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The First Selectman's Corner

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We are quickly moving now into budget season where the Board of Selectmen will be working closely with the Board of Finance to craft a budget for the Town for FY2020-2021. The Board of Selectmen will have its budget workshop meetings January 23rd and 24th, where it will hear budget presentations from the various departments. Then the Board of Education and Board of Selectmen will make formal budget presentations to the Board of Finance at its February 18th meeting. The Board of Finance's budget

public hearing is scheduled for March 3rd with workshops to follow on March 5th and 9th. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings and offer their input on the budgets being presented.



Matthew T. Hoey III, First Selectman

Guilford was recently honored with Sustainable CT Silver Certification. Sustainable CT is a statewide initiative that inspires and supports communities in becoming more efficient, resilient, and inclusive. In its application for Sustainable CT certification, Guilford demonstrated significant achievements in actions in nine sustainable impact areas ranging from inclusive community building, thriving local economies, and vibrant arts and culture to clean transportation and diverse housing. None of this would have been possible without the hard work of our all-volunteer Sustainable Guilford Task Force. I want to thank Co-Chairs Terri Cain and Mark Allegrini as well as members Howard Brown, Robin Campot, Lily Mackey, John Muro and Julie Paquette.



Receiving Sustainable CT Silver Certification on December 3rd at the Annual Convention of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. Back Row left to right: Matt Hoey, Terri Cain and Julie Paquette; Front Row left to right: Robin Campot and Howard Brown.

Assistant Fire Chief Michael Shove was the latest recipient of the **continued on page 5**



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Asst. Chief Shove was presented with a certificate as well as a gift card.
From Left to Right: Human Resources Director Mitch Goldblatt,
Asst. Fire Chief Mike Shove, Administrative Assistant Sally Berezowskyj
and First Selectman Matt Hoey.

Guilford Employee Recognition Award. This program was initiated to recognize employees for outstanding achievement and performance in their work. Assistant Chief Shove took it upon himself to implement VEOCI (a new software workflow system) to departments outside of the Fire Department and has spent countless hours, often on his own time, moving the town's Personal Activity Form online via this system, which will create greater efficiencies for town departments.

The Town recently granted a Conservation Easement on the Peddler's Park property to the Guilford Land Conservation Trust (GLCT) for the sum of \$25,000. After concerns were raised last year over a proposed disc golf course on the site, the GLCT approached the town with this proposal to ensure the park, which provides northern access to the Westwoods Trails, continues to only be used for passive recreation.

The Town has entered into agreements with Saint George Catholic Church, Whitfield and Water Shoppes, LLC and various merchants whose employees park in the Water Street parking lot. The new arrangement will provide employee parking in a designated area of the Church parking lot (with pedestrian access across 51 Whitfield Street), which will free up parking spaces in the Water Street lot for customers of the merchants.

Public Works is preparing for the winter season and, as always, we hope for a mild winter. I want to remind everyone to be extra careful when traveling our roads, especially during inclement weather and to be aware of our winter ordinances related to snow removal and parking. Within 24 hours after a snowstorm is over, property owners must have their sidewalks cleared. There is an "Overnight Parking Ban" in effect from December 1st through April 1st. No on-street parking is allowed between the hours of 1:00 am and 7:00 am or whenever snow removal operations are in progress. The Fire
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Department also requests that if you have a fire hydrant in front of your property, to keep it free and clear of snow in case of emergencies. In addition, please do not plow snow into the roads. We need everyone's cooperation in order to clear the roads quickly and make sure all roads and sidewalks are safe for vehicles and pedestrians.

Lastly, I want to congratulate the Guilford High School sports teams for a very successful fall season. State tournament play earned GHS two State Championships for Girls Soccer and Field Hockey, State Champion runner up in Volleyball, Semi Final play for Boys Soccer, 4th place for Girls Cross Country, 3rd place for Boys Cross Country, and a 9th place finish for the Girls Swim Team, only three years old!

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First Selectman

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What do you get when you combine a mom who is good at just about anything (from putting together cookbooks to flipping houses) and a daughter with degrees in Spanish and International Business? A Pure Barre studio, of course! Diane Gardner and her daughter, Jesse Gardner, had tried just about every workout imaginable. But then, they tried Pure Barre. Clients for years, the two are now partners in their own Guilford-based studio.

Pure Barre, Gardner style, exudes a sense of community. While having just opened in February of 2019, they've already hosted

a large party in the plaza in which they are located. They plan on doing that again – and more. “We want to dive into the community,” Jesse emphasizes. “Now that we are going, we can really dive in.”

And it hasn't taken very long for the Gardners to foster a loyal and growing client base. “We love talking to them and hearing their stories. And it starts budding into a friendship,” notes Jesse. That personal relationship provides a supportive environment for all.

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“She transformed herself,” exclaims Jesse. “It's amazing what you can do. It is all about being the best version of yourself and being healthy. You can do it. You are stronger than you think you are, mentally and physically. And we can help you with that.”

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Connecticut Cancer Foundation Comes to the Rescue

The Connecticut Cancer Foundation, (CCF) helps hundreds of CT cancer patients each year. However, one recent story really stands out. On Wednesday evening, Nov 20, Terri Eickel (Director of Development & Special Events,) received a phone call from Tracie Brown, the wife of Sgt. Ian Brown (Willimantic Police Department). Tracie told Terri that they were in a financial crisis and there was no hope or help for them. Bills were past due, late fees were piling up, and nobody was willing to extend them any grace or compassion. Feeling that she had nowhere to turn, Tracie called CCF.



Ian was the Ambassador for CCF's No Shave November CT campaign, which meant that Ian would receive a significant grant as a result of what No Shave November CT raises. But CCF usually issues the checks in December, once it is known what

the whole month has raised. But for the Browns, even a check on December 2 was not going to be soon enough to stop the repossession of their car, which they need to get Ian to treatment. Obviously, help was needed.

And help CCF did! On Thursday, November 21, CCF overnighted the Browns a significant grant that brought them up to date on their bills and gave them a cushion for December.

When Terri called Tracie to tell her the good news, there was a long silence. Terri thought, "Oh no, is she upset with me? Is something wrong?" And then she realized - Tracie was crying. She was crying from relief and gratitude and once she got her voice back, she said, "Terri, you guys are all amazing! Nobody else would help us and you are saving us! Thank you!"

This is just one story of many. Last year, CCF helped over 500 CT cancer patients. But CCF couldn't have done it without your support! To help CT cancer patients throughout the year please visit www.ctcancerfoundation.org.

Did You Know?

Publisher's Note: The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution. Our "The Last Word" feature found on page 26 of this Guilford Events Magazine provides for a commemoration of this milestone and honors the commitment of so many who fought painstakingly over so many decades for women's right to vote. Below, we have compiled a few fun facts regarding women's suffrage.

While voting rights could no longer be denied because of race or sex, after the 15th and 19th Amendments, many voters still faced ballot restrictions, including registration rules, literacy tests, poll taxes, and moral residency requirements.

Source: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/Programs/19th-amendment-centennial/fun-facts/

The official colors of the formal woman suffrage movement in the United States were gold, white, and violet, or "Give Women the Vote." Red was the official color of the anti-suffrage movement.

Source: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/Programs/19th-amendment-centennial/fun-facts/history-woman-suffrage-movement-prior-to-ratification/

Alice Paul, of the National Women's Party, designed a "ratification banner," on which she sewed stars for each state that ratified the 19th Amendment. When she reached 36 stars, it was complete.

Source: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/Programs/19th-amendment-centennial/fun-facts/ratification/

Not all Connecticut women and men were in favor of women's suffrage. By the early 1900s, the Connecticut Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage had local branches all across the state. Members of the organization thought voting put an unnecessary burden on women. Like many other states in America, Connecticut was split on the issue of women's suffrage.

Source: <https://www.nps.gov/articles/connecticut-and-the-19th-amendment.htm>

In 1869, Frances Ellen Burr and Isabella Beecher Hooker (the half-sister of Harriett Beecher Stowe) established the Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association (CWSA). This group advocated for women's suffrage in local elections and eventually worked with national leaders to organize protests and demonstrations.

Source: <https://www.nps.gov/articles/connecticut-and-the-19th-amendment.htm>

Katharine Martha Houghton Hepburn (mother of actress Katharine Hepburn) co-founded the Hartford Equal Franchise League in 1913, a group that eventually numbered between 20,000-30,000 members. She later became President of the Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association, an affiliate of the NAWSA, actively speaking as a representative of women who were mothers as well as suffragists. In September 1917, inspired by the arrests of the White House pickets, she resigned from the Connecticut organization and joined the National Woman's Party. By November 1917 she was on the NWP's National Executive Committee, where she continued to make public appearances on behalf of the cause.

Source: <http://www.brynmawr.edu/library/exhibits/suffrage/nawsaAlums.html>

Assessor's Office

Elderly Tax Relief applications will be taken in the Assessor's Office, between February 1st and May 15th, during the hour 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 2019,) 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.

The basic requirements for all of the following Elderly Tax Relief Programs are as follows:

1. The homeowner must have owned the property as of October 1, 2019.
2. The homeowner must be at least 65 years of age as of December 31, 2019 or was receiving 100% disability benefits from Social Security as of that date;
3. The homeowner must have lived in Connecticut for at least one year;
4. The homeowner must not be receiving tax relief from any other town or state;
5. The homeowner must occupy the property as their principal residence.

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 homeowner must have income (including Social Security) of not more than \$37,000 for a single individual or \$45,000 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 homeowner must have income (including Social Security) of not more than \$39,000 for a single individual or \$47,000 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.

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3. The homeowner cannot be on both the Town's Tax Deferral and this program; and
4. 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
21+ Years	\$79,000	\$95,000

Jennifer Bernardo, Assessor

Tax Collector

TOWN OF GUILFORD TAX BILL INFORMATION FOR 2018 GRAND LIST

REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL PROPERTY, & MOTOR VEHICLE TAX BILLS WERE MAILED JULY, 2019. PAYMENT STUBS WERE PROVIDED FOR BOTH THE FIRST AND SECOND HALF PAYMENTS (IF APPLICABLE.)

PAYMENT DUE DATES: JULY 1, 2019 AND JANUARY 1, 2020.

2018 SUPPLEMENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE TAX BILLS WERE SENT

DECEMBER 9, 2019. SUPPLEMENTAL TAX BILLS ARE DUE JANUARY 1, 2020. DELINQUENT AFTER FEBRUARY 3, 2020.

- If you registered a motor vehicle after the October 1, 2018 Grand List date, but before August 1, 2019 a supplemental tax bill may be issued to you in December 2019 due January 1, 2020, per State Statute. The first installment of your tax bill is due July 1, 2019. You are given a 30 DAY GRACE PERIOD, and will be considered delinquent after August 1, 2020. Interest will accrue from the original due date, at 1 ½% per month,

per State Statute. The second installment will be due January 1, 2020 with a 30 DAY GRACE PERIOD, and will be considered delinquent after February 3, 2020.

- PLEASE NOTE: If you did not receive a tax bill by July 1, 2019, you must call the Tax Office immediately at 203-453-8014. Failure to send/receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax or interest should the account become delinquent!
- You will be responsible to remember to pay the second half of your bill. NO OTHER BILL WILL BE SENT.
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- PLEASE NOTE: ALL DELINQUENT MOTOR VEHICLE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX BILLS WERE TURNED OVER TO THE COLLECTION AGENCY OF TAXSERV, NOVEMBER 1, 2019. PLEASE CALL 860-724-9100.
- If you have any Back Taxes (this will be noted on your bill), payment will be applied to the oldest bill first and interest and fees will be paid first before principle, per State Statute. Liens will be filed on all delinquent Real Estate tax bills on April 1, 2020.

PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE BY MAIL, ONLINE OR IN THE OFFICE.

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If payments are made by mail please make checks payable to: **TAX COLLECTOR-GUILFORD.**

Mail to: **Tax Collector, 31 Park St., Guilford, CT 06437.** Please include your tax bill stub. An official U.S. Postal Service post marked date on the envelope will be honored. A postal meter stamp will NOT.

You may also pay online at: townofguilford.org, go to the Tax Dept., and follow the link to Pay and View my bill. If paying with a credit/debit card convenience fees will apply as follows:

- All debit/credit cards - 2.95%
- Online E-Checks - \$1.95 - E-checks are considered checks - DMV release will take 10 business days.

All returned checks will be charged a \$20.00 fee.

If you have any questions about assessments or motor vehicles you no longer own, please contact the Assessor's Office at: 203-453-8010.

If a Bank/Mortgage Lender pays your Real Estate taxes through an escrow account and you received this bill in error please forward this bill to your bank immediately for payment.

If you need to discuss payment arrangements, Please contact the Tax Collector at: 203-453-8016 as soon as possible. Please, do not ignore your bill.

THANK YOU.

Registrar of Voters

2020 ELECTION YEAR -

Presidential Year!

The Presidential Preference Primary will be on April 28 for the state of Connecticut. In order to be eligible to vote in the primary on Tuesday, April 28 you must be an enrolled member in that party. Unaffiliated voters will NOT be permitted to vote in a primary in the state of Connecticut. Party affiliations may be changed before the primary, but there are several deadlines which will be strictly enforced.

January 28 - Last day for enrolled party members to change party affiliation for voting in the April 28th primary

April 23 - Mail-In registrations - Last date for postmarked registrations for new voters and for unaffiliated voters to enroll in a party for voting in the primary.

April 27 - by noon - In person - Last day for new voters and unaffiliated voters to enroll in a party at the Registrars' Office

PERMANENT ABSENTEE STATUS

We would like to remind you of the availability of permanent absentee ballot status.

Here's how it works: If you have a disability which prevents you from going to your polling place to vote you may file a request for an absentee ballot and include, with that request, a letter from your physician which states 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 which you can fill out and return by mail. Yearly, In January the Registrars of Voters will send you a letter asking you to confirm the accuracy of your address. Please return this letter to assure that you remain on the Permanent Absentee List.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

You can register to vote online!

You can also change your address, name

and/or party affiliation, online (to change/add on line you must have a current, valid Connecticut Driver's License with your Guilford address.)

The process is very easy.

One path is to go into the Town of Guilford's website at: www.ci.guilford.ct.us, choose Registrar of Voters from the Town Department list and then "Register to Vote Online" which is located on the left side of that page. Another way is through the Secretary of the State's website at: www.sots.ct.gov, choosing the Elections and Voting tab. A third, and the best way, is to go directly to the website, www.voterregistration.ct.gov.

If you have any questions please contact us at 203-453-8028 or registrar@ci.guilford.ct.us. Our office hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 1:00 pm until 4:30 pm.

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Economic Development



It almost sounds like a broken record when we comment and complain about how fast time flies, but here we are ready to take on a new year, 2020. Guilford remains vibrant and we think we all can agree our quality of life in this community is second to none.

We are putting the finishing touches on a series of short videos that will showcase key aspects of our community. We expect to complete them in January and they will be available to view on several town websites, including the main Town website, Park & Recreation, the Library and possibly more. We will announce their availability when posted to the websites.

With one exception, our town center commercial spaces are fully occupied. We are pleased to report that Paul Listro and Richard Parent are the new owners of Breakwater Books. They are thrilled to be part of the Guilford community and are looking forward to bringing their own passions to the legacy of this store which has operated for almost 50 years. Vietnoms Café has opened in the former Sunnyside Up location, which operated there for 10 years until their retirement. Vietnoms Café features authentic Vietnamese cuisine. Owners Kevin and Xianxi Lam and their three children, recently relocated to live in Guilford as well. 27 Boston Street houses two new businesses to Guilford including Calcagni Real Estate and Oak Tree Development. The Beatty and Beatty Law Firm previously occupied this space. Jeff Beatty merged his business with Sullivan & Griffith to form Sullivan, Griffith & Beatty, LLP, a full service legal firm located at 705 Boston Post Road. J. Gresham Design opened at 20C Church Street (in the Chroma Gallery), featuring one-of-a-kind earrings, necklaces, and elegant home décor transformed from glass. Artist Jean Gresham is the owner-operator. Straight Jacket Motorsports has opened in the former Land Rover dealership location, specializing in outfitting vehicles with vinyl wrapping, window tinting and providing clothing for motor enthusiasts.

We are pleased to announce an agreement with St. George's Church has been completed to support Whitfield and Water Streets merchant employee parking. Based on feedback from merchants, customers and observations, the Economic Development Commission identified the need for additional parking in this area. They conducted a survey of available parking spaces versus the number of employees within these merchants. They determined nearly 40% of the spaces were being utilized by employees. Therefore, they reached out to St. George's Church, who has a large parking lot not being utilized during a significant amount of time during the week. St. George's Church agreed to share 76 spaces for merchant employees. The spaces have been outlined with green paint, to identify and separate them from parishioner spaces. A handicap accessible sidewalk has been installed between the church

lot and the merchant lot. Merchants have been provided parking tags that will hang from the vehicle mirrors while the employees are utilizing this lot. A great number of merchants are supporting this initiative and we trust more will join in. The whole goal is to provide our residents and visitors easier access to parking while keeping our downtown economy vibrant and safe. This project certainly wouldn't have been possible without the cooperation of St. George's Church, the property owners, the merchants, their employees and the Town.

As you travel around town, you will notice renovation and construction activity occurring at the U-Haul site. Plimpton and Hills Plumbing Supply is redeveloping the former Emerson Supply location on the Boston Post Road. And, the Metro Pooch, a doggie day care and overnight boarding facility is building a brand new building on Soundview Road. In the Q4-2019 issue of Guilford Events, we incorrectly reported changes occurring at Anthony's of Guilford. We apologize for any inconveniences this may have caused anyone. For the record, Anthony's of Guilford is alive and well. Their full service restaurant, take-out services, catering, event and banquet facilities are available and ready to host your events.

We can never take for granted the businesses that are here in Guilford. All provide products, services, employment opportunities, make generous contributions to many organizations, and **continued on page 14**



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contribute to the culture and character of Guilford. Many have been here for a long time and we try to acknowledge them when they exceed a major milestone. At this moment, we would like to congratulate and thank the following businesses for contributing to our community; 20 years - Flutterby (decorating with the fabulous holiday lights for 15 years), 25 years - Dudley Farm Museum, 30 years - Viso Bello Spas (founded in Middlebury CT, Guilford location for 2 ½ years), 40 years - Country Grocer, 50 years - Guilford Texaco, 80 years - on the Green, Page's Hardware and Frank's Package Store, 85+ years - Guilford Four Corners Gulf Station (Rt. 80 and Long Hill Road,) and 100 years - Hyland House Museum and The Darrow-Rebuzzini American Legion Post #48. Congratulations to these businesses and organizations

and thank you for being an important asset to our community. Recognizing we may have missed businesses celebrating a major milestone (5 year increments,) please forward the information so we can address you in the next issue.

Happy New Year, make 2020 the best one yet! Enjoy all Guilford has to offer; shop, dine, and explore Guilford.

Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me, Brian McGlone, Economic Development Coordinator at: 203-453-8071 or mcgloneb@ci.guilford.ct.us.

Brian McGlone, Economic Development Coordinator

Stand Up for SARAH



Enjoy a night, January 10th from 6:30 - 9:30 pm, filled with a delicious buffet catered by the Marketplace at Guilford Food Center, local craft beer and wine, raffle prizes, and most of all lots of laughs! Tickets are now on sale for the Stand Up for SARAH Comedy Night - an event to benefit the SARAH Foundation. Featured comedians include Ray Harrington, 2015 winner of the BEST Documentary SNOB Festival and LA Comedy Festival as well as

Rob Ryan, winner of Last Comix Standing and the Boston Comedy Festival. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Visit www.sarahfoundation.org for more details and to purchase tickets.

The Roman God Janus

January is named for the Roman god Janus. Portrayed with two faces, he looks to the future and the past. He is known as the god of beginnings and endings, doors and gates, transition and time. Perfect for the first month of the year-and a perfect time for the gardener to look back at last year's landscape, and look forward to this year's!

During these short days, we all get absorbed in the gardening and seed catalogs that flood our mailboxes. We also spend hours on our computers, looking for new garden ideas. However, on a crisp sunny day, get outside and walk your landscape. Look at the bones of your garden. Is there a place for a broadleaf evergreen or dwarf conifer to add some color or foliage texture to the open winter landscape or garden

bed? Would the colored twigs of a shrubby dogwood or the curly twigs of corkscrew willow add a focal point? Heavily textured bark on our native Heritage river birch can bring life to a winter landscape. Take January into account, looking back at your landscape, and looking forward to your new planting ideas.

For those without a garden (or those who don't relish walking their landscape in the cold!), look to your indoor gardening. While too early to start seedlings, look to last year's leftover supplies... seed starting mix, peat pots, labels, seeds, and patio pots. Prepare your list for this season. Perhaps you can get a jump on the season as some of our common culinary herbs, such as rosemary, thyme, and bay, are excellent and easy kitchen window houseplants.

A renewed interest in houseplants has revived some of the plants of previous generations. Spider plants and peace lilies, simply known as easy care plants in the past, have been reported to cleanse indoor air. Cyclamen, often given as a holiday plant in December, can flower for several months. Growers time the blooms to have plants that are looking ahead to blooming through February and March, brightening the darkest of winter days.

Talk with the horticulturists at your local nursery during January, when they may have more time to spend with you, than in the height of the busy spring. This January, look back, and look forward!

Leigh,
Village Greene Horticulturist.



WHAT IS 2-1-1?

It is Connecticut's free and confidential information and referral service. By calling 2-1-1, a toll-free number throughout CT, callers can reach knowledgeable, multilingual staff and get information, referrals or seek help in a crisis. 2-1-1 operates 24 hours-a-day, every day of the year. TDD access is available. Visit the website for more information: <http://www.211.org/#>



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Children's Programs

REGISTRATION for starred (**) programs began on Tuesday, December 17, at 9:00 am in person, by phone at: 203-453-8282, or online at: www.guilfordfreelibrary.org.

PARENT PROGRAMS

Preschool Information Fair: Wondering which Nursery School or Day Care is best for your child? Come meet representatives of local preschools, get information, and ask questions. Registration appreciated; drop-ins welcome.

Friday, February 7th
from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Parents & children are welcome

****Healthy Brain, Healthy Child:** Listen to a panel of experts in the following topics: The Neuroscience of Mindfulness, Healthy Sleep Habits for Kids, and The Importance of Play in Brain and Physical Development. Then have a chance to ask questions and participate in a discussion on these topics. Childcare will be provided in another room in the library by staff from the library, child psychologists, and Guilford Youth & Family Services for a limited number of children aged 3 & up who register ahead of time (younger children must accompany another adult.)

Thursday, February 27th
from 6:00 - 7:00 pm Parents & children are welcome

SPECIALS

Please Register for ****starred**** programs

****Winter Sensory Explorers:** Come join us for a sensory exploration class for toddlers! This parent/caregiver-child class will allow children to explore winter using their five senses in a teacher led group.

Friday, January 10th
from 10:00 - 11:00 am 18 months to 4 years

Pajama Storytime: Wear your comfiest pajamas to the library for this special evening storytime, featuring songs, puppets, and flannel board stories led by librarian Melissa Tullo. Stuffed animals and pillows encouraged.

Thursday, January 23rd
from 6:30 - 7:00 pm All ages

****Take Your Child To The Library Day (with a llama!):** Hear a llama story, then learn about llamas from Country Quilt Llama

Farm. At the end, you get to meet a real llama up close!

Saturday, February 8th
from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm All ages

****Valentine's Day Story & Craft:** Hear a delightful Valentine's Day story and make a lovely themed craft with librarian Myla Perrelli. Please only sign up for your appropriate age group. Space is limited.

Thursday, February 13th
from 11:00 - 11:45 am Ages 3 to 5 OR

Thursday, February 13th
from 4:30 - 5:15 pm Ages 6 & up

****Puppy Stuff Storytime:** Listen to heartwarming dog stories, make your own stuffed puppy to adopt and take home, and meet a friendly adoptable shelter dog. Space is limited. Funded by the Guilford Fund For Education as part of our Mutt-i-grees in the Library series, which teaches compassion and community with the help of animals.

Thursday, March 26th
from 4:15 - 5:15 pm Ages 4 & up

****Weekend Wildlife:** One Saturday each month, come to the library to learn about local wildlife and meet animals & plants. Registration required for each individual event.

January 18th - Animal Defenses: See how different animals protect themselves in the wild.

March 7th - On the Wing: Pet a pigeon, say hi to a hawk, and learn how birds fly, eat, and survive in the wild.

Saturdays, 1/18 & 3/7
from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Ages 4 & up

****Special No-School-Day Penguin Event****

Friday, March 13th
from 2:00 - 2:30 pm OR 2:30 - 3:00 pm (1 session only)

****In-Be-Tween:** Join us for these monthly programs. Sometimes art, sometimes science, sometimes food, but always a great time! Check back with the library for themes. Registration required for each separate event.

Jan. 14 & 16, Feb. 4, & Mar. 17
from 3:30 - 4:30 pm 5th & 6th graders only

SERIES

Please Register for ****starred**** programs

****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: Sally, and dog handler Lisa Dannheim, or Denver, and 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 handler.

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Dates and times for Sally -

Wednesdays, 1/15, 2/19, & 3/18

from 4:00 - 5:00 pm Ages 6 & up

Dates and times for Denver -

Saturdays, 1/18, 1/25, 2/8, 2/22, 3/7, & 3/21

from 10:00 - 11:00 am Ages 6 & up

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Saturdays, 1/18, 1/25, 2/8, 2/22, 3/7, & 3/21

from 10:00 - 11:00 am Ages 6 & up

**Crazy 8s Math Club:

This is not your ordinary math club. Numbers are anything but boring in this after school program. Kids will jump, play, and build to learn mathematical concepts while having tons of fun. Both new and returning students are welcome for Crazy 8s Math Clubs from Bedtime Math.

Mondays, January 6th - March 9th (skip 1/20, 2/17)

from 4:15 - 5:15 pm Grades K to 2

Mondays, January 6th - March 9th (skip 1/20, 2/17)

from 5:30 - 6:30 pm Grades 3 to 5

Crafternoons: Get creative at the library! We supply the materials, you supply the imagination. Build and take home anything you can dream up. No need to register.

Wednesdays, Jan. 8th, Feb. 12th, Mar. 11th

from 3:30 - 6:30 pm All ages

****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. Register for only 1 of the 2 sessions, due to space limitations.

Tuesdays, January 14th through March 3rd

from 10:00 - 10:30 am Ages 0 to 5

OR Wednesdays, January 15th through March 4th

from 10:00 - 10:30 am Ages 0 to 5

****Baby Time:** Meet other parents while you learn about developmental issues and let your babies play together. Please register, and receive a free gift for your baby. (With Guilford Youth & Family Services.)

Mondays, January 27th through March 2nd (skip 2/17)

from 9:30 - 10:00 am Ages 0 to 11 months

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

Fridays, January 17th through February 21st

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.

Thursdays, January 16th through February 20th

from 9:30 - 10:00 am Ages 24 to 36 months

LEGO® Building Club: Join us one Friday each month from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. We will build theme-based projects and put them on display in the children's room.

January 10th, February 14th, & March 20th

from 4:00 - 5:00pm 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, January 8th through March 25th

from 11:00 - 11:30 am All ages

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

Thursdays, January 23rd through March 26th (skip 2/13)

from 11:00 - 11:30 am Ages 3 & up

Pop-In-Playtime: Parents come! Meet your friends! Let your children play! All in a corner of the Children's Room.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Jan. 7th through March 25th from 10:30-11:30 am All ages

Registration for Spring Programs begins Tuesday, March 10th at 9:00 am. Guilford Free Library, 67 Park St., Guilford, CT 06437, 203-453-8282 | www.guilfordfreelibrary.org.

Teen Programs

January - March 2020

MINUTE TO WIN IT GAMES

Can you get an Oreo from your forehead to your mouth without your hands? How fast can you stack cups? Participate in mini relay races and more as you race the clock to complete tasks in under a minute! Registration required.

Wednesday, January 15

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

HOW TO PLAY: WINGSPAN

Wingspan is a competitive, card-driven, engine-building board game. It is the winner of the prestigious 2019 Kennerspiel des Jahres (Expert Game of the Year) award. Wingspan puts you and your fellow players in the role of bird enthusiasts trying to attract birds to your individual aviaries. Collect the most points to win! Registration required.

Thursday, January 16

from 6:00 - 8:00 pm Ages 10 and up

CHIPS AND DIPS

Learn how to make a variety of dips from scratch. Eat them with

chips and enjoy your creations! Registration required.
Friday, January 24
from 3:30 - 4:30 pm 5th graders and up

FUN WITH HENNA

In this series of 3 classes with “Z” of “Z” Face & Body Art, you will learn the history of the beautiful, ancient art of Henna. You will learn techniques, practice your skills and create your own designs. A great introduction to a 3000 year old art form! Registration required.

Tuesdays, February 4, 11, and 18
from 4:00 - 5:30 pm 5th grades and up

VALENTINE’S CUPCAKES

Decorate a cupcake for Valentine’s Day! Learn how to pipe a rose with frosting. Enjoy your cupcake afterwards! Registration required.

Thursday, February 13
from 3:30 - 4:30 pm 5th graders and up

HOW TO PLAY: CATAN

The Settlers of Catan is an award-winning strategy game where players collect resources and use them to build roads, settlements and cities on their way to victory. Trade and thief resources along the way! Registration required.

Thursday, February 20
from 6:00 - 8:00 pm Ages 10 and up

PRACTICE SAT & ACT EXAMS

C2 Education of Fairfield will host free practice SAT and ACT exams. You may bring a calculator and snacks. Please let us know which test you are taking when you sign up! Registration required.

Saturday, February 22
from 10:00 am - 1:30 pm High school students

DIY PAINTED WOOD SIGN

Paint a wooden sign to decorate your room or home with. Make it say whatever you’d like! Registration required.

Friday, March 13
from 3:30 - 4:30 pm 5th graders and up

PRACTICE SAT & ACT EXAMS

C2 Education of Fairfield will host free practice SAT and ACT exams. You may bring a calculator and snacks. Please let us know which test you are taking when you sign up! Registration required.

Saturday, March 14
from 10:00 am - 1:30 pm High school students

TEEN PAINT NIGHT

Pam from Pam’s Picassos will walk you through how to paint a springtime scene. Registration required.

Tuesday, March 24 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Adult Programs

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH 2020

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Book a Lawyer - Free 15-minute legal consultations offered most Monday evenings in January, February and March from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. (No sessions Jan. 19, Feb. 17 / Library closed)
Call the Reference desk at 203-453-8282 for more information.

Book Buzz - Join us the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am (Jan. 14, Feb.11, March 10) to discuss the latest books. No registration necessary, just drop in!

BOOKS, MUSIC & MORE

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| January 14 | Witness Stones Project Film and Discussion, 6:30 pm |
| January 16 | Book Talk with author Caroline Chandler and editor Carol Wright, “Conspiracies of Silence,” 7:00 pm |
| January 21 | Guilford High School Students’ Capstone Presentations, 6:00 - 8:00 pm |
| January 22 | Film and Discussion: The ACLU Campaign for Smart Justice, 4:00 - 6:00 pm |
| January 28 | Art Talk with Joy Pepe, 2:00 pm (Part 1) |
| January 28 | Metropolitan Opera Talk, “Porgy and Bess” with Paul Berry, 7:00 pm |
| January 30 | Book talk with author and filmmaker John Sayles, “Yellow Earth,” 7:00 pm |
| February 5 | Guilford Conservation Commissions presents a talk on Proforestation by Spencer Meyer, Highstead Foundation, 6:30 pm |
| February 11 | Art Talk with Joy Pepe, 2:00 pm (Part 2) |
| February 12 | Writing Injustice Book Discussion, 7:00 pm |
| February 19 | Yale Science Diplomats, “The Scientific Toolbox: From Atoms to Animals” 7:00 pm |
| February 20 | Meditation Series with Maya Schofield, 4:00 - 5:00 pm (part 1 of 3) |
| February 25 | Metropolitan Opera Series, “Agrippina” with Paul Berry, 7:00 pm |
| February 27 | Meditation Series with Maya Schofield, 4:00 - 5:00 pm (part 2 of 3) |
| February 29 | Moses Gunn Play Company Production, 2:00 pm |
| March 5 | Meditation Series with Maya Schofield, 4:00 - 5:00 pm (part 3 of 3) |
| March 5 | Mark Schenker Book Discussion, Toni Morrison’s novel, “Song of Solomon,” 7:00 pm |
| March 17 | Film and discussion “Alice’s Ordinary People,” 6:30 pm |
| March 18 | Yale Science Diplomats, “A Gut Feeling: Microbes and Their Outsized Impact,” 7:00 pm |
| March 28 | Moses Gunn Play Company Production, 2:00 pm |

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March 31 Organic Lawn Care Overview (in partnership with Northeast Organic Farming Association), 7:00 pm

FILMS

Monday Night Movies: A film every Monday evening at 7:00 pm beginning February 3 (Library closed Feb. 17) Check our website at: www.guilfordfreelibrary.org for current listings.

TECHNOLOGY

“Book a Librarian”- Free technology and research assistance is

available by appointment every Tuesday and Thursday morning. Address the topic of your choice in a one-on-one session with a professional librarian.

Small group computer classes and drop-in sessions are regularly scheduled throughout the year. Check www.guilfordfreelibrary.org for the most current listings.

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Celebrating 45 Years of Impacting Guilford

The Guilford Foundation (TGF) started in 1975 with five families who came together to improve appearances around our historic town Green. These founders planted trees along Whitfield Street and raised funds to ensure resources would be available for this purpose forever.

We wonder if they could have imagined the sustained impact of that initial effort. From that modest beginning 45 years ago, and thanks to the generosity of our community and careful financial management, today TGF maintains over \$3 million in permanent assets dedicated to improving and enhancing the quality of life in Guilford. TGF committed over \$130,000 in 2019 to organizations serving Guilford residents through grants, leadership initiatives, and scholarship awards.

And-true to our original intent-we provided funds to the Guilford Garden Club and the Town of Guilford Tree Advisory Board to support their beautification efforts



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around the Green, as our founders intended. TGF also provided grants for basic needs, technology improvements at GCTV, senior services, and subsidized housing, to name a few—addressing a broad number of needs facing our citizens.

The work of the Guilford Foundation matters. It matters to your neighbor who may have lost their job and needs temporary assistance to support their family. It matters to your friends who love the arts and have the chance to experience terrific

performances, exhibits and shows right here in Guilford. It matters to the students who get to participate in sports or theatre thanks to local programs for people with disabilities. It matters to those who care about the environment and are taking actions to address it.

TGF celebrates our 45th anniversary in 2020, and to commemorate, we are using this milestone to launch a targeted campaign to raise additional funds for our permanent endowment. The Guilford Foundation is the only permanent source of funding for the changing needs of our community. While we can't anticipate what the future may bring, we intend to be prepared to have the resources available to serve our community as it grows and changes.

Happy anniversary!

For more information about our work, visit our website (guilfordfoundation.org).



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.

Enjoy 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.

Visit our website at: <http://www.ci.guilford.ct.us/>

We hope you will find our website to be a useful tool to find updated information and explore our wonderful community.

Human Trafficking – Our Problem to Solve

Publisher’s Note:

Welcome to Part 3 and our final segment of this special series in Guilford Events Magazines on human trafficking. Part 1 revealed that domestic minor human trafficking is a very real and troubling backyard issue for all of CT’s cities and towns. In Part 2, we reviewed the danger our children face and the toll that human trafficking takes on young lives. Our final segment underscores that the problem will not go away until its roots are wiped out. Special thanks to **Madison Just**, a 2019 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. We hope this series has been an eye-opener for readers, just as it has been for us in putting it together for you. If you missed Parts 1 and 2, they are available on our website (www.eventsmagazines.com.)

Child Sex Trafficking is Big Business

According to Yvette Young, Human Anti-Trafficking Response Team Coordinator for The Village of Families in partnership with CT Department of Children and Families (DCF), domestic minor sex trafficking is the second most profitable illegal crime in the world. On any night, 1.5 million buyers are exploiting children in the U.S. The trafficking spikes during major events, like the Super Bowl. “Any major event creates a situation where people think they can do what they want,” explains Sibley, the lead state prosecutor for human trafficking investigations in CT. “People use it as their playground and then they go home.” He notes that the Super Bowl has become a prime venue for sex trafficking. And prior to the 2019 Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear called for heightened awareness of human trafficking in advance of the event, including warning of victims being brought in from other states. “The fact is, there is so much money in it,” observes Sibley.

It is a matter of supply and demand. As Ms. Young states, stopping the demand side of the equation is a complex matter. Buyers tend to be married men with resources. “The reality is that professionals showed up in Guilford,” she notes (referring to a sting operation conducted by the Guilford PD in January of 2018 that led to the arrests of five suspects.) “When we talk about buyers it could be anyone...lawyers, doctors.” Unfortunately, the discussion often quickly turns to victim blaming. Arrest and prosecution numbers are low. “Collectively, we must get better at holding people accountable,” she explains. Sibley agrees. “We must take everyone who is contributing to the supply and demand and hold them accountable.”

How to help the children is equally as difficult. “When we take someone out of that situation, are we looked upon as their hero? No.” says Sibley. “You are taking them away from where they had a place to sleep, security. So they go back. It also gets into issues of drugs and alcohol.” Providing safe places for victims is essential and Sibley urges CT residents to let our politicians know that this is a problem and that they need to act.

The most important thing that we, as a community, can do to help is be informed. As Lieutenant Bernier of the Guilford PD states, “sometimes it is worth the risk of being intrusive parents.”

Leutenant Bernier of the GPD.

What can we do?

Those close to the problem of child sex trafficking agree that awareness is critical. The most important thing that we, as a community, can do to help is be informed. As Lieutenant Bernier of the Guilford PD states, “sometimes it is worth the risk of being intrusive parents.” Parents and guardians need to realize the secrecy of this crime. A child could be at risk of being trafficked right in the middle of his/her home. There are possible warning signs such as a child’s change in behavior or a sudden element of secrecy in regard to who they are talking to online. It is even a good idea to check who your child

or loved one is friends with on social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram. While a majority of parents want to give their children freedom on the internet, it is still important to ensure that your child or loved one is safe.

“The educational part is the best weapon. Parents and guardians need to know what is going on with their kids,” says Bernier. “They need to be a little more intrusive. There is so much information to make yourself aware of. You walk that line. You stop being a friend and start being a parent. The long term benefits outweigh the 20 minutes of them being mad.”

There are certain best practices to be aware of (as noted by a

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panel of experts during a session about human trafficking held at the Tolland Middle School in March of 2019): Know accounts and passwords, use safe (gender neutral) names, vet your child's friends list, carefully manage privacy settings, switch off geographical settings, be aware of mobile apps, and educate children about the dangers and risks.

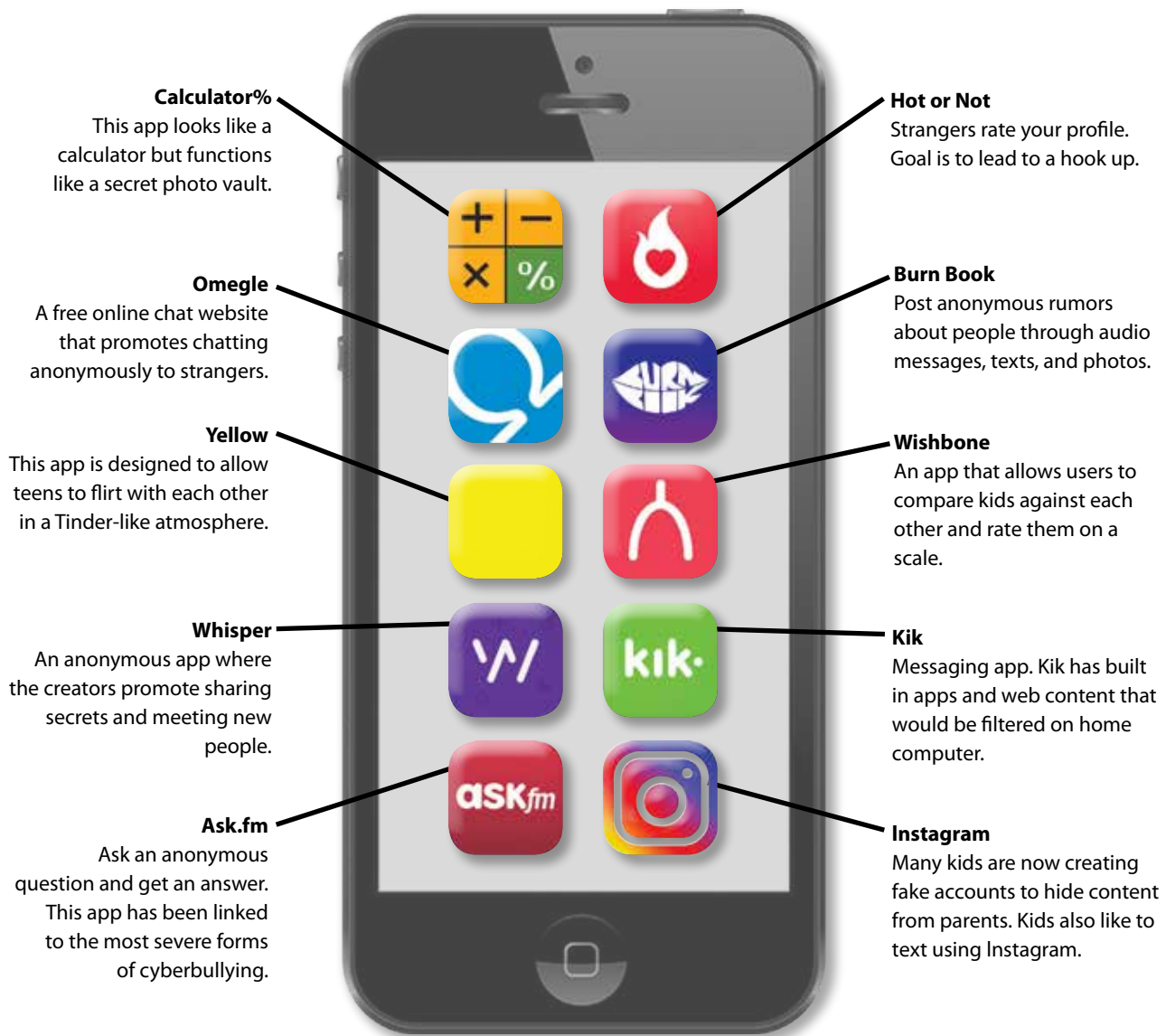
There are things to look for (also noted by the Tolland panel) such as new clothes, electronics, excess amounts of cash, business cards and/or hotel keys, and even bruises. Most people hesitate to get involved, but as Sibley notes: "We need to join forces as a team effort as opposed to relying on individual efforts to spread informa-

tion... it is important to learn from each other because those being affected are human lives."

Organizations such as Love146 help educate children and parents as well as provide a safe place for survivors to recover. The organization also provides opportunities for survivors to tell their stories. Within the organization is Not A #Number, which is a curriculum designed to educate children and youth about how to protect themselves on the internet. There are also hotlines to make use of. The Human Trafficking Hotline (for sex trafficking of minors in CT) is 1-800-842-2288. The national hotline number is 888-373-7888.

Important tips for recognizing the signs of domestic minor sex trafficking

APPS TEENS ARE USING:



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
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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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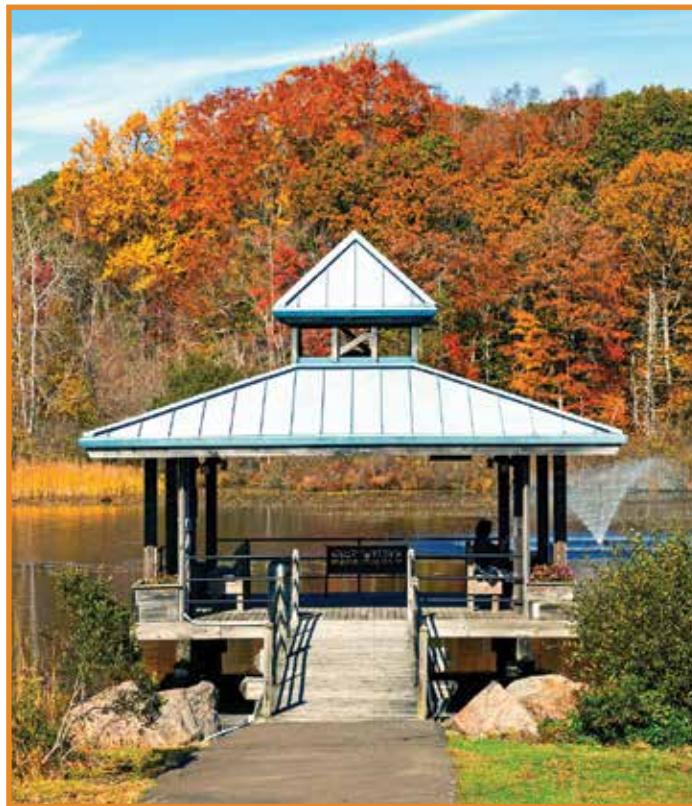
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A True Preservationist Friend

The Guilford Preservation Alliance salutes Bill Butterly for his devotion to historic preservation. Bill spent his formative years living in Guilford until he graduated from Guilford High School. During this time Bill formed a strong and long-lasting connection with our town. He says, "My heart never left Guilford. I always enjoyed everything about the town." Now he lives at Bluff Head Farm where he has erected and thereby preserved four historic buildings. All are welcome to stop and view the buildings including the Moose Hill District School House.

Here below is an article our town historian Joel Helander wrote about Bill's most recent project; the preservation of the Moose Hill District School House.

MOOSE HILL DISTRICT SCHOOL HOUSE: A Crowning Preservation Achievement

William (Bill) G. Butterly, III has done it again! The fall 2017 GPA newsletter reported Bill's dramatic preservation intervention to save an endangered school house-and now, the project is completed.



Bill Butterly beside the Moose Hill District School House 9/23/19.

On September 23, Bill invited the GPA Board of Directors to view the circa 1811 Moose Hill School, lovingly relocated and re-erected on his Bluff Head Farm property in North Guilford. After the tour, Bill served a supper in his 1789 colonial home, followed by the monthly Board meeting.

Most people never realized that the shabby, one story dwelling house formerly owned by the Montana Family at 2772 Boston Post Road harbored an early nineteenth century school. The living room of their house was the original school building, enclosed on four sides by 20th century additions.

When the schoolhouse lot on the southeast corner of Route One and Moose Hill Road was lost to mortgage foreclosure by the Montana Family in 2013, the Guilford Preservation Alliance

went on high alert. After all, there are only twelve (12) other surviving schoolhouses in Guilford. The fate of this little temple of learning was threatened. Once again, the GPA realized that early intervention for preservation is usually more successful than last minute actions taken when the town receives an application for demolition.

The hand-hewn, oak timber frame was all there, including tapered rafter sets (4x4"), plates (7x7"), end girts (7x7"), and chimney girt (7x7"). Corner posts and wall studs in chestnut wood were also original to the structure. Accordion type lath boards supported plastered walls and ceiling. The flooring system was comprised of hand hewn sills (7x7") and half-log joists. Under three layers of flooring, original, thick pine floor boards were uncovered.

Over the summer of 2017, the Guilford Preservation Alliance coordinated communication between Jonathan Wuerth, restoration contractor, and the new Branford investment/developer. A formal agreement was forged whereby Jonathan would salvage the original schoolhouse by extricating its frame from surrounding additions. This was a tedious and laborious task, accomplished



The GPA Board listens to Bill Butterly's explanation of his spectacular school house restoration 9/23/19. Both photos this page by Joel Helander

by Jonathan and his assistant, Kory Johnson. Every beam and timber were carefully dismantled, marked, and catalogued. During the process of dismantlement, Jonathan found telltale school relics i.e. a piece of slate, a broken blackboard eraser, the neck of an ink bottle, and hickory switches.

When Bill Butterly stepped in and forged a further agreement with Jonathan Wuerth, his objective was three-fold: 1) to relocate the original, all-intact frame of the school house; 2) restore it as a museum with appropriate period furnishings; and 3) allow limited public access for educational purposes.

Bill proceeded with his master plan after receiving site plan approvals from the Town of Guilford. Master Mason Ed Wettemann **continued on page 24**

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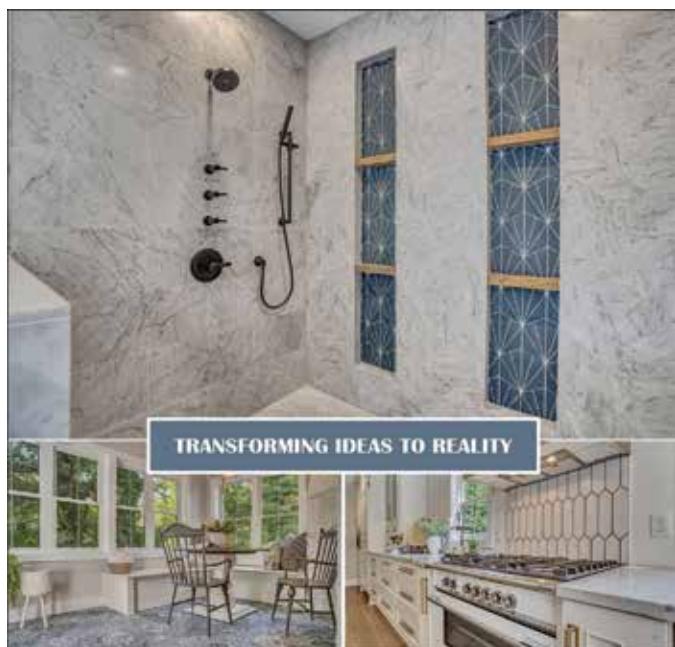
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from North Guilford poured a concrete foundation slab with eight-inch knee walls. Bill's own restoration workers laid down new 8x8" pressure treated sills and re-constructed the 16x24' timber frame structure, using other new wood only for the roof: sheathing (1" thick pine) and shingles (hand-split cedar shakes,) and exterior siding.

Bill spared no labor or expense to capture authenticity. Daragh McDonough from Madison plastered the interior school room using strips of wood lath, custom cut from red oak at the Marlowe Saw Mill. In lieu of horse hair, fashionable in the 19th century, nylon fibers were added to the plaster mix. Another master mason, Frank Wettemann of Killingworth constructed a chimney using old brick that Bill had acquired from an out-of-state market.

An old pot-bellied stove has been set up in the middle of the room, plus a vintage schoolmaster's desk at the head of the room. Along the side walls, old school books, such as Webster's Spelling book and the New England Primer, are displayed in glass cabinets. Many of these books were used in Guilford school houses long ago, thanks to gifts from Deborah Rynn acting on behalf of the Estate of Susan Weady.

Thank you, Bill Butterly, for giving an old school house a new lease on life! -Joel Helander



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A GUILFORD MINUTE

Sleigh-riding 1856

A favorite past-time in 1856, sleighing took on monstrous proportions when a neighborly rivalry between the staid old towns of Guilford, North



Guilford, Madison, Clinton, Branford & North Branford took place to see which should turn out the largest party for a sleigh ride.

In February of that winter, residents from Madison and Clinton, went down to Guilford with a hundred sleighs, filled with old and young. Guilford returned the visit with a greater number, the procession exceeding a mile long. A few days later, down came the sleighs from Madison and Clinton with a still superior force! This last foray "raised the dander" of the Guilfordites, who with the help from their eastern friends of old Branford and North Branford, arrayed a force of over 350 sleighs, drawn by over 400 horses, containing about 1500 ladies and gentlemen.

On February 16th, the sleighs began to collect, and were formed in successive lines around the town Green until they were three deep, side by side. About 1 o'clock the skein of sleighs began to unwind, and move through Boston Street to the eastward, taking nearly one hour. "No giving up" was their motto, the procession extended about two and a quarter miles. First came the music, followed by the sleighs adorned with flags, streamers, and banners. The party moved upon Madison and Clinton with the power of an avalanche - with drums beating, horns blowing, and bonnet strings flying!

When the procession reached Madison west depot, it was met by a cavalcade of over forty horsemen, from that place, in white uniforms, trimmed with blue, by whom the "distinguished visitors" were most courteously received, and escorted through Madison, whose streets were lined with cheering spectators. The long procession passed under the Madison escort, until they arrived at the Clinton line, where they were again received. The cheers that went up, and the ringing of bells in both towns, the sound of the music, the array of beauty and fashion, the vast multitudes of spectators from the towns adjacent, gave those in the procession the grateful sense of the noble and generous reception with which they were received and honored.

Bidding adieu to Clinton, they passed under the escort of both towns, to Madison, where they were again saluted with renewed cheering. Many gentlemen, offered their hats, in evidence that they had been outdone in this very pleasant controversy. The procession arrived back in Guilford about five o'clock, closing with a long and hearty cheer to the honor and prosperity of Old Guilford. (*1 Constitution [Middletown, CT] 27 Feb. 1856: 2; Columbian Register [New Haven, CT] 16 Feb. 1856: 3, 23 Feb. 1856: 2.*)

Compiled by Tracy Tomaselli.

To learn more about the GPA visit: www.guilfordpreservation.org.

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Women's Suffrage 100 Years Later by Sigrid Kun

Honoring the Hard Fought Battle for Women's Voting Rights



The year 2020 marks 100 years since the passage of the 19th Amendment, which was ratified on August 18, 1920. The 19th Amendment reads as follows:

“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of sex. Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.”

Two simple sentences, it seems. Today, it is unimaginable that this basic right would not exist for women. Yet, the 19th Amendment resulted from a long, incredible struggle for equality and it represents a true turning point in United States history. It is only fitting to take a moment to reflect on this centennial. This brief segment can only present a few historical snippets surrounding the fight and can only point out some of the organizations commemorating the centennial.

THE BEGINNINGS

The first women's rights convention was held in Seneca Falls, New York in 1848. It marked the beginnings of what would become a national movement for women's suffrage. The first National Woman's Rights Convention was held in 1850 in Worcester, MA. Other conventions followed. The Civil War (1861-1865) effectively halted the women's suffrage movement with activists focused on the abolition movement. While the movements for the abolition of slavery and women's rights, respectively, were often entangled, the constitutional amendments following the Civil War created rifts.

By 1869, there were two main groups advocating for women's suffrage. Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony formed the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA). Lucy Stone and others founded the American Woman Suffrage Association (AWSA). While each entity had the same ultimate goal of winning woman suffrage, their philosophies differed. The NWSA sought change through constitutional amendment while the AWSA focused on gaining rights via individual states.

There were also differences between the AWSA and NWSA when it came to the constitutional amendments following the Civil War. The NWSA opposed the 15th Amendment (the right of a U.S. citizen to vote not to be abridged by race, color or previous condition of servitude) due to the exclusion of women. The AWSA supported the amendment, believing that voting rights for women were not far away. The two organizations ultimately united in 1890 as the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA).

AN ARDUOUS STRUGGLE

Progress for the women's suffrage movement was painfully slow and rights were garnered state by state. Women achieved voting rights in Wyoming first in 1869. Colorado followed in 1893. In 1896, Utah and Idaho were added. Fifteen states granted women the right to vote prior to the adoption of the 19th Amendment.

The 19th Amendment itself languished for many decades. Drafted by Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton in 1848, the 19th Amendment was not introduced in Congress until 1878 (30 years after the Seneca Falls convention). It was not until 1919 - 41 years after the amendment's introduction and 71 years following Seneca Falls - that Congress submitted it to the states for ratification. The successful struggle capped heroic efforts by a multitude of women

- including pickets, petitions, marches, and speeches. The suffragists endured mockery, arrests, jail, and even forced feeding after hunger strikes.

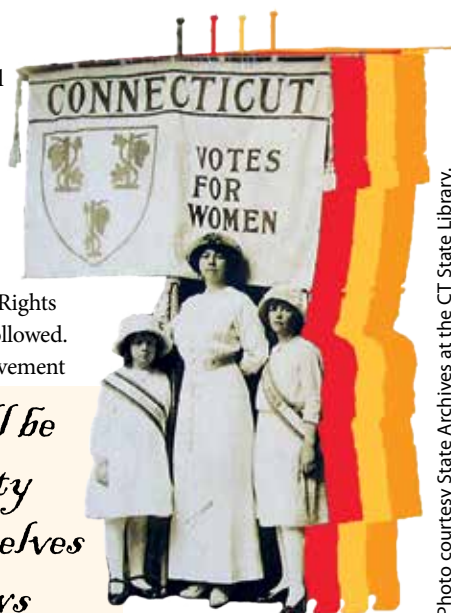


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One of "Hartford's Mothers" Josephine Bennett.

“There never will be complete equality until women themselves help to make laws and elect lawmakers.”

Susan B. Anthony

“The moment of achieving a woman's right to vote was a turning point for our country and for our world, that one of the most powerful nations on earth was sending a message that women have the right and responsibility to contribute to our government,” stated First Lady Lamont. “That moment opened the door for women to hold positions of power in government, education, healthcare, and of course, in business.”

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Please see www.votesforwomenct.com for some of the Connecticut events commemorating the centennial of the 19th Amendment. The website also provides insightful biographies of some of Connecticut's women suffragists, including Josephine Bennett pictured above.



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