5:00 pm. Ages 5 & up

Teddy Bear Sleepover. Bring your favorite bear to the library for special stories, songs, and crafts, and leave them overnight to sleep over. Come back in the morning to see what your bear got up to after lights-out, and have doughnuts and lemonade with your bear. Registration required.

Friday, May 19th from 4:00-4:45 pm.

Then Saturday, May 20th from 9:00-11:00 am. Ages 4 & up.

Mr. Bungles Comedy Show. Laugh your head off with Mr. Bungles, the clown without makeup, who will juggle, joke, and perform feats of magic for the whole family. Each child will walk away with a balloon party hat. Registration required. Tuesday, May 9th from 4:00-5:00 pm. All ages.

Tie-Dye T-Shirts. Get creative, get messy, and have a grand old time tie-dying t-shirts into fun designs. We'll have one white shirt for each participant, but feel free to bring an old shirt from home that you'd like to spruce up with a little psychedelic color. Presented in collaboration with non-profit The MILLA Project. Registration required.

Monday, June 5th from 4:00-5:00 pm. 4th & 5th graders.

Butterfly Gardening. Plant milkweed seeds, take care of the garden, watch monarch caterpillars turn into butterflies, and release them. You can't control nature, so make sure you're signed up for children's updates on our email list to be notified when the time is right for these activities. All ages welcome (with parent if under age 8).

SERIES

Open to All - Please Register

Weekend Wildlife. One Saturday each month, come to the library to learn about local and world wildlife and meet animals & plants. Check back with the library for dates and themes. Registration required for each individual event.

April 15th - Adaptations & Habitats: Explore how animals adapt to different habitats in Connecticut.

May 27th - Bats are Good Guys: Learn about bats and how they're really not as scary as some people think.

June 10th - Totally Turtles: Learn about each of the native turtle species found in our area.

Weekend Wildlife: One Saturday each month, come to the library to learn about local and world wildlife and meet animals & plants. Check back with the library for dates and themes. Registration required for each individual event.

Saturdays, 4/15, 5/27, & 6/10 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Ages 4 & up.

In-Be-Tween. An after-school program for grades 5 & 6. Sometimes art, sometimes science, sometimes technology, but always a lot of fun. Please register for each program individually. Join us on two Thursdays a month.

April 6 & 27, May 11 & 25, June 8 from 3:30-4:30 pm. 5th & 6th graders.

Sneak Peek Book Club. Do you love to read? Do you want to read books before anyone else? Then you belong in our club. We'll read from books that haven't been published yet, enjoy some snacks, and chat.

Wednesdays, April 5th - June 7th from 3:30-4:30 pm. Ages 9 & up.

Tots & Tunes. Come and enjoy a musical program with your toddlers and preschoolers. Dance to great children's music, play musical instruments, and swing scarves.

Tuesdays, April 4 through May 23, 10:00-10:30 am OR Wednesdays, April 5 through May 24, 10:00-10:30 am Ages 0 to 5.

Baby Time. You will hear and discuss developmental issues while your babies play together, followed by a story.

Refreshments at each session for parents and a free gift for your baby. (With Guilford Youth & Family Services.)
Mondays, March 20th - April 24th (Skip April 10) from 9:30-10:00 am.
Ages 0 to 11 months.

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One On One. A playful time with songs, stories and poems led by library staff for toddler & parent/caregiver.

Thursdays, April 6th through May 18th (Skip May 4) from 9:30-10:00 am.

Ages 12 to 23 months.

Time For Twos. A parent-child introduction to a traditional story time with books, songs, marching, and more, led by library staff for toddlers & parent/caregiver.

Fridays, April 7th through May 19th (Skip May 5) from 9:30-10:00 am.

Ages 24 to 36 months.

DROP - IN PROGRAMS

Open To All - Registration Not Required

Free Comic Book Day. Come to the library any time to pick up a free comic book, bookmark, and coloring page. Children's comics available in the children's area, adult and teen comics available in continued on page 14



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the reference area. Discover the joy, art, and storytelling of this American tradition. No registration necessary. Saturday, May 6th, Drop-in anytime between 9:00 am-5:00 pm. All ages.

LEGO * **Building Club.** Join us one Friday each month from 4 to 5 pm. We will build theme-based projects and put them on display in the children's room.

April 7, May 12, and June 9 from 4:00-5:00 pm. Kindergarten & up.

Books-In-A-Nook. Listen to stories read in a quiet corner of the Children's Room. Community volunteers or library staff will read to you from new books and the library's special story collection.

Wednesdays, April 12 through June 7 from 11:00-11:30 am. All ages.

Thursday Morning Stories. Children and their parents are welcome to join us for special stories, songs, puppets, and finger plays with the children's staff.

Thursdays, April 13 through June 15 from 11:00-11:30 am. Ages 3 & up.

Pop-In-Playtime. Parents come, meet your friends, let your children play! In the preschool area of the children's room. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, April 4 through June 28 from 10:30-11:30 am.

All ages.

April 27

Registration for Summer Programs begins Tuesday, June 6th at 9:00 am.

Adult Programs

BOOK AND AUTHOR PROGRAMS

March 27, April 3, 10 & 17

The Iliad of Homer: a 4-part discussion with Carol Rizzolo sponsored by SSILL. 10 am.

April 6 Connecticut Poet Laureate Rennie McQuilkin,

7 pm (co-sponsored by the Guilford Poet's Guild). Mark Schenker book discussion series "Future

Classics" on Kate Atkinson's Life in Ruins.

May 3 Sabeeha Rehman, author of Threading My Prayer Rug: One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim, 7 pm.

May 4 Jim Powers, author of Seeing the Past; Stories on the Trail of a Yankee Millwright, 7 pm.

May 18 Harriet Chessman, author of The Lost Sketchbook of Edgar Degas, 7 pm (co-sponsored by Breakwater Books).

May 24 Barry Schaller, author of The Ramadi Affair, 7 pm. June 1 Betsy Lerner, author of The Bridge Ladies, 7 pm.

FILMS

Monday Night Movies: A film every Monday evening at 7 pm during April and June - check our website www.guilford-freelibrary.org for current listings.

Music in the Movies: A 3-part series co-sponsored with Shoreline Village CT. Paul Hawkshaw, Professor at the Yale School of Music, will introduce each film with a focus on the role music plays. The presentation will begin at 6:30 pm.

May 8 Alfred Hitchcock's The Man Who Knew Too Much (music by Bernhard Hermann)

May 15 The Graduate (music by Paul Simon)

May 22 The Sting (music by Scott Joplin)

June 8 "Crow Stories" - a film screening and discussion with director Sean Kernan on this documentary about the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

April 19 "Three Ways to Kill Humanity: The Science of Human Extinction" part 3 of the "Science in the News" series hosted by the Yale Science Diplomats at 7 pm.

May 17 "Eat, Play, Fun: the Science of a Perfect Weekend" part 4 of the "Science in the News" series hosted by the Yale Science Diplomats at 7 pm.

"Book a Librarian:" Free technology & research assistance is available by appointment every Tuesday and Thursday morning. Address the topic of your choosing in a one-on-one session with a professional librarian. Small group computer classes and drop-in sessions are scheduled throughout the year. Check www.guilford-freelibrary.org for the most current listings.

Guilford Youth & Family Services

The Guilford Youth & Family Services, Family Theatre Production of PETER PAN junior will be performed at The Guilford High School Performing Arts Center. Fly away with the cast and crew to Neverland, where the Lost Boys will be goofing around while Captain Hook and his band of villainous pirates make plans to destroy Peter Pan. The show is appropriate for all ages and runs approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes (which includes a 15 minute intermission). There are three performances to choose from and it is the perfect way to kick-off Summer Vacation! Join us for a spectacular show: Saturday, June 24 at 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm or Sunday, June 25 at 12 noon. Tickets are \$12 in advance or at the box office and all seating is General Admission. To reserve your tickets or for more information visit GY&FS: 36 Graves Ave, Guilford or call 203-453-8047.

Parks and Recreation

Spring and Summer Registration is now being accepted. Please visit guilford-parkrec.com for a full program listing. (Note: Early registration for camp ends April 7th). A glimpse of programs: Cursive is Cool Again, Art Camp, Let's Pretend Under the Sea, Spanish and French Language Arts, Legos, Hip Hop, Fitness Programs, Boating and MORE!!

Annual Eggstravaganza will be held on Saturday, April 1 at 10:00 am on the Guilford Green (Raindate: April 8)



Parks and Recreation Eggstravaganza

EarthFest will be held on Saturday, April 22nd 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on the Guilford

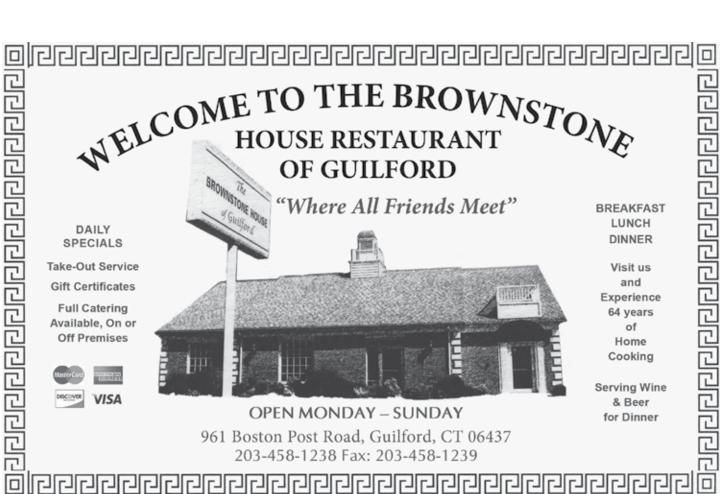
Green. We are excited to educate the Guilford public on the subject of sustainable practices. The Department will have information stations for recycling, planting, repurposing, and keeping waterways clean. The program features games, door prizes, live entertainment, and more.



There will also be a challenge for all to help Clean Up Guilford and fill up dump trucks (provided by the Public Works Department)! We encourage individuals, neighborhoods and organizations to get together and clean up a street or park. A Guilford map will be displayed indicating areas that have been cleaned. Please share on the Town of Guilford facebook events page for

Earthfest, where they plan to clean up.

New to the Green event this year is Cow Chip BINGO! In order to purchase a ticket and win a prize, all participants must be 18 years of age or older. Tickets are \$10 per square and available for purchase at the Community Center or North Guilford Nursery School. Tickets will be available for purchase through 10:30 am on April 22nd or until they are sold out. A total of 1500 tickets/squares will be available for purchase. Setting Up & Determining A Winner: The grid area will be clearly marked and all squares will be of equal shape and size. The area will be enclosed and protected with a fence or barrier. At 1:00 pm on April 22nd the cow will be escorted on the grid by an appointed handler and let free to roam. The cow has one hour to place a pie on one of the squares. The game is over when the cow drops the patty or the time expires. If the cow hasn't placed a patty after one hour, a raffle will be held continued on page 16



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in order to determine the results. What If The Winner Is Not Clear? If a patty is dropped on two or more squares, the square which contains the biggest volume of cow patty will be the winning number. If a patty lands on a square which was not claimed by anybody, the winning square will be the one closest to the cow pie. The cow will be taken care of at all times and fed on the day of the event so it can deposit a pie. The winner will receive \$1000.00. 'Let the Chips Fall Where They May!' "T-Bone" Earth Day performance will take place at 11:00 am on the stage.

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

We are looking for individuals and organizations to offer educational stations regarding sustainable practices. If that is you, please contact Corey Patrick, Program Coordinator at patrickc@ci.guilford.ct.us or call (203)453-8068. If you would like to be a vendor at this event (i.e., farm, vegetables, upcycled crafts, maple syrup, animal fiber, meat or eggs, etc) the cost is \$25 for an 8 foot table space. Please register by calling (203)453-8068 or by emailing Bonnie Moore at mooreb@ci.guilford.ct.us. When registering, you will need to provide product information. We are looking forward to a wonderfully successful event and hope you will be a part of it!

Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, May 13th 8:00 am at Mill Pond. Register using program # 21102.

Guilford Performing Arts Festival Announced

The first Guilford Performing Arts Festival, a celebration of music, theatre and dance, will take place October 12-14, 2017 at various locations around Guilford Green, in schools and throughout Town. Designed to engage residents and visitors of all ages, the Festival will offer performances and workshops that are spirited, fun and inspiring. Artists will include local talent, as well performers from other areas. Spearheading the Guilford Performing Arts Festival is Music Director of the New Haven Symphony, William Boughton, a Guilford resident. In addition to Mr. Boughton, members of various committees involved in the festival include Donita Aruny, Mary Beeman, Kevin Buno, Anita Catardi, Carly Callahan, Christine Cohen, Roberta Flannery, Joe Flood, Lydia Forgetta-Sheffield, Paul Freeman, Mark Gahm, Chad Hardin, Rick Maynard, Brian McGlone, Rick Missenti, Ann Page, Stephen Page and Phil Rosenthal - all volunteers. Many opportunities exist for corporate and small business sponsorships, performing artists to share their talents, hosts for private in-home concerts and performances, as well as for volunteers to serve on a variety of subcommittees. All interested should contact Anita Catardi, Amcgfd01@comcast.net or 203-453-5919.

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Women & Family Life Center



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OPENING DOORS TO HOPE FOR 25 YEARS

For over 25 years, the Center has been the first open door to hope for women facing domestic violence or divorce, or families experiencing financial hardships. "Every day someone calls or knocks on our door seeking answers to financial, legal, and emotional hurdles that have no easy solutions," says Peggy Britt, Executive Director at Women & Family Life Center.

In March, the Center launched a \$500,000 Capital Campaign to refurbish its two buildings and expand programs to serve more people in need. The Center has already reached 80% of its campaign goal. "It's been 15 years since we last invested in preserving or upgrading our special facility," Britt explains. "Every inch of space will earn its keep, have multiple functions and include moveable, multi-use furniture."

"The Guilford Foundation is pleased to help the Center kick off the public phase of the campaign with a match of all gifts of \$1,000 and under, for a total match amount of \$25,000. Our Board feels it is important to encourage as many people as possible to support this campaign," said Liza Petra, Executive Director of the Guilford Foundation.

The facility will undergo extensive renovations over the summer to preserve and upgrade the buildings by replacing old leaking doors and windows, address water damage, improve parking and replace worn out furniture to create a warm and welcoming space for clients. Plans also include adding staff and investing in dedicated external and internal referral databases.

The number of people requesting help from the Center for complex financial, legal and emotional issues has doubled over the last three years. Today, 25% - 30% of families in Branford, Guilford and Madison do not earn enough to make ends meet. Yet many do not qualify for social services. Last year, the Center helped 400 people move from crisis to strength with unique referral services, wellness programs, support groups and educational services.

"We found a real need in the community we wanted to fill. Women needed pathways through the legal and financial systems."

Shirley Girioni Founding Board Member

"I think you just saved my life. I called five agencies and each one said they couldn't help. You didn't say that. I am so grateful for your help."

Guided Referral Client

"The changes we make today will change someone's life forever." Britt adds. "Women have found pathways out of abusive relationships, rebuilt their lives after divorce, mothers have staved off isolation after having a baby, girls have found their inner strength, and families have found a place to navigate tough times with dignity." Open a Door for Shoreline families by

making a donation today. For more information call Women & Family Life Center at 203-458-6699 or visit www.WomenAndFamilyLife.org.



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Guilford Keeping Society's Upcoming Events

April 22 Italian Wine Tasting at The Medad Stone Tavern 4 pm-7 pm; \$25 advanced

purchase, \$30 at the door.

Stony Creek Quarry Tour 10 am; Tickets \$15, Call 203-453-2263 for information.

Museum Season Opening at June 3

the Thomas Griswold House and the Medad Stone Tavern Museums; 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.

June 10 **Connecticut Open House Day**

at Thomas Griswold House and Medad Stone Tavern Museums; 11 am-4 pm; Free Admission.

"New to You" Tag Sale in the

field at the Thomas Griswold House. Come and shop or rent a table to sell your treasures! Call for a table rental at 203-453-2263 (\$15 members, \$20 non-members).

GKS 70th Anniversary Gala at the Thomas Griswold House Field; 4 pm-7 pm.

Guilford Keeping Society Italian Wine Tasting

June 10

April 22, 2017

May 13

The Guilford Keeping Society will hold an Italian Wine Tasting on Saturday, April 22, 2017, 4-7 pm, at the Medad Stone Tavern Museum, 197 Three Mile Course, Guilford, CT. Tickets for Adults, 21 and older, are available at Frank's Package Store, 15 Boston Street or at the door. This is the third of a series of wine tastings that feature the wine growing countries and regions. David Boeding, of Frank's Package Store, is working with area wine distributors to provide a varied selection of Italian wines. It will be a perfect day to celebrate by sampling some fine Italian wines and Italian hors d'oeuvres at the historic 1803 Medad Stone Tavern. Tickets are \$25 for advanced purchase or \$30 at the door.



June 17

Guilford Keeping Society Wine Tasting

Guilford Keeping Society's 70th Anniversary Gala

Saturday, June 17, 4-7 pm



Thomas Griswold House, built in 1764, was the first Guilford Keeping Society museum.

Seventy years ago a group of interested and concerned Guilford residents formed an organization to foster an appreciation and awareness of the rich and varied legacy of early New England architecture in the community. One month later the group was renamed the Guilford Keeping Society (GKS). In 1958, it was decided to purchase the Thomas Griswold House for a museum and in 2001, it inherited the Medad Stone Tavern, Three Mile Course from Len Hubbard.

Throughout 2017 the Guilford Keeping Society will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary. On Saturday, June 17 we will hold an Anniversary Gala Fundraiser at the Thomas Griswold House Museum field. It will feature a champagne and sparkling wine tasting with hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, and raffle to celebrate the organization's accomplishments and to raise funds. Monies raised will allow us to fulfill GKS's mission to preserve and share the history and heritage of Guilford for the present and future generations. Tickets for individuals over the age of 21 are \$50 each.

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Guilford Preservation Alliance - GPA

"Historic Guilford Museums" brochures are available! Funded in full by the Guilford Preservation Alliance, this attractive color brochure provides useful information for Guilford citizens and visitors about the five historic museums located in our town. Pick one up at the Information Kiosk, Town Hall, library or any museum.



Marcia Safirstein, volunteer manager and Veronica Soell, at Kiosk Information Plaza. Guilford Preservation Alliance Kiosk Photo by Patricia Kral.

Kiosk Information Plaza opens Memorial Day weekend. Volunteers Needed! The GPA is excited and looking forward to the 2017 season. Last year, we had hundreds of visitors to the Kiosk - including 17 tourists from abroad. The Kiosk Information Plaza is located next to the Community Center and will open this Memorial Day weekend and close Columbus

Day weekend. Volunteers are needed at the Kiosk Thursday-Monday; 10-1 or 1-4 shifts are available. The Kiosk also provides free Saturday Guided Walks around the green led by volunteers. There will be a May orientation and training to help make volunteering simple and enjoyable. If you are interested in volunteering please email Marcia Safirstein (safirstein1428@bmail. com) or Tracy Tomaselli (tomasellitracy@sbcglobal.net). For more information visit www.visitguilfordct.com.

Did you know one of the earliest (c.1989) GPA programs was Early Guilford Days which has expanded to become part of the elementary school curriculum? Facilitated by the Dorothy Whitfield Society (DWS) and the Guilford Keeping Society, this program provides colonial life experiences for 4th grade students. The DWS and GKS host hands-on, experiential learning programs at their museums for participants. This year the GPA was able to provide \$500 to each organization in support of this educational program.

Early Guilford Days Family Festival weekend, an expansion of the Early Guilford Days program, includes children of all ages and is held each summer. Colonial activities, games, hearth cooking, spinning, herb gardening and more are highlighted. Watch for this fun family event.



In front of the historic gothic bowling alley Shirley Girioni, GPA chairperson, presents award to Dr. Richard Lewis. Photo By Patricia Kral.

Did you know there is a bowling alley in Guilford? The Guilford Preservation Alliance awarded Dr. Richard Lewis of 29 Broad Street a \$5,000 grant toward historic preservation of the bowling alley located in the far rear of his property. The Gothic bowling alley was added by the original owner of the property, Simeon Chittenden, to his home named Cranbrook after the town in Kent, England, from which his ancestors hailed. Come visit and experience first-hand the historic character of Guilford. Open for one weekend this coming fall...watch for details. To learn more about this and other historic Guilford homes visit www.guilfordpreservation.org.

Spring Comes to The Dudley Farm in North Guilford

With the coming of spring comes many opportunities to visit The Dudley Farm in North Guilford. Our Winter Farmers' Market continues on the first Saturday of April and May from 9 am to 12:30 pm, while the 22nd year of our weekly summer market begins Saturday morning June 3rd. As usual, our market features homegrown and homemade products that you are sure to enjoy. And there just may be some baby lambs for you to see in our pasture!

April gives you the opportunity to have a table at The Dudley Farm Community Tag Sale. Join The Dudley Farm as we continue to find treasures to sell, as do many of our neighbors. Interested? Call 203-457-0770 to leave a message and rent a table.

April showers of course bring May flowers – and so it is at The Dudley Farm. A walk with naturalist, botanist and author Lauren

Brown is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th. Check out ramps and spring flowers which will be in bloom as you take this fairly easy walk through the woods bordering our farm.

The Third Annual Brunch returns Sunday May 21st from 11 am to 2 pm. As before, there will be a silent auction and tours of the barn, which we are continuing to restore. Catering will be by The Marketplace. Further details are still being worked out at this time, but it is always a sell-out event. Tickets are \$45 each and available by calling or visiting the Farm.

Our Museum opens in May. For additional information please see our webpage www.dudleyfarm.com and our Facebook page www.facebook.com/dudleyfarmmuseum. And we hope to see you "down on the farm!" The Dudley Farm Museum is located at 2351 Durham Road, in beautiful North Guilford.

62nd Annual Community Nursery School Little Folks Fair



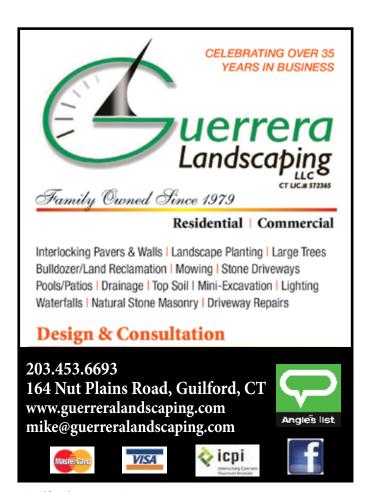


Since 1956 Community Nursery School has hosted the iconic Little Folks Fair on the historic Guilford Green and this year is gearing up to be the best yet! This year marks the 62nd fair. It will be held on Saturday, June 3rd from 11 am-4 pm. The fair transforms the Green into a playground for children and families, creating memories that will last a lifetime. The little ones will be thrilled with the bounce rides, petting zoo with donkey rides, our famous little train, a circus arena and much more. Parents will love the amazing selection of silent auction items and tag sale goods to choose from. This year come check out entertainment by Music Together's own Sunny Train and other local performers, as well as your favorite food trucks. The fair is held rain or shine and is run by parent volunteers. Community Nursery School is proud to be in its 61st year of operation. The fair was a primary

fundraiser that allowed for the school to open its doors in 1956. There is a tremendous heritage and a vintage feel to the fair that the volunteers work hard to preserve. The fair has become an event that grandparents who attended when they were young now bring their grandchildren to. But even those without children enjoy the community feel and ample

opportunity for shopping at the tag sale and silent auction. Typically, close to 100 shoreline business generously donate items and services to the silent auction, making it a destination on its own. And everyone looks forward to a visit with the "Pocket Ladies," the CNS teachers who are now a mainstay of the fair and the Guilford community.

Community Nursery School is a non-profit and relies on the Little Folks Fair as its main fundraiser. The event allows CNS to offer scholarships to local students, and unique enrichment activities for the students each year. For additional information please see our webpage www.guilfordcns.org and our Facebook page www.facebook.com/guilfordcns. CNS Director is Pam Lincoln and our CNS phone is 203-453-5500.







Guilford Art Center celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2017, an exciting milestone in its history of serving the community. Since its founding in 1967, Guilford Art Center has fostered the benefits of self-expression, cognitive and emotional wellness, ideas-sharing and common understanding that serves to gather and strengthen community. GAC is the primary resource for arts education and appreciation on the Connecticut shoreline, through classes in the visual arts, gallery exhibitions, a shop with unique works by American artisans and events that creatively engage and inspire.

OUR HISTORY

Founded in 1967 (as the Guilford Handcraft Center), the Center evolved from the first Handcraft Expo, held on the Guilford

Guilford Art Center

Green in 1957, in which local artisans displayed and demonstrated their crafts. Ten years later, the Center was incorporated and, since that time, has become a vital part of the town and shoreline community and culture. It serves as the most comprehensive art organization, and includes the largest public exhibition space between New Haven and Old Lyme.



Guilford Art Center. Photo by Sheri Kellaher.

OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN

We developed a visual campaign for this milestone anniversary that celebrates our iconic "A" with a twist: color and multiplicity. This lively set of color theory-based

icons references many elements of our 50-year accomplishment: the five decades that GAC has been in operation, the variety of mediums and classes offered, and the cultural and historically diversity of the arts.

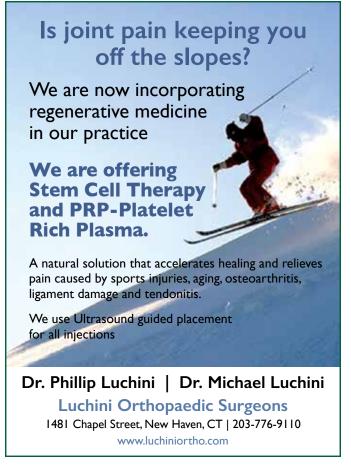
April 13-15

Designers Circus Spring Pop-Up Shopping Event: 10am-6pm, Designers Circus is setting up in the gallery and filling it with a great selection of unique and creative clothing and accessories for the spring. Designers Circus is a Boston-based, under-the-radar creative fashion and accessories event, with items by more than 70 designers and wholesale prices 50-90% below retail. The Shop at Guilford Art Center will also be open. A portion of proceeds from sales at the Designers Circus event will benefit GAC's educational programs. Admission is free.

April 21 - May 7

Gallery One Group Gallery Exhibition: An exhibit of recent works by this professional





cooperative group of regional artists.

May 12 - June 5

Guilford Public School Gallery Exhibition: Students in grades K-12 in Guilford Public Schools are invited to exhibit an art work in this exhibition, which celebrates the creativity and talent of our town's youngest artists.

May 12 - June 4

Photos by Sheri Kellaher: Unified Sports & Unified Art Guilford's Sheri Kellaher is well known for her dynamic photos of sporting events in town. This exhibition focuses on images of kids connecting through Guilford 's Unified Sports



Guilford Art Center children's photo by Sheri Kellaher.

program and Guilford Art Center's new Unified Art program.

June 2

3rd Annual "Black, White & Awesome!" Gala Pine Orchard Country Club: This annual event is GAC's major fundraiser and is one of the shoreline's most antici-

pated parties! Tickets go on sale in April. **June 19**

Summer Semester for Adult and Youth Programs Begins - registration is currently open online at www.guilfordartcenter.org. Children's summer youth camp programs run from July 19 - August 18. Open to youth 3½ years and older. Sign up for half-day or full-day weekly programs; "bridge care" available for full-day campers. Financial aid is available. Check out GAC's website for a full listing of classes and descriptions. Register online at www.guilfordartcenter.org or call the GAC office at 203-453-5947.

Meet This Year's Shoreline's Top Talent

SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE ARTS AWARDEES

In 1982 Shoreline Arts Alliance established its scholarship awards to encourage and recognize high school juniors and seniors from the Shoreline region who are outstanding in their art discipline. This program, the only one of its kind in Connecticut, recognizes the six art disciplines of Creative Writing, Dance, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, Theatre and Visual Arts. We are continually amazed at the passion and commitment of those who apply and

commend all of this year's applicants for their diligence in submitting the application and preparing for performance auditions or portfolio reviews.

Professionals in each of the six categories judge and select the winners and special recognition awardees. The winners receive a \$1,000 cash award and both the winners and special recognition continued on page 24





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students are paired with a mentor in the respective art disciplines who meets with the students and provides insight and guidance regarding the business of the arts.



L to R Seated: Shailagh Maher, Terra Burgoyne, Ellie Wiesel, Brielle Cayer. L to R Standing: Bill Freeman, President SAA Board of Directors, Andrea Boskovic, Emma Randolph, Clementine Wurzbach, William Bennett, Erika Klaskin, Alex Carbo, Eric Dillner, CEO/Executive Director SAA. Shoreline Arts Alliance Photo by Donita Aruny

SHORELINE ARTS ALLIANCE CONGRATULATES THE 2017 AWARDEES:

Creative Writing:

Winner: Brielle Cayer, Junior-Middletown H.S. Special Recognition: Ana Blanchet, Senior-Guilford H.S.

Dance:

Winner: Emma Randolph, Senior-North Branford H.S./ Educational Center for the Arts/New Haven Ballet Special Recognition: Ellie Wiese (Old Lyme) Junior-Lyme/ Old Lyme H.S & Eastern CT Ballet

Instrumental Music:

Winner: Andrea Boskovic, Senior-Guilford H.S. - Violin Special Recognition: Terra Burgoyne (Cromwell), Senior-Home Schooled & Neighborhood Music School - Lever Harp

Vocal Music:

Winner: Clementine Wurzbach (Killingworth), Senior-Haddam/Killingworth H.S.

Special Recognition: Shailagh Maher Junior-Guilford H.S.

Theatre:

Winner: Erika Klaskin (Madison), Junior-Daniel Hand H.S. Special Recognition: Clementine Wurzbach (Killingworth), Senior-Haddam/Killingworth H.S

Visual Arts:

Winner: William Bennett (Madison), Junior-Daniel Hand H.S, Special Recognition: Alex Carbo (East Haddam), Senior-Nathan Hale Ray H.S.

A special showcase and awards presentation will be held on Tuesday, April 25th at 7:30 pm in the performance space at Evergreen Woods Senior Living Community, 88 Notch Hill Road, North Branford, CT. The Showcase is free and open to the public. Please join us in celebrating the 2017 Scholarships in the Arts awardees. You will be in for a wonderful evening of performances, readings and visual art.



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