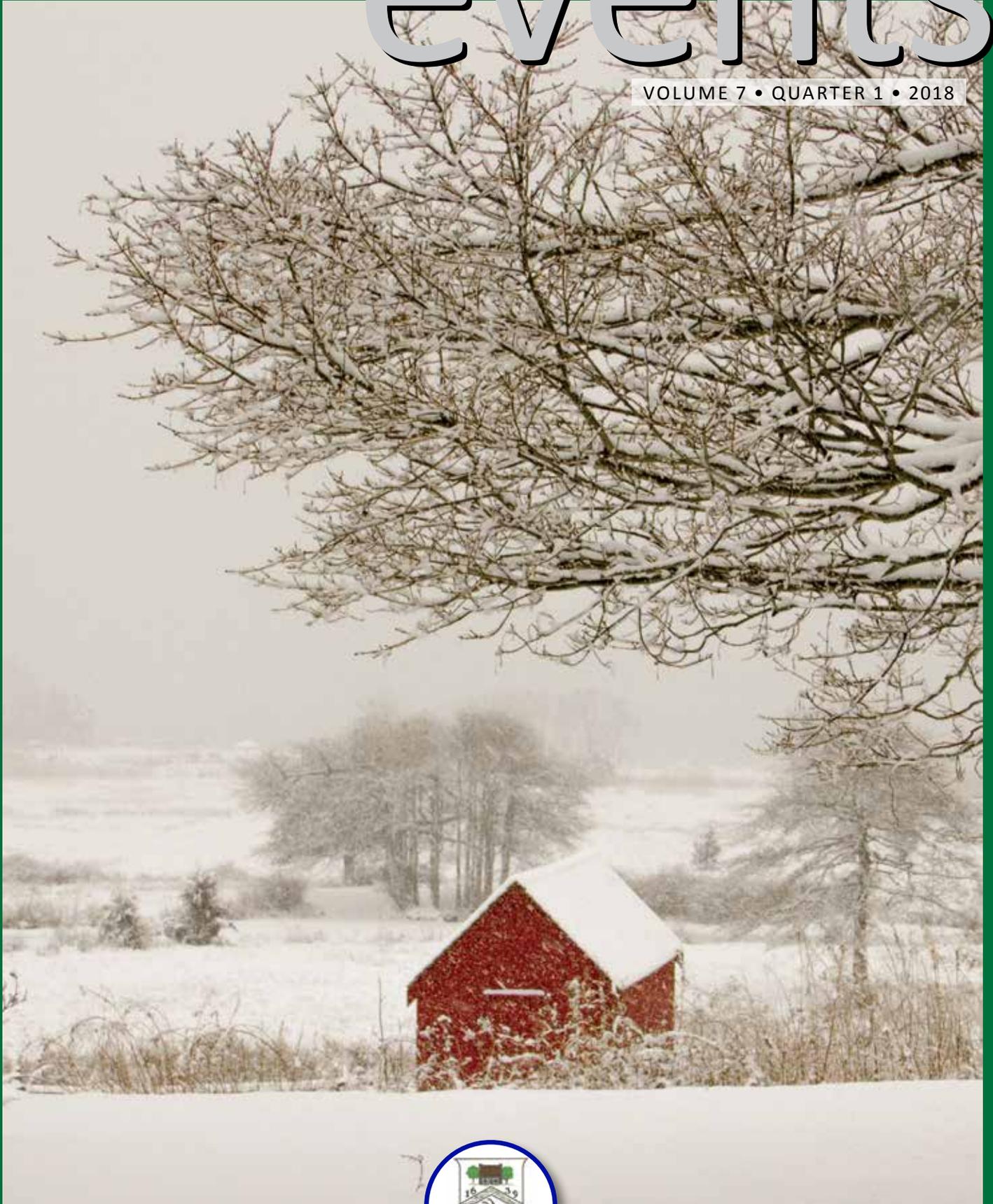


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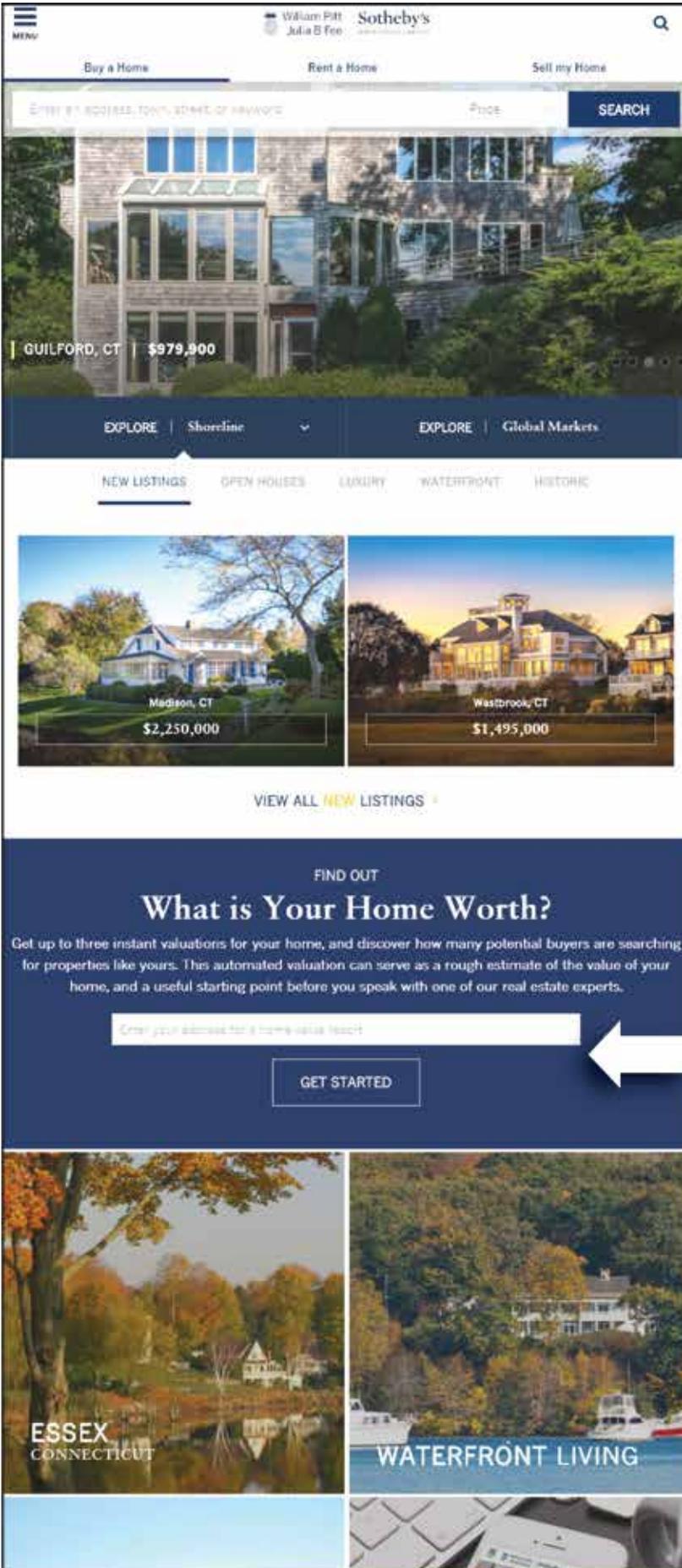
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## The First Selectman's Corner

I am grateful for the confidence the voters have shown in me this past election. I pledge to continue the great work First Selectman Joe Mazza has done for the town. I have been getting to know the talented and dedicated staff. And I look forward to taking on the many challenges facing the town in the future.

We are quickly moving into the budget season where the Board of Selectmen will be working closely with the Board of Finance, headed by new Chairman Michael Ayles, to craft a budget for the Town. The Board of Selectmen will have its budget workshop meetings in late January, 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 15 meeting. The Board of Finance budget public hearing is scheduled for March 6 with its workshops to follow on March 8 and 12. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings and offer their input on the budgets being presented.

Aside from the budget, we will be addressing some immediate priorities including the Energy Performance Contracting proposal, which will help fund capital projects that will be paid for through the energy savings the town will yield from those improvements. We will also be initiating an update of the Town's 2003 Transportation Plan to address pedestrian and cycle safety as well as the appropriate use and location of sidewalks and pathways.

The reconstruction of Long Hill Road from Route 1 to Hubbard Road has been completed except for a few minor issues that will be finished over the winter. This major north/south artery, which is a major evacuation route that leads to one of our primary emergency shelters, is now a safer road that will be free of flooding.



Matthew T. Hoey III, First Selectman

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 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.

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## RECIPE

### Forte's Gourmet Market CHICKEN CACCIATORE by Ron Forte - Serves 4-6 people

#### INGREDIENTS

2 - 3 lbs boneless/skinless Chicken Breast (Bell&Evans) or boneless thighs	Large Red Pepper	1/4 cup Italian Parsley
28 oz. San Marzano Whole Tomatoes	Large Green Pepper	1 - Tbl. Capers
1 Cup All Purpose Flour	Medium Onion	Salt and Pepper
12 oz. Can Quartered Artichokes in water	4 Cloves Garlic Minced	Green or Black Olives to taste
Olive Oil - enough to coat bottom of pan	1 Cup Dry White Wine	Grated Parmesan or Romano Cheese
	6-8 Leaves Basil	Egg Noodles or Rice

#### STEPS

Cut chicken into small medallions or strips (Ask your butcher to do it for you). Dredge chicken in flour seasoned with salt and pepper. Using large frying pan with oil, cook chicken for 3-4 min. Should be half done and slight brown on both sides. Remove chicken from pan and use this pan over medium heat. Deglaze pan with wine, scrape any brown bits from bottom of pan to for maximum flavor. (Add more oil if needed.) Sauté peppers, onion, garlic, approximately 10 minutes. Add tomatoes (crushed by hand) simmer for approx. 5 min. (Add as much juice of tomatoes as needed.) Season with pepper, salt, basil, parsley. Add artichokes, capers, olives to taste. Add chicken - cover pan with foil or lid cook over medium heat 15 minutes until done. Can be served over egg noodles or rice. Garnish with cheese.

*Bon Appétit!*



# Assessor's Office

Elderly Tax Relief applications will be taken in the Assessor's Office, between February 1st and May 15th, during the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. If you are unable to come in, an agent of your choice may file on your behalf. Please bring all proofs of income for both spouses (for the year 2017), 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, 2017.
2. The homeowner must be at least 65 years of age as of December 31, 2017 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.

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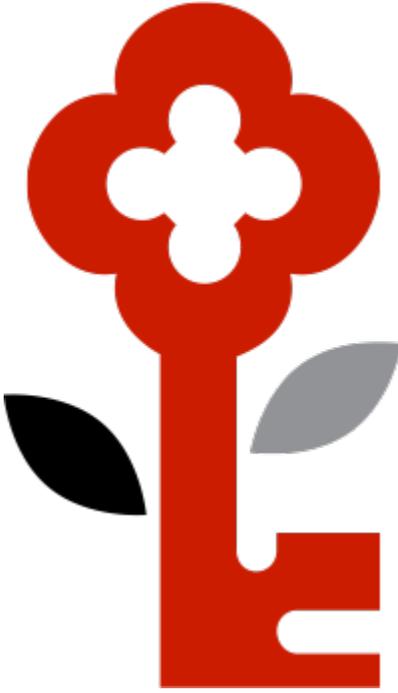
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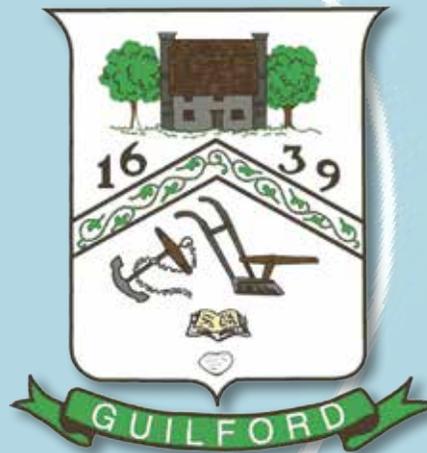


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Under this program, the State of Connecticut pays a portion of your tax bill ranging from \$150 to \$1,250. There is no requirement to re-pay the State.

The homeowner must have income (including Social Security) of not more than \$35,300 for a single individual or \$43,000 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 \$37,300 for a single individual or \$45,000 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.

1. The homeowner, if eligible, must be on the State Program known as Circuit Breaker (see above);
2. The homeowner must not owe any taxes (including motor vehicles);
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

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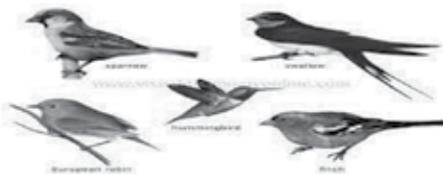
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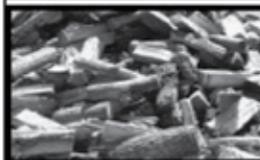


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# Economic Development Department

As we enter the first quarter of 2018, we are praying for a mild winter that keeps everyone safe and warm. Our cover photo depicts a more severe winter of the past and we hope that is it, in the past. Several construction projects are underway that we trust will not get stopped or slowed significantly due to frigid weather and snow. A few to mention include; the new 16K sf office building at 350 Goose Lane, located next to The Stone Agency which is in the former Wilbur & King space. A third building is underway at the Patriot Center, a 16K sf building to complete the site which also includes the two new buildings in the front, each 20K sf. Framing is well underway at The Mews, a 14 unit condominium development on Rt. 1 west on the former Guilford Tavern site. A total of 5 luxurious condominiums will be located on the rear portion of the Gatehouse West development. Two are completely framed with a model available for viewing while the remaining three are being framed. The former farmhouse located at the corner of Rt. 1 and Moose Hill Road has been demolished, allowing construction to begin on a 10 unit apartment complex. In town, a complete

renovation of 30 Water Street (next to the Post Office) has begun. This historic building will be brought back to life to support a mixed use of office space on the lower level and two apartments on the second level.

A new biotech firm has located at 14 Water Street, Bioasis Technologies Inc. This is the first U.S. office for the parent company, a Vancouver, Canada-based company. The space will initially house five employees. The company stated, "The greater New Haven area is in close proximity to both Boston and New York. The new U.S. office provides a physical location that is at the crossroads of pharma, biotech, and academia. It will increase the exposure of our company and provide access to a broad pool of talent and strategic resources." Guilford Co-Working was formerly in this space and has moved across the Green to 96 Broad Street.

Surrender to the Float, located at 236 Church Street, is under new ownership. They had a grand opening ribbon cutting on November 18th and are welcoming current and new customers. The CVS

Plaza will have two new tenants; Guilford Coffee House, which will be located where the former Frogurt Time was and Orangetheory Fitness will occupy 3,450 sf of previously unused space. Orangetheory Fitness has 8 other locations with the majority located in Fairfield County. The Guilford location represents their expansion into New Haven County.

Similar to other Commissions in Town, the Economic Development Commission has openings and is seeking volunteers that have an interest in our business community. Ideally, the EDC would like to attract owners of our local businesses to bring that fresh perspective to the Commission.

Continue enjoying all Historic Guilford has to offer: SHOP-DINE-EXPLORE... and more. Should you have any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me.

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## Shoreline Chamber of Commerce



There are many exciting events planned for 2018 - following are those that occur in the first quarter, January - March:

- **January 25** - The Chamber will hold its annual awards dinner, honoring the individuals and businesses who have shown exemplary conduct both in their business and the community.
- **Late March (date to be announced)** -

the Chili Challenge will once again be held in the Branford Merchant area on Main Street in Branford. This extremely popular event draws people from all over Connecticut, as well as neighboring states!

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Did you know the Chamber actively supports the community in a continually evolving role? Following are some examples of community support:

- Offers the Guilford Dollars program, driving Guilford residents to shop locally
- Gold Sponsor at the Branford Festival
- Through Chili Challenge for a Cause: donation to the Women's Family and Health Center
- Through Chowder Challenge for a Cause: donation to the American Red Cross
- Scholarship for high school students
- Coordinates the Guilford Sidewalk Sale
- Developed and maintains the marketing campaign for 'Be Loyal to Local'
- Sponsors the Guilford Tree Lighting
- Campaign for Toys for Tots at holiday time.

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# Guilford Preservation Alliance - GPA

Happy New Year to all! It has been another exciting and productive year for the GPA as we continued to pursue our mission of preserving both the built and natural environment of Guilford. Here are some of our accomplishments this year:

- Witness Stones Project which aims to acknowledge the history of slavery in Guilford
- GPA was instrumental in preserving two historic buildings in town
- A GPA committee began work on “A Guide to Preserving the Historic House”
- The Guilford Tourism Committee, the GPA and the Chamber of Commerce are working on a town signage project
- GPA’s Train Station Committee is working with Amtrak, the DOT and the Town to preserve the 19th century brick water tower and engine house at the Guilford Shoreline East Commuter Rail Station.
- The GPA supported placing a plaque at Sachem’s Head to commemorate a Revolutionary War event.
- An open house was held for the historic bowling alley and barn at the Chittenden Estate on Broad St.
- GPA’s Jones Trust is also making possible several town restoration projects



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- The Information Plaza Kiosk was visited by over 500 people looking for directions on where to eat, shop, hike, boat and even live in Guilford.
- Nearly 100 visitors enjoyed GPA free “Around the Green” walking tours.

Please read additional interesting details about these achievements and others the GPA is working on at [www.guilfordpreservation.org](http://www.guilfordpreservation.org).

Be sure to click on [www.visitguilfordct.org](http://www.visitguilfordct.org) for information about our Guilford.

## A SITE FOR ALL SEASONS

### There’s value for businesses and residents on [visitguilfordct.com](http://visitguilfordct.com)

Are you new to town? Are you a long-time resident looking for something new to do near home, or maybe you just want to explore what’s beyond your usual haunts? Maybe you’re a business looking for greater exposure within our local community. Well, [visitguilfordct.com](http://visitguilfordct.com) is just what the doctor ordered.

Developed more than two years ago by the Guilford Preservation Alliance, the site is highlighted at the information plaza located on Church Street at the top of the Green (next to the Community Center). It serves as a great “walk-up” resource for hundreds of people who visit our town primarily between May and September. But, of course, the site is accessible to anyone and everyone year-round. So, whether you’re on your home computer or tablet or out walking the green with smart phone in-hand, let’s check out some of its benefits.

- Many shopping, dining and local services are prominently displayed, with more being added all the time. If you’re looking for services in the community, we should be your first stop.
- There are seven parks in our town (yes, one is for the dogs!). The site lets you locate and read about activities available at each.
- Some 20 trails and maps are available. With the right shoes and clothing you can enjoy the outdoors all year. And for the less adventurous there are guided and self-guided walking tours in the heart of town.
- Our events calendar highlights community activities, holiday celebrations, and historic events.

There’s no question that [visitguilfordct.com](http://visitguilfordct.com) is a great continuing resource for residents. And local business will appreciate the benefits of being seen on the site by the growing number of residents and non-residents who visit it.



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As we look towards 2018, we anticipate another year of intense funding requests. Thanks to our generous supporters and a prudent investment strategy, our permanent endowment



has grown to over \$2.6 million. This will enable the Guilford Foundation to continue to address whatever the future brings through leadership and support to our citizens.

Looking for grant funding? TGF has changed its competitive grant making process as of January 1, 2018. TGF has implemented an annual application deadline (instead of quarterly). TGF will accept competitive grant applications between February 15, 2018 and March 15, 2018. Potential applicants are encouraged to attend one of two identical information sessions, to be held on January 24th at 10 am and February 15th at 2:30 pm. RSVP for location.

TGF also partners with Guilford High School's Interact Club to support the Youth Advisory Group. This group also accepts grant applications (also available on our website). Their next annual deadline is April 1, 2018.



Looking to get involved? TGF has an annual dinner and celebration each year to review the previous year's accomplishments and present current strategies and efforts. TGF also has an electronic newsletter and Facebook page, which provide regular updates.

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

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# "Little Golf Course That Could"



The 2017 golf season came to an end as the winter moved in, and pushed fall out of the way. The season concluded with The Octoberfest Fall

Classic. 30 golfers enjoyed a beautiful day just one day before the tropical storm blew in on Sunday. Players had a chance to win (4) hole-in-one prizes including a Grand Prize trip to either St. Andrews, Pebble Beach or Hawaii. PGA Pro, Mike Papp, has (5) tournaments scheduled for next season, all with the same kind of prizes. "The tournaments were very well received, and someone is going to win the big prize next year," said Papp.

The 2018 season memberships are filling up for next year, and the applications are available in the Golf Shop. Over 60 junior golfers participated in the Summer Camps. "I have room for 160 junior golfer's next year," said Papp. The season will conclude with a Shotgun Scramble Tournament which will include, lunch, and trophies for every participant. "It has been great to see our junior golfers playing with their parents, and becoming new greens fee paying customers," said Papp. Junior golfers are the game's future, and there is no better place for them to grow as individuals than at our own Guilford Lakes Golf Course "Guilford's Little Augusta." The sign-up sheets will be available in the Golf Shop, as early as, late March. Don't wait too

long! Winter lessons are also available. Call 860-898-0138 for more information.

The town hired Mike Papp this past year in hopes to fill a "much missed" void, and generate new revenue. "I have next year all laid out. It has been great to become part of a team with Ted Tighe, and Jack Moriarty. It was a pleasure working with our golf commission, and the local papers have been very supportive," said Papp. We finished the season by being voted the "Best Public Golf Course" On The Shoreline! "We are not only the "Little Golf Course That Could, but the little golf course that did," said Papp. Happy Holidays, and see you all in the spring.

## Guilford Police Department

### 2018 CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Guilford Police Department is seeking participants for the 2018 Citizens Police Academy beginning Thursday, March 22nd through Thursday, May 24th 2018. As the Department strives for transparency, the Citizens Police Academy provides a hands-on opportunity to educate the citizens of Guilford on the operations of the Department while obtaining valuable feedback from citizens to enhance police and community relations.

The 10-week Citizens Police Academy will include over 30 hours of instruction taught in 3-hour sessions every Thursday evening from 6 pm to 9 pm. We ask that participants commit for all 10 weeks to complete the program. The training includes interactive classroom participation, a department overview, elements of crimes, laws, a range day, patrol ride-a-long, K9 demonstrations, federal and state agencies. Classes will be held at the Guilford Police Department Community Room located at 400 Church Street.

If you have questions, contact Sgt. Jakober in the Crime Prevention Unit at 203-453-8061. Applications will be at the Department, on our Facebook Page, and on the Guilford Police Department website, [www.guilfordpd.com](http://www.guilfordpd.com). The deadline for applications is March 10th, 2018 and the class size is limited to 30 people. Participants must be Guilford residents and 16 years of age or older. Sixteen and 17 year olds must have written permission from a parent or guardian to participate. A standard background check will be completed on each applicant.

### IRS SCAMS

This time of year, IRS scammers are looking to steal your money. Thousands receive letters, phone calls and emails indicating that

they owe back taxes and will be penalized, both criminally and financially, if they do not pay the amount due immediately. The written correspondence appears legitimate with IRS letterhead formatting and personal information. The phone calls are equally convincing and very intimidating. The truth is, the IRS will not call, email or send a letter of that nature in a not certified fashion. The IRS will want to know if you have received a letter and document the contact via certified return/receipt letter.

If you receive some type of correspondence from the IRS or a call from someone claiming to be the IRS, contact the IRS directly via the online listed number, not the number listed in the letter, email or phone call. Do not give out your personal information. If they are calling you, they will have it. Tell them you will call them back on the number listed for the IRS online or in the phone book. Often times, the caller will hang up as they have realized that you have been educated on the scam and will not be a willing victim at that point.

Taking the extra step to determine if the IRS contact is legitimate will save you, possibly thousands of dollars, down the road. The IRS website has a list of known common scams associated with their agency. What you should know, is that this scam list is evolving almost daily as scammers out there seek to relieve you of your money in new ways. For more information go to [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) or call the New Haven office at 203-492-8609.

### COMPUTER SCAMS

**Have you received the call from "Microsoft"** claiming something is wrong with your computer and they need access to it to fix the "bug." It's a scam. Microsoft will not call you to fix anything. The caller is attempting to gain access to your computer for one of

two things. Either they are accessing your computer to take information from your hard drive or they are downloading a “keystroke virus” that will document your login and password information for banks, email, or other sites that contain personal financial information. They will use this information to steal your identity and wreak havoc on your credit.

**Have you ever heard of “click bait”?** The scammers are hoping you haven’t and are fishing for victims with links they send in emails or videos on social media. Click bait is something as simple as an article with an interesting title that you ‘click’ your computer mouse on to view. While you are viewing the link, the virus is spreading throughout your computer. The viruses vary. Some just steal your email contact lists or social media contact lists. Others access personal information and search for usernames and passwords for online banking, insurance and tax sites. Don’t fall victim to this scam. If you don’t know who sent the email, if the email looks suspicious from someone you do know or if the article or video is not from a trusted source, DON’T OPEN IT. Just delete it or skip over it on social media. Make sure your anti-virus software is up to date on your computer and if you think your computer may have been accessed, disconnect it from the internet and bring it to a computer expert to make sure it is not infected.

**Have you ever typed in the wrong website into your browser?** For instance, google.com instead of google.com. Hackers are counting on you to misspell websites and then will send you an alert that you have a virus on your computer. The alert looks official, like it was sent from Microsoft or Apple. However, the virus alert is false and the scammers are trying to get you to click on the link they provide or call the number they provide to get access to your computer. If you see this happen, close your browser and disconnect it from the internet. Clear your browser history, clear the cache and cookies. Reboot the computer and you should be fine. Again, make sure you have up to date virus protection on your computer.

There is no definitive way to protect from all viruses and scams but the most important tool for computer safety is educating yourself on the scams and viruses out there. These criminals are lurking out there and waiting for someone to fall into their trap. See the Federal Trade Commission’s website for further information on scams and computer crimes: <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/>. To report these types of crimes go to: <http://www.ic3.gov> to make sure the complaints are tracked and investigated.

#### **MEDICATION DROP BOX**

The Guilford Police Department has a Medication Drop Box in our front lobby which is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and is free of charge. This medication drop provides an environmentally safe alternative to disposing of medications in the landfill, septic systems or sewer systems that may later negatively affect the environment. Unused or expired medication can pose a risk to children, family members, and caretakers. It can also be misused or abused, leading to serious complications, overdose, even death. Please feel free to stop by the station anytime to properly dispose of unused medications, no questions asked. Last year the Guilford Police Department safely disposed of over 600 lbs. of unused medications that could have otherwise gotten into the wrong hands. Please no needles or liquids in the medication box. Thank you for continuing to help us save the environment and our community!

Follow us on the Guilford Police Department Facebook page for more helpful tips and scam updates. Join us for Coffee with a Cop to ask questions about this topic and more. Check our Facebook page for dates, times and locations. Thank you and stay safe!



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# E.C. Adams Middle School 1937-2017

As we celebrate the 80th year of this wonderful building, it is important to remember some of the history surrounding its creation.

Guilford, back in 1936, had a total population of less than 4,000 citizens of all ages. There were over a hundred working farms in our community producing; fruits and vegetables, dairy products, chickens and eggs, turkeys, beef, pork, even mink furs. Most of the farms had names like Buttonwood, Hillcrest & Maple Shade. Guilford had several iron foundries and part of our curriculum in metal shop class taught us how to make molds and cast items like book ends.

The main road through Guilford was U.S. Route 1, which was lined with large Elm trees that made it look like a tunnel of shade in the summer. The trolleys were phased out by buses. It was a one hour ride to New Haven.

There were still many horse and wagons on the roads including hay wagons, ice carts for the ice boxes, coal wagons and produce and fruit wagons delivered to neighborhoods by vendors. Most farms had teams of oxen which were used for heavy field work. Some farms had teams of large work horses to haul the heavy loads of trees to the saw mill or stone for building projects. One member of the faculty taught animal husbandry and other courses related to farming. He also served as the advisory to FFA, the largest club in school.

Although the storm clouds were building in Europe, WWII was three years in the future. President Franklin Roosevelt was leading America out of the Great Depression. One of his programs to put men back to work involved the U.S. Government giving money to local governments for public building projects.

When Guilford's school age population became too large for "The Institute" a new school was proposed and this building was begun. Construction was completed in 1937 and it was dedicated as Guilford's High School.

My first day as a student here was in the fall of 1952. I rode my bike from home and parked it in a wooden shed at the rear of the building where the gymnasium is today. We had no book bags

or backpacks in those days, but I had a sandwich, cookie and an apple in a little brown bag. I also had a nickel for milk. My classmates and I would spend the next six years here in grades 7, 8 and 9 through 12. We were the last class to graduate from this building in 1958. The following year a new high school opened on New England Road and this became the Guilford Junior High School.

When the North Junior High School was built in 1978, I wrote a letter to the Board of Education suggesting that the two junior highs be named after prominent Guilford citizens. They agreed and appointed a committee of three to propose names: Mrs. Giles, from the Board, Joel Helander and myself. We met one evening and I proposed Abraham Baldwin for the north school, Mrs. Giles suggested we pick someone more contemporary for the south school. Joel suggested Dr. Adams and the vote was unanimous. We adjourned after 13 and ½ minutes. Adams and Baldwin were then named Middle Schools and included grades 6, 7 & 8.

In 2003 the Town Clerk, Jan Teft asked if I would help her clean out the vault in the basement of the Town Hall. During this process I found a file of papers for the construction of the Adams School. The site was a swamp that was filled in to prepare for the construction. The total cost of the building was \$150,000, which included the school furniture. The federal government paid for 75% and Guilford 25%.

During its dedication on January 15, 1937 it was stated, "A thing of beauty and usefulness it gives form and substance to the hope of many years." It concludes with, "House builded of senseless brick and mortar and wood and stone, yet vibrant with the young life of today and with the hopes of tomorrow, we salute thee and dedicate thee to thy high mission."

The Adams building has had additions, renovations and replacements over the years, but it is still one of the best built buildings in town and most importantly it has served thousands of Guilford students over its 80 years.

Carl A. Balestracci, Jr.



## Welcome to the Town of Guilford, CT

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

# Happy New Year!



But, it's January. Days are short and cold. Nights are long, and colder. Birds have few daylight hours in which to find seeds, fruit, and a few insects to sustain them through the night. Even if you have planned your landscape and garden to provide shelter, water, and food producing plants, supplemental feeding is still recommended.

Most songbirds, during the spring and summer, have a diet that is largely insect based. This food supply is usually abundant, and highly nutritious. With the onset of fall and winter, seeds and fruits become the main source of food for both the migratory and permanent resident birds. During these seasons, backyard feeders can help to sustain bird populations.

What to feed? Certainly, providing a mix of seeds, fruit, and suet cakes will attract a diversity of species, but there are several key foods that one may want to purchase. In our region, black-oil sunflower seeds attract the greatest number of species. They are nutritious and high in fat, providing a good energy source. They have a high meat- to- shell ratio, and shells are easily cracked by both small and large birds.

"Nijer" or thistle seed is the preferred seed for finches. Because it is small and somewhat expensive, it is best to provide this seed in a special nijer feeder, rather than including it in a feeder of mixed seed.

Safflower seed is preferred by cardinals and grosbeaks, and is rarely eaten by squirrels. It can be fed separately, or mixed into your sunflower seed to discourage squirrels and starlings from visiting your feeder.

Ground feeding birds, such as doves, prefer cracked corn and white millet. Both of these seeds are generally found in a good quality seed mix, and seed that falls from the feeder is readily eaten.

Woodpeckers, chickadees, and nut-hatches (insect eating birds) appreciate the high energy suet cakes that often contain additional bird seed or fruit. The cakes do not go rancid, and can be fed year round.

Feeders should be placed close enough to trees and shrubs to provide cover and shelter for the birds, but far enough away (10') to prevent jumping off places for squirrels and cats. Feeders should be kept clean, and the hulls and seeds that collect beneath your feeder should be raked up every few weeks.

Water is as important for birds in winter as it is in summer. Using two round cake pans will allow you to fill one each day, bringing in the second one to thaw during freezing temperatures.

At Village Greene we have a broad selection of feeder types to accommodate your choice of seed. We carry black oil sunflower, a general mixed seed, and a full supply of Lyric Seed Mixes. These seed mixes have been preference tested, so that there is no waste, and no noxious weed seed. You can choose from specific formulations (ie: cardinals or woodpeckers), or single seed, such as golden safflower. We also carry a full assortment of suet cakes.



While you are enjoying watching the birds from the warmth inside your home, take some time to plan your

garden to help attract more birds and pollinators this spring and summer. Our horticulturists are available year round to assist with your garden plans, and offer suggestions for your landscape.

Lastly, consider Citizen Science and participating in one of the feeder counts. CT Audubon Society and Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology have annual feeder counts to help monitor the population trends of our avian friends.

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# Guilford Free Library

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## Children's Programs

REGISTRATION for starred (\*\*) programs began on Tuesday, January 2, at 9 am in person, by phone at: 203-453-8282, or online at: [www.guilfordfreelibrary.org](http://www.guilfordfreelibrary.org)

### PARENT PROGRAMS

**\*\*Legal Tips for Parents of Special Needs Children:** Learn about your rights and the best ways to advocate for your child with any kind of disability or special need, and get advice on navigating the school special education process. Presenter Amy Vatner is an education attorney with the Pellegrino Law Firm and a clinical instructor at the Yale Child Study Center Developmental Disabilities Clinic. This is a presentation for adults, so please find alternate care for your child if you plan to attend. Registration appreciated.

Tuesday, January 9th

from 7:00-8:00 pm

Parents & Adult Caregivers

**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 2nd

from 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Parents & children are welcome

**\*\*Behavior Blues:** A brief overview of evidence-based practices and collaborative problem solving for parents/caregivers of behaviorally challenged children, led by Divinna Schmitt, a certified parent mentor from Think Kids, a program of the department of psychiatry at the Massachusetts General Hospital. This is a presentation for adults, so please find alternate care for your child if you plan to attend. Registration appreciated.

Wednesday, March 7th

from 7:00-8:00 pm

Parents & Adult Caregivers

### SPECIALS

**Open To All - Please Register for \*\*starred\*\* programs**

**\*\*Story and Song with Sarah Aroeste:** Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) children's author and singer Sarah Aroeste will share her work. All welcome, but recommended for ages 3-8. Co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.

Sunday, January 14th

from 2:00-3:00 pm

Ages 3 to 8 recommended

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

Thursday, January 18th

from 6:30-7:00 pm

All ages

**Take Your Child To The Library Day:** Stop by the Lana Ferguson Children's Room any time to make a craft from your own imagination. We supply the materials, you supply the creativity.

Saturday, February 3rd

from 9:30 am-4:30 pm

All ages

**\*\*Valentine's Day Story & Craft:** Hear a delightful Valentine's Day story and make a lovely themed craft with librarian Sara Bartelmo.

Monday, February 12th

from 11:00-11:45 am

Ages 3 to 5

**\*\*Mr. Joe's Musical Adventure:** Sing, laugh, and learn with Mr. Joe's interactive family musical performance.

Thursday, March 1st

from 4:00-5:00 pm

All ages

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

Saturdays, 1/13, 2/10, & 3/31

from 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Ages 7 & up

**\*\*In-Be-Tween:** Join us for two Thursdays each month.

Sometimes art, sometimes science, sometimes food, but always a great time! Check back with the library for dates and themes. Registration required for each separate event.

Jan. 11 & 25, Feb. 8 & 22, & Mar. 8 & 22

from 3:30- 4:30 pm

5th & 6th graders

### SERIES

**Open to All - 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: Chief & Miley, and dog handler Howard Taylor, or Lucy, and dog handler Ellen Silberman, 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(s) and handler. Ages 6 & up

**Dates and times for Chief & Miley**

Wednesdays, January 10-March 28 from 4:00-5:00 pm

**Dates and times for Lucy**

Thursdays, January 11-March 29 from 4:00-5:00 pm

(skip 2/1 & 3/1)

**Dates and times for Denver**

Saturdays, January 13th-March 31st from 10:00-11:00 am

**\*\*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 brand-new activities in our fourth season of Crazy 8s Math Clubs.

Mondays, January 22nd - March 19th (not February 19)  
from 4:00-5:00 pm Grades K to 2

Mondays, January 22nd - March 19th (not February 19)  
from 5:15-6:15 pm Grades 3 to 5

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

Wednesdays, January 10th - March 28th  
from 3:30-4:30pm Ages 9 & up

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

Tuesdays, January 16th  
through March 6th, 10:00-10:30 am  
OR Wednesdays, January 17th  
through March 7th, 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 22nd - February 26th (not 2/19)  
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.

Thursdays, January 25th through March 1st  
from 9:30-10:00 am Ages 12 to 23 months

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

Fridays, January 26th through March 2nd  
from 9:30-10:00 am Ages 24 to 36 months

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

January 12th, February 9th, & March 9th  
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 10th through March 28th  
from 11:00-11:30am 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 18th through March 15th  
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. 2 through March 28  
from 10:30-11:30am All ages

## Adult Programs

### BOOKS, ART, MUSIC, SCIENCE & MORE

January 18 Carl Zimmer discusses CRISPR, 7 pm

January 23 Social Security and You, 7 pm

January 24 Emily Anhalt, author of "Enraged: Why Violent Times Need Ancient Greek Myths," 7 pm.

February 12 "A Plastic Ocean," a special documentary screening, 7 pm

February 15 Yale Science Diplomats: "Finding Patterns in Chaos: How Simple Rules Form Complex Behavior" (part 1 of 4), 7 pm

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February 18	Concert: Bob Kolb Trio, 2 pm
February 20	Taking Control of Your Retirement
March 1	Mark Schenker, Future Classics. Kazuo Ishiguro's "Remains of the Day," 7 pm
March 8	Guilford Poet's Guild: Dick Allen, 6 pm
March 13	Presentation from the Docent of the Wadsworth Atheneum, 4 pm
March 15	Yale Science Diplomats: "Scientific Myths and Misconceptions" (part 2 of 4), 7 pm

**Monday Night Movies:** A film every Monday evening at 7 pm from February 12 - April 30.

**Beginning in March:** a 3-part local history series co-sponsored by the Guilford Keeping Society (exact dates and content tba)

**Opera talks** sponsored by Shoreline Village CT on 1/25, 2/12 & 3/27 (each program begins at 6:30 and is scheduled a few days prior to the broadcast at Regal Cinema in Branford)

**Galleries in Motion** with Joy Pepe (dates and topics tba)

**"Book a Librarian"- Free technology and research assistance is available by appointment.** Small group computer classes and drop-in sessions are regularly scheduled throughout the year. Check [www.guilfordfreelibrary.org](http://www.guilfordfreelibrary.org) for the most current listings.

## Spaying Your Pets

There are many benefits to spaying your pets, but did you know that it could also be a life-saving procedure? Female dogs and cats that are not spayed have a high risk of developing something called pyometra, or an infection of the uterus. This preventable infection makes your pet very sick and can be potentially life-threatening.

A spay, also called an ovariohysterectomy, is a surgical procedure that involves removal of the ovaries and uterus. This procedure is used to prevent your pet from going into heat, becoming pregnant, and can decrease the risk for certain types of cancer. In addition these benefits, spayed patients are no longer at risk of developing a uterine

infection. In dogs, pyometra, or a uterine infection, usually occurs about 1-2 months after they have had a heat cycle. Symptoms commonly encountered include increased drinking and urination, lethargy, fever, and decreased appetite. In order to diagnose a pyometra, radiographs or an ultrasound may be needed to assess for evidence of an enlarged uterus.

If your pet develops a pyometra, the only true treatment is surgery. The surgery is similar to a spay, however the operation has evolved from an elective procedure in a healthy pet to a life-threatening emergency surgery in a critically-ill patient. The surgery usually requires hospitalization as well due

to the need for fluids and antibiotics. If left untreated, these animals are at risk for a uterine rupture, resulting in a severe systemic infection and possibly death.

Fortunately, the prevalence of spaying pets has increased in recent years making pyometras less common. At Guilford Veterinary Hospital we would love to discuss any questions you may have regarding spaying your pet - such as when the procedure should be performed, what it entails, and how it can benefit the life and longevity of your pet.

Guilford Veterinary Hospital

## Guilford Performing Arts Festival Brings Audiences to Their Feet



### WERE YOU THERE?

If not, you missed what some are calling "the best event on the shoreline"—the Guilford Performing Arts Festival. With nearly 50 events spanning four days, October 12-15, the festival performers played to crowds that

filled the venues to capacity.

Cheers, clapping and standing ovations ended performances that brought alive eras past, from the days of Johann Sebastian Bach, one of the greatest composers of all time, to the reincarnation of Woody Guthrie. It was Broadway in Guilford, cabaret, the sounds of swing and big bands reverberating through the community center, fiddlers and rock stars, song-writing and performers' workshops and much, much more.

And all of this was free, thanks to the support of the presenting sponsor Guilford Foundation, as well as Bishop's Orchards, Guilford Savings Bank, Page Hardware & Appliance Co., Royal Printing Service, Shoreline Arts Alliance, Zip06, Mercy by the Sea, Rotary Club of Guilford Connecticut USA and many other personal sponsors and patrons.

If you missed the celebration this year, Guilford Performing Arts Festival Director William Boughton is assuring the town that the festival will be back again in two years.

*Shoreline Theatrical Arts is the 2017 fiscal sponsor of the Guilford Performing Arts Festival.*

Roberta Wisk Flannery

## Vista Supports USVI Family Impacted by Hurricanes



Members and staff of Vista Life Innovations, a community-based organization that supports the personal success of individuals with disabilities, recently mailed care packages to a family in the U.S. Virgin Islands struggling due to the impacts of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. After hearing about the devastation wrought by these two powerful storms, members of Vista's Connect day program researched ways in which they could aid hurricane victims.

Through social media, they were turned on to Adopt a Family USVI, a grassroots initiative that pairs families in the U.S. Virgin Islands affected by the hurricanes with supporters.

Once the Connect program was matched to a family in need, members and staff spearheaded a collection drive—which yielded enough supplies to fill eight care packages. Items included canned goods, personal hygiene products, diapers, batteries, snack foods and more.

Giving back is a key component of Vista's philosophy. From hosting American Red Cross blood drives to volunteering with programs like Meals on Wheels, Vista students, members and staff actively seek opportunities to support their communities throughout the year.

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As winter is leaving us, can maple syrup season be far behind? While the weather plays a huge role in maple syrup production, we are again going to be demonstrating the production of that liquid gold under the able leadership of George Page. To find out when it is happening (last year we started in January!) keep an eye on our webpage at: [www.dudleyfarm.com](http://www.dudleyfarm.com) and Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/dudleyfarmmuseum](http://www.facebook.com/dudleyfarmmuseum).



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# Essex Printing and Events Magazines Honored as 2017 Business of the Year by Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce

Essex Printing and Events Magazines is proud to announce that it has been named the 2017 Business of the Year by the Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce. The announcement was made at the Chamber's Annual Awards Evening and Silent Auction held at The Kate in Old Saybrook on December 6, 2017.

"This is such a special honor for us. The company has been serving this community for many decades now. We always strive to do our best for our customers and the community. And no matter what we do, we always are looking to do more and we will continue to do so," said William McMinn, the company's President. "For our company and our employees, this is a moment to cherish. We look forward to continuing to serve this community, building on existing relationships, and fostering new and exciting partnerships



going forward. We are also grateful to the Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce and the important role it plays in so many ways for so many of us."

Essex Printing and Events Magazines is a full service commercial printing and publishing company. Its skilled staff

provides top quality service with respect to projects ranging from business cards to books and from graphic design, digital and large format printing to marketing consultations. The company has won 13 major print awards in the past 5 years, including the "Benny" award - an international award that is universally recognized as the symbol for excellence in the printing industry.

The company also produces and publishes Events Magazines. These magazines are published quarterly in 16 Connecticut towns and have been a trusted source for local news for 22 years. They are mailed directly to every home and business in these 16 towns, are a "must read" for residents and visitors, and are widely recognized as a cost-effective advertising vehicle for businesses.

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On the big screen in Studio 5 - February 7 at 7 pm

Free to the Public

Join fellow GAC students for a 92nd Street Y live broadcast of their program "Virtual Clay" with ceramic artist Kathy Butterly. The artist will discuss the evolution of her work, influences and why she keeps finding making art essential. Kathy has been awarded numerous fellowships and grants, and her work is in the collections of major museums. Virtual Clay is a series of real-time online classes that gather a vibrant community of artists, designers and art historians to speak with you about important topics in ceramics.

### **In the Gallery**

February 2 - 18

GAC Student Exhibition

February 23 - March 11

Watercolors by John Flemming

March 23 - April 14

Shoreline Arts Alliance Images Juried Photography Exhibition

### **In the School**

Winter Semester runs from January 15 - March 9.

Check out all of the classes and workshops for adults and children on the GAC website [www.guilfordartcenter.org](http://www.guilfordartcenter.org).

February School Vacation Classes (Feb 19 - 20)

Paint Your Own Tropical Getaway (Feb 19, 9 am - Noon)

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