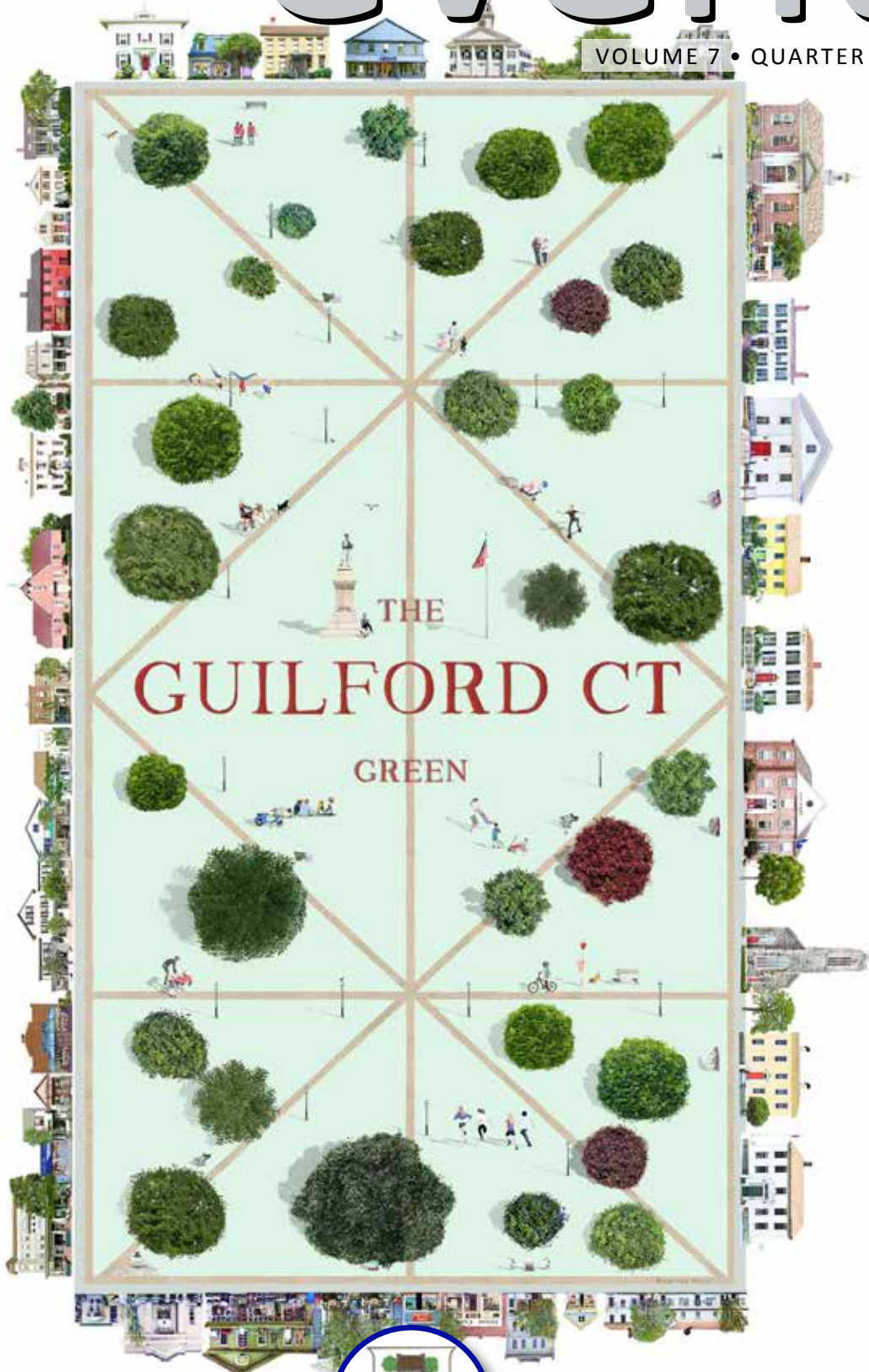


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# The First Selectman's Corner

On April 10 Guilford residents will go to the polls to vote on the 2018-2019 budget. The Board of Finance approved a budget totaling \$97,460,807, which represents a 2.39% spending increase over the current budget and after providing for potential decreases in revenue from the state would result in a property tax increase of \$2,382,870 or 2.67%. Due to this being a revaluation year, it makes it more difficult for property owners to realize the true effect of the tax increase on their individual assessment. A calculation tool has been provided on the town website within the budget information section to help residents calculate the impact of this budget on their individual tax payments.

The Town of Guilford has applied for a grant from the Connecticut Department of Housing. If awarded, the grant will provide \$400,000 in 0% interest loans to eligible low- and moderate-income Guilford residents to make needed health and safety improvements to their homes. Eligible repairs under the program include electrical and plumbing upgrades; ADA modifications; windows, door, and roof replacements; septic repairs, energy improvements, and other types of improvements. To be eligible, property owners must satisfy three criteria: have 10% equity in home; be up-to-date on local taxes, and be income eligible based on 2017 HUD income limits (e.g., income less than \$47,600 for a one-person household or \$68,000 for a 4-person household). The application process includes submitting

an application in April. The town generally hears results of application submissions in July. If awarded, the town implements the application as written, generally with the assistance of a consultant hired for the purpose.

The Board of Selectmen has enacted an ordinance to prohibit hydraulic fracturing and extraction waste in the town. A total of 34 communities in the state have approved such ordinances. The next step is to amend the town's purchasing policy to put protections in place to make sure materials the town acquires are free from this type of waste.

The Town of Guilford is initiating a new Safe Streets Mobility Plan (SSMP). This plan will build upon and update the Town's 2002 Transportation Plan and will reflect the changes in development trends, transportation patterns and community preferences that have emerged over the past decade and a half. It will be prepared by a new Safe Streets Mobility Plan Committee through a year-long, "bottom up" process with extensive input from Town residents, and with technical assistance from a transportation **continued on page 3**



Matthew T. Hoey III, First Selectman

An advertisement for Saybrook Country Barn. The background is a photograph of a waterfront property with a swimming pool, a boat lift, and a house. In the foreground, there is a set of white outdoor furniture with blue cushions around a small table. The text "Outdoor Furniture Built To Last" is overlaid on the top right of the image. The Saybrook Country Barn logo is in a dark blue box at the bottom right. The address "2 Main Street - Old Saybrook CT" is below the logo. The phone number "860-388-0891" and website "saybrookcountrybarn.com" are in the bottom left. The slogan "Home is better when you love where you live." is at the bottom center.

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## Henry Whitfield State Museum



Jillian McBride plays with a knicker box, a popular game during the 1600s in which you try to roll clay marbles through arches at the far end of the box. Photo courtesy of the Henry Whitfield State Museum.

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## First Selectman... continued from page 1

consultant. We have received interest from over a dozen citizens who would like to participate and we will soon be announcing the formation of the committee.

The Town has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Housing for a Phase II feasibility study on the Woodruff/Driveway Property to determine if the site is suitable for an affordable housing development. Once the study is completed, town officials will decide whether or not to pursue a project. This potential project is in the very early stages and if it goes forward there will be many required approvals from various boards and numerous opportunities for public input.

After a difficult end to winter, I am sure we are all looking forward to spring. I want to thank our Public Works, Police, Fire and Parks and Recreation Departments for all their hard work during the several severe weather events we experienced. With the warmer weather comes all our wonderful spring and summer events.

I also want to remind everyone that the golf course opened on April 1. Golf Pro Mike Papp is planning a number of leagues, special events and junior camp sessions for the upcoming season.

Matthew T. Hoey III,  
First Selectman

## About the Cover

### GUILFORD'S GREEN

Kate Mercer, professional photographer, began working on a project in 2016 that turned out to be of surprising interest to local residents. The Guilford Green "poster" began as a personal representation of the town's much-loved village green. As the project developed, it became apparent to her that local residents had a great appreciation for the green and an interest

in her depiction of it. Using a process combining photography with digital art techniques, she was able to artistically recreate the green and the surrounding buildings.

Kate would like the purchase of the poster to serve as a reminder to residents about the need to help support family life in our communities. She and her project partner, Carol (Kix) Baugh, will see that proceeds

from the sale of the first printing of posters be donated to The Women and Family Life Center, a local Guilford organization supporting family life in the area. This project would not have been possible without the generous donations from the Michael and Howard Brown families who agreed to underwrite the first printing of the posters. A special thanks to Shirley Girioni for her **continued on page 4**



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support and a note of gratitude to Liza Fixx of Breakwater Books for her generous participation in this project. The artwork, a 16" x 20" matte print, will be available for purchase exclusively at

Breakwater Books beginning Saturday, April 28th, at its One Year Reopening Celebration. For further information, please contact: [katemercerphoto@gmail.com](mailto:katemercerphoto@gmail.com) or [baugh.carol@gmail.com](mailto:baugh.carol@gmail.com).

## Town Clerk's Office

The annual Budget Referendum will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Absentee Ballots become available on Wednesday, April 4, the day after the Annual Budget Meeting. An application must be filled out in order to receive a ballot and these are available in the Town Clerk's office. Ballots can NOT be mailed for a referendum. If you are unable to come in person to fill out an application for a ballot then a family member or caregiver can pick up an application for you. You must then fill out the application and designate this person to pick up the ballot for you. Ballots must be returned by April 10, the day of the Referendum, in order to be counted.

June is Dog License month in the State of Connecticut. We usually have the licenses

prepared and ready to issue about mid-May. When you receive your annual renewal notice in the mail you may come in person to pick up your dog's license or you may mail it in. Dogs do not need to be licensed until they are six months old. The fee for a spayed or neutered dog is \$8.00 and unspayed, unneutered animals are \$19.00. We will need to see a current rabies certificate. Check your renewal notice before you come in to make sure your dog's rabies vaccination has not expired according to our records. We will also need to see a certificate stating that the dog has been spayed or neutered. There is a late fee of \$1.00 per month after June 30.

Marriage license applications are now

available online. To access them go to [www.ci.guilford.ct.us](http://www.ci.guilford.ct.us) and go to Town Clerk under Town Departments. A list of Guilford Justices of the Peace is also available. The fee for a marriage license is \$30.00 and the license is good for 65 days from the date of issue. Both parties need to appear and present I.D. (driver's license or passport). Once the marriage has been performed and the license has been returned to the Town Clerk's office you obtain a certified copy of the marriage license for a fee of \$20.00. Applications for certified copies of births, deaths and marriages are also available online.

Shellfish licenses may also be obtained from the Town Clerk's office. The fee for **continued on page 6**

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is \$65.00. A non-resident daily pass can also be purchased for \$25.00. Applicants must provide I.D. and proof of residence. Payment is cash or check only. The licenses

may also be obtained from the Lobster Pound, Captain Morgan's in Madison or a member of the Shellfish Commission.

## Registrars of Voters

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**Tuesday, April 10, 2018: Town Budget Referendum, vote at your regular polling place from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm.**

Again this year, the Registrars of Voters will be conducting an annual Canvass through June. All voters with an active forwarding address order on file with the US Postal Service will be targeted to receive Canvass letters from our office. Additionally, voters for whom we have received information that they no longer reside in Guilford will also receive Canvass Letters. Also those individuals who have not voted in the last four years will be getting a letter, just to make sure you still live in Guilford! Please return these letters to us (using the enclosed prepaid return address envelope).

If you do not indicate that you still remain in Guilford, we will start the process of removing you from our voter registry. The first step in that process is to put you into 'inactive' status.

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

Louise Graver & Gloria Nemczuk, Registrars

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## Assessor's Office

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Please visit the Town's website for more information at:  
[www.ci.guilford.ct.us/assessor.htm](http://www.ci.guilford.ct.us/assessor.htm).

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

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

#### The basic requirements are as follows:

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2. The homeowner must have lived in Connecticut for at least one year;
3. The homeowner must not be receiving tax relief from any other town or state;
4. The homeowner must occupy the property as their principal residence; and
5. The homeowner must have income (including Social Security) of not more than \$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 basic requirements are as follows:**

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

4. The homeowner must occupy the property as their principal residence; and
5. The homeowner must have income (including social security) of not more than \$37,300 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.

**The basic requirements are as follows:**

1. The homeowner must be at least 65 years of age as of last December 31st or was receiving 100% disability benefits from Social Security as of that date;
2. The homeowner must have lived in Guilford for at least one year;
3. The homeowner must occupy the property as their principal residence;
4. The homeowner, if eligible, must be on the State Program known as Circuit Breaker (see above);
5. The homeowner must not owe any taxes (including motor vehicles);

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6. The homeowner must not be receiving tax relief from any other town or state;
7. The homeowner cannot be on both the town's tax deferral and this program; and
8. The homeowner's income is based upon residency (as follows):

Years of Residency	Single	Married
1 to 4 years	\$29,600	\$36,000
5 to 8 Years	\$44,500	\$54,000
9 to 20 Years	\$62,500	\$75,000
21+ Years	\$79,000	\$95,000

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## Shoreline Chamber of Commerce



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Join your local Chamber for these upcoming events: April-June. Visit: [ShorelineChamberCT.com](http://ShorelineChamberCT.com) anytime for more information about our events.

- **April 7** - The Chamber's Chili Challenge takes place at the Branford Green, 12:00 pm -3:00 pm. Come and be a

Judge! Taste a dozen different chili recipes and vote for your favorite. This extremely popular event draws people from all over Connecticut, as well as neighboring states!

- **May 12** - The Chamber along with our partners, Soundview Family YMCA and East Shore Health District, present the 2018 Wellness Fair on May 12 from 9-12. Come and learn about healthy living and the resources available to you along the shoreline. Free admission. For more information visit our website.
- **June 16** - Join us on Saturday at the Branford Festival from



8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Hundreds of artisans, crafters and information vendors will fill the Branford Green. Enjoy the delicious food as well!

### NEW LEADERSHIP AT THE SHORELINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Sheri L. Cote

The Shoreline Chamber of Commerce hired a new President and elected a new Board Chairperson earlier this year. The Board of Directors selected Sheri L. Cote of Waterford, CT as the new President of the organization to fill the role left vacant when Edward Lazarus retired after 10 years with the organization. Sheri most recently served as the Vice

President of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut where she spent 13 years growing the organization to serve 1600 members, overseeing the organization's \$1.2 million budget, 11 staff and more than 150 programs and events annually.



Camille R. Murphy, CPA

During the Chamber's Annual Meeting held in January, Camille R. Murphy, CPA was elected Chairperson of the Board. Camille founded the Branford based Murphy & Company, LLC, an accounting, tax, and advisory firm serving small to middle market privately held and family owned businesses and their owners. Residing in Guilford,

Camille has long appreciated the role the Chamber plays in promoting businesses in Branford, North Branford, and Guilford and the many community activities we support. At the Annual Meeting Camille announced plans to conduct a survey of the membership and also said that the board will create a 5-year strategic plan in the fall.

More information about the Chamber can be found at: [www.ShorelineChamberCT.com](http://www.ShorelineChamberCT.com).

## Economic Development Department

As we enter the second quarter of 2018, we truly hope spring is in the air and the trees and flowers are in bloom. Although we had a few issues during the winter, I think most would agree we have experienced more severe conditions in the past.

Economic activity continues to evolve. The Guilford Coffee House, located in the

CVS Plaza, opened for business serving breakfast and lunch daily. Cate's Sew Modern opened at 50 York Street (former Blue Moon Artisan), offering a wide range of sewing products, accessories, materials, including sewing lessons. It is good to have growing businesses locally and two moved to support their needs. The House of Fashion relocated to 23 Water Street (essential-

ly behind their former location) in the building that includes ECHO Hair Salon, Hen & Heifer Bakery, and the Country Grocer Natural Foods. Barnum Financial moved to 800 Boston Post Road (Patriot Center). Carson's Restaurant, located at 2 Water Street went through an ownership change and is now operated as Amarone. They offer a diverse menu with many



Italian specialties. After operating La Rosticceria for 15 years in Guilford, the owners decided to retire and close their business. We thank them for being part of our community and wish them well as they enjoy their retirement. However, a new business, CT Lunch, will open in their space at 500 Village Walk. CT Lunch expects to open in the May timeframe. The Guilford Yacht Club pursued a change in our zoning regulations through our Planning & Zoning Commission that would allow a public restaurant in the M R 1 Zone. P & Z conducted two public hearings on the issue and then approved the zoning amendment. Stay tuned, we may see the GYC open a restaurant in the coming months available to the public.

Not only is Guilford a great place to live, work and shop, but it is also recognized as a tourist destination. Many come to enjoy our history, museums, arts, trails, water activities, restaurants, shops, cultural events and more. The Connecticut Office of Tourism will sponsor the 14th annual Connecticut Open House Day on Saturday, June 9th. The intent of this special celebration is to increase awareness of Connecticut's attractions among residents in town and throughout the state. We are encouraging our businesses and special venues to get involved. For more information, log onto: [cultureandtourism.org](http://cultureandtourism.org).

Our Economic Development Commission began a Business Anniversary Recognition

program in 2017 where we recognized businesses based on their years in Guilford. We are using 5 year increments (5-10-15-20 and so on) as a basis of recognition. We are planning our 2018 program and want to make sure we identify the businesses that will be celebrating a major milestone this year. Please forward a note or call me with your anniversary information. And thank you for being part of our great community.

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Should you have any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me, Brian McGlone, Economic Development Coordinator at: 203-453-8071 or: [mcgloneb@ci.guilford.ct.us](mailto:mcgloneb@ci.guilford.ct.us)



## The Guilford Foundation

### LIVE HERE GIVE HERE

Founded in 1975 by a group of friends intent on protecting the trees around the town green, the Guilford Foundation (TGF) has grown to over \$2.7

million in endowment funds as of December 31, 2017, and we plan to invest over \$100,000 into Guilford in 2018 through grants, scholarships and leadership initiatives. Support for our work to **continued on page 13**



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enrich the quality of life in Guilford has grown stronger each year, and we continue to invest an increasing amount of funds to local organizations serving our community. We have fully embraced our leadership role in the community, most recently through our efforts to build a Community of Compassion.

### LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED?

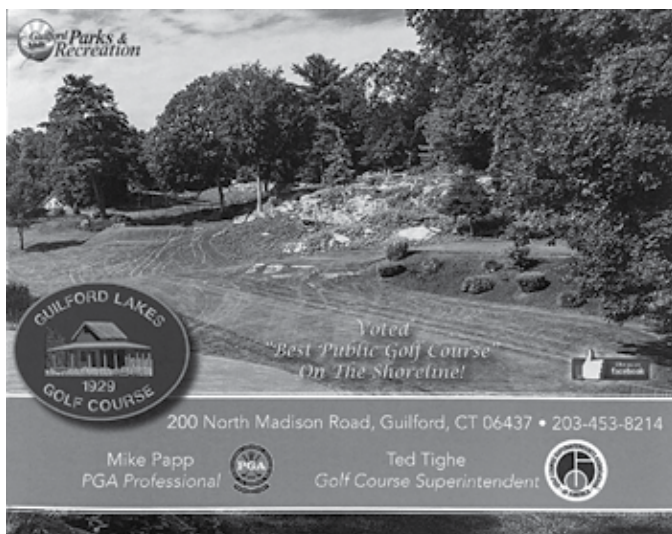
TGF has an annual dinner and celebration each year to review the previous year's accomplishments and present current strategies and efforts. The 2018 event will take place on May 31st the Guilford Yacht Club - save the date!

In addition, TGF is pleased to report that the St. George Church Men's Club is hosting its 2nd Kentucky Derby party and dinner with the proceeds going to support TGF. The event includes a Derby Hat Prize, live band, and a viewing of the race and will take place on May 5th at St. George Church.

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.

## Guilford Lakes Golf Course Voted #1

Welcome to the 2018 golf season, and Guilford Lakes Golf Course. If you are a new Guilford resident, you have chosen one of the most desirable towns in New England to live in. It is known for its historic town green, a fine school system, shopping, restaurants, museums, and shoreline charm. It is also known for its only golf course in town.



Originally designed in 1929, it boasts a pristine Executive 9 hole layout, and clubhouse. The property was purchased in **continued on page 14**

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1999, and was redesigned to its current layout. It has been nicknamed The "Jewel of the Shoreline" for many years. The playing conditions are of private club expectations which is why our players refer to it as "Guilford's Little Augusta."

The course offers a variety of programs including: league play, season passes, summer junior golf camps, tournament

play, tee times, and golf instruction by our PGA Professional, Mike Papp. "If you love to play golf, GLGC offers something for everyone," said Papp.

Please visit our websites at: Guilford Lakes Golf Course. com, Mike Papp Golf.com, or call the golf shop at: 203-453-8214. Our friendly staff will be happy to answer all of your questions.

The popular junior summer camps fill up quickly, so don't wait too long. The sign up sheets are in the golf shop, along with the season pass applications.

We welcome you, once again, to the 2018 golf season, and GLGC Voted "Best Public Golf Course" on the Shoreline. Now, celebrating our 90th Anniversary!

## Guilford Free Library

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### Children's Programs

REGISTRATION for starred (\*\*) programs began on Tuesday, March 13, at 9:00 am in person, by phone at: 203-453-8282, or online at: [www.guilfordfreelibrary.org](http://www.guilfordfreelibrary.org).

#### SPECIALS

**Funded by the Friends of the Guilford Free Library & Lana Ferguson Fund**

#### \*\*Lana Ferguson Literary Festival featuring author Max Brallier:

To honor the memory of a treasured former children's librarian, the Guilford Free Library and the family of Lana Ferguson present the third annual Lana Ferguson Literary Festival.

We will be hosting a question and answer session with book signing from Max Brallier, best-selling author of *The Last Kids on Earth* series, the *Eerie Elementary* series, the *Galactic Hot Dogs* series, as well as writer for several books based on TV shows, including *Poptropica*, *Lego Nexo Knights*, and *Adventure Time*. *The Last Kids on Earth* and the *Nightmare King*, his latest book, will be available for sale at a special discounted rate only at this event (\$8 as opposed to \$14 retail), or fans can bring their own book for signing. Registration is strongly encouraged. All fans welcome, but most appropriate for children in grades 3-7.

Wednesday, April 11th

from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Suggested for ages 8 & up

**\*\*Writing Workshop with author Max Brallier (Part of the Lana Ferguson Literary Festival):** Do you love to write? Is being an author your lifelong dream? Or has the writing bug only just recently taken a bite out of you? Either way, you can unleash your creative potential with tips and advice from best-selling author Max Brallier! Registration required. Space is limited. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

Wednesday, April 11th

from 4:45 - 5:45 pm

Ages 9 to 13

**\*\*The Blossom Shoppe (Part of the Lana Ferguson Literary Festival):** Colorful twin sisters Poppy and Posie show their neighbors the wonder of flowers as they turn their whole town from drab gray to a rainbow wonderland. The authors tell the story of their book, "The Blossom Shoppe," through music and interactive storytelling, then lead children in a craft. The first five children who register and attend will receive a free copy of this book, which the authors will sign for them. Books will also be available for sale and signing at this event.

Thursday, April 12th

from 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Ages 3 to 8

**\*\*Teen Author Shaun David Hutchinson Talk (Part of the Lana Ferguson Literary Festival):** Hear celebrated author of several best-selling teen books (including *We Are The Ants*) speak,

then have a chance to ask questions, purchase his latest book, *The Apocalypse of Elena Mendoza*, at a discount, and get his autograph. All fans welcome, but most appropriate for children in grades 7 & up.

Wednesday, April 11th

from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Suggested for ages 12 & up

**\*\*Music Together Demonstration: Music Together®** is an innovative, thoroughly researched approach to early childhood music education and is based on the premise that all children are inherently musical. Join us for this free demonstration presented by Music Together of the River Valley. Space is limited.

Registration required.

Thursday, March 29th

from 10:00 - 10:45 am

Ages 0 to 5

**\*\*Magic Show with Chris Lengyel:** Freaky, fun, and crazy magic tricks from master magician Chris Lengyel will have the whole family amazed and delighted. Registration required.

Tuesday, May 8th

from 4:00 - 5:00 pm

All ages

**\*\*Teddy Bear Sleepover:** Bring your favorite bear to the library for special stories, songs, and crafts, and leave them overnight to sleep over. Come back in the morning to see what your bear got



up to after lights-out, and have doughnuts and lemonade with your bear. Registration required.

Friday, May 18th

from 4:00 - 4:45 pm Ages 4 & up

Saturday, May 19th

from 9:00-11:00 am Ages 4 & up

**\*\*COMING SOON\*\* Summer Reading Game Kickoff**

with Comedy Juggler Bryson Lang: Save the date to start your summer off right with this family-friendly, interactive, and uproariously funny juggling act from world-renowned juggler Bryson Lang. Registration for this program starts on June 5th. Saturday, June 16th

from 2:00 - 3:00 pm All ages

(Date subject to change due to changes in the school calendar.)

**SERIES**

**Open to All - Please Register**

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

**April 14th - Turtle Rehabilitation:** Learn how sick/injured Connecticut turtles are cared for and released into the wild.

**May 19th - Animals on the Go:** Learn how different types of animals get around in their habitats.

**June 16th - Awesome Owls:** Learn about some of the native owl species found in our area.

Saturdays, 4/14, 5/19, & 6/16

from 11:00 am-12:00 pm Ages 4 & up

**\*\*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, April 4th-June 13th

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

**Dates and times for Lucy**

Thursdays, April 12-May 31

from 4:00 - 5:00 pm (skip 4/5 & 5/3) Ages 6 & up

**Dates and times for Denver**

Saturdays, April 7th-June 9th

from 10:00 - 11:00 am (skip 5/26) Ages 6 & up

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

April 5 & 26, May 10 & 24, June 7

from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

5th & 6th graders

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

Mondays, April 2nd - June 4th

from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

(skip 4/16, 4/23, & 5/28)

Ages 9 & up

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

Tuesdays, April 3 through May 29,

10:00-10:30 am (skip 4/24)

Ages 0 to 5

OR Wednesdays, April 4 through May 30,

10:00-10:30 am (skip 4/25)

Ages 0 to 5

**\*\*Baby Time:** You will hear and discuss developmental issues with professionals, meet other parents, listen to stories, and let your babies play together. Free gift for your baby. (With Guilford Youth & Family Services.)

Mondays, April 2nd - April 30th

from 9:30 - 10:00 am

Ages 0 to 11 months

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**\*\*One On Ones:** A playful time with songs, stories, and poems led by library staff for toddler & parent/caregiver.  
Thursdays, April 5th through May 10th  
from 9:30 - 10:00 am                      Ages 12 to 23 months

**\*\*Time For Twos:** A parent-child introduction to a traditional story time with books, songs, marching, and more, led by library staff for toddlers & parent/caregiver.  
Fridays, April 6th through May 11th  
from 9:30 - 10:00 am                      Ages 24 to 36 months

### DROP - IN PROGRAMS

#### Open To All - Registration Not Required

**Free Comic Book Day:** Come to the library any time to pick up a free comic book, bookmark, and coloring page. Children's comics available in the children's area, adult and teen comics available in the reference area. Discover the joy, art, and storytelling of this American tradition. No registration necessary.  
Saturday, May 5th,  
Drop-in anytime  
between 9:00 am - 5:00 pm                      All ages

**LEGO® Building Club:** Join us one Friday each month from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. We will build theme-based projects and put them on display in the children's room.  
April 13th, May 11th, and June 8th  
from 4:00-5:00 pm                      Kindergarten & up

**Books-In-A-Nook:** Listen to stories read in a quiet corner of the Children's Room. Community volunteers or library staff will read to you from new books and the library's special story collection.  
Wednesdays, April 11th through June 27th  
from 11:00 - 11:30 am                      All ages

**Thursday Morning Stories:** Children and their parents/caregivers are welcome to join us for special stories, songs, puppets, and finger plays with the children's staff.  
Thursdays, April 5th through June 14th  
from 11:00 - 11:30 am                      Ages 3 & up

**Pop-In-Playtime:** Parents come, meet your friends, let your children play! In the preschool area of the children's room.  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays,  
April 3rd through June 27th  
from 10:30 - 11:30 am                      All ages

#### Registration for Summer Programs begins:

Tuesday, June 5th at 9:00 am.  
Guilford Free Library, 67 Park St., Guilford, CT 06437,  
203-453-8282 | [www.guilfordfreelibrary.org](http://www.guilfordfreelibrary.org).

## Teen Programs

### TEEN PAINT NIGHT

Get ready for summer a little early and learn how to paint a tropical scene. Follow instructor Pamela Halligan of Pam's Picassos as she walks you through the steps of creating your own masterpiece. You will leave with a completed painting! Registration required.

Wednesday, April 4  
from 6:30 to 8:00 pm                      7th graders and up

### LANA FERGUSON LITERARY FESTIVAL PRESENTS:

#### Shaun David Hutchinson, Author Talk and Book Signing

Join us for an author talk with Shaun David Hutchinson, author of young adult novels such as Nutmeg award nominee *We Are the Ants* and *At the Edge of the Universe*. Shaun will give a talk, do a brief Q&A session, and a book signing. Shaun's newest book, *The Apocalypse of Elena Mendoza*, will be available for purchase at a special discounted rate of \$10 (retail value of \$17.99). Registration required. To honor the memory of a treasured former children's librarian, the Guilford Free Library, through the generosity of the Ferguson family, is able to present the third annual Lana Ferguson Literary Festival.

Wednesday, April 11  
from 6:00 to 8:00 pm                      All ages

### 8 BIT ART

Create 8-bit art with perler beads! Choose from various pop culture-inspired designs. Registration required.

Thursday, April 12  
from 3:30 to 4:30 pm                      5th graders and up

### PROM MAKEUP TUTORIAL

Getting ready for prom and aren't sure how to create the perfect makeup look? Professional makeup artists from Tainted Inc. will teach you how to create a gorgeous prom look! Not going to prom? Come and learn how to create this makeup look for any occasion. Registration required.

Friday, April 27  
from 3:30 to 5 pm                      7th graders and up

### NACHO NOMS

To celebrate Cinco de Mayo, come learn how to make nachos! After your master culinary creation is done, get ready to chow down! Registration required.

Friday, May 4  
from 3:30 to 4:30 pm                      5th graders and up

### DIY PET TOYS

Celebrate National Pet Month by making a special homemade toy for your four-legged friend. We will have supplies for both dog toys and cat toys! Registration required.

Monday, May 7  
from 3:30 to 4:30 pm                      5th graders and up



## CHAT ABOUT CATS WITH BRANFORD COMPASSION CLUB

Celebrate National Pet Month by spending time with some felines! Join Lianne Soucy, vice president of Branford Compassion Club, for a talk on their work and mission, tips on owning a pet, and more. Pet and play with some of their resident cats that will be joining them at this event. Registration required. *Branford Compassion Club is a non-profit feline rescue organization that serves not only Branford, CT, but also surrounding shoreline towns.*  
Tuesday, May 8  
at 7:00 pm All ages

## PRACTICE SAT EXAM

The Princeton Review will administer a practice SAT exam. Please bring a calculator and snacks. Registration required.  
Saturday, May 12  
from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm All high school students

## PIZZA MAKING 101

Colleen Bell will teach you how to make your own pizza! Each participant creates their own dough from scratch, as well as bake pizzas with a variety of toppings right in class with a portable pizza oven. Registration required.  
Tuesday, May 15  
from 3:30 to 5:30 pm 7th graders and up

## TO BE READ

Looking for the next hot read? Something new and exciting? Join us for an exclusive look at some amazing books coming out in the next few months. At TBR you will be the first to get a sneak peek at the best new books BEFORE they hit the stacks! You might also have a chance to leave with a free book! Registration required.  
Tuesday, May 22  
from 6:00 to 7:30 pm 7th graders and up

## STRANGER THINGS CUPCAKES

Make Stranger Things-inspired cupcakes, complete with mini Eggo waffles on top. Registration required.  
Friday, May 25  
from 3:30 to 4:30 pm 5th graders and up

## PRACTICE ACT EXAM

The Princeton Review will administer a practice ACT exam. Please bring a calculator and snacks. Registration required.  
Saturday, June 9  
from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm All high school students

## PRIDE MONTH EVENT: Tony Ferraiolo

Join Tony Ferraiolo for a talk on the struggles of gender transition, which he infuses with insight and humor.  
Tuesday, June 19  
at 7:00 pm Suggested for ages 12+

## Adult Programs

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

- April 3 "Before You Know It: the Unconscious Reasons Why We Do What We Do"  
A book talk with Yale Psychologist  
Dr. John Bargh, 7:00 pm.
- April 2, 9,  
16, 23 & 30 "The Epic of Gilgamesh" a 5-part lecture series  
led by Carol Rizzolo cosponsored by the  
Shoreline Institute for Lifelong Learning, 10:45 am.
- April 5 Future Classics with Mark Schenker,  
David Mitchell's "Black Swan Green," 7:00 pm.
- April 9 Guilford Poet's Guild: Sarah Freligh, 7:00 pm.
- April 18 Edith Nettleton Memorial Lecture Series  
(cosponsored with the Guilford Keeping Society)  
Carl Balestracci "Menuncatuck before  
the English," 7:00 pm.
- April 19 Yale Science Diplomats: "The Detector Detectives:  
Looking at Light Through the Cosmos, Cameras,  
and Cones" (part 3 of 4), 7:00 pm.
- April 24 Recital and talk on Russian music with members  
of the New Haven Symphony Orchestra,  
sponsored by Shoreline Village CT, 6:30 pm
- May 3 Ben Rayner on Boating Safety, 7:00 pm.
- May 10 Guilford Poet's Guild: winners of the GHS Poetry  
Contest, 6:30 pm.
- May 16 Edith Nettleton Memorial Lecture Series  
(cosponsored with the Guilford Keeping Society)  
Dennis Culliton on Guilford and the Industrial  
Revolution, 6:30 pm.
- May 17 Yale Science Diplomats: "From Molecules to Minds:  
How We Study Disease" (part 4 of 4), 7:00 pm
- May 24 Former Major League Baseball Player  
Ken MacKenzie, 7:00 pm.
- May 29 What you need to know about retirement with  
Ken Myles, 6:00 pm
- June 5 "The Ukrainian Night: An Intimate History of  
Revolution" a book talk with Yale Historian Marci  
Shore, 7:00 pm
- June 7 Music Under the Stars: Phil Rosenthal and the  
Guilford Ramblers, 7:00 pm (rain or shine)
- June 14 "Grieving: the sacred art" a discussion with Lisa  
Irish, author, chaplain and spiritual director. 7:00 pm

**Monday Night Movies:** A film every Monday evening at 7:00 pm.  
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### FRIENDS OF THE GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY

#### SPRING BOOK SALE

- Thursday April 26: 9 am - 8 pm  
Friday April 27: 9 am - 6 pm  
Saturday April 28: 9 am - 3 pm

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**“BOOK A LIBRARIAN”- Free technology and research assistance is available by appointment.**

Small group computer classes, drop-in sessions, and demonstrations are regularly scheduled throughout the year. These cover

everything from introductions to basic software like excel to experiencing virtual reality software. Check: [www.guilfordfree.org](http://www.guilfordfree.org) for the most current listings.

## Guilford Parks & Recreation

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

Guilford Parks and Recreation is pleased to announce that registration for the spring and summer seasons is now open! With programs for all ages, we're sure to provide exciting and engaging activities for every member of your family. Our pre-school programs are a great way to introduce your little ones to a classroom setting that will encourage their natural curiosity for learning. Whether your child is an aspiring artist, musician, athlete, or scientist we have the programs for you! Guilford Parks and Recreation also has a variety of fitness classes and other programs for adults, including; Paddleboard Yoga, Mindfulness & Meditation, Dog Obedience, Pick-Up Field Hockey, and more!

Our Seniors Department will also be hosting their Annual Senior Prom. On Friday, May 11th the Parks and Recreation Department will hold its “Annual ‘Senior Prom’” for Guilford Seniors at 5:00 pm at the Community Center. This popular

event provides a fun evening out for our 55+ citizens. Attendees are provided with a delicious dinner prepared by the Kitchen Staff followed by an evening of dancing. This year's band will be our local “Take Two And Call Me In the Morning” who will get people out of their chairs and onto the dance floor with songs from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. This year's theme will be “Some Enchanted Evening” and the Guilford/Whitfield Room will be decorated to match the theme. To add an inter-generational spin youth from the GHS C.A.R.E. club will be in attendance to help with decorating, serve dinner and mingle and dance with the seniors. Tickets are \$6.00 and can be purchased at the Community Center.

In addition, we will be putting on special events for the whole community to enjoy. Come on down to the Guilford Green Saturday, March 24 at 10:00 am for our Annual Eggstravaganza where kids will search the green for candy eggs! You can

also join us on Saturday, April 21 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm for our 3rd Annual Earthfest and Clean Up Day, where you can volunteer to help clean up a portion of Guilford or come to the Guilford Fairgrounds for information stations, games and entertainment. Or, join us at Mill Pond on Saturday, May 12 from 8:00 - 10:00 am and try your luck at our Fishing Derby!

The fun doesn't stop there, so make sure you take advantage of our deals on Summer Camp. If you register your child before April 6th you will receive a \$15 discount per session for Camp Menunkatuck and Get Out Way Out.

We thank you again for your continued support of Guilford Parks and Recreation Programs and we look forward to seeing you all over the coming months! Call the Parks and Recreation Department at: 203-453-8086 for additional information.

## Guilford Youth & Family Services



Casting/Workshop Photos by Producer and Director Mike Kosko.

Guilford Youth & Family Services began the Family Theatre Program in September of 2007. The first Production Really Rosie had a cast of just 11 kids with 3 adult staff running the program. Over the past 10 years, the program has grown; cast sizes

ranging from 11- 42 kids working with not only adult staff, but also Guilford High School student techs and mentors, as well as countless parent and sibling volunteers.

This year the Family Theatre Production will be: Into the Woods junior, performed at The Guilford High School Performing Arts Center. The show is appropriate for all ages and runs approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes (which includes a 15 minute intermission). There are three performances to choose from, so join us for a spectacular show: Saturday, May 12 at 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm or Sunday, May 13 at 12 noon.

Tickets can be purchased in advance online at: [gyfswoods.brownpapertickets.com](http://gyfswoods.brownpapertickets.com), in person at Guilford Youth & Family Services or at the box office prior to each performance. For more information visit: GY&FS: 36 Graves Ave, Guilford or call: 203-453-8047.



# The Big Sleep Out

## LOCAL TEEN ORGANIZES SLEEP OUT TO RAISE AWARENESS OF HOMELESSNESS



Ella Stanley

On Saturday, April 28, Guilford will host The Big Sleep Out on the Guilford Green. Spearheaded by Ella Stanley, a sophomore at Guilford High School, the event aims to draw attention to homelessness, particularly in the New Haven area, which has fourteen percent of Connecticut's homeless people. It will also raise funds for Columbus House, a New Haven organization that

has been helping the homeless for 35 years. Today it serves over 3,000 individuals.

Guilford residents are invited to team up, bring a sleeping bag and get comfortable on the hard ground—no cookouts, toasted marshmallows or scary tales. Instead, participants can attend any of the six workshops and presentations that will take place in the churches around the Green. They include a documentary by Teddi Stanley, "People Who Are Homeless," and speakers from Columbus House programs.

A sleep out center will be located in in the middle of the Green, and security will be provided during sleeping hours. St. George Church will provide a soup kitchen in the hall. Sleep Out

participants will receive wristbands, allowing them entrance to the sleep out center, soup kitchen, workshops and presentations.

For the past four years, Stanley has taken part in Abraham's Tent, an outreach project of Columbus House, where a dozen homeless men are invited to overnight in St. George Church Hall for one week each year. Parishioners provide meals and conversation.

Such sleep outs are well known in other parts of the world, especially the UK and Australia, where the Down Under country has hosted them for three decades. They are gaining momentum in the United States.

To help her in her endeavor, Stanley has enlisted the sponsorship of Columbus House, as well as the aid of clergy and community volunteers: Rev. Dr. Ginger Brasher-Cunningham, John Brooks, Laurie Desmet, Sheree DiMario, Harry Huben, Elizabeth Kozarec, Tony Sicignano, Rev. Stephen Sledesky, Francine Wainer, and Rev. Harrison West.



**There are two ways to participate in The Big Sleep Out:** help financially and sleep out. Visit: <https://thebigsleepoutguilford.weebly.com> for more information, or contact Ella Stanley at:

[thebigsleepoutguilford@gmail.com](mailto:thebigsleepoutguilford@gmail.com).

## 5TH Annual Girls Leadership Conference

DATE: Saturday, April 7, 2018

TIME: 10:00 am - 2:30 pm.

LOCATION: Baldwin Middle School, 68 Bullard Drive, Guilford

Join us for our 5th Annual Girls Leadership Conference!

This popular conference is run by high school girls for 5th and 6th grade girls. It is a day where girls come together as allies to talk about issues that matter to them.

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This conference is sponsored by Guilford Youth & Family Services, Shoreline Girls United, Made in Madison and It's Worth It. A Guilford DAY Initiative.

# Guilford Preservation Alliance - GPA

Here are three interesting and fun opportunities from the GPA PLUS: A Guilford Moment...

## SACHEM'S HEAD COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE CEREMONY MAY 19, 2018

The Guilford Preservation Alliance endorsed and financially supported (*Hugh McK. Jones Memorial Fund\**) this event as part of its mission to preserve the history of our Town. You are invited to attend and witness this commemorative ceremony.



Photo of artwork, courtesy of the Guilford Preservation Alliance.

One of the most successful actions during the American Revolution by Connecticut troops was launched from Guilford in the spring of 1777. In retaliation for the burning of Danbury by British troops earlier that year, Lieutenant Colonel Return Jonathan Meigs conducted a daring counter-attack on the British supply outpost at Sag Harbor, New York. Commencing May 23, 1777, 170 Connecticut men departed from Sagem's Head Harbor. Using whaleboats (small boats used to hunt whales) they rowed across Long Island Sound, avoiding British ships patrolling the coast. Under the darkness of the night, they safely arrived at Sag Harbor, and at 2 am commenced the surprise attack. During the engagement with the enemy, not a single patriot was killed or wounded; twelve British ships were destroyed, supplies confiscated, and 96 prisoners captured. Congress recognized the "Prudence, Activity, Enterprise and Valor" in which the successful 25-hour expedition was conducted. Lt. Col. Meigs was awarded a ceremonial sword for leading the action, which today rests at the Smithsonian Institution.

Local resident Craig Reynolds is spearheading the efforts to install a plaque commemorating the attack, known as in the history books as "Meigs Raid" at Sagem's Head. Mr. Reynolds is a corporal in the recreated 6th Connecticut Regiment, a living history group that portrays the Revolutionary War army unit commanded by Lt. Col. Meigs. "The town's historic role in this important moment in the Revolutionary War isn't well known,"

said Mr. Reynolds. "After 240 years we felt it was important to raise the profile of this important event." The commemorative plaque will be revealed during a ceremony on Saturday, May 19, 2018, at 11:00 am at "The Landing," lower Colonial Road, Guilford, Connecticut (with a rain date on Sunday, May 20th, 11:00 am). The public is invited to attend. Parking is recommended along Colonial Road and Uncas Point Road, with limited parking for persons with disabilities closest to the event. The Community Center bus will be able to transport 20 people from the Community Center, leaving there at 10:30 and returning after the ceremony. Questions regarding the event can be directed to Tracy Tomaselli, historian for the event, by calling 203-671-9351. (For driving directions, use 650 Colonial Road.)

## THE INFORMATION KIOSK WILL OPEN MAY 24, 2018

The Guilford Preservation Alliance is proud to announce the seasonal opening of the Kiosk, at the Guilford Information Plaza for the 2018 season. We will open Memorial Day weekend, Thursday, May 24, 2018 and stay open until Labor Day Sept. 3, 2018. The Kiosk, at 32 Church Street, next to the Community Center, is hosted by volunteer Greeters, who volunteer for either a 10:00 am - 1:00 pm or 1:00 - 4:00 pm shift, Thursday - Monday. There is a short get together and orientation before we open in May. If you are interested in becoming a Greeter, please email Marcia Safirstein at: safirstein1428@gmail.com, Allison Alkire at: allisonalkire@comcast.net., or Tracy Tomaselli at: tomasellitracy@sbcglobal.net. We offer FREE walking tours around the Green. If you are interested in becoming a guide, contact any one of the above. See you at the Kiosk!

## A SITE FOR ALL SEASONS

Whether you are new to town, a long-time resident looking for something new or different to do near home, or a business looking for greater exposure within our local community, 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).

## A GUILFORD MOMENT...

The first white child born (1639) in Guilford, Connecticut, was John Leete, the second child of William and Anne (Payne) Leete. Some of the names Guilford parents gave their children in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were Increase, Prosper, Comfort, Friend, Wait, and Jehosaphat, if you were a boy. If you were a girl, you might have been named Mindwell, Obedience, Submit, Silence, Prudence, Thankful, Temperance or Frelove. If a child died young, it was not uncommon to give the same name to a later child.

*\* Learn about the Hugh McK. Jones Memorial Trust Fund for Historic Preservation in the upcoming Summer 2018 edition of Guilford Events.*



## Vista Starlight Benefit to Serve Up 50's Nostalgia



Vista Life Innovations is turning the clock back to the 1950's for its annual Starlight Benefit spring fundraiser and social event on April 28 at Water's Edge Resort and Spa in Westbrook.

Open to community members, the Vista Starlight Benefit is a spirited evening that includes live and silent auctions, a cocktail hour, dinner and live entertainment. This year's event will feature a 1950's diner theme complete with soda

jerks, rock and roll music, poodle skirts and, of course, old-fashioned hamburgers and milkshakes. Guests are encouraged to come dressed in 1950's-inspired clothing.

Funds raised by the Starlight Benefit support the many programs and services offered by Vista Life Innovations, a community-based program supporting the personal success of individuals with disabilities.

The Starlight Benefit begins at 6 pm. For information about tickets and event sponsorship opportunities, visit: [www.vistalifeinnovations.org/starlightbenefit](http://www.vistalifeinnovations.org/starlightbenefit). For questions, please contact Malley O'Shea, Director of Organizational Development & Communications, at: 860-399-8080 ext. 227.

*Vista Life Innovations is a 501©3 nonprofit organization accredited by the National Commission for the Accreditation of Special Education Services (NCASES). With campuses in Madison, Westbrook and Guilford, Vista's mission is to provide services and resources to assist individuals with disabilities achieve personal success. Visit [www.vistalifeinnovations.org](http://www.vistalifeinnovations.org) for more information.*

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## Early Summer "Down on the Farm"



Early summer is a busy time at The Dudley Farm Museum! We will be celebrating Earth Day in conjunction with the Shoreline Outdoor Nature Center on Sunday, April 22 from 1-4 pm with family-friendly activities for all as we strive to assure the sustainability of Mother Earth. Lauren Brown, noted local botanist, will again lead and Early Spring Wild-flower Walk on that date. We respectfully request that for this activity you leave your pets at home.

Our Community Tag Sale is Saturday, April 28th. Rent space to sell your stuff - or come buy ours!

Join us Sunday, May 20th for our 4th Annual Brunch to benefit The Big Barn Project. Using products from our Farmers' Market and prepared by The Marketplace at Guilford Food Center, brunch will be served at the Munger Barn from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. ENJOY Live music, great food, good conversation with friends, and our silent auction. Learn about our restoration project, and tour the Big Barn complex to personally see how far we've come! This popular event sells out early, so call now to purchase your tickets.

The Dudley Farm Farmer's Market starts its 24th summer season with a special event: Planting Day, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, Saturday, May 19th. There will be a free activity for children, transplanting a flower to take home. Vendors will have a variety of seedlings and perennials ready to plant, as well as their usual wares; the Dudley Farm String Band will perform; and Melly P's Food Truck will be serving locally-sourced paninis. The Market meets every Saturday morning through October, and features local and organic vegetables, meats, eggs, honey, maple syrup, breads and pastries, goats' milk soap and cheese; plants and flowers; and a dazzling array of hand-made crafts, most with nature-based themes and materials. Come see what Connecticut has made!

For more information call The Dudley Farm Museum at: 203-457-0770 or email us at: [director@dudleyfarm.com](mailto:director@dudleyfarm.com).

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# Dudley Farm

## WINTER FARMERS' MARKET

Come and shake off the winter blues and support your local farmers and artisans at the Winter Farmers' Market at the historic Dudley Farm Museum.

The Winter Market is held the first Saturday of the month through May,

9:00 am - 12:30 pm, in the yellow Munger Barn, 2351 Durham Road, Guilford. It features naturally-raised beef and eggs, homemade organic local breads, pastries, honey, maple syrup, jams and jellies, dried fruits and herbs, house plants, lotions and bath products, and soap from local goats' milk. Find the perfect gift among an array

of unique and handmade crafts, which include nature crafts, items felted with wool from the artist's own alpacas, fine quilting and needlework, pottery, hand-painted t-shirts, lacy knits, beeswax candles and sculptures, and much more. Questions? Contact us at: [market@dudleyfarm.com](mailto:market@dudleyfarm.com).

# 63rd Annual Community Nursery School Little Folks Fair



Little Folks Fair.  
Photo by Kathryn Schauer  
Photography

Since 1956 Community Nursery School has hosted the iconic Little Folks Fair on the historic Guilford Green and this year the tradition continues! The Fair will be held on Saturday, June 2nd from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. The fair transforms the Green into a playground for children and families, creating memories that will last a lifetime. The little ones will be thrilled with the bounce rides, petting zoo

with donkey rides, a circus arena, prizes and much more. Parents will love the amazing selection of silent auction items and tag sale

goods to choose from. Once again, Music Together's own Sunny Train will perform along with other local acts. Treat yourself at our bake sale, snack stand or at one of your favorite food trucks. The fair is held rain or shine and is run by parent volunteers. Community Nursery School is proud to be in its 62nd year of operation. Community Nursery School is a non-profit and relies on the Little Folks Fair as its main fundraiser. The event allows CNS to offer scholarships to local students, and unique enrichment activities for the students each year. Contact the school for inquiries about the Little Folks Fair and how you can help to make it another huge success! Visit us at: [www.guilfordcns.org](http://www.guilfordcns.org) or [www.facebook.com/guilfordcns](http://www.facebook.com/guilfordcns). Call us at: 203-453-5500.

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# Spring is Here!

Spring is here, and while most of us made New Year's resolutions, it can be just as important, and much more rewarding, to make New Garden resolutions. These can include practicing organic lawn care techniques, planting for pollinators, growing your own herbs, or supporting CT grown produce, plants and nursery stock.

For many of us, our lawn is an important feature in our landscape. Keeping one's lawn healthy, green and strong can be achieved with organic lawn care. A soil test, sent to the CT Agricultural Experimental Station, is the first step. Correcting soil pH and deficiencies with lime and organic fertilizer is critical, as healthy soil promotes healthy grass. Mowing at 3" height helps to shade out weeds and prevents scorching in hot, dry weather.

Planting for pollinators can start as soon as the soil is workable. Pansies, primroses and perennial creeping phlox can provide the spring bridge to all the summer flowing annuals and perennials. Try to include some native plants and some single-form flowers in

your summer garden plans. Don't forget to plant crocus and early spring flowering bulbs in September.

Growing your own herbs is easy and satisfying. A few pots on your kitchen windowsill, a mixed planter on the deck, or a row of plants in the garden can supply you with fresh herbs until frost. Mint, lemon balm, and chamomile can add a new flavor dimension to your tea.

Finally, resolve to support CT farmers and producers of local products. Produce tastes best from your own garden or from your local farm market. We have more gardening tips and information on our website, [www.villagegreene.net](http://www.villagegreene.net), at our Facebook page, or stop in. Each of our horticulturists have more than 30 years of experience and can answer any gardening questions you may have.

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**WHAT CAUSES GLAUCOMA?**

There are two type of glaucoma - primary and secondary. Dogs and cats with primary glaucoma have an anatomical abnormality within the eye which is commonly inherited and can occur spontaneously. Unfortunately, there is no specific age of onset for this form of glaucoma. Secondary glaucoma can develop as a consequence of another disease process within the eye.

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# Guilford Art Center



Photos to the left and right of Art Center Kids Program.

## SPRING SEMESTER

Spring Semester runs from April 2 - June 8. Register for classes and workshops for youth and adults at [www.guilfordartcenter.org](http://www.guilfordartcenter.org).

## SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Looking for a creative summer for your kids? Sign up for the Guilford Art Center summer youth program, offering weekly sessions from June 25 - August 24. Kids can explore creative expression and

develop artistic skills through hands-on activities. Classes and themes vary each week. Open to ages 3 ½ - 12; teen classes also available. Clay, drawing, sewing, digital photography, multimedia, glass art, cartooning and much more. Check out descriptions and register online at: [www.guilfordartcenter.org](http://www.guilfordartcenter.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Designers Circus Spring Pop-Up Shopping Event**

Thursday April 19, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
 Friday April 20, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
 Saturday April 21, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 Designers Circus is setting up in the GAC gallery and filling it with a great selection of unique and creative clothing and accessories for spring. This Boston-based, under-the-radar creative fashion and accessories event features unique items from over 70 small-scale designers at wholesale prices 50-90% below retail. The Shop at Guilford Art Center also will be open. Admission is free.

## Gallery One Exhibition

April 27 - May 20  
 Opening Reception Friday, May 4, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Free and open to the public.

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