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First Selectman's Corner

The town successfully refinanced \$18,200,000 of existing bond indebtedness last month. Taking advantage of lower interest rates helped to reduce the debt service by \$2.5 million over the remaining life of the refunded bonds. The reduction in debt service will eventually help to mitigate a portion of the funding for the new Guilford High School.

At this point in time we are approaching the budget season for the 2013-2014 operating budget and we have also had presentations from our department heads and boards and commissions on the rolling Five-Year Capital Plan for the years 2014-2018. Once finalized the Five-Year Capital Plan and the 2013-2014 operating budget will be submitted to the Board of Finance at its February 14, 2012 meeting.

I am pleased to report that our Town Departments, namely Police, Fire, Public Works, Parks and Recreation and Health, successfully handled the effects and aftermath of Storm Sandy in an expeditious and professional manner. Our Emergency Shelter was opened on Sunday night prior to the storm on Monday. We sheltered 85 residents over seven nights, served 2,055 meals and provided 329 showers with the help of 41 volunteers and 207 volunteer hours. Our Public Works Department worked continuously clearing roads and removing debris. Our Police and Fire Departments

did a tremendous job protecting citizens by patrolling darkened neighborhoods and assisting in the restoration, including pumping out flooded basements and homes. Our Economic Development Coordinator was instrumental in providing daily updates to our citizens as to preparation plans, status of restoration and available services throughout that week. I was extremely proud to have the support of all of these departments and the many volunteers, who donated their time to help their fellow citizens. If you have not already done so please register with CT Alert in order to receive Reverse 911 calls and information regarding emergencies on all your electronic devices. Visit <http://www.ct.gov/ctaalert> to register.

The town in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce had an extremely successful tree lighting to start off Christmas and Hanukkah Season. We would like to thank our residents who frequented our local merchants during the holiday season.



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Parks and Recreation Department

Chili & Soup Cook-off with Concert - Sunday, January 27 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. - Program #11104 A1. Do you think you have the best chili or soup? Register today and have a chance to earn braggin' rights for the best chili / soup in town!

Also - **Kids Dessert cook-off** - Create a dessert and register to be judged. Program #11104 A2.

Winter Wonderland - Monday, February 18 from 1:00-4:00 pm. - Guilford Green and Park Street. Join us for an afternoon of fun: DJ, face painting, pony rides, clowns, warming bus, ice sculpting demo, caricatures, horse drawn carriage rides and more.

Annual Eggstravaganza - Saturday, March 23 (Raindate: March 30) 10:00 a.m. – Guilford Green.

From the Chamber of Commerce



The Tourism Committee of the Guilford Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the launch of a new online coupon and campaign management platform. Destinationdiscountsct.com will be linked to the Chamber's website and the State of Connecticut's tourism website.

The digital discount site allows businesses to group together to entice tourists to visit Guilford and shop and dine in our community. The great part about the program is that we, who are fortunate enough to call Guilford home, can go on the site and download discount coupons to area retailers and restaurants. It also has a listing area for participants to announce programs that are open and available to the

public. If you are a business, the offer is even better - this site allows you to offer a custom coupon or discount to all who access the website; receive a performance report on your marketing campaign and (maybe the best of all) it is a green initiative since all coupons and the site are accessible via desktop and mobile devices.

We expect many businesses to be participating in destinationdiscountsct.com early in 2013 and the base will build throughout the year. View this site often so you won't miss out on a valuable opportunity. To learn more, contact the Chamber or go to www.destinationdiscountsct.com.

Janet Testa

Executive Director – Guilford Chamber of Commerce

Meigs Point Nature Center

No registration required for our public programs

Seal Search - January 13th at 2 pm; meet at the Meigs Point Nature Center. Join Ranger Russ on a beautiful walk thru the park in search for some of Connecticut's most unusual wildlife. Dress warmly and bring binoculars. Large scopes will be provided.

Star Gazing or Night Hike - February 9th at 7:30 pm; meet at the Meigs Point Nature Center. We will be touring the heavens with some special guests from local astronomy clubs if the sky is clear. If cloudy, we will do some night activities and an owl prowl.

Campfire Stories - March 9th at 7:00 pm; meet at the Meigs Point Nature Center. Gather round as Ranger Russ tells fables and Native American stories around a campfire on the beach. Bring blankets, chairs and marshmallow sticks. Marshmallows will be provided.

Docent Training - Meigs Point Nature Center offers an opportunity for you to get involved and help your community. If you enjoy the outdoors and nature, like to talk

to the public, or to work with children, then this is the opportunity you have been waiting for. Docent duties include feeding animals, cleaning cages, public program presentations, exhibit design and greeting the public. Docents must be at least 18 years old. Thirteen- to 17-year-olds may volunteer by inquiring at the Nature Center.

January 13th, 10 am to 12 am at the Meigs Point Nature Center - Basics of public speaking and greeting at the Meigs Point Nature Center.

January 19th, 10 am to 12 am at the Meigs Point Nature Center - Introduction to animal care and our indoor programs.

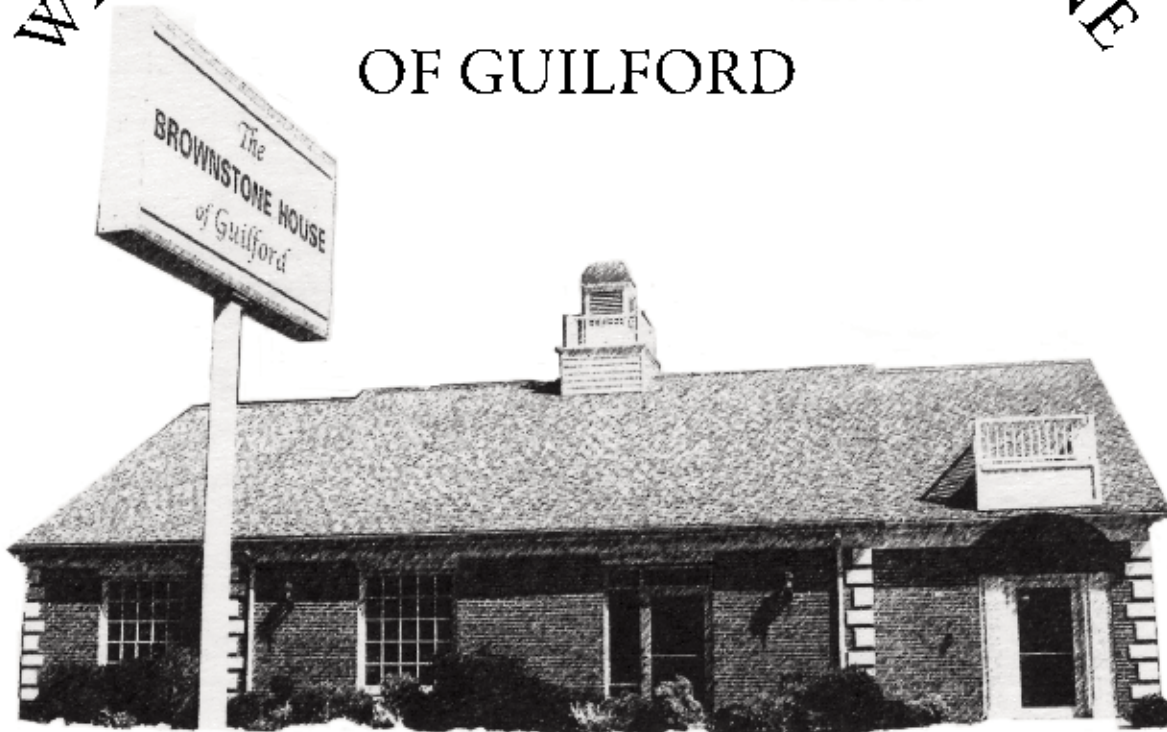
January 24th, 10 am to 12 am at the Meigs Point Nature Center - Review of school group programs and summer actives for families.

If you have already been trained as a docent and would like a refresher, or if you are a newcomer to the Meigs Point Nature Center, please register by calling 203-245-8743. Additional training sessions will be scheduled at a later date.

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Programs for Adults:

Thursday, January 10, at 4:00 pm: Author Chris Pagliuco discusses his new book *The Great Escape of Edward Whalley and William Goffe*. Pagliuco is a freelance writer specializing in 17th century colonial history. He teaches high school history in Madison, and serves as Town Historian in Essex.

January 10 and 17, 10:00 - 11:30 am: Marketing Yourself to Prospective Employers; Improving Your Resume, Cover Letter, Interview Style and Attitude, with Natalia Xiomara-Chieffo of Employment Resource Team.

Wednesday January 23 at 7:00 pm: The Hidden Crisis - Adult Literacy in America. John Ferrara, Executive Director of Literacy Volunteers Valley Shore (serving eleven towns, including Guilford) discusses the service for those considering volunteering or those in need of help.

Adult Basic Skills Computer Classes: Tuesdays in February & March, 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

February 5: Do More with Your Email

February 12: Using the Library from Home

February 19: Free Online Entertainment

February 26: Social Networking

March 5: Understanding and Using the Cloud

Class size is limited, registration required.

Lunch & Learn: Tuesdays from noon

1:00 pm in February and March:

Presenters include Dr. Kathleen Croce (Feb. 5) and Michael McBride (March 19) of the Henry Whitfield State Museum. Check our website for more information.

All About Opera: a series of three classes with Tom Lewy of Guilford: Thursday January 17, 24 and 31 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Classes on Bizet's *Carmen*, Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, and Puccini's *La Boheme* on three successive Thursday evenings in January. Space is limited, reserve your place soon.

Sunday Afternoon Concerts: 3:00 - 4:00 pm at the Library:

January 27: The Roots of Rock 'n Roll, with Guilford's own popular entertainer Brian Gillie

February 10: Isn't it Romantic? with Guilford's Julie Harris and Stephen Roane

March 24: Flutist Martha Colby in a special concert.

Wednesdays in January and February, 2-3 pm. - Galleries in Motion: Going Dutch (and Flemish) - Art in 17th century Flanders and the Dutch Republic.

January 23: (Sir Peter Paul Rubens) and January 30 (Sir Anthony Van Dyke) at Scranton Library in Madison.

February 6 (Rembrandt van Rijn) and **February 13** (Johannes Vermeer) at Guilford Free Library.

Check our website and local newspapers for more information.

Wednesday February 20, 7:00 pm: Guilford resident Jeffrey Ambroziak is the inventor of the "Ambroziak Infinite Perspective Projection" (AIPP), a map projection method used for three-dimensional stereo views of geographic data. Come to the program and get a free map and 3D glasses. Registration required.

Wednesday January 30: Olympic Rower Sarah Trowbridge, in a special appearance at the library. Check our website and local newspapers for more information.

Thursdays in March and April, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Book Discussion Series with Mark Schenker: Join Yale's Mark Schenker, for a book discussion series on American Poets and Playwrights. Check our website for more details.

Guilford Free Library and Faulkner's Light Brigade - January 29: Tom Andersen presents "Adrian Block's Quadracentennial." Learn about Block's voyage and discovery in 1613 of Long Island Sound and the CT River.

February 19: Bart Mansi, Bud Harris & Frank Camarota talk about the lives of Guilford's commercial fishermen. You won't believe what comes in their trawlers!

March 19: New England lobsterman Andy Weaver delights with his tales of a half-century of lobstering in Long Island Sound.

April 16: Michael McBride will do a costume presentation as a 19th century light keeper on Faulkner's Island.

Monday Night Movies: The popular series continues on Monday evenings, starting at 7 pm.

February 4: *Hope Springs* (with Meryl Streep, filmed partly on location in Guilford).

February 11: *The Queen of Versailles* (building a BIG house...)

February 25: *The Odd Life of Timothy Green* (childless couple's wish comes true...)

March 4: *The Trouble with the Curve* (last recruiting trip of an ailing baseball scout).

Programs for Teens:

Wednesday January 9, 7:00 pm. The Journey to College Begins in Middle School: Prepare your child for success. Laura Maniglia, who has been a middle school principal, teacher, college instructor and public school administrator, is the president of Handle Associates. She will answer all your questions about preparing for college.

Princeton Review Full-length Practice SAT Exams: **Saturday January 12, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm** and **Saturday January 26, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.** Saturday February 9, Princeton Review "Scores Back" session (from above tests) 1:00 - 2:00 pm. Advanced registration required.

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Tuesday January 22, Wednesday, January 23 and Thursday, January 24. Late Night Exam Cram: for High School students. The library is open all three nights from 8:00 - 10:00 pm for high school students only.

Saturday February 16, March 16, April 20 and May 18, from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Kaplan SAT Practice Exams: Advanced registration required.

Other programs for Teens in the first quarter will include the following: Art instruction, cooking demonstrations and classes, demonstrations, writing, photography and music

workshops. Check our website and local newspapers for more information.

Art Exhibits at the Guilford Free Library - The month of January: Geoff Bye (paintings) in the Meeting Room; Karen Weisner (paintings) in the Gallery Hallway.

The month of February: The Connecticut National Science Illustrators (mixed media) in the Meeting Room and the Gallery Hallway.

The month of March: Peter Kindlmann (photography) in the Meeting Room; Denise Casey (paintings) in the Gallery Hallway.

Guilford Free Library - Children's Department

Registration for starred (**) programs: Tuesday, January 8, beginning at 9 a.m. in person, online at www.guilfordfree.library.org or call 203-453-8282 until programs are filled.

SPECIALS - Funded by the Friends of the Guilford Free Library.

****FIRE AND ICE:** Join the Mad Scientists of Fairfield and New Haven County as they experiment with high and low temperatures. Their science experiments will amaze you. Thursday, January 24, 4 - 4:45 p.m. For ages 4 and up.

****TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY!** Stop into the Children's Room to celebrate the 2nd anniversary of this special day celebrated in all Connecticut libraries. Hear a story and eat a cookie! Saturday, February, 2nd, 10:30 to 11:30 am. All Welcome

****CHINESE NEW YEAR:** Celebrate The Chinese Year of the Snake with Guilford volunteer Xiang Gao. Hear a story and make a craft. Traditional Chinese Treats will be served. Monday, February 4, 4 to 4:30pm for children age 5 and up

****CHRISTINA THE MAGICIAN:** Christina the Magician from Chester, CT will captivate you with her spectacular magic show and there will be plenty of audience participation. Tuesday, February 5, 4 to 4:45 p.m. For children age 5 and up.

****SECOND ANNUAL GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY CUPCAKE EXTRAVAGANZA:** Decorate a cupcake to take home for Valentine's Day. Frosting and cupcakes provided by Big Y. Please bring decorations to share. Saturday, February 9, 10:00 - noon. All welcome.

****VALENTINE STORY & CRAFT:** Hear a Valentine Story & make a very special craft to take home. Monday, February 11, 4 to 4:45p.m. For children ages 6 to 8.

****LYNNE LEWIS & FRIENDS:** Lynn Lewis of Trumbull, will play the guitar so little ones can dance and sing along. They can join the Conga Line for more fun with Spanky the Dog and Elmo, too. After the program Lynn will sell and autograph copies of her book and CD: *"Spanky Going Woof Woof!"* Tuesday, March 12, 10:30 - 11:15 am, ages 3 and up.

****PRE-PASSOVER STORY AND CRAFT:** Rochel Baila

Yaffe, of Guilford's Chabad of the Shoreline, will read Passover stories to children and help them create a fun craft. Thursday, March 14, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Ages 3 and up.

Parent Program - Open to All - Please Register

****PRESCHOOL INFORMATION FAIR:** Wondering if your child is ready for preschool and which Nursery School or Day Care is best for your child? Come meet representatives of local preschools, get information, brochures, and ask questions. Friday, February 1, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. (Immediately after the first session of the Time for Twos Program.) All welcome.

DROP-IN PROGRAMS - Open To All - Registration Not Required.

BOOKS IN-A-NOOK: Listen to stories read in a quiet corner of the Children's Room. Lori Lowe, Guilford volunteer, will read to you from the library's special story collection. Wednesdays, January 16 through March 20, 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. All ages welcome.

THURSDAY MORNING STORIES: Children and their parents are welcome to join us for special stories and finger plays read by the children's staff. Thursdays, January 17 through March 14, 11 - 11:30 am. Ages 3 & up.

POP-IN-PLAYTIME: Parents come and meet your friends; let your children play! All in a corner of the Children's Room. Tuesdays, January 15 through March 19 & Wednesdays, January 16 through March 20 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. All ages welcome.

BOARD GAMES: Board games are always available. Children are invited to play their favorite games with friends! Sorry, Battleship, Chess, Monopoly, Scrabble Junior, Candy Land and many more. Just ask for them at the children's desk.

SERIES - Open to All - Please Register

****MAKE IT YOUR STORY- BOOK CLUB:** "Wordless" books will be featured. Select a book, write your words down, tell your story to the book club and then to your family. For students 4th grade & up. Wednesdays, February 6 through March 27, from 4 to 4:45 p.m.

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Guilford Free Library Children's Department - Continued from page 7

****PAWS AND READ:** Children ages 5 and up can practice their reading with Newman, the Whippet, a reading therapy dog and his owner, Paula Milnes of Guilford. Fridays, January 25 to March 1, from 3:45 to 5 pm (for 15 minute sessions.)

****SPRING IS IN THE AIR!:** Come and join Brigitte Riga of Branford to create some beautiful springtime arts and crafts. Wednesday, March 20 and Thursday, March 21 for ages 5 and up, from 4 to 5 p.m.

****TOTS & TUNES:** Come and enjoy a musical program for toddlers and preschoolers. Dance to great children's music, play musical instruments, and swing scarves. For children age infant to 5 and their parents/caregivers. Tuesdays, January 29 through March 5 OR Wednesdays, January 30 through March 6. From 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

**** BEDTIME STORIES:** Teddy bears and pajamas are welcome at this evening story time for children of all ages and their parents. Teen volunteers select and read the stories. Monday evenings, February 11 through March 18, (skip Feb. 18), 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

****BABY TIME:** For infants, birth through 11 months, and parents: come and meet new friends. Mondays, February 25 through April 1, 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. (Co-Sponsored with Guilford Youth and Family Services.)

****ONE ON ONE:** A playful time for children, 12 months to 23 months, and their parents with songs, stories and poems led by library staff. Thursdays, January 31 through March 7. From 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.

****TIME FOR TWOS:** A parent-child introduction to a traditional story time for children age 24 months to 36 months. There'll be stories, songs, marching and more. Fridays, February 1 through March 8, from 9:30 - 10:00a.m. Immediately after the first session, you are welcome to attend a special program: "The Preschool Information Fair" held on February 1 at 10 am. (See Parent Program)

Registration for Spring Programs begins Monday, March 25 at 9:00 a.m.

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Jacob's Beach Project Update

The Parks and Recreation Commission is excited about the approved plans to make improvements to Jacobs Beach. With \$500,000 funding from the Small Town Economic Assistance (STEAP) grant, the Town will be able to implement some major improvements before the beginning of the beach season in 2013.

Architect Will Thompson and Landscape Architect John Cunningham have been meeting with Town officials, the Parks and Recreation Commission sub-committee and residents to seek input on the plan. Recently, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved most of the plan, and construction is expected to begin in the winter and early spring.

When the beach opens on Memorial Day weekend, residents can expect to see a re-designed parking lot with

drainage and some plantings, a grass area separating the beach from the parking lot, and a boardwalk expanding the width of the beach from the bath house to the playground area. Some trees will be planted to provide shade near the playground with a few trees adjacent to the boardwalk. In addition, there will be improvements to the bathhouse including skylights to provide natural light, new partitions, and painted walls to provide a fresh and brighter appearance.

The Parks and Recreation Commission believes that these improvements will provide a beach park of which the community will be proud.

Rick Maynard, Parks and Recreation Director

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Grant Allows Expansion of SARAH Recycles Program



Check presentation from Alcoa to SARAH, Inc.

The Alcoa Foundation has awarded SARAH Recycles with a \$15,000 grant which will be used to expand the SARAH Recycles Program. By expanding the program, SARAH, Inc., which provides programs and services for individuals with intellectual and other disabilities, will create ten additional jobs for SARAH supported workers.

SARAH Recycles is a program that processes donated refundable bottles and cans collected in SARAH Recycling containers located throughout local communities. Pat Bourne, Executive Director for SARAH, Inc. says "Through our recycling program we turn nickels into jobs, while helping to clean up the environment."

Anthony, a member of the recycling team says "SARAH means the world to me because it has given me a job where I am with people and I am helping out the environment at the same time". That is pretty much what all the crew members have to say. They love their jobs, they love the people they work with, and exercise and fresh air are no small benefits in this line of work.

In just the last two years SARAH Recycles has processed over 1.5 million cans and bottles. All the proceeds go directly to support the program. In addition to creating ten additional jobs, the expansion is expected to generate an additional 150,000 recyclable cans and bottles.

This is a great example of a community partnership that

benefits SARAH, Inc., Alcoa Howmet, the local environment, and especially SARAH supported workers who enjoy earning a paycheck as much as any of us.

SARAH, Inc. is very grateful to the Alcoa Foundation and everyone at Alcoa Howmet for their support and confidence to take on this important expansion of SARAH Recycles.

To help provide jobs for SARAH Supported Workers please bring your refundable bottles and cans to one of the yellow recycling bins at the following locations in Guilford and Madison:

- Bishops Farm Market, Route 1, Guilford. Guilford Public Safety Complex, Rt 77, Guilford (adjacent to the basketball courts)
- Guilford Town Dock, Whitfield St, Guilford
- Guilford Transfer Station, Boston Post Rd., Guilford
- St. George Church, Whitfield St., Guilford
- Friends and Company, 11 Boston Post Rd., Madison
- Madison Surf Club

For more information about SARAH and SARAH Recycles go to www.sarah-inc.org

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HEALTH	Dennis Johnson, Director of Health, Town Hall South - 50 Boston Street	453-8118	johnsond@ci.guilford.ct.us
HOUSING AUTHORITY	Guilford Court - 32 Guilford Court Boston Terrace - 41 Boston Terrace Sachem Hollow - 310 State Street	453-4760 453-4760 453-4760	
HUMAN RESOURCES	Mitch Goldblatt, Director of Human Resources, Town Hall - 31 Park Street	453-8075	goldblattm@ci.guilford.ct.us
LEGAL/PURCHASING	Pamela Millman, In-House Counsel/Purchasing, Town Hall - 31 Park Street	453-8015	millmanp@ci.guilford.ct.us
LIBRARY	Sandy Ruoff, Library Director, Guilford Free Library - 67 Park Street	453-8282	sruff@guilfordfreelibrary.org
MARINA	Rod McLennan, Dockmaster	453-8092	townmarina@att.net
PARKS & RECREATION	Rick Maynard, Park & Rec Director, Community Center - 32 Church Street	453-8068	maynardr@ci.guilford.ct.us
PLANNING & ZONING	George Kral, Town Planner, Town Hall South- 50 Boston Street Regina Reid, Zoning Enforcement Officer - Wetlands	453-8039 453-8039	kralg@ci.guilford.ct.us reidr@ci.guilford.ct.us
POLICE	Tom Terribile, Police Chief, Police Headquarters - 400 Church Street Animal Shelter Routine Calls	453-8244 453-8083 453-8061	terribilet@ci.guilford.ct.us
PUBLIC WORKS	Tom Fillion, Highway Superintendent, Public Works Garage - 47 Driveway	453-8081	filliont@ci.guilford.ct.us
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	(D) Louise Graver, Registrar, Town Hall- 31 Park Street (R) Gloria Nemczuk, Town Hall- 31 Park Street	453-8028 453-8028	registrar@ci.guilford.ct.us registrar@ci.guilford.ct.us
SELECTMAN'S OFFICE	Joe Mazza, First Selectman, Town Hall- 31 Park Street	453-8021	mazzaj@ci.guilford.ct.us
SOCIAL SERVICES	Tammy DeFrancesco, Social Services Director, 263 Church Street	453-8009	defrancescot@ci.guilford.ct.us
STUMP DUMP		453-8029	
TAX COLLECTOR	Dolly Messetti, Tax Collector, Town Hall - 31 Park Street	453-8014	mezzetid@ci.guilford.ct.us
TOWN CLERK	Jan Teft, Town Clerk, Town Hall - 31 Park Street	453-8001	
TOWN PROPERTIES	Steve Neydorff, Facilities Engineer, Town Hall South - 50 Boston Street	453-8487	neydorffs@ci.guilford.ct.us
TRANSFER STATION	Frank Cole, Leadman, Transfer Station, 1900 Boston Post Road	453-8095	
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES	Lyne Landry, Director, 36 Graves Avenue	453-8047	landryl@ci.guilford.ct.us

From the Assessor's Office

Elderly applications will be taken in the Assessor's Office, between February 1st and May 15th, during the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. If you are unable to come in, an agent of your choice may file on your behalf. Please bring all proofs of income for both spouses (for the year 2012), 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.

Homeowners Program aka 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.

Basic requirements are as follows: The homeowner must have owned the property as of October 1, 2012; the homeowner must be at least 65 years of age as of December 31, 2012 or was receiving 100% disability benefits from Social Security as of that date; the homeowner must have lived in CT for at least one year; the homeowner must occupy the property as their principal residence; and the homeowner must have income (including Social Security) of not more than \$33,500 for a single individual or \$40,900 for a married couple.

Tax Deferral aka 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. Basic requirements are as follows: the homeowner must have owned the property as of October 1, 2012; the homeowner must be at least 65 years of age as of December

31, 2012 or was receiving 100% disability benefits from social security as of that date; the homeowner must have lived in Connecticut for at least one year; the homeowner must not be receiving tax relief from any other town or state; the homeowner must occupy the property as their principal residence; and the homeowner must have income (including social security) of not more than \$35,500 for a single individual or \$42,900 for a married couple.

Elderly Tax Relief Program aka ETRP (town program) - Under this program, the town attempts to "freeze" your taxes subject to budgetary restrictions and the requirements of the enabling ordinance. Basic requirements are as follows: the homeowner must have owned the property as of October 1, 2012; the homeowner must be at least 65 years of age as of December 31, 2012 or was receiving 100% disability benefits from Social Security as of that date; the homeowner must have lived in Connecticut for at least one year; the homeowner must occupy the property as their principal residence; the homeowner, if eligible, must be on the State Program known as Circuit Breaker (see above); the homeowner must not owe any taxes (including motor vehicles); the homeowner must not be receiving tax relief from any other town or state; the homeowner cannot be on both the town's tax deferral and this program; and 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
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Registrar of Voters

Registered voters should be aware of two ways in which their voter registration can be impacted. On a weekly basis, the Department of Motor Vehicles informs our office of all drivers in Guilford who have changed their driver's license address. If that change indicates a new address in Guilford, the Registrars' Office will make that change on its database and inform the voter of the change; if that change indicates a new address in a town other than Guilford, that voter will be taken OFF Guilford's Voter Registry, the voter will be informed of that change and asked to either inform Guilford of an error or register in his/her new town.

Once a year, in January, the US Postal Service sends to the Registrars' Office a list of those registered voters who have open forwarding instructions. If the forwarding instructions indicate a

new address in Guilford, our office will make the change and inform the voter of the change. If the forwarding instructions indicate a new address outside of Guilford or outside of Connecticut, the voter will be put into 'inactive' status on our data base and a letter will be sent to the new address. It is then up to the voter to inform the Registrars' Office if we have incorrect information and ask to have his/her status restored to 'active'.

Please take all letters received from our office seriously; they contain important information regarding your voting rights. We do not want to deprive anyone of his/her right to vote.

*Louise Graver & Gloria Nemczuk, Registrar of Voters
203-453-8028 / registrar@ci.guilford.ct.us*

Exciting News from Guilford Lakes Golf Course

With winter here, we can only think about our next round of golf in the spring. We have some exciting news for you at Guilford Lakes Golf Course. Starting January 1, we are announcing a membership special for a limited time. The cost of this membership is \$199.99 per player for all Guilford residents. For non-residents, the membership will be at \$299.99 per player. This membership deal starts on January 1, 2013, so hurry

because this offer is for a limited time only. Check our website for an application and for details and restrictions regarding this offering. Our website is www.guilfordlakesgc.com

We hope that you take us up on this offer and we look forward to see you on the course this coming spring.

The Golf Course Commission

Can I Have a Bright White Smile?

Everybody loves a bright white smile, and there are a variety of products and procedures available to help you improve the look of yours. Many people are satisfied with the sparkle they get from daily oral hygiene and regular cleanings at your dentist's office, but if you decide you would like to go beyond this to make your smile look brighter, you should investigate all of your whitening options.

Start by speaking with your dentist. He or she can tell you whether whitening procedures would be effective for you. Whiteners may not correct all types of discoloration. For example, yellow-ish hued teeth will probably bleach well, brownish-colored teeth may bleach less well, and grayish-hued teeth may not bleach well at all. If you have had bonding or tooth-colored fillings placed in your front teeth the whitener will not affect the color of these materials, and they will stand out in your newly whitened smile. You may want to investigate other options, like porcelain veneers or dental bonding.

If you are a candidate for whitening there are several ways to whiten your smile:

In-office bleaching. This procedure is called chairside bleaching and usually requires only one office visit. The dentist will apply either a protective gel to your gums or a rubber shield to

protect the oral soft tissues. A bleaching agent is then applied to the teeth, and a special light may be used. Lasers have been used during tooth whitening procedures to enhance the action of the whitening agent.

At-home bleaching. Peroxide-containing whiteners actually bleach the tooth enamel. They typically come in a gel and are placed in a mouthguard. Usage regimens vary. There are potential side effects, such as increased sensitivity or gum irritation. Speak with your dentist if you have any concerns.

Whitening toothpastes. All toothpastes help remove surface stain through the action of mild abrasives. "Whitening" toothpastes in the ADA Seal of Acceptance program have special chemical or polishing agents that provide additional stain removal effectiveness. Unlike bleaches, these ADA Accepted products do not change the color of teeth because they can only remove stains on the surface.

Remember when selecting a whitener or any dental product, be sure to look for the ADA Seal of Acceptance - your assurance that they have met ADA standards of safety and effectiveness.

*Thomas P. Petrick, DMD
Theodore J. Katz, DDS, PC*

Guilford Youth & Family Services Family Theatre Presents Disney's Beauty & The Beast Jr.

The narrators set the stage for this "tale as old as time." A young prince, spoiled, selfish and unkind is transformed into a hideous beast. To break the spell, the Beast must learn to love another and earn her love in return before the last petal falls from an enchanted rose. In a lovely French provincial town the beautiful Belle lives with her father, an eccentric inventor. When her father doesn't return from a trip to the local fair, Belle rushes off to find him. To her dismay, she discovers he is being held captive in an old castle by a horrible beast. Belle agrees to trade her freedom to win her father's release from the Beast's clutches. Once inside the enchanted castle, the colorful members of the court decide to play matchmakers. The once cold hearted Beast

falls in love with Belle, but the spell that turned this handsome prince into a beast can only be broken if he can earn her love in return. And time is running out. . .

PERFORMANCE DATES:

Saturday, February 23 at 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm and Sunday, February 24 at 12:00 pm. All performances are in the Guilford High School Auditorium (605 New England Road).

Tickets go on sale February 1, 2013 at Guilford Youth & Family Services. All tickets are \$10, and family discounts are available upon request. For more information contact 203-453-8047.

From the Tax Collector

A reminder to all Guilford Taxpayers, especially new homeowners, that taxes were due on January 1, 2013. All real estate and personal property bills, due in two installments, were mailed in June 2012. We do not mail real estate and personal property bills for the second installment.

Supplemental motor vehicle bills that became due January 1, 2013 were mailed in December. A supplemental motor vehicle bill is due for any vehicle that was registered at the Department of Motor Vehicles AFTER October 1, 2011. It is pro-rated for the number of months that you owned the vehicle from October 2011 through September 2012.

If you have misplaced any of your bills you can now go online and print a duplicate bill through the newly implemented advanced online payment system. Put in your last name to find your bills. This system allows taxpayers to view an online replica of their paper bill (no fee to view). You can now "Go Paperless" with e-billing which reduces paper clutter and filing and helps the environment. Electronic check/ACH payments are accepted online as well as credit cards (there is a fee to make payments). To access the new system, go to www.ci.guilford.ct.us and click on "View or Pay Tax Bill". Income tax information is available on line.

Click on the brown button "View Tax Bill History" for taxes that were paid in 2012.

Payments online or by mail are encouraged and will save a trip to the Town Hall and avoid standing in long lines. When making payment by mail, be sure a check or money order in the exact amount accompanies the tax bill. Mail all payments to Tax Collector, 31 Park Street, Guilford, CT. 06437. The Tax Office is in the Town Hall and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday, except Holidays.

Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax nor does it prevent interest charges from accumulating. Once a tax bill becomes delinquent a follow up notice will be sent out with interest added accordingly. If the tax bill is still not paid, the account will be turned over to the State Marshal for collection with added cost to the taxpayer. If for some reason you are having financial difficulties at this time and cannot pay the taxes in full, please call the Tax Collector's office at 203-453-8014 and Tax Collector, Dolly Mezzetti, will be happy to talk with you and work out a payment plan.

Dolly Mezzetti, Tax Collector

Sign Up with CT Alert – Reverse 911

As winter weather approaches, remember to register your phone, cell phone and email with CT Alert if you have not done so. Being registered enables you to receive Reverse 911 calls and information regarding any emergency on all of your electronic devices. Visit <http://www.ct.gov/ctalert> to register.

Storm Management and Communication Tools

As we enter the New Year, we hope we will not have heavy snow, wind or rain storms that might impact our services or cause prolonged power outages. We barely have Storm Sandy in our rear view mirror, and it was not that long ago we had Tropical Storm Irene and the early winter snow storm of October 2011. With each devastating event, we strive to improve our processes and procedures to ensure public safety. Managing our recovery efforts takes a large team of dedicated people including our town employees and many volunteers. Listed below is a brief summary of critical information that may be helpful when the next significant storm impacts Guilford.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) – The EOC is located at the Guilford Fire Headquarters, 390 Church Street (Rt. 77). Department Heads and staff members from all key functions (Selectmen, Fire, Police, Public Works / Engineering, Health, Parks & Recreation, Environmental Planning, Economic Development, and School Administration) all met here to discuss critical issues, prioritize clean-up efforts and maintain contact with the State Storm Center, and C L & P personnel.

Emergency Shelter (Community Center) - The Community Center stopped all “normally” scheduled programs and transitioned into an Emergency Shelter. As such, residents could find safe shelter and meal(s) as needed. Overnight accommodations on cots, mats, baby cribs, including areas for crated pets, were available. Hot showers and power charging stations were available as well. A large number of people volunteered their time at the shelter, supporting meal services and assisting in many ways.

Evacuation Announcements - During Storm Sandy, the Town ordered evacuation of several low lying areas particularly due to flooding potential. We realize many people would prefer to stay in their own homes, however, we requested evacuation for your safety. There were several areas where emergency personnel could not gain access with their vehicles should the need arise. We opened the Emergency Shelter as one option or encouraged residents to find housing with other friends or relatives.

Power Restoration - Communication with CL&P occurred throughout the day(s) including formal morning planning sessions and late afternoon assessment sessions. Our goal was to get power restored as quickly as possible to our residents and businesses. The Town has developed a “priority” listing for power restoration that first focuses on public safety and town operations. If your home or business is near the identified facilities, you may well have your power restored before others within town. Our priority list includes; Yale New Haven Hospital, Town facilities such as; Fire, Police, Emergency Shelter, Public Works and Town Hall, Elderly Housing / Convalescent Homes and the School facilities. Rt. 1 and the Town Center follow to get

gas stations and food service locations operating. The planning and implementation process is complex as CL&P must first “make safe” these identified areas, ensuring the power is off, then debris is removed, then damaged poles are replaced, allowing restoration to begin.

Water Supply - Safe drinking water was available for pick up at; Police Station, Emergency Shelter, North Guilford Fire Dept., Town Library and Bishop’s Orchard’s. Guilford Lakes Golf Course also had water for pick up, fed from a garden hose, for sanitary uses.

Waste Management - As soon as we could open the Transfer Station and the Stump Dump, we did. We operated on days when not normally scheduled and we provided extended hours. For a period of time, we waived fees to residents.

Town Hall - Staff was available to answer questions. It was also open to residents for power recharging of cell phones and computers, and WiFi services were available.

Town Library - Even before power was restored, the Library was open on a limited basis, providing a place for socialization and reading the newspaper. Once power was restored, the Library also served as a recharging area with WiFi services available.

Communication Methods - Reaching people during a period of an extended power outage was a challenge. However, we published a daily newsletter in an effort to address critical items of interest. With many people utilizing “smart phones” and others having limited access to the internet, we pushed this newsletter through the Town website and Facebook pages, with short bursts on Twitter too. Guilford Public Schools provided updates through their similar vehicles. The Guilford Chamber of Commerce did the same in an effort to reach businesses in town. Social networks like Guilford PATCH, Guilford Atticus, CT. Out and About reported information quickly as it was made available. The newsletter was printed each day with copies available at Town Hall, the Library, Fire & Police Stations and the Emergency Center. We even had youth groups manually distribute it on a couple of occasions in shopping centers, restaurants, churches and gas stations.

We encourage all residents to sign up on the Reverse 911 and CTAlert systems as another method of communication. You may register your home phone and your cell phone numbers to obtain critical announcements.

Looking Ahead - We cannot predict when the next storm will impact Guilford. However, we feel we have significant planning in-place to be prepared for the next challenge. We wanted to make you aware of the above information in the hope it might help you deal with the next storm.

Brian McGlone
Economic Development Coordinator

Courageous Parenting 101

Understanding Substance Abuse and It's Impact on Children and Youth

Courage to Speak-Courageous Parenting 101 is a free, three-session substance abuse education and prevention program developed by The Courage to Speak Foundation, to help parents understand substance abuse and its impact on children and youth. The program will be taught by a trained Courage to Speak facilitator certified by the Courage to Speak Foundation, Inc. and will cover a variety of materials, such as fundamentals of substance abuse prevention, drug trends in America, signs of drug use, communication skills, how to find out if your child is using drugs, what to do if your child is using

drugs and other timely and relevant material. The course which is being offered through Guilford Youth & Family Services will be held at the Guilford Free Library, 67 Park Street, Guilford, Ct. and sessions will take place January 8th, 15th and 22nd at 6:30 p.m. The Courage To Speak-Courageous Parenting 101 is open to parents in all communities with children in elementary, middle and high school. Please contact Karolin Regan, LCSW at (203) 453-8047 or email Karolin at ReganK@ci.guilford.ct.us to register or for more information.

Karolin Regan, LCSW Youth & Family Services

Guilford / Community Listings

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Christ Church	203-453-2279
First Church of Christ Scientist.....	203-453-9175
First Congregational Church	203-453-5249
North Guilford Congregational Church	203-457-0581
St. George Catholic Church.....	203-453-2788
St. John's Episcopal Church	203-457-1094
Vineyard Church of Guilford	203-453-5453

CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS

Guilford Agricultural Society.....	203-453-3543
Guilford Art Center	203-453-5947
Guilford Chamber of Commerce	203-453-9677
Guilford Garden Club	203-453-5203
Guilford Land Conservation Trust	203-457-9253
Leete's Island Garden Club	203-453-3884
Women and Family Life Center	203-453-6699

LIBRARY

Guilford Free Library.....	203-453-8282
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MUSEUMS

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Thomas Griswold House.....	203-453-2263

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A 2002 German study suggests that acupuncture works. The study looked at 160 women undergoing IVF, half of whom received acupuncture along with IVF, and the other half received IVF alone. They found pregnancy rates among the women undergoing acupuncture were significantly higher. Although this study was performed with women undergoing IVF protocols, I have found in my clinical experience that acupuncture in conjunction with Herbal medicine can substantially increase the probability of conceiving with individuals not on any other protocols.

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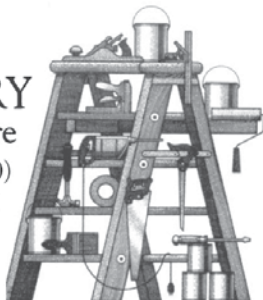
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What's Wrong with Her Face?

We've all said those words about someone; maybe a television celebrity or perhaps even someone you know who you haven't seen in a few years. They look swollen and puffy with lips that are too big for their face. The culprits are usually dermal fillers and Botox in excessive quantities.

Botox and Juvederm are one of the greatest beauty inventions of our time. When I was a young girl there were no options. Now we can erase wrinkles in an hour with an injection. Sometimes it is good to be heavy handed, but not when it comes to relaxing wrinkles. No one has or should have a face that has no wrinkles. A natural face has and needs contours. My goal when treating you with fillers and Botox is to make you a more relaxed, less tired version of yourself. Sometimes that doesn't happen overnight.

Botox results will not be apparent immediately. They can take up to a week. I like to use the least amount of Botox that I think will get you a good result and bring you back for a follow-up. If you're happy, then that's the dose for you. If you still need more correction, we can always add more.

You will see immediate results from Juvederm injections, so it is easier to determine how much product to use. Just because you can see your results right away does not mean that you have to decide how much to use all at once. Sometimes it better to live with a subtle change for a few days before making a final decision.

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