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## The First Selectman's Corner

I am happy to report that the Guilford Town and School budget was approved by a 1,772 to 1,164 vote at the first referendum. Voters also approved \$3.5 million in bonding for town vehicles, equipment and town facilities improvements as well as \$3 million for HVAC improvements at Cox, window replacement at Melissa Jones and future project design costs for various town schools.

The Board of Selectmen recently approved an amendment to the Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance, which prohibits the use of plastic checkout bags by businesses in the Town of Guilford. The Sustainable Guilford Task Force along with the Bring Your Own group and the Guilford High School Environmental Club worked hard over the past year to build support for this ordinance so Guilford can do its part in helping reduce waste and protect our natural resources. Provisions of the ordinance will become effective on January 1, 2020. Guilford joins 13 other towns in the state that have passed ordinances, with close to another 20 towns starting the process.

The Mulberry Point, Tuttle Point and Long Cove Water project has begun. Construction activities are starting at Sachems Head Road and proceeding eastward towards Lower Road. As the project progresses residents will be notified through the Town website at: <http://www.ci.guilford.ct.us/watermain-extension-project-updates/> about expected locations and timing of construction

through neighborhood streets. Construction will be permitted Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. All public roadways will remain accessible for emergency access during the construction. An experienced construction inspector representing the Town will be present during the project to monitor compliance.



Matthew T. Hoey III, First Selectman

The repair of the synthetic turf field at the high school was completed in early June and is now open for play. As a result of a successful mediation, the synthetic turf field at the high school, which failed last year, was repaired at no cost to the Town. Although the town cannot be reimbursed for legal fees or the independent consultant that was hired; those costs ensured that Town interests were protected throughout the process. Because of good communication and the responsiveness by the contractors, everyone came together to get this project completed earlier than anticipated.

Members have been appointed to the Safe Streets Mobility Task **continued on page 3**



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Force and the group held its first meeting in June. The task force will develop a new Safe Streets Mobility Plan (SSMP.) This plan will build upon and update the Town's 2002 Transportation Plan and will reflect the changes in development trends, transportation patterns and community preferences that have emerged over the past decade and a half. This will be a "bottom up" process with extensive input from Town residents and technical assistance from a transportation consultant.

The Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation awarded the Guilford Preservation Alliance the Harlan H. Griswold Award. Harlan H. Griswold was a founder of the CT Trust and longtime chair of the Connecticut Historical Commission. This award recognizes individuals, corporations, or organizations whose activities exemplify Mr. Griswold's leadership, vision, and dedication to preserving Connecticut's heritage and who by deed or example have made our state a better place to live. The GPA was chosen due to its effective leadership and tireless efforts to advance the cause of preserving historic and natural resources within the Town of Guilford. Longtime GPA Member and current President Shirley Girioni accepted the award along with First Selectman Matt Hoey and Dennis Culliton.

Now that summer is upon us the Parks and Recreation

Department is in full swing with its camp programs. About 500 kids attend Camp Menunkatuck throughout the summer. The camp offers archery, boating, swimming, games, crafts, trips and special events. Close to 150 students attend the Get Out - Way Out trip camp for students entering grades seven to nine. Residents can also look forward to the annual Community Picnic and Fireworks Display on July 7 as well as the many summer concerts throughout the season. Don't miss other annual events such as the Art Expo, Shakespeare on the Green, Jewish Festival and Taste of the Shoreline, among others. Our Town Green is the center of many activities throughout the summer.

I would finally like to congratulate the Guilford High School Graduating Class of 2019. I wish you success in all of your future endeavors.

Matthew Hoey, III,  
First Selectman

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# A True Town Father of Guilford Dies

## Carl A. Balestracci, Jr., a man who truly loved Guilford, passes at 78

“He was everybody’s grandfather,” said Guilford Fire Chief, Charles Herrschaft, Jr.

“He was a rational, reasoned, natural leader, a facilitator who brought people together,” reflected Matthew T. Hoey III, Guilford’s First Selectman.

With quiet grief, they spoke of Carl A. Balestracci, Jr. who passed away on Monday, June 3, 2019, after a brief illness. He was 78.

Balestracci served the town of Guilford over his lifetime in many roles: educator, political leader, fife and drum musician, volunteer board member of many local service organizations, and most recently, the author of the story of the Stony Creek quarry where both his grandfathers had toiled as Italian immigrants in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Local history was his deepest commitment, especially the history of the quarries. Italian immigrants in his ancestral family carved away the rare pink granite from the Stony Creek Quarry by hand.

This unique granite, formed by ancient glaciers, was used as the foundation pedestal for the Statue of Liberty. Carved into the Stony Creek granite are the words from the Emma Lazarus poem “The New Colossus: “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free ... .” Stony Creek pink granite was also laid down for the walkways and entry steps to the Statue of Liberty Museum which opened on May 16, 2019, on Liberty Island.

In 2016, Balestracci published a book with the story of the quarry whose fame is shared by both Guilford and Branford. Titled “John Beattie and His Quarrymen: Building America Stone by Stone,” it includes maps and historic photos of

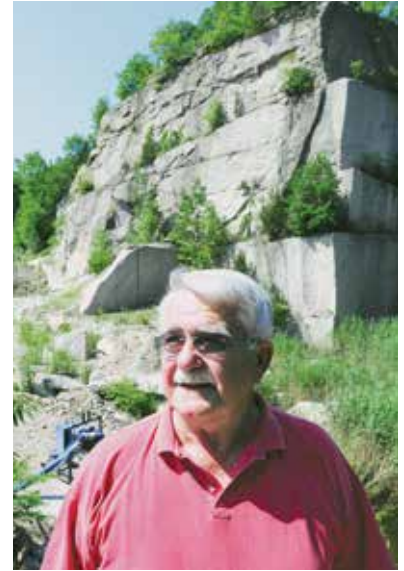


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the men and the rock. John Beattie owned the quarry for about 50 years and brought in immigrants from Europe and Scandinavia to work it with hand tools, long before machines made the work far easier.

Balestracci dedicated the book to his two grandfathers: Aldo Balestracci (1888-1970) and Anthony Perna (1887-1932.) In the Introduction, Carl Balestracci, Jr. writes: "I have discovered the exact site from which most of the granite for the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty was quarried. It is pristine and undisturbed one hundred thirty years after the event. We hope to have it placed on the Register of Historic Sites." (The book is available from the Guilford Keeping Society website and Breakwater Books in Guilford.)

During his life in Guilford, Balestracci gave many talks on local history at the Guilford Free Library. In its collection is a DVD with its transcript, "Memoirs of Guilford" by Balestracci with Stanley Barnes, a principal of Leetes Elementary School, and the late Edith Nettleton, the first and longtime long-time librarian of Guilford Free Library. Reminiscing about about the early years in Guilford, Balestracci reveals, "We used to go skinny-dipping in a lot of different places in Guilford."

Still, many longtime long-time Guilford residents remember Balestracci first as an educator. As word spread of his passing,

an outpouring of compliments, memories, and sorrow at the loss filled conversations around town and on social media sites. Many of his former students, including state representative Sean Scanlon and Guilford Police Chief Jeff Hutchinson, portrayed him as the firm but caring teacher who made history fun and alive. Even adults such as Veronica Wallace, who served with him on the town Board of Selectmen but had never been a student in his classroom, said she learned from him in everyday life.

After nine years teaching in New Haven, Balestracci began teaching social studies at Adams Middle School in 1976. In 1982, he became a house master at Guilford High School, then co-principal from 1987-1991. For three years, he was principal of Baldwin Middle School, then in 1994 became principal of Adams Middle School until retirement in 1999.

Balestracci founded the Guilford High School Fencing **continued on page 6**



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Program in 1976 and led the team as head coach until 1987. In March, 2019, both boys and girls fencing teams brought home the state titles.

Following his retirement from Guilford Public Schools in 1999, he began his political career, becoming first selectman of Guilford in 2001, serving three non-consecutive terms, his last ending in 2009. So dedicated to the town of Guilford, when he wasn't first selectman he continued as a member of the Board of Selectmen from 2009-2017. And for 19 years, he also served on the Guilford Police Commission. Expanding his political activities, through his lifetime he joined the campaign staffs of Gov. Ella Grasso, Congressman Emilio Daddario, Senators Abraham Ribicoff and Christopher Dodd.

Balestracci contributed to his passion for Guilford history with service on the Guilford Keeping Society. Among his hobbies was drumming, and he was past Commodore in the Ancient Mariners Fife and Drum Corps. He enjoyed wood-carving and winemaking.

Carl A. Balestracci, Jr., was born in New Haven, Connecticut, on Aug. 6, 1940. His parents were the late Carlo Balestracci who came to America at 1 years old, and Edith Perna Balestracci. He grew up in Guilford and was class president for all four years for the Guilford High School class of 1958.

After one year at the University of Connecticut where he was class president and Outstanding Air Force R.O.T.C. Cadet, in 1959, Balestracci enlisted in the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged in 1964 as Airman First Class.

He earned bachelor's and master's degrees plus a sixth-year certificate in administration from Southern Connecticut State University.

His survivors include his wife, Linda Lascola Balestracci, his son Christopher and wife Katie of Guilford and grandchildren Michael and Brendan; his son Andrew and wife Linda of California; his stepson David Colle and wife Jennifer of New York and their children Jericho and Sienna; his stepson Kevin Colle of Guilford; his cousin Judy Secki of Guilford and other relatives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Carl A. Balestracci, Jr., Humanitarian Fund at the Guilford Foundation, P.O. Box 35, 44 Boston Street, Guilford, Connecticut, 06437.

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# Connecticut Preservation News

## Connecticut Preservation Awards

### **HARLAN H. GRISWOLD AWARD: GUILFORD PRESERVATION ALLIANCE, INC.**

Historic and natural resources in the town of Guilford have an effective and tireless champion in the Guilford Preservation Alliance (GPA). The GPA was formed in 1980 by a group that included architectural historian Betty Brown and former First Selectwoman Marjorie Schmidt, along with other passionate and committed residents. They recognized that development pressures and lack of awareness could and would erode the character of a unique town that dates back to 1639 and comprised farmland, village center, and coastal habitat. Today, the volunteer board still carries out this mission in partnership with fellow citizens, related organizations, and local and state officials.

### **BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The GPA's protection of the built environment began in 1981 with a survey of significant buildings. This initial inventory, encompassing 450 sites, was expanded in 2010 with a survey of barns, and again in 2014, with more than 200 additional sites. As a resource for officials and citizens, all 680-plus survey entries are posted on the GPA's website.

Based on these surveys, the GPA provided research and funding to list National Register districts at Meeting House Hill and Dudleytown and promoted the establishment of Guilford's two local historic districts, Guilford Center and Whitfield Street.

In 1988 the GPA rescued the Comfort Starr house, built in 1694, from demolition by buying the house and re-selling it with preservation restrictions. With the proceeds, the GPA established the Hugh McKay Jones fund, which makes loans or grants for projects such as restoration of the Chittenden bowling alley, and Women and Family Life Center, as well as the launch of the Dudley Farm Museum.

At Guilford's railroad station, the GPA has spearheaded efforts to stabilize and identify development opportunities at a brick water tower and engine house. With permission from Amtrak the group cleaned vines and debris from the structures and brought in professionals to evaluate restoration requirements. With donations from local citizens, the GPA has established a \$25,000 fund for stabilization of these endangered structures.

### **EDUCATION**

Education at all levels is central to the GPA's mission. Long-standing educational efforts include sponsorship of "Early Guilford Days" for fourth-graders, in partnership with the Guilford Keeping and Dorothy Whitfield Societies; and creating historical exhibits at the railroad station.



From left to right: Jane Montanaro, Executive Director, CT Trust for Historic Preservation; Dennis Culliton, GPA; First Selectman Matt Hoey; Shirley Girioni, GPA President and Elizabeth Shapiro, Interim Director of Culture, State Historic Preservation Office.  
Courtesy: Guilford Preservation Alliance.  
Photo by: J. Fiereck Photography.

One of GPA's most recent partnerships has been sponsorship of the Witness Stones project in cooperation with town schools. Inspired by the Stolpersteine, or 'Stumbling Stones' used in Europe to mark the homes of Holocaust victims, the Witness Stones project trains students to research the lives of enslaved persons in Guilford and install small brass markers where they lived. The project has spread to West Hartford, where the Noah Webster house museum is using the GPA's curriculum.

### **HERITAGE TOURISM**

In 2013 the GPA hired a consultant to identify ways that Guilford could benefit from heritage tourism, initiating a program to encourage economic development that builds on the town's historic, cultural, and scenic resources. Results have included a new website to promote tourism within Guilford; heritage walking tours, some led by local high school students; markers for significant sites; and a Visitor's Center kiosk given and operated by the GPA.

### **NATURAL AND SCENIC RESOURCE PRESERVATION**

Recognizing that natural and scenic resources are intertwined with historic resources in determining town character, the GPA has long participated in preserving the natural environment, including helping write and pass ordinances to protect street trees and stone walls. Roads are key to historic and natural character, and so the GPA helped initiate State Scenic Roads legislation and participated in designating Routes 77 and 146 as scenic roads. The organization also worked with state representatives to pass legislation that allows towns to modify state DOT standards when reconstructing historic bridges.

In these and many other accomplishments three principles guide the work of the Guilford Preservation Alliance: First,

that the mission of preservation is broad-encompassing not only historic buildings, but the landscapes, community histories, and cultural and natural resources that shape town character and sense of place. Second, that education is crucial, for the sake of increasing knowledge as well as to build public support for preservation. Third, that almost every undertaking is a partnership with other entities.

Perhaps most remarkable is that for nearly 40 years the GPA has operated as a volunteer organization. The depth and breadth of the GPA's accomplishments would never have been possible without the time, talent and energy of generations of committed volunteers—a testament to leadership, stewardship, partnership, and effort.

Harlan H. Griswold was founder of the Connecticut Trust and longtime chair of the Connecticut Historical

Commission—predecessor to today's State Historic Preservation Office. After his death, those two organizations established the Harlan H. Griswold Award in his memory to recognize individuals, corporations, or organizations whose activities exemplify his leadership, vision, and dedication to preserving Connecticut's heritage.

Harlan Griswold once said, "To me, preservation is more about my grandchildren than about my grandparents." The Guilford Preservation Alliance exemplifies that attitude: by reaching beyond traditional preservation practices to encompass planning and natural resources conservation, the GPA is helping to build a better future for its children and grandchildren. The State Historic Preservation Office and the Connecticut Trust are honored to present the Harlan H. Griswold Award to the Guilford Preservation Alliance for its outstanding contributions to preservation in Connecticut.

## **"Summertime and the livin' is easy"** (Gershwin 1934.)

You've repaired your lawn, mulched your beds, divided and added perennials, planted your annuals, and purchased or planted your patio pots. That's it, time to relax, right? Well, almost. A little basic care will keep all those plants thriving, and you will enjoy the rewards of a well-planned landscape.

All of your newly planted trees, shrubs, and perennial plants need thorough watering's to establish good root systems. An inch of rainfall per week is usually sufficient; otherwise a deep thorough watering once per week will prevent moisture stress and allow plants to develop good roots and foliage. Hanging baskets and container plants require more frequent watering's as the root systems begin to expand within the containers.

With these frequent watering's, a fertilizer application will provide nutrients necessary for optimal growth. Organic fertilizers, in addition to slowly releasing nutrients, improve soil structure, and moisture holding capacity. There are

specialty formulations for lawns, which can be applied in the summer, when your lawn is actively growing. For those gardeners with mostly container plantings, a slow release pelletized fertilizer may be the easiest and most efficient choice.

To keep your lawn healthy and green, consider mowing at a 3" height and leaving all clippings so that nutrients are returned to the soil. A mulching blade can ensure that clippings will be fine and broken down quickly. This height will also help to shade out any annual weeds that may try to germinate.

Finally, take time to enjoy your landscape. Those annuals and perennials will be attracting pollinators to your yard.



Small native bees, honeybees, moths (particularly at night,) and butterflies are the most easily recognized pollinators that will make regular visits to your gardens. So, do a little care and stewardship of your plants, then relax and enjoy the summer!

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**PERSONAL PROPERTY DECLARATION FORMS** will, as a courtesy, be mailed in September to all persons known to be conducting business in the Town of Guilford as of October 1, 2019. Said forms must be filed by November 1, 2019. If not penalties will be applied. Forms will also be available online on the Town's website under the Assessor's Office.

**EXEMPTIONS:** The following is an abbreviated look at some of the exemption programs that the Assessor's Office administers. Some programs are State Programs which means they are available in all towns. Some programs are Local Programs which means they are available in Guilford and only available in other Towns that have also passed an ordinance authorizing that particular program. If you think you might be eligible for any of these programs, please call the Assessor's Office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for more information. There is also additional information about these programs (and other important information) on the Town's website:

[www.ci.guilford.ct.us](http://www.ci.guilford.ct.us) under Departments; Assessor's Office. Please note: Exemptions are always stated in assessment dollars. To calculate the actual tax savings, multiply the assessment exemption amount by the appropriate mill rate (e.g., the assessment exemption amount is \$1,000 and say the mill rate is 22.36 so the tax savings is \$22.36 or \$1,000 times 0.02236.)

**VETERANS (STATE PROGRAM)** must have their honorable discharge papers (full copy DD-214: must contain Block #24) on file with the Town Clerk by September 30, 2019 in order to receive a \$3,000 assessment exemption on the October 1, 2019 Grand List. Once filed in Guilford, there is no need to re-file. Veterans moving into Guilford from another town must file their DD-214 in Guilford by September 30, 2019 to receive this exemption. Administratively, the exemption is applied to real estate, even if recorded in the spouses name only. If real estate is not owned, then it is applied to one's motor vehicle.

**VETERANS (LOCAL PROGRAM)**, who qualify for the above-described program, may, depending upon income, qualify for an additional \$10,000 assessment exemption. Income, including Social Security, cannot exceed \$61,000 for a single individual and \$68,900 for a married couple. Applications must be filed no later than October 1, 2019.

**VETERANS (STATE PROGRAM)**, who qualify for the Veterans State Program (described above,) may qualify for an additional exemption depending upon income. The amount of the assessment exemption will vary. Income cannot exceed \$36,000 for a single individual or \$43,900 for a married couple. Applications must be filed no later than October 1, 2019.

**DISABLED TAXPAYERS (STATE PROGRAM)** must file their Award Letter (issued by the Social Security Administration) with the Assessor's Office by October 1, 2019 in order to receive a \$1,000 assessment exemption.

**DISABLED TAXPAYERS (LOCAL PROGRAM)**, who qualify for the above-described program, may qualify for an additional \$1,000 assessment exemption depending upon income. Income cannot exceed \$36,000 for a single individual and \$43,900 for a married couple. Applications must be filed no later than October 1, 2019.

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**FARM BUILDINGS (LOCAL PROGRAM)** used exclusively for farming activities by farmers who are receiving an exemption for their farm equipment may be exempt. An application must be filed no later than November 1, 2019.

Jennifer Bernardo,  
Assessor

## Registrars of Voters

Mark your calendars to vote on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 for three municipal boards - Education, Finance and Assessment Appeals. All five polling places will be opened from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm. If you will be out of town on November 5, please remember to obtain an absentee ballot before the election from the Guilford Town Clerk.

### PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOTS

We would like to remind you of the availability of permanent absentee ballot status. If you are a voter with a permanent physical disability and wish to automatically have an absentee ballot sent to you at home you may file a request for an absentee ballot with the Town Clerk. Include, with it, a letter from your physician that identifies your disability status and confirms that your physical condition prevents you from going to the polls to vote. From then on, the Town Clerk will automatically send you a ballot for every election and primary. You can fill the ballot out in your home and return it to the Town Clerk's office. Every January you will receive a letter from the Registrar of Voters asking you to confirm the accuracy of your address in order to keep your permanent absentee status.

### ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION

You can register to vote, change your address or change your party affiliation online. Go to: [www.voterregistration.ct.gov](http://www.voterregistration.ct.gov). To register on line you must have a current Connecticut driver license.

### DO NOT RISK YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

Every year in January the Registrars send out letters asking if you are still living at the (same) address in Guilford. All voters with an active forwarding address order on file with the US Postal Service have been targeted to receive canvass letters from our office.

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Also those individuals who have not voted in the last four years will be getting a letter, just to make sure you still live in Guilford.

Please return these letters to us (using the enclosed prepaid return address envelope.) It's never too late to return the letter to our office - please answer these letters!

### QUESTIONS???

Please contact our office if you have any questions. Our office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 1:00 pm until 4:30 pm. You may phone us at: 203-453-8028 or email us at: registrar@ci.guilford.ct.us. Leave a message and we will contact you as soon as we can.

Lisa Kops & Gloria Nemczuk,  
Guilford Registrars of Voters

## Economic Development



The third quarter of the year is an especially exciting time in Guilford. Good weather brings out the best in residents and tourists as they explore all Guilford has to offer.

Local shopping, dining, site seeing, farmers markets, house museums, art festivals and performances, and enjoying all of our natural resources are just a few of the attractions and events that make Guilford special. Please enjoy as you remain, "Loyal to Local."

The recent quarter experienced a host of new service businesses opening in Guilford. Included were; Shoreline Alternative Therapies, located at 385 Church Street, Academy of Vision and Learning Optometry, located at 2514 Boston Post Road, Clifford Beers, located at 1575 Boston Post Road, Eastern CT Savings Bank, located at 688 Boston Post Road, and Studio 317 hair salon at 35 Boston Street. A new restaurant, Bight, located within the Guilford Yacht Club, opened to the public for dinner service, Wednesday through Sunday from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. You do not have to be a member of the GYC to enjoy a meal while experiencing great views of our shoreline. Although we are sad to report Red Rooster closed their operation, we are pleased to report Blazing Fresh Donuts opened in the same space, keeping all sweet tooth folks satisfied. As the saying goes, "all good things must come to an end," and that can be said for April Rose, located at 69 Boston Street. After 35 years serving brides, mothers, bridesmaids and members of the wedding party, they have announced they are closing to enjoy their well-deserved retirement. We thank them and wish them the best in retirement. For multiple reasons, Roses for Autism also recently closed. We never like to see any valuable organization close their doors, but we realize time and circumstances have impacts on businesses and people.

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 -Aurora, Angela Cimino and Jill Greenwald.

Many are asking about the opening of Panera Bread, located on the left side of the driveway as you enter the Guilford Commons. We are expecting it to open soon after this issue of Guilford Events is delivered in July. Panera Bread will include a drive up window for convenience. There are two other retail locations that are being created as part of the total space. Just down the road on Rt. 1 west, Schoolhouse Manor apartments (10 - 1 br) have been completed and they are fully occupied. Finishing touches are being completed next door and the New Haven Middlesex Realtor Association will soon be moving from North Haven to occupy this location. Similarly, construction is well underway at The Mews Condominiums and units will be for sale and available for occupancy soon. Yale New Haven Health - Shoreline Medical Center located at Goose Lane, underwent a significant interior renovation to expand their capabilities and services locally. Examples include; expanded ear, nose and throat procedures, plastic and reconstructive surgery, comprehensive diagnostic imaging, laser assisted cataract surgery, Smilow Cancer Center services, and refreshed reception and patient areas. The third office building at 350 Goose Lane is under construction. The outer shell will be completed by October, ready for tenant fit-up. The third phase of The Residences at 66 High



Forum Panel Members:  
 George Kral- Town Planner, Dennis Johnson-Health Director, Will Thompson-Chairman, Design Review Committee, Kevin Clarke-Chairman, Inland Wetlands Commission, Phil Johnson -Chairman, Planning & Zoning Commission.

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Street, the Leete building has been completed and over half of the units have been sold. It is anticipated remaining units will be sold throughout the balance of 2019. Construction on the fourth and final phase, the Chittenden building is expected to begin during 2020.

Two information and educational forums occurred during the second quarter. The first was a four town regional collaboration (Guilford, Branford, North Branford and Madison). Representatives of the Small Business Administration (SBA) presented how the SBA provides access to working capital, entrepreneur develop-

ment programs and available government contracts. The second was hosted by Guilford's Economic Development Commission where several town department heads and commission chairs provided an overview of their roles in the economic development process.

As you can see, much is happening in Guilford. Continue enjoying our fine community. SHOP-DINE-EXPLORE ... and more. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Brian McGlone, Economic Development Coordinator at: 203-453-8071 or mcgloneb@ci.guilford.ct.us.

## From the Town Clerk's Office

June is Dog License month in the State of Connecticut but you can purchase a license for a newly acquired dog all year long. Dogs do not need to be licensed until they are six months old. The fee for a spayed or neutered dog is \$8.00 and unspayed, unneutered animals are \$19.00. We will need to see a current rabies certificate. We will also need to see a certificate stating that the dog has been spayed or neutered. For dog license renewals there is

a late fee of \$1.00 per month after June 30. If your dog has lost his tag, a replacement tag may be obtained for fifty cents.

Marriage license applications are now available online. To access them go to: [www.ci.guilford.ct.us](http://www.ci.guilford.ct.us) and go to Town Clerk under Town Departments. A list of Guilford Justices of the Peace is also available. The fee for a marriage license is \$50.00 and the license is good for 65

days from the date of issue. Both parties need to appear and present I.D. (driver's license or passport). Once the marriage has been performed and the license has been returned to the Town Clerk's office you obtain a certified copy of the marriage license for a fee of \$20.00. Applications for certified copies of births, deaths and marriages are also available online.

Shellfish licenses may also be obtained



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from the Town Clerk's office. The fee for an annual resident license (calendar year) is \$25.00 and a senior license (65+) is \$15.00. An annual non-resident license is \$75.00 and a non-resident senior license is \$65.00. A non-resident daily pass can also be pur-

chased for \$25.00. Applicants must provide I.D. and proof of residence. Payment is cash or check only. The licenses may also be obtained from the Lobster Pound, Captain Morgan's in Madison or a member of the Shellfish Commission.

The Town Clerk's office also offers notary services. The fee for each notarization is \$5.00, cash or check only, and I.D. is required. We cannot notarize wills, deeds that will be recorded on the Guilford land records, or I-9 forms.



## 2nd Annual Alison Varian Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser

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The Fund established at the Guilford Foundation honors Alison Varian and her many contributions to aquaculture, boating safety, fishing, fisheries and the ecology of Long Island Sound. An avid boater and fisherman lost her courageous battle with cancer in 2017.

Alison contributed to her community in many ways. Over the years, she diligently served as Chair of the Town of Guilford Shellfish and Harbor Management Commissions, Treasurer of the Guilford Marina Commission, certified

U.S. Coast Guard vessel examiner and Commander of the Power Squadron (*a non-profit organization dedicated to improving maritime safety and enjoyment through education.*)

All proceeds support annual education grants to graduating seniors of the Sound School who intend to pursue careers in aquaculture, fisheries and marine science. For further information, contact Liza Janssen Petra, Executive Director of the Guilford Foundation, at: 203-640-4049.

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## Children's Programs

REGISTRATION for starred (\*\*) programs began on Tuesday, June 4, at 9:00 am. in person, by phone at: 203-453-8282, or online at: [www.guilfordfreelibrary.org](http://www.guilfordfreelibrary.org).

Sign up for our summer reading game, that started June 14th, and get a free book to jumpstart the fun! There is an optional online game component where readers can keep track of their minutes read, books finished, complete optional special challenges, and unlock mini games. After reading ten books over the summer participants may put their names up on our bulletin board for all to see.

### SPECIALS

**Funded by the Guilford Civic Women & the Friends of the Guilford Free Library - Please Register**

**\*\*Butterfly Garden Club: Plant, care for, and beautify the library's butterfly garden.** Make a craft at the first meeting after we plant the garden on June 20th. This will also sign you up for updates about when our butterfly releases will be taking place. All ages welcome, but ages 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursdays, July 11th & 25th, and August 15th  
from 10:00 - 11:00 am: All ages

**\*\*Mutt-i-grees in the Library:** This series uses curriculum developed by The Pet Savers Foundation, North Shore Animal League, and Yale University School of the 21st Century to teach compassion and community with the help of animals. Registration is required for each individual event. Children under age 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

**K-9 Unit Demonstration -**  
Monday, July 8th from 2:00-3:00 pm  
See a police dog sniff out evidence.

**Animal Body Language -**  
Saturday, July 13th 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Dogs talk with their bodies; listen with your eyes & mind.

**\*\*Hartford Yard Goats Mascot Meet:** Chompers or Chew Chew will visit the library from the Hartford Yard Goats baseball team to meet with kids after librarians read some baseball stories. Then kids will do a baseball-themed craft.  
Monday, July 22nd  
from 10:30 - 11:30 am All ages

### **\*\*Star Lab Planetarium at the Community Center:**

The Guilford Community Center will be hosting this very special library program for our summer reading game. Learn all about the night sky in this inflatable planetarium. Registration is absolutely required ahead of time and space is limited. You may only sign up for the one session that matches the grade you will be going into when school starts. Limits strictly enforced. All participants are required to wear socks in the Star Lab and take off their shoes before entering. Barefoot children will be denied entry. Star Lab is handicap accessible; please call the library so we can accommodate.

Wednesday, July 10th, at the following times:

**Grades K-2:** from 11:00 - 11:45 am -

A nocturnal friend introduces young astronomers to the night sky. Learn what causes night and day, and how to recognize constellations.

**Grades 3-5:** from 12:15 - 1:00 pm -

The folklore from Africa, China, Native American tribes, & other cultures around the world come alive by starlight. Learn the science behind constellations & how different cultures relate to the night sky.

**Grades 5-8:** from 1:15 - 2:00 pm -

Discover the science behind the constellations in the night sky and how the mythology varies from culture to culture across the globe. Look up, listen, and be amazed by what's written in the stars.

### **\*\*Summer Reading Game Finale - A Universe of Stories**

**Puppet Show:** Sparky's Puppets will take you on a grand adventure through space. Follow an Earthling to the moon in a rocket ship, and then see what happens when aliens land on Earth in their flying saucer.

Thursday, August 22nd  
from 2:00 - 2:45 pm All ages

### SERIES

**Open to All - Please Register**

**\*\*Storytime - July:** Parents and children please join our fun-loving and charismatic Guilford resident and volunteer storyteller, Barbara Kiesel, for a special story time. Please register for each week separately.

Thursdays, July 11, 18, & 25  
from 10:30 - 11:00 am Ages 3 & up

**\*\*Nutmeg Book Club:** Readers are invited to discuss the 2020 candidates for the Intermediate Nutmeg Award, do related activities, and answer trivia questions about the books they read. Refreshments will be served.

Tuesdays, June 25th-August 27th  
from 10:00 - 11:30 am Grades 4 through 6

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**\*\*Paws & Read:** Reading can be stressful for children who are struggling with it, and reading to a silent furry partner can help. Sign up for a 15 minute reading slot with one of our licensed therapy dogs: Chief or Miley with dog handler Howard Taylor, Aubrey with dog handler Jane Olsen, or Denver with dog handler Kimber Tanaka. Parent/legal guardian must sign a permission form for their child to be alone in the room with the dog and therapy supervisor.

### Schedule for Chief/Miley -

Tuesdays, July 2, 16, & 23; August 13 & 27  
from 1:00 - 2:00 pm      Ages 6 & up

### Schedule for Aubrey -

Thursdays, July 11th-August 29th  
from 4:15 - 5:15 pm      Ages 6 & up

### Schedule for Denver -

Saturdays, June 8 & 29, July 13 & 27, Aug. 10 & 24  
from 10:00 - 11:00 am      Ages 6 & up

## DROP - IN PROGRAMS

### Open To All - Registration Not Required

**Tots & Tunes:** Come and enjoy a musical program with your toddlers and preschoolers. Dance to great children's music, play musical instruments, swing scarves, and shake your sillies out.  
Wednesdays, July 3rd to August 21st  
From 10:00 - 10:30 am      Ages 0 to 5

**Dog Days of Summer - Family Movies:** Bring the whole family to enjoy some new and classic dog and space movies each week. Popcorn provided. All movies are rated G or PG. Parents are expected to accompany children.  
Fridays, June 21st to August 23rd, (*skip August 9th*)  
from 2:00 - 4:00 pm      All ages

**Lego® Building Club:** Build with friends or on your own, creating a theme-based project to be put on display.  
Mondays, July 15th & August 12th  
from 10:00 - 11:00 am      Kindergarten & up

**Crafternoons:** All ages are welcome to build and take home whatever you can dream up.  
Tuesdays, July 9th & 30th, and August 6th & 20th  
from 1:00 - 6:00 pm      All ages

**Books-In-A-Nook:** Listen to new stories in a quiet corner of the Children's Room by volunteers or library staff.  
Wednesdays, July 3rd to August 28th  
from 11:00 - 11:30 am      All ages

### Registration for Autumn Programs begins Tuesday, September 3rd at 9:00 am.

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## Teen Programs

### TRAIN LIKE AN ASTRONAUT

Think you have what it takes to train like an astronaut? Try out a variety of physical training activities and exercises and see if you can make it. Please dress comfortably! Registration required.  
Thursday, July 25  
from 4:00 - 5:00 pm      5th graders and up,

### TEEN PAINT NIGHT

Pam of Pam's Picassos will teach you how to paint the planets! Learn how to paint this space scene and leave with a completed painting. Registration required.  
Tuesday, July 30  
from 6:30 - 8:00 pm      7th graders and up

### HARRY POTTER BINGO

Celebrate Harry's birthday with a wizarding edition of the classic game, Bingo (with prizes!) Costumes and/or Hogwarts uniforms are always encouraged. Registration required.  
Wednesday, July 31  
from 4:00 - 5:00 pm      5th graders and up

### DIY SOLAR SYSTEM BRACELET

Wear the planets of the solar system—in bead form! Create a solar system bracelet from a variety of different beads that resemble the planets of our solar system. Registration required.  
Friday, August 2  
from 4:00 - 5:00 pm      5th graders and up,

### HARRY POTTER'S BIRTHDAY BASH

Celebrate Harry's (And JK Rowling's!) birthday with a party full of magical fun. Registration required.  
Tuesday, July 31  
from 4:00 - 5:00 pm      5th graders and up,

### PAINT YOUR PET

Immortalize your furry friend in a work of fine art (feathery or scaly friends too!) Briana Benn-Mirandi of Art & Soul Art Therapy will lead a painting workshop for teens and adults to recreate a photo of their beloved pet on ready-to-hang canvas. You must provide a picture of your pet when you register so that it can be sketched on your canvas ahead of time and be ready to be painted when the workshop starts. Pictures must be submitted by Tuesday, July 23rd. All other supplies provided. Registration required.  
Tuesday, August 6  
from 6:00 - 8:00 pm      5th graders and up,

### MOON CROSS STITCH

Learn how to cross stitch and create a stitched design of the moon! Registration required.  
5th graders and up, Tuesday, August 13  
from 4:00 - 5:00 pm      5th graders and up,

## **GALAXY LETTERS**

Decorate a large letter to look like outer space. Registration required.

Wednesday, August 21

from 4:00 - 5:00 pm                      5th graders and up

## **COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING**

Lynn Haney Trowbridge will share insider tips on composing the Common App essay and the Supplemental portions. She'll even show you how to craft an effective scholarship personal statement to maximize your financial package. Trowbridge is a writing coach with many years' experience advising young people headed to college or graduate school. Registration required.

Tuesday, August 27

from 7:00 pm                                      High school students

## **JACKBOX PARTY GAMES**

Play a variety of virtual party games where you compete against all other players in the room. Must have a mobile device to participate. Registration required.

Friday, September 6

from 3:30 - 4:30 pm                              5th graders and up,

## **MARVEL CINEMATIC UNIVERSE TRIVIA**

Think you know everything about the Marvel Cinematic Universe? Put your knowledge to the test with this game of trivia! Prizes will be awarded! Registration required.

Thursday, September 12

from 3:30 - 4:30 pm                              5th graders and up,

## **CANNOLI DIP**

Learn how to make cannoli dip from scratch. Taste testing will also occur afterwards with cannoli shell chips! Registration required.

Wednesday, September 18

from 3:30 - 4:30 pm                              5th graders and up,

## **TO BE READ**

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Thursday, September 19

from 6:00 - 7:30 pm                              7th graders and up

## **Adult Programs**

### **ONGOING PROGRAMS**

**Book a Lawyer** - Free 15-minute legal consultations offered most Monday evenings in July and September from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Call the Reference desk at: 203-453-8282 for more information. No Sessions in August.

**Book Buzz** - Join us the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am (July 9, August 13, September 10) to discuss the latest books. No registration necessary, just drop in!

## **BOOKS, MUSIC & MORE**

- July 10                      Book Talk: Forgotten History of New Haven with Bob and Kathy Hubbard, 7:00 pm
- July 11                      Julie Harris Concert on the Library patio, 7:00 pm
- July 18                      Dudley Farm String Band Concert on the Library patio, 7:00 pm
- July 25                      Thomas Santopietro discusses the beloved film "The Sound of Music," 7:00 pm
- August 1                      Take 2 & Call Me in the Morning Concert on the Library patio, 7:00 pm
- August 8                      Laura Clapp Davidson Concert on the Library patio, 7:00 pm
- August 20                      The History and Benefits of Tea, 7:00 pm
- September 4                      Writing Injustice Book Discussion, 7:00 pm
- September 10                      The Grotesque 10: Amazing Architectural Sculpture from Ten American Colleges & Universities with Mathew Duman, 7:00 pm
- September 11                      Maximize your Social Security, 6:00 pm
- September 12                      Guilford Poets Guild Poetry Reading by Gemma Mathewson, 6:30 pm

## **FILMS**

**Monday Night Movies:** A film every Monday evening at 7:00 pm (July 8 through September 16) Check our website at: [www.guilfordfreelibrary.org](http://www.guilfordfreelibrary.org) for current listings.

## **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE**

- September 27                      9:00 am to 6:00 pm
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Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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### LAKE QUONNIPAUG BEACH HOURS

Route 77, North Guilford

Monday - Friday: 9:30 am - 7:30 pm

Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

AMENITIES: Kayak/paddleboats, changing rooms, bathrooms, showers, pavilion, hiking trails

### BEACH PASSES

Seasonal Pass Type	Resident	Non-Resident	Program #
Active Adult (Age 55+) or Veteran (must show valid ID)	\$10.00	\$20.00	38000 A2
	\$35.00	\$70.00	38000 A1

### DAILY FEE FOR JACOBS BEACH & LAKE QUONNIPAUG

Residents: \$10 for admission Non-Residents: \$20 for admission (ex: cars, bikers, walkers, etc.)

### Pavilion Rentals (up to 4 hours)

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Groups 1-25 \$50 Groups 26-50 \$65

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Groups 1-25 \$100 Groups 26-50 \$130

## Summer Concert Series

Since 2019 is the 50th anniversary of Woodstock, we will be featuring bands that played at the historic gathering of musical entertainment!

### CJ WEST & DOWNTOWN TRAIN

**Sunday, July 7; 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

All of the songs this group plays are from bands who played at Woodstock, including: The Who, Janis Joplin, Santana, Joan Bias, Arlo Guthrie, Grateful Dead, Jimi Hendrix, CCR and Joe Cocker!

### COMMUNITY PICNIC & FIREWORKS

**Guilford Green & Fairgrounds**

**Saturday, July 13**

**Picnic: 4:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Fireworks: 7:00 - 10:00 pm**

Activities for kids and Community Band concert on the Green. Music and fireworks display at the Fairgrounds.

### LEAF JUMPERS

**Sunday, July 28; 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

This local band will play hits from Woodstock 99. They will feature hits from Counting Crows, Dave Matthews Band, Live, Rusted Root, and many more!

### SHAKESPEARE ON THE GREEN

**Wednesday-Sunday, August 1 - 5;**

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### WHO'S NEXT

**Sunday, August 11; 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

This tribute band features all the hits from The Who. Their hard rocking style is a great tribute featuring songs like Behind Blue Eyes, Don't Get Fooled Again, My Generation and more!

### SANTANA TRIBUTE (MILARGO)

**Sunday, August 18; 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Hits include Oye Como Va, Evil Ways, Black Magic Woman and other great hits from Santana!

### CSN Songs - Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young Tribute

**Sunday, August 25; 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

The harmonies of Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young will be on our stage featuring Suite: Judy Blue Eyes, Cinnamon Girl, Our House and Woodstock. This group played to a large crowd on the green several years ago and would love to see everyone back this year!

### PRE-SCHOOL CAMP - AGES 2 - 3

Tuesday & Thursday

Dates	Fee	Program #
June 25 - July 4	\$85	36301 A1
July 9 - July 18	\$85	36301 A2
July 23 - August 1	\$85	36301 A3
August 6 - August 15	\$85	36301 A4
All 4 Sections:	\$325	36301 A5
Time:	9:00 - 11:30 am	
No Class Date:	July 4	

Get ready for pre-school in this creative and educational summer camp! Activities include Fresh air fitness, nature, art, number/letter recognition and games. Please provide a snack (no nut products), beverage, change of clothes, wipes, disposable diaper (if needed) and apply any sunscreens before arrival.

There is a \$20 Non-resident fee. There is a \$25.00 cancellation fee per session per participant

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91 Golden Hill Dr, Guilford \$1,085,000



188 Whitfield St, Guilford \$829,000

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### PRE-SCHOOL CAMP - AGES 3.5 - 5

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

Dates	Fee	Program #
June 24 - July 5	\$145	36301 B1
July 8 - July 19	\$170	36301 B2
July 22 - August 2	\$170	36301 B3
August 5 - August 16	\$170	36301 B4
All 4 Sections:	\$625	36301 B5
Time:	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	

Get ready for pre-school or full day kindergarten in this creative

and educational summer camp! Campers will enjoy a mix of physical, imaginative and academic activities such as Fresh air fitness, nature, art, number/letter recognition and games.

Please provide a snack and lunch (no nut products), beverage, change of clothes, wipes, and apply any sunscreens before arrival. Campers must be potty trained to attend.

There is a \$20 Non-resident fee, 25.00 cancellation fee per session per participant

(No refunds given week prior to camp unless medical.)

### CAMP MENUNKATUCK

Dates	Fee	(2nd Child Fee)	Program #	After Care Program #	Fee
June 24 - July 5	\$220	\$205	34101 B1	34104 A1	\$85
July 8 - July 19	\$245	\$230	34101 C1	34104 B1	\$85
July 22 - August 2	\$245	\$230	34101 D1	34104 C1	\$85
August 5 - August 16	\$245	\$230	34101 E1	34104 D1	\$85

**\*\*Please note:** There will not be camp on Tuesday, July 4th.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Cost of field trip is now included in the camp fee.

Camp Menunkatuck is located at Jacobs Beach on Seaside Avenue. The hours for regular camp will be Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Camp can fill, therefore, we highly recommend registering early. Payment in full is required at the time of registration. NOTE: There is a \$25 cancellation fee per session per participant (No refunds given week prior to camp unless medical.) Camp consists of a structured day where the individual groups will have a schedule to follow with activities to include archery, arts &



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crafts, sports, nature, creative games and kayaking. Each child will receive a Camp tee shirt that **MUST** be worn on trip days. The Parks and Recreation Department makes every effort to accommodate students with special needs. In this program, campers are mainstreamed into all facets of Camp Menunkatuck. They will participate, as their ability allows in swimming, crafts, boating, sports and special events as a member of the camp unit. **THIS IS NOT A ONE ON ONE PROGRAM.** Campers must be independent with activities of daily living.

**After Care:** We will provide extended care from 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm. The fee will be \$85 per session. *\*Parent/Guardian will be charged \$5 for every 15 minutes late after 3:00pm.*

Non-residents can begin to register for Camp Menunkatuck on April 3rd. There is a \$20 per session non-resident fee. \$10 for the first week. Contact Ellen Clow by phone at: 453-8068 or by e-mail at: [Clowe@ci.guilford.ct.us](mailto:Clowe@ci.guilford.ct.us) for any questions regarding camp.

**Get Out Way Out (Entering Grades 7 - 9)**

Dates	Fee	Program #	After Care Program #
July 1 - July 5	\$195	34102 B1	34106 B1
July 8 - July 11	\$195	34102 C1	34106 C1
July 15 - July 18	\$195	34102 D1	34106 D1
July 22 - July 25	\$195	34102 E1	34106 E1
July 29 - August 1	\$195	34102 F1	34106 F1
August 5 - August 8	\$195	34102 G1	34106 G1
August 12 - August 15	\$195	34102 H1	34106 H1

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For more information or to view a full Summer 2019 Program Brochure visit: [www.guilfordparkrec.com](http://www.guilfordparkrec.com).

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- Blacksmithing Demonstration - June 22
  - Children's Toys & Furniture Tour - July 20
  - Hearth Cooking Demonstration - July 27-28
  - Architectural Walking Tour of Downtown Guilford, August 4 at 10:00 am, Meet at Hyland House.
  - Hearth Cooking Class - September 28
  - Embroidery Sampler Workshop - August 25 from 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Materials Fee.
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Hyland House Photo Opening Day festivities! Left to right: Bob Donahue (Board President,) Sue Kowalski (Hearth Cooking leader,) Katherine Freidenburg (Board Member,) Nicolas Jordan (docent,) Alexi Jordan (helper.) Photo by Lorraine Jordan.

Please join us for our annual Fundraiser "An Evening in White" - on September 7 (rain date Sept. 14th) in our beautiful garden. Tickets available on our FB page.

The Hyland House is a pre-Revolutionary War historic house museum located just off the Guilford Green. This two-story saltbox was built in 1713 and the National Registry of Historic Places describes it as a "landmark building in the history of domestic architecture." The museum contains important collections of early colonial furnishings, clothing, toys, decorations and kitchenware. Hyland House inhabitants have included Ebenezer Parmalee, a clockmaker, and Candace, a slave and part of Guilford's Witness Stones project. Operating since 1918, the Hyland House recently celebrated its 100th anniversary of sharing Guilford's rich colonial history. We offer guided tours, events and hands-on programs including hearth cooking and early Colonial games in the house garden.

Please visit us at: [www.hylandhouse.org](http://www.hylandhouse.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/HylandHouseMuseum/> for more details. From June through September, the Hyland House is open for guided tours on Fridays and Saturdays 11:00 am - 4:00 pm and Sundays 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Free Admission.

## Henry Whitfield State Museum

248 Old Whitfield Street, Guilford, CT  
203-453-2457 | [www.cultureandtourism.org](http://www.cultureandtourism.org)

**July 21 (Sunday) 10:00 am - 4:30 pm | State Museum Sunday**

It's free admission for Connecticut residents at any of the four State Museums on the third Sunday of the month. Free parking.

**August 11 (Sunday) 10:00 am - 4:30 pm | Kindness Rocks**

Get creative and paint a message of kindness on a rock. Once it dries, place it somewhere outdoors for someone else to find and bring them a bit of happiness. Included with admission: free for children 12 and younger, \$5 for seniors, and \$6 for everyone else. Free parking.

**August 18 (Sunday) 10:00 am - 4:30 pm | State Museum Sunday**

It's free admission for Connecticut residents at any of the four State Museums on the third Sunday of the month. Free parking.

**September 15 (Sunday) 10:00 am - 4:30 pm | State Museum Sunday**

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# Human Trafficking – Our Problem to Solve

## Publisher's Note:

Welcome to Part 1 of a special series in Guilford Events Magazines. We were initially planning to publish a short article about a human trafficking sting operation that was conducted by the Guilford Police Department in January of 2018. It seemed like a good time to take another look at that operation; what it was all about and where things stood today. What we uncovered was that human trafficking is a vast and insidious problem. It continues to rage in our own backyards and across all social and economic strata. The perpetrators and victims are among us. They could be our own friends, neighbors, or relatives. It is a topic most would rather not examine. This Guilford Events Magazines series offers a start - an attempt to raise awareness. Special thanks to Madison Just, a recent graduate of Valley Regional High School for her diligent work in researching this topic, conducting interviews, and drafting these reports. Many thanks also to Chief Jeffrey Hutchinson and Lieutenant Timothy Bernier of the Guilford Police Department and State's Attorney Brian Sibley for their open discussion about human trafficking and the ongoing efforts being made in Connecticut to confront the issue. Finally, thank you to the Guilford Foundation and the Community Foundation of Middlesex County for their support in helping to bring this important issue to the forefront of conversations in our community.

## It is in our backyard

Human trafficking is an unsavory topic most would rather not address. Some say it's not my problem. Others say it's just the world's oldest profession – confusing trafficking with prostitution (which is not the same thing). Still others look at it as something that exists only in third world countries. Human trafficking is a crime. It is big business. It is everywhere, including in every town and city in Connecticut.

Human trafficking can take several forms. For example, victims of labor trafficking essentially become indentured servants who are forced to work for little or no pay. There is no set manner in which this exploitation takes place. They may, for example, have their travel to the U.S. paid for. They are seeking a better life. But once here, they are stripped of their cell phones and passports. They are forced to work in deplorable conditions and are led to believe that their only means of survival is to work for the trafficker. There is the constant fear of physical harm or death. Sex trafficking is another form of human trafficking. Under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, sex trafficking is a commercial sex act that is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform the act has not attained 18 years of age. This Guilford Events Magazines series focuses on sex trafficking of minors in the U.S.

The reality is that with modern day technology, the act of friend-ing and tracking down children as potential victims is rather easy. A sting operation conducted by the Guilford Police Department in conjunction with Attorney Brian Sibley of the CT State's Attorney's office in New Haven illustrates the depth of the problem. And it just scratched the surface.

"People never knew it was happening in Connecticut," says Sibley. "We need to get this out there. It is similar to the opioid epidemic. It is horrific." Jeffrey Hutchinson, Chief of the Guilford Police Department agrees. "The general person would be terrified to find out the actual scope of the problem." Any child is at risk. "Any kid who has a cell phone... that's not just giving your child access to the world, but it's giving the world access to your child," explains Lieutenant Timothy Bernier of the GPD. "Predators on the internet pose as another child, or someone who appears to be trustworthy. Once a connection has been established, they

talk, give complements, and gain trust."

The targets may be showered with gifts to reel them in. During this grooming process, the child may change style of clothes, have new jewelry, electronics, or other gifts, or may start having more sleepovers with friends.

Hutchinson, Bernier and Sibley found out all too well how it works. Sibley was looking for a way to be more proactive with respect to domestic minor sex trafficking. He wanted to spearhead an operation to identify and arrest human traffickers. He contacted Hutchinson, who agreed to participate.

Together, they established an operation that serves as the blueprint for other human trafficking sting operations. They set up a detailed operational plan to find trafficking predators. They created false profiles on sites like Craig's List, Grinder, and Facebook.

"There was interest from all over," says Hutchinson. "People were reaching out to us, building relationships." Over the course of 30 days, there were over 5,000 hits. Then, a house in Guilford was set up as a meeting place. Over 2½ days, 5 people were arrested. "And we could have kept going," observes Hutchinson. The profile that received the most hits was called "Looking for Family Fun" - a

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Lieutenant Timothy Bernier  
of the GPD.

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38-year-old woman who was offering herself and her 12-year-old daughter for sex.

The goal of the operation was not only to catch criminals, but also to raise awareness that this crime is occurring so close to home. Chief Hutchinson mentions how easy it was to attract the predators. Then, there is the reality of the vast human and monetary resources needed to conduct such an operation. Bernier describes the eye-opening range of offenders. "The consumers of it are everywhere," he noted. "A suburban hockey coach who was also a federal agent, a 22 year-old McDonalds' employee, a 45 year-old accountant." Indeed, one suspect arrested in the sting operation was a foreign national in the U.S. illegally who came to Guilford from out of state to attempt to traffic the young girl.

To date, three of the five suspects arrested in the Guilford sting operation have been convicted and will serve time in jail. They will also be required to register as sex offenders. The cases against the other two individuals are still ongoing. Sibley, Hutchinson and Bernier agree that it will be an uphill battle for a long time. But they won't give up. "Be careful," says Hutchinson. "We are watching you."

If you are being trafficked or you suspect someone you know is being trafficked, please call:

For trafficking of children in Connecticut:

**1-800-842-2288**

For the national human trafficking hotline:

**1-888-373-7888**

## Important tips for recognizing the signs of domestic minor sex trafficking

### APPS TEENS ARE USING:

**Calculator%**  
This app looks like a calculator but functions like a secret photo vault.

**Hot or Not**  
Strangers rate your profile. Goal is to lead to a hook up.

**Omegle**  
A free online chat website that promotes chatting anonymously to strangers.

**Burn Book**  
Post anonymous rumors about people through audio messages, texts, and photos.

**Yellow**  
This app is designed to allow teens to flirt with each other in a Tinder-like atmosphere.

**Wishbone**  
An app that allows users to compare kids against each other and rate them on a scale.

**Whisper**  
An anonymous app where the creators promote sharing secrets and meeting new people.

**Kik**  
Messaging app. Kik has built in apps and web content that would be filtered on home computer.

**Ask.fm**  
Ask an anonymous question and get an answer. This app has been linked to the most severe forms of cyberbullying.

**Instagram**  
Many kids are now creating fake accounts to hide content from parents. Kids also like to text using Instagram.

### SNEAKY TEEN TEXTING CODES

What your teen's texts *really* mean.

LH6 = let's have sex

KYS = kill yourself

CD9 = code 9 . parents around

99 = parents are gone

LMIRL = let's meet in real life

MPFB = my personal f\*\*\* buddy

ASL = age/sex/location

KOTL = kiss on the lips

HAK = hugs & kisses

KPC = keeping parents clueless

1174 = meet at a party spot

ADR = what's your address

GYPO = get ya pants off

CU46 = see you for sex

WTTP = want to trade photos?

GNOC = get naked on camera

Trim these items out for your own information.

## Warning! Online Predator

A guide for discussion with your children.

Below are common tactics that are used by predators.

For more information see our 'Toolbox' Visit: [www.Vets4ChildRescue.org](http://www.Vets4ChildRescue.org)  
Veterans for Child Rescue, 501c3: End Trafficking Now

### PREDATOR SAYS

### WHAT IT MEANS

What are you doing right now?

Predator trying to see if you're alone or with others.

Let's go private.

Let's go private chat, messaging or phone call.

Do you like music?  
What do you like to do?

Helps predator know your vulnerabilities.

Can I help you become a model?

Making you feel "special" to get what they want.

Are you upset?

Trying to gain your trust, acting like they truly care.

Where do you live? What school do you go to?

Predator feels you trust them enough to ask.

Do what I say, or I will send the pics to family and friends.

Predators use fear to make you do what they want.

I love you.

Predator wants you to meet with him.

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# Summer Happenings at the Dudley Farm



The Farmhouse at The Dudley Farm is ready for visitors and even the beds are all made so the Dudley family can get a good night's sleep. Our lambs frolic in the barnyard or in the pasture, while the rooster crows to make sure he is not ignored. The



Dudley Farm String Band joins in on the fun by playing some toe-tapping tunes during our weekly Farmers' Market. We're hoping you'll visit as we continue to make plans to entertain our guests as we celebrate 25 years "down on the Farm."

Our summer-long exhibit For Wee Folks, showcasing children's toys and articles, is on display for our guests to enjoy. Each of Guilford's 5 museums is presenting items used by children during that museum's heyday. By visiting all of the museums you can see what children were up to from 1639 to 1910.

**JULY:** The Museum is open for tours Thursday through Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and Sunday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. It's a great time to visit the farm, or perhaps have a picnic and see how our lambs and gardens have grown. And of course there's always something happening at the Farmers' Market Every Saturday morning from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

**AUGUST:** As we've been able to unstuff the nooks and crannies of our various buildings we have discovered lots of antique farm machinery. We will be hosting an antique farm machinery show and sale Saturday August 17th. So, come



to the Farmers' Market in the morning, buy lunch at the Farm, and check out the assorted farm machinery on display. This fundraiser will help us restore the 19th century sawmill given to us by Craig Reynolds.

**SEPTEMBER:** On September 7th The Farmers' Market will be hosting a Fairy Festival for the younger folks - and young at heart - to enjoy. As plans progress more information will become available. And of course, we hope to see you at the Guilford Fair!

## Guilford to Come Alive in September with Performing Arts Festival's Return



the public-all FREE. With a tent on the Green as a main stage, the festival will light up nearly every restaurant, coffee shop, bookstore, church and gallery in town, plus many nooks and crannies and some places a short drive from downtown.

Put the dates, September 26-29, in your calendar and visit: [guilfordperformingartsfest.org](http://guilfordperformingartsfest.org) often to get the latest on the festival, performers, venues and schedules. By the time you read this, you'll likely know who'll be among the dozens of artists performing this year. As this went to press, volunteers were finalizing the selection of national, local and regional performers, and working on contracts. They were sworn to secrecy!

Make sure you're in Guilford this fall, as the town will come alive with at least 50 performances in music, art and dance, and workshops for high-school students and

The ideas behind the festival are these: energize the town for a few days with great entertainment; celebrate and showcase the tremendous artistic community that exists here on the Shoreline and throughout Connecticut; unite the community in a shared effort that's fun, joyful and creative, and that contributes positively to Guilford's quality of life, image and economy; expose students to the ideas, cultures, ways of artistic expression, lives and teachings of a diverse set of professional performers; and show that the arts can change lives.

Every two years, the Guilford Performing Arts Festival will mix public performances, artist talkbacks and workshops with master classes for students and a public-service project that uses the arts to improve the health or well-being of a population in need. In 2019, a world-renowned dance company will work with youth in addiction recovery, using facilitated movement and exercises in self-expression and collaboration to support their treatment.

The festival will kick off on Thursday, September 26, with a Dinner on the Green for patrons and guests. The night will feature a farm-to-table dinner, wine and beer, live music by the



Hip-hop violinist Daniel Bernard Roumain (DBR) is one of more than 50 artists expected to perform in the 2019 Guilford Performing Arts Festival this September. Guilford Performing Arts Festival courtesy photo by Julieta Cervantes.

Afro-Bop Alliance Latin Jazz Sextet and the Joe McCarthy-Sandy Stoddard trio. Seating is extremely limited. Please visit the festival website for ticket and donation pricing information.

The show can't go on-let alone for free-without the support of the entire community. To sponsor or donate to the festival, visit: [guilfordperformingartsfest.org/donate](http://guilfordperformingartsfest.org/donate). Send questions and comments to: [gpafest@gmail.com](mailto:gpafest@gmail.com) or call: 203-453-9797.



## Welcome to the Town of Guilford, CT

Guilford has a small, historic, charming atmosphere which is highlighted by its rustic character and individuality. Unique characteristics include the Town Green with tree lined abutting streets that boast the third largest collection of historical homes in New England, dwellings from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. So come, stay awhile and enjoy everything our town has to offer.

Explore the numerous boutique shops, antique markets and art galleries that also surround the Green. Nearby are historical museums that display Guilford's heritage, including the Hyland House (1660), Henry Whitfield State Museum (1639), Thomas Griswold House (1774), Medad Stone Tavern (1803) and the Dudley Farm (1840). Guilford's natural scenic beauty, its Green, its historic houses, and its thriving business community guide the citizens of Guilford toward a promising future. So come, stay awhile and enjoy everything our town has to offer.

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# Guilford Art Center

## SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Registration is open for week-long sessions for kids ages 3 ½ - 12 beginning from June 24 – August 23. Choose from either half-day or full-day programs. Classes themes and mediums include beading, clay, photography, glass, painting & drawing mixed media, American Girl, architecture and much more. Teen classes also offered for blacksmithing, filmmaking and crocheting. See all programs and register at [www.guilfordartcenter.org](http://www.guilfordartcenter.org), come by the office, or call 203-453-5947.



Guilford Art Center Kids Photo courtesy of the Guilford Art Center.

## SUMMER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

The summer semester runs from June 17 - August 9; registration remains open throughout the semester. See all classes and workshops offered and register online at: [www.guilfordartcenter.org](http://www.guilfordartcenter.org) or call: 203-453-5947.

### Friday, July 12, 6:30 - 10:00 pm SEASIDE BENEFIT PARTY FOR GUILFORD ART CENTER

Chef Jacques Pepin will attend and serve as the Honorary Chairperson. Guests will enjoy a special summer evening at the beautiful Owenego Beach & Tennis Club located on the Long Island Sound. Includes outdoor lawn games, beer and wine, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, live music by One & done, and live and silent auctions. Dress: smart casual. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.guilfordartcenter.org](http://www.guilfordartcenter.org) or by calling (203) 453-5947.



Guilford Art Center photo of Jacques Pepin, courtesy of Tom Hopkins.

### June 21 - July 21

#### “THE ARTISTRY OF JACQUES PEPIN”

##### GALLERY EXHIBITION

This is the first comprehensive exhibition of Jacques Pepin's art, and will introduce viewers to this fascinating aspect of the renowned chef's creative pursuits. The Gallery is open 7 days a week and is free. For more information visit: [www.guilfordartcenter.org](http://www.guilfordartcenter.org).

### July 19-21

#### CRAFT EXPO 2019 PRESENTED BY GUILFORD ART CENTER

Over 180 nationally-recognized and emerging craft artists will converge on the historic Guilford Green for this annual event. It is Connecticut's premier outdoor juried show of fine American craft. Artists from across the country will display and sell their fine craft in a variety of media, including clay, glass, leather, metal and non-metal jewelry, wearable and non-wearable fiber, metal, mixed media, paper, painting, photography, printmaking, soap and wood.

Craft Expo 2019 hours: Friday, July 19, 12:00 - 8:30 pm, Saturday, July 20, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm; Sunday July 21, 12:00 - 5:00 pm. For ticket information visit: [www.guilfordartcenter.org/expo](http://www.guilfordartcenter.org/expo).



Guilford Art Center Photo Expo, courtesy of Judith Barbosa.

### July 26 - August 16

#### “MADISON ART SOCIETY” GALLERY EXHIBITION

### August 21 - September 4

#### “DANA LOFINK: RESIDENT POTTER EXHIBITION” GALLERY EXHIBITION

### Sept 16 - Nov 22

#### FALL SEMESTER OF CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

See fall catalog and register online for all adults, teen and youth programs at [www.guilfordartcenter.org](http://www.guilfordartcenter.org).



# Hammonasset Festival Celebrates Nature and Native American Heritage

The 9th Hammonasset Festival will return to the Guilford Fairgrounds at 111 Lovers Lane to honor the environment and Native American cultures. The two-day celebration will take place on Saturday, October 5, from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday, October 6, from 10 am to 5 pm.

“We invite you to join us for a weekend of fun, celebration, education, and entertainment,” says Barbara Hanson, Festival Chair. “We chose Mother Earth is in Our Hands as this year’s theme. We wish to ex-press our gratitude for Mother Earth’s many gifts and learn ways to care for them.”



Hammonasset Festival photo Chankas of Peru, courtesy of the artist (or Chankas of Peru.)

“Mother Earth is the source of all life and our greatest teacher,” says Darlene Kascak (Schaghticoke), Education Coordinator at The Institute for American Indian Studies. “She teaches us that all things must live in harmony. We must respect and care for our Mother, in order to provide for the seven generations that are coming.”



Hammonasset Festival photo of Wade Fernandez: courtesy of the artist or (Wade Fernandez.)

Each day will begin with a Native American prayer and smudging ceremony, led by Allan Saunders (Mohegan,) followed by multiple appearances of our featured performers:

- Wade Fernandez, of the Menominee Nation in Wisconsin. Wade has been sharing his musical art for over thirty years as an international

award-winning musician, songwriter, recording artist, and producer.

- Erin Lamb-Meeches (Schaghticoke) and the Native Nations Dance Troupe. The Native American dancers will gather in the dance circle to share their dances and interpretations, accompanied by the Native drum group, Pine Tree Singers.
- The Chankas of Peru will share the amazing Scissors Dance, a traditional highland Andean ritual competition.

Each dancer will showcase his repertoire of acrobatics, gymnastics, aerial jumps, and intricate footwork. Allan Madahbee (Ojibway) will emcee the Festival and will also play Native American flute and guitar. Around the grounds, under tents and in the Butterfly Building will be an array of vendors, exhibitors and educators. There will be wildlife exhibits and shows, an expanded children’s area, the New England Atlatl Championship, and a variety of food choices.

The Festival is presented by the Friends of Hammonasset, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which provides public environmental awareness programs and serves as an advocate for Hammonasset Beach State Park. Find more information including ticket prices and schedule of events at Facebook.com/HammonassetFestival. Vendor/exhibitor pre-registration required; contact hammonassetfestival@gmail.com.



Hammonasset Festival photo Native Dance: courtesy of Friends of Hammonasset.

# Jackie Robinson: An Ongoing Legacy of Impact and Achievement

by Sigrid Kun



Rendering of future Jackie Robinson Museum. Courtesy Gensler/Ralph Appelbaum Associates/Mopix Studios.

Jackie Robinson's legacy is stronger than ever. It's not just every April 15th when each Major League Baseball team celebrates Jackie Robinson Day. Through the Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF) he and his family continue to impact lives and improve the communities in which we live.

## BREAKING BARRIERS

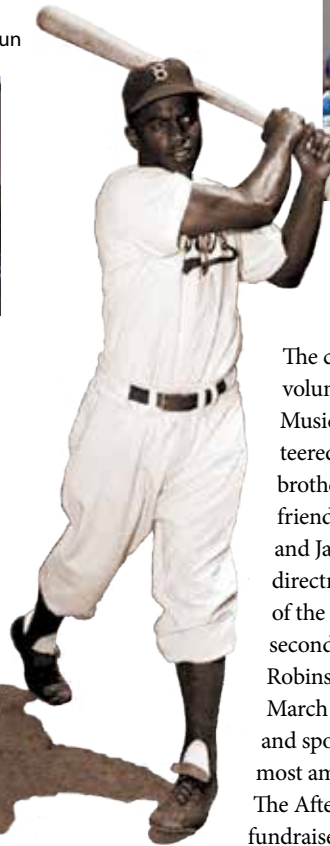
Born on January 31, 1919 in Cairo, Georgia, Robinson grew up in Pasadena, CA. He later attended UCLA where he became the only student to letter in four varsity sports in the same year. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942 and became second lieutenant. In 1944, while riding a bus back to Camp (now Fort) Hood, he was court martialed for refusing to move to the back of the bus. This ultimately led to his honorable discharge that same year.

It was around the same time that the Brooklyn Dodgers found it important to integrate Major League Baseball. Robinson signed a contract with the Dodgers in 1945 and began his baseball career with the Montreal Royals. On April 15, 1947, the color barrier was broken. Robinson became the first African American to play Major League Baseball, playing first base for the Dodgers. He carried himself with honor and grace despite facing opposition from crowds and teammates as well as threats to himself and his family. Named Rookie of the Year in 1947, his 10-year MLB career was outstanding - including being named MVP in 1949 and a World Series win in 1955. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962.

## ADVANCING EQUALITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS

Robinson transformed more than baseball. He and his wife, Rachel, became increasingly involved in the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s. It was during this time (mid-1950s) that the family home in Stamford, CT was purchased - not without adversity. "Our parents faced housing discrimination during their search for a home," recalls Jackie Robinson's daughter, Sharon, who serves as Vice Chair of the JRF Board of Directors. "Andrea Simon, a prominent resident, heard of our difficulties and intervened." As Sharon and her brothers integrated into the neighborhood and schools, they faced various levels of racism. The home offered privacy, freedom, friendship, and sports.

And there were the wonderful jazz concerts. "Our family hosted our first 'Afternoon of Jazz' on our Stamford property in June of 1963," relates Sharon. "Dad was a fundraiser for the Civil Rights Movement" Robinson was also working with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr to raise money to rebuild black churches that had been bombed. The first concert was a fundraiser for Southern Christian Leadership Conference and came on the heels of Dr. King's efforts in Birmingham, Alabama.



Family portrait left to right: Sharon Robinson, Mom Rachel and Dad Jackie Robinson. Courtesy Jackie Robinson Foundation.

The concert was managed by a massive volunteer force of family and friends. Musicians (like Dizzy Gillespie) volunteered their time and talents. "My brother, David and I - along with our friends - sold hot dogs and sodas. Dad and Jackie Jr. parked cars. Mom was the directress with her hands in all aspect of the concert," recalls Sharon. The second concert was shortly after the Robinson family returned from the March on Washington. "Dr. King came and spoke to the crowd. It was one of the most amazing days of our young lives." The Afternoon of Jazz became a regular fundraiser for the Civil Rights Movement during Jackie Robinson's life. After he passed in 1972, the tradition continued with proceeds to support JRF.

## A LEGACY OF IMPACT AND ACHIEVEMENT

Rachel founded JRF in 1973. JRF not only honors the memory of Jackie Robinson and his heroic achievements but also provides college and graduate student scholarships and leadership development opportunities for students of color with strong capabilities but limited financial resources. It is a two-pronged approach with four-year grants and hands-on, comprehensive support.

This year, JRF is commemorating the 100th birthday of Jackie Robinson with a year-long series of events to benefit not only the organization's programs but also the future Jackie Robinson Museum. The culminating event will be the opening of the Jackie Robinson Museum in New York City in December of 2019. "It has been our family's dream to have a physical space where my father's legacy and the values and ideals by which he lived could inspire others," says Sharon. "We are excited to shine a light on my father's life, while raising funds to continue to positively impact the lives of others."

"My parents taught me the importance of loving your world," adds Sharon - an accomplished nurse-midwife, professor, author and educational consultant within the Commissioner of Baseball's Office. "We have a favorite Jackie Robinson quote: *'A life is not important except for the impact on other's lives.'*"

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