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The First Selectman's Corner

I want to first apologize for my very brief Guilford Events Magazine Article this quarter. By the time this article was due our country, state and town were just beginning to see the effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19.)

I was not able to fully focus on this article, but wanted to at least get the budget information out to residents. At the time of writing this article, Guilford residents were scheduled go to the polls on April 21st to vote on the 2020-2021 budget, subject to any changes caused by the virus and continued social distancing measures.

The Board of Finance approved a budget that totals \$103,743,251, which represents a 3.12% spending increase over the current year and after factoring in state and local revenue and the increase in the Grand List this would result in a property tax increase of .46 mills or 1.44%.

Residents will also have the opportunity to vote on a bonding

package for the Board of Education. The one-year bond package totals \$2.6 million and includes HVAC improvements at Baldwin and Guilford Lakes Schools and window and door upgrades at Guilford Lakes.

In closing, I want to thank all the people in the community who have stepped up and pitched in to help during recent weeks. It is my hope that by the time this article is published, we are in a better place and on our way back to some sense of normalcy.

Matthew T. Hoey III
First Selectman



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North Guilford Congregational Church Celebrates 300 Years

NORTH GUILFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CELEBRATES 300 YEARS OF "ALL TIME RELIGION"

The year 2020 marks 300 continuous years of settlement in North Guilford, and the little church on the hill is celebrating in large ways. NGCC's Celebration Sunday, on May 17th, will begin with a historic worship service. As done centuries ago, worshipers will be summoned with drums and with the bell that has rung out since 1864. The 10:00 am Celebration Worship will feature the Rev. Kent Siladi, Conference Minister and former Pastor of NGCC. The service will also include historic worship elements, spectacular choir music, and recognition of the church's many accomplishments. In the afternoon at 4:00 pm, the church will host a Choir Concert entitled "All Time Religion" and will sing favorite pieces old and new. North Guilford Congregational Church invites the entire community to attend and celebrate this 300th Anniversary!

North Guilford Congregational Church is a proud member of the United Church of Christ. We live out the saying "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at North Guilford Congregational." We are known for our meaningful worship, our excellent choir, our creative Sunday School, and our peach shortcake.

If you would like more information about this topic, please call Judy Haggarty, Chair of the 300th Anniversary Planning Committee, at 203 915 6277 or email at: jbhaggarty@gmail.com.

Publisher's Note

As of press time, our country is still in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. These are, indeed, difficult times for all. Included in this issue of Guilford Events Magazines is information regarding various programs and activities that span the upcoming quarter (April through June). Given the circumstances, some dates and times are subject to change. Please check with the applicable organizations for any potential changes and/or cancellations.

We hope that the situation resolves as quickly as possible and that we can all get back to some sense of normalcy! Please also take note of our The Last Word feature (on page 22). It celebrates the good that occurs in our communities when we band together in times of crisis.

We are pleased to be able to continue to provide you with Guilford Events Magazines. Please stay safe and healthy. We look forward to celebrating better times ahead!

William McMinn,
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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 2019), including (but not limited to) your Federal Income Tax Return (if you file or will file,) your Social Security (SSA-1099 Form) annual statements, statements of pension, interest or dividends, etc. All information must be in English and U.S. dollars.

Please visit the Town's website for more information: 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:

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;
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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 \$37,000 for a single individual or \$45,100 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 \$39,000 for a single individual or \$47,100 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;)
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
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In preparing its students and members for a life of greater independence in this social distancing reality, Vista has reimagined its programs and services. Virtual learners attend daily individual and small group lessons to develop their adult learning, but lessons expand beyond the classroom. Vista's staff also help students and members navigate the complexities of new social dynamics as well as health and safety guidelines.

Remote learning is a journey for everyone and the entire Vista community will continue to transition together. Vista is humbled and inspired to see students and members translate their coping and self-advocacy skills within this new platform.

Vista Life Innovations is a 501©3 nonprofit organization with campuses in Madison and Westbrook. Vista's mission is to provide services and resources to assist individuals with disabilities achieve personal success. For more information about Vista, please visit www.vistalifeinnovations.org.



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Registrar of Voters

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Tuesday, June 2, 2020: Presidential Preference Primary, for both the Democratic Party members and the Republican Party members.

Vote at your polling place from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm. In order to be eligible to vote in one of these primaries you must be an enrolled member in either party. Unaffiliated voters will not be permitted to vote in a primary in Connecticut; but, you can change to either of the above parties online at: www.voterregistration.ct.gov until May 26; by mail the deadline postmarked by May 28; in person the deadline is noon on June 1. The deadline has passed to change from one party to another party.

Due to Covid-19 as of this writing these dates and information are from the Secretary of the State Office.

WILL YOU BE GETTING A LETTER?

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 putting you in “inactive” status.

DO NOT RISK YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE
- please answer these letters!

PERMANENT ABSENTEE STATUS

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

Here’s how it works: If you have a disability which prevents you from going to your polling place to vote you may file a request for an absentee ballot and include, with that request, a letter from your physician which states that your physical condition prevents you from going to the polls to vote.

From then on, the Town Clerk will automatically send you a ballot for every election and primary which you can fill out and return by mail. Yearly, in January the Registrars of Voters will send you a letter asking you to confirm the accuracy of your address. Please



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The process is very easy.

Go into the Town of Guilford's website - www.ci.guilford.ct.us, choose Registrar of Voters from the Town Department list and then "Register to Vote Online" which is located on the left side

of that page; another way is through the Secretary of the State's website - www.sots.ct.gov, choosing the Elections and Voting tab. A third, and the best way, is to go directly to the website at: www.voterregistration.ct.gov.

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 or phone us at 203-453-8028 or registrar@ci.guilford.ct.us.

Lisa Kops & Gloria Nemczuk,
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When this issue is published in early April, we trust we will be past any lasting remnants of winter. Overall, it has been a very mild winter and we are hoping spring weather, blooming trees and flowers and enjoying outdoor events will be occurring soon.

In our last issue, we mentioned the Town was developing a series of short videos, highlighting many of the assets that make up our fine community. The videos have been completed and can be seen on the Town website at: www.ci.guilford.ct.us. Additionally, they can be viewed on the Park & Recreation and Library websites. As you view the segments, please pay attention to the business names and logos surrounding each section's home page. The generosity of these sponsors enabled the videos to be produced at no expense to the Town. We thank them for their support.

Guilford consists of many fine businesses that contribute to our Town character while providing products, services, and employment opportunities. Additionally, all contribute to our real estate and/or personal property tax base. Recently, Hyperfine Research, a start-up which is part of Jonathon Rothberg's 4Catalyzer business groups, received U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval to begin marketing a bedside MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) device. Nearly six years ago, the dream to create a portable, affordable MRI system was born and now it is a reality. During 2019, another Rothberg start-up, Butterfly Networks launched Butterfly iQ, a handheld portable ultrasound device that displays results on a smartphone. The medical community is embracing this device, almost replacing a traditional stethoscope. For any TV buffs, a recent episode of Carol's Second Act showed doctor's using this hand-held device to examine a patient.

Guilford is also home to Bioasis Technologies, doing blood-brain barrier research to develop effective treatments for patients suffering neurological diseases. Inveni AI, is a pioneer in the application of artificial intelligence and machine learning to transform innovation across healthcare and other industries. Defibtech is a leader and innovator in the design and manufacture of automated external defibrillators (AED's). All administrative functions are headquartered in Guilford, with manufacturing and distribution located in Branford. Bio-Med Devices design and manufacture a wide range of transport ventilators and air/oxygen blenders primarily used in the medical industry. Moroso Performance Products has been a leader in automotive technology, producing products used by professional race car teams and amateur street performance enthusiasts. The Safety Zone is a world leader in importing and distributing specialty gloves and other personal protection products used in the industrial safety, janitorial

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These examples are just a few of the companies we have headquartered in Guilford. Some may be more visible than others, or maybe you have wondered what they do as you drive past their locations. They demonstrate a wide diversity in technologies, skill sets and operations. We will feature additional companies in future editions of Guilford Events.

If you haven't noticed, Lis-A-Lis, a Salon moved into a new location at 18B Church Street. A's Boutique moved to a larger space a few doors away within the Thornwood Plaza at 1575 Boston Post Road. The former Teach Hair Academy has been acquired and was renamed as TIGI Hairdressing Academy. It is now located within the Shoreline Plaza (near Big Y.) Play Café is expected to open during April, located at 439 Boston Post Road. Play Café will offer themed play areas for children to get creative and use their imagination while offering social interaction. Parents, grandparents and caregivers can watch while sharing a gourmet coffee and snacks. It is certainly exciting to see these businesses grow in Guilford and remain part of our business community. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at 203-453-8071 or mcgloneb@ci.guilford.ct.us.

Brian McGlone, Economic Development Coordinator

Engineering Department

INFORMATION ON FLOOD ZONES AND FLOOD INSURANCE

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floodplain questions at 203-453-8030. The Engineering Department also has copies of FEMA Elevation Certificates on all buildings constructed or substantially improved in the floodplain since January 2019, we may have some older ones available too.

Guilford has coastal flood hazard areas as well as many inland flood hazard areas since we have many lakes and streams and rivers. It is a good idea to see what special flood hazard areas may impact your property or roads in your area.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is a federal program enabling property owners in participating communities to purchase flood insurance on eligible buildings and contents, whether they are in or out of a floodplain. Guilford participates in the NFIP, making federally backed flood insurance available to its property owners. The NFIP insures most walled and roofed buildings that are principally above ground on a permanent foundation, including mobile homes, and buildings in the course

of construction. The Town of Guilford is a CRS Community which affords a small discount on policies for properties in the special flood hazard area. Property owners can purchase building and contents coverage from any local property and casualty insurance agent. To find a local insurance agent that writes flood insurance in your area visit www.floodsmart.gov.

Janice Plaziak,
Town Engineer

Youth & Family Services

Guilford Youth & Family Services' Family Theatre Program Presents: *Alice in Wonderland junior*. The Family Theatre Program began in September of 2007 and had a cast of just 11 kids with 3 adult staff running the program. Over the past 12 years, the program has grown; with cast sizes ranging from 11-42 kids working with not only adult staff, but Guilford High School students as tech crew and as mentors.

While the program relies heavily on the participation of high school students; the Director, Music Director and Choreographer are typically adults. The last two years however, the role of Choreographer was handed over to a student, who will once again fill that position for this production. This intergenerational youth to youth experience enhances the program for the cast members who not only look up to our high school students, but also get the chance to support them and attend GHS Productions to bring it full circle.

The program also encompasses a full family experience, utilizing countless parent and sibling volunteers to help with rehearsals, props, costumes & hair.

This year the Family Theatre Production of *Alice in Wonderland junior*, will be 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.) The "junior," in the title of our production, indicates that the score is vocally friendly for young voices. The cast still includes all of the characters in the original version, but with a few different twists and turns along the way.

There are three performances to choose from, so join us down the rabbit hole, for a spectacular show: Saturday, May 2 at 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm or Sunday, May 3 at 12 noon.

Tickets can be purchased in advance online at: gyfsalice.brownpapertickets.com, in person at Guilford Youth & Family Services or at the box office prior to each performance. All tickets are \$12 and seating is general admission.

For more information visit Guilford Youth & Family Services, 36 Graves Ave, Guilford or call 203-453-8047.



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Children's Programs

REGISTRATION for starred (***) programs began on Tuesday, March 10, at 9:00 am in person, by phone at 203-453-8282, or online at: www.guilfordfreelibrary.org.

SPECIALS

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****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 8th
 from 4:30 - 5:15 pm Ages 4 & up

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

Animal Career Fair - Do you love animals and want to work with animals when you grow up? Do you need more fur, fins, scales, and tails in your daily life? Then this event is for you! Talk to a wide variety of professionals who work with animals to find out about all the possible career paths available to animal lovers.

Learn what kind of schooling and job opportunities there are in a host of different fields: veterinarian, biologist, pet care, farmer, trainer, and more.

Wednesday, May 13th from
 6:30 - 8:00 pm All ages

****Magic School:** Learn to be a magician! Professional illusionist Chris Lengyel will do a brief magic demonstration and then teach kids how to do tricks of their own. Registration required. Space limited. All supplies provided.
 Wednesday, April 22nd
 from 4:00-5:30pm Grades 3 & up

SERIES

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. Funded by the Allan Louis Loeb Foundation.

May 9th - Musical Animals
 June 6th - Pet Responsibly
 Saturdays, 5/9, & 6/6
 from 11:00am-12:00pm 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: Sally, and dog handler Lisa Dannheim, or Aubrey, and dog handler Jane Olsen, or Denver, and dog handler Kimber Tanaka. Parent/legal guardian must sign a permission form for their child to be alone in the room with the dog and handler.

Dates and times for Sally
 Wednesdays, 5/20, & 6/17
 from 4:00 - 5:00 pm Ages 6 & up

Dates and times for Aubrey
 Thursdays, 5/7, 5/21, & 6/4
 from 4:15 - 5:15 pm Ages 6 & up
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Dates and times for Denver
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from 10:00 - 11:00 am 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! One Tuesday a month,
April 21st, May 19th, June 9th
from 3:30 - 4:30 pm 5th & 6th graders

****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 14 through June 9,
from 10:00 - 10:30 am (skip 4/28) Ages 0 to 5
OR Wednesdays, April 15 through June 10,
from 10:00 - 10:30 am (skip 4/29) Ages 0 to 5

****Baby Time:** You will hear and discuss developmental milestones 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 20th - May 18th
from 9:30 - 10:00 am Ages 0 to 11 months

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

Fridays, April 17th through May 29th
from 9:30 - 10:00 am (skip 5/1) Ages 12 to 23 months

****Time For Twos:** A parent-child introduction to a traditional story time with books, songs, marching, and more, led by library staff for toddlers & parent/caregiver.
Thursdays, April 16th through May 28th
from 9:30 - 10:00 am (skip 4/30) Ages 24 to 36 months

DROP - IN PROGRAMS

Open To All - Registration Not Required

Crafternoons: Get creative at the library! We supply the materials, you supply the imagination. Build and take home anything you can dream up. No need to register.
Wednesday, May 6th & June 10th
from 3:30 - 6:30 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.
Friday, April 24th, May 22nd and June 12th
from 4:00 - 5:00 pm Kindergarten & up

Books-In-A-Noon: 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 1st through June 24th
from 11:00 - 11:30 am All ages

Storytime: 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 16th through June 11th
from 11:00 - 11:30 am Ages 3 & up

Pop-In-Playtime: Meet other parents and let your children play! In the preschool area of the children's room.
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, April 1st through June 30th
from 10:30 - 11:30 am All ages

Registration for Summer Programs begins Tuesday, June 2nd at 9:00 am Guilford Free Library, 67 Park St., Guilford, CT 06437, 203-453-8282, www.guilfordfreelibrary.org.

Adult Programs

MAY & JUNE 2020 ONGOING PROGRAMS

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Book Buzz - Join us the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am (May 12, June 9) to discuss the latest books. No registration necessary, just drop in!

BOOKS, MUSIC & MORE

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| April 29 | Writing Injustice Book Discussion, " <i>The Parable of the Talents</i> ," 7:00 pm |
| May 5 | All about Recycling, cosponsored by Guilford Conservation Commission, 6:30 pm |
| May 6 | "The 19th Amendment: A Tale of Suffrage, Sacrifice & Success" with Marian Millard, 7:00 pm |
| May 7 | Metropolitan Opera Talk "Maria Stuarda" by Donizetti with Yale Professor Janna Baty, 7:00 pm |
| May 14 | Guilford Poets Guild Second Thursday Poetry Series, Winners of the Student Poetry Contest, 6:30 pm |
| May 19 | Book Talk: Yale Professor Valerie Hansen on her recent book, " <i>The Year 1000: When Explorers Connected the World and Globalization Began</i> ," 7:00 pm |
| May 20 | Yale Science Diplomats "Life is Strange: Legendary Heroes of Survival" 7:00 pm |
| May 26 | SCORE Program "Email Marketing" 6:00 pm |

May 30 Moses Gunn Play Company production, 2:00 pm
 June 4 Book Talk with CT State Historian, Walter Woodward
 "Creating Connecticut: Critical Moments that Shaped
 a Great State," 7:00 pm
 June 11 Art talk with Marcie Slepian, 1:30 pm
 June 25 Summer Concert Series on the Library Patio, Guilford
 Ramblers, 7:00 pm

Friday, May 1 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
 Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

FILMS

Monday Night Movies: A film every Monday evening at 7:00 pm
 (No Film May 25, library closed for Memorial day.) Check our
 website at: www.guilfordfreelibrary.org for current listings.

TECHNOLOGY

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE

Usher in the Merry Month of May with the annual Friends of the
 Library Spring Book Sale. Choose from books on gardening, sailing,
 sports, art, travel, nature, and cooking. Plus children's books, CDs and
 DVDs, hardcover and paperback fiction and nonfiction, and a miscel-
 lany of Wild West material. This year's special offerings pay tribute to
 the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote, with books
 by and about women, both famous and infamous.

Guilford Keeping Society Events

Saturday, April 25 Wines from the USA tasting at the Medad Stone Tavern, tickets \$35.
 Monday, May 25 Memorial Day Picnic at The Thomas Griswold House 11:30 - 3:00 pm. Free Will Offering
 Saturday, May 30 Stony Creek Quarry Tour at the Stony Creek Quarry 10:00 am, tickets \$15. Soup lunch to follow at The Medad Stone Tavern. \$10.
 Saturday, June 13 Guilford Keeping Society House Tour 11:00 - 4:00 pm. Advanced sale tickets are \$50.
 Saturday, June 13 Connecticut Open House Day 11:00 - 4:00 pm at The Thomas Griswold House and The Medad Stone Tavern Free admission.



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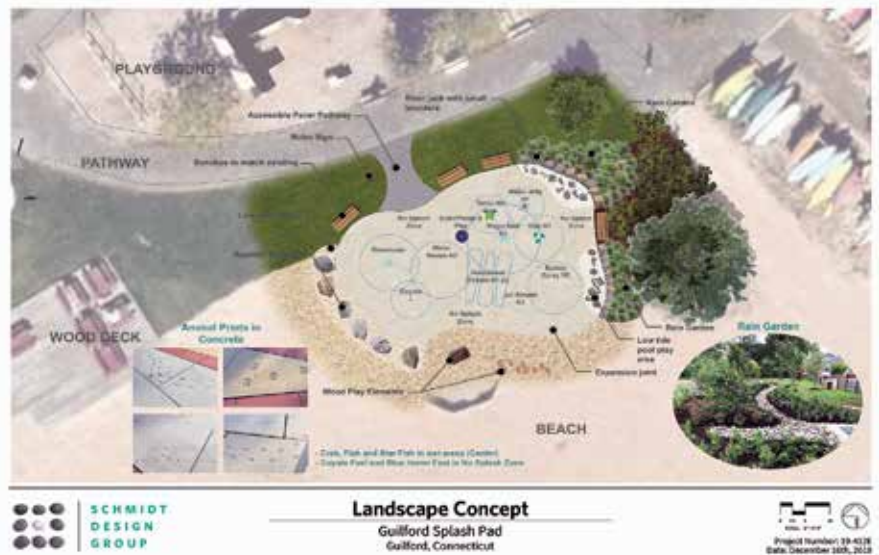
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Splash Pad

Hello! There is an exciting initiative happening in Guilford! A group of volunteers are leading an effort to install a splash pad at Jacob's Beach. We feel strongly that we have an under-served population of small children and people with special needs in Guilford that would greatly benefit from having an easily accessible, safe way to cool off in the summer months. Splash pads are growing in popularity across towns for the low-risk, fun, inclusive entertainment they provide for water-loving people of all ages.

Jacobs Beach, located on Seaside Avenue is the site for this build. Our volunteers are working in partnership with the Guilford Parks & Recreation Department and proper Town protocol is being followed. The Town of Guilford has hired Schmidt Design Group of Milford, CT to design the splash pad. They were selected for their extensive experience and specialty in splash pads, deep understanding of the local community and area, and their creative vision.

Pending approvals from the necessary Town Commissions and contingent upon the funds being raised, construction will begin in the spring and an anticipated grand opening will occur with the opening of Jacobs Beach for the 2020 summer season. We thank you in advance for embracing this project and supporting our efforts to #makeasplashinguilfordct.



SPLASH PAD CONCEPT DESIGN

The proposed splash pad features both a toddler and family zone, but is inclusive and designed for all ages to be able to play together. The design consists primarily of ground fountains with specific focus and attention to materials and colors that will blend in with the natural aesthetics of our beach setting. We have selected efficient, water conserving components and will utilize rain gardens to filter and reduce the runoff water. Boulders and wooden elements are incorporated into the perimeter of the dry deck with multipurpose functionality - serving as seating, but may also be enjoyed as climbing structures, which is excellent for a child's development of balance, coordination and imaginative play.

Questions on the Splash Pad Project or Suggestions? Want to Get Involved? Please contact Rick Maynard at maynardr@ci.guilford.ct.us or Mandie Sorrentino at the-splashpadguilfordct@gmail.com. To stay updated, please "LIKE" our Facebook page: "THE SPLASH PAD GUILFORD, CT"

In your yard in April

It's April, and the days are longer, warmer, and brighter. Although this winter proved to be moderate... not too many snow days or difficult driving conditions, it did bring a whole different set of stressors. Concerns over seasonal flu, COVID-19, changing work and life patterns, and economic uncertainties have kept many of us inside, and perhaps too dependent on the constant stream of news.

Now it is time to go outdoors and enjoy the fresh earthy smell of the air in the spring. Listen for the sounds of nature re-awakening... the wood frogs and peepers, and the songs of both our resident and returning migratory birds. For each of us, our home and yard should be our sanctuary... our place to both rest and re-energize. Take the time in April to observe the bones of last year's landscape. Check out those photos on your phone of your favorite plants and planters from last summer, and make plans for the coming season. A little extra time spent outdoors, observing and planning, will reward you with less time spent on maintenance, and more time to enjoy your accomplishment.

As you consider your planting choices, be sure to include some native plants. These plants, both woody and herbaceous, are adapted to our growing conditions. They provide prime food and shelter for wildlife. They may not be as showy as some of the non-native ornamentals, but they have an irreplaceable role in the ecology of our area. Now is a great time for early annuals like pansies. Some herbs and vegetables can also go outside. Consult any garden center for advice on early spring planting. For those of you without the luxury of an outdoor space, bring some green indoors. Potted plants bring life and warmth to indoor living spaces. Above all, enjoy this spring! It is a time of re-birth, awakening, and looking forward.

Leigh, The Village Horticulturist

The Guilford Preservation Alliance

The Guilford Preservation Alliance salutes our past chairperson Sarah Brown McCulloch; a hard working preservationist and friend to the Guilford Community.



SARAH BROWN MCCULLOCH
Author and advocate of historic preservation, Sarah Brown McCulloch, died on February 4, 2020, in Durham, NH. The former resident of Guilford was born on February 16, 1922, in Federalsburg, MD.

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Sarah and her husband, Ronald, moved to Guilford in 1980. She was active in the community as a member of First Congregational Church and the Leete's Island Garden Club, board member of the Dorothy Whitfield Historical Society, and volunteer for the Guilford Free Library.

In 1989, she published *Guilford: A Walking Guide*, the proceeds of which continue to benefit the Guilford Preservation Alliance. Many people remember her tours of historic Guilford and her introduction of Early Guilford Days into the schools, where

she assisted in writing *Around the Guilford Green: A Children's Walking Guide*.

Sarah was known in Guilford for her strong advocacy of historic preservation, serving as a board member and also President of the Guilford Preservation Alliance. She became Chair of the Green Committee in 2001. She assisted her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Mills Brown, in researching Connecticut architecture. Sarah received the Award of Merit from the Connecticut League of Historical Societies and a Volunteer Recognition Award for Preservation

from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation and the Connecticut Historic Commission. In 1997, she received the Charles Hubbard Award from the Guilford Preservation Alliance and a Distinguished Alumna Award from Vermont College of Norwich University.

Town Historian, Joel Helander, remembers Sarah as "a pillar of the Guilford historic preservation community. Her boundless enthusiasm for her projects has had an everlasting effect on those who continue to carry the torch for the cause."

Guilford Art Center

Registration is open for all summer classes, workshops for adults and summer youth program (weekly programs from July 6 - August 28.) See our website at: www.guilfordartcenter.org for program catalog and to register. Questions? Call us at: 203-453-5947; our office is open Monday-Friday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

April 23 - May 8, IMAGES Juried Photography Gallery Exhibition
IMAGES, presented by the Shoreline Arts Alliance, is in its 39th year and is the oldest juried photography show in the state. Connecticut

artists are invited to submit portfolios for adjudication and approximately 800 photographs are presented annually. Selected works represent diverse photographic processes, subjects, and techniques.

May 15 - June 5, Gallery One Exhibition

Gallery One is a diverse group of established CT artists who use current modes of expression in a variety of contemporary media. Their common bond is a commitment to each artist's individual voice and evolution. Each artist represents a different background and tradition which is clearly visible in the art.

June 27, GAC Annual Summer Party at the Owenego Club from 6:30 - 10:00 pm

Join us for a beautiful summer evening on the shore of Long Island Sound at the historic Owenego Club in Branford. Cocktails, sumptuous food, live music, lawn games, silent auction and more. Proceeds benefiting GAC's educational and community programs. For details and ticket information, call 203-453-5947 or go online www.guilfordartcenter.org.

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Spring Has Sprung at The Dudley Farm

The Dudley Farm welcomes the warmer weather with things to see and things to do! Our sheep are having their winter coat shorn, caring for their little lambs, and soon will be enjoying some tender green pasture. Thanks to botanist Lauren Brown, we will again have an Early Spring Wildflower Walk along the neighboring trail.

The Dudley Farm will take part in The Great Give May 5th and 6th, the annual 36-hour, community-wide fundraising event that matches Greater New Haven charitable organizations with donors. For more information see www.thegreatgive.org/info/faq.

With spring-cleaning done on the Museum grounds, Jerri Guadagno will coordinate the Community-wide Tag Sale May 9th with a rain date of May 23. A great time for you to rent a table and sell your stuff - or visit and buy someone else's. Interested? Give Jerri a call at: 203-457-0047.

Our Summer Farmer's Market returns May 30th! And the Museum Farmhouse opens for the summer season. Visit and see what Erastus and Martha have been up to since the birth of their daughter, Mabel in 1878.

June 13th is Connecticut Open House Day, and The Dudley Farm will be hosting the New England Lace Group as they demonstrate bobbin lace making. Visit the Farmers' Market, tour the Farmhouse and grounds, and learn about 19th-century lace making.

We would love to have you see us "down on the Farm." 2351 Durham Rd, Guilford. For more information call 203-457-0770, visit: www.dudleyfarm.com, and see www.facebook.com/dudleyfarmmuseum.

Guilford Rotary Club Presents LOBSTERFEST 2020



Saturday June 27th for the 24th Annual Lobsterfest hosted by the Guilford Rotary Club. Plans are well underway for what promises to be another spectacular event at the Guilford Fairgrounds.

The Lobsterfest has been a staple destination for many throughout the years. As you walk around the grounds you'll see family reunions, graduation parties, businesses

thanking their customers, friends meeting new friends - all enjoying an evening of good food and entertainment.

John (Stax) Sengstacken, Chairman of Lobsterfest and Gary Drake, President of the Guilford Rotary Club say of Lobsterfest, "it continues to grow...we see new friends accompanying long time attendees wanting to share the same experience."

Proceeds help organizations like Women and Family Life, Guilford Interfaith Volun-

teers, Memorial Education Fund, Raise the Roof, Guilford High School Interact Club, Guilford Food Bank, Call to Care Uganda, Haitian Health Foundation and Columbus House to name a few.

There is a delicious menu and kids meals are also available. The evening's events go from 4:00 pm - 8:30 pm, serving from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. General Admission price is \$50 and must be purchased in advance. So come early and stay late. For information go to: guilfordrotarylobsterfest.com.

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Guilford - A Caring Community by Sigrid Kun

As of press time, the State of Connecticut continues to operate under various Executive Orders issued by Governor Lamont. The number of COVID-19 cases is continuing to climb daily. In this state, around the country, around the globe, we are instructed on things like social distancing, how to make hand sanitizer, the importance of personal protective equipment, and how to sneeze properly. There are restrictions on where we can be and with how many other people. Numerous events have been canceled or postponed. There is fear. There is uncertainty.

However, amid an unprecedented pandemic, there are great and compassionate deeds. What makes our communities so special is how individuals come together in times of crisis. We'd like to share just a few of the wonderful efforts going on right here in Guilford.



GUILFORD CARES SHOPPING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Guilford Parks and Recreation Seniors Program, in coordination with Guilford Interfaith Volunteers, Guilford Social Services, Guilford Cares and the Ethan Miller Song Foundation have implemented a program to deliver food to the homes of seniors and those who are immunocompromised. Here is a

summary of how it works: Develop a shopping list and provide it to Guilford Seniors via phone or email; designate a drop off location outside of your home; be available by phone when the volunteer is shopping for you in case there are any questions or a need for substitute items; Guilford Seniors will call you with the amount of the purchase so a check can be left at your designated grocery drop off location; the volunteer delivers the groceries, picks up the check and leaves a receipt. There is also a process for paying by credit card.

"The volunteers are so enthusiastic and so helpful," said Terry Buckley, Seniors Program Coordinator at Guilford Parks and Recreation. "They are doing all of the leg work. It's a wonderful community."

The program focuses on grocery shopping from Big Y, Bishops, Fresh Market and The Marketplace. However, assistance can also be provided if you need shopping done at other locations. According to Ms. Buckley, the program will run indefinitely - until it is safe to be out again. For more information and specific guidelines, call 203-453-8086 or email buckleyt@ci.guilford.ct.us.

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THE GUILFORD FOUNDATION/WOMEN & FAMILY LIFE CENTER - COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND FOR GUILFORD

The Guilford Foundation ("TGF") established a temporary fund, the COVID-19 Response Fund for Guilford, to benefit the Women & Family Life Center (W&FLC). The response fund enables W&FLC to make grants to provide immediate, short-term financial relief to individuals who live or work in the Town of Guilford who have been negatively impacted as a result of the pandemic. Examples include but are not limited to: an individual tested positive for the virus and can't work, loss or reduction in work, loss of childcare, need to care for a loved one, etc.

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The temporary assistance from W&FLC is in the form of one-time grants to individuals of up to \$500 for immediate, short term relief. The assistance is intended to provide stopgap support as local, state and federal programs ramp up to address the crisis on a broader scale. "We have been fielding calls from citizens who are desperate to help friends and loved ones face the impact of lost wages due to shorter working hours or tending to a family member," explained Liza Janssen Petra, Executive Director of TGF. "It has been crazy," added Meghan Scanlon, Executive Director of W&FLC. "The response has been emotional. It's tough to take that phone call. I spoke with a woman who has owned a hair salon for over 30 years. She's never been out of work. She has two kids. Now, she's scared. She said - Look, I'm normally the one giving and not asking. I told her this is your time."

Less than a week after the program was launched (March 19), W&FLC had received 140 applications, of which 100 were already processed.

"One of the greatest things about this community is that we do come together," underscored Ms. Scanlon. "We try to figure out how to help. Day to day, it's nice to help in a tangible form."

Noteworthy Contributions: A local citizen donated \$10,000 to the COVID-19 Response Fund. Guilford Savings Bank made a \$20,000 commitment to support TGF's COVID-19 response efforts.

Deadline Extension: TGF has extended its 2020 competitive grant making application deadline to May 1, 2020 (originally March 12, 2020). It will also re-prioritize its 2020 grant review process toward addressing of the COVID-19 virus.



A REMINDER FROM GUILFORD PARKS & RECREATION - THINGS YOU CAN DO

Guilford Parks & Recreation encourages you to take advantage of the parks and get outdoors for fresh air. You should avoid play-groups and congregating with people, but as a family or individual, get out-doors.

Here are some ideas of things you can do:

- Go for a walk • Take a hike • Collect shells at Jacobs Beach, Grass Island, Chittenden Park beach, Chaffinch Island Park, Barbara Pine Beach at Daniel Ave, or Shell Beach • Collect stones and take them home to paint them • Go for a bike ride • Build a fort in your yard • Skim stones at the beach • Do spring clean-up in your yard

This is just a sample list. There are many more things that you can do at home and outside. Wash your hands, don't get too close to people, and get outside for some fun and exercise.

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