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Playground Project Moves Forward

BY BETTINA THIEL
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The Board of Selectmen gave the green light for the Playground Committee to move ahead with its plans for an all-inclusive playground at Fred Wolfe Park. “Our goal is to create a destination playground for all ages and abilities,” said Playground Committee Chairman Travis Ewen when he presented the plans at the Board of Selectmen meeting on February 9. He said this will be an amenity much welcomed by Orange families, because all the other playgrounds in town are on school properties and only open to the public when schools are closed, while this one will be accessible year-round. It will be a spacious play area located to the right of the access road to the park as cars enter the parking area from Hollow Road. The play area will be surrounded by a 600-foot rubberized walking track, where parents and grandparents can walk while keeping an eye on their children. Another rubberized walkway that snakes through the play area allows those in wheelchairs access to the swings and other equipment. The rest of the play area will be covered with engineered wood chips. Security fencing will be installed on those sides of the playground that border parking areas and the access road.

Tom Pisano, the president of the Orange Soccer Association, which has been using the soccer fields, and who has long advocated for a different location for the playground, expressed continued concern. “This size playground will attract a huge number of townspeople and out-of-town cars also,” he wrote in an email. “With Lacrosse and
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Bicentennial Committee Has Us Booked for The Summer

BY BETTINA THIEL
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There are so many ways a town like Orange can mark its 200th birthday that the group planning this milestone has scheduled a whole season – the Bicentennial Summer Celebration – to give it its full due. “The committee recognized that in this day and age you can’t duplicate what took place for the Sesqui-centennial,” said committee Chairman Pat O’Sullivan, when he gave an update at the February 9 Board of Selectmen meeting. Back in 1972, the celebrations for the 150th anniversary spanned a week, with many family events taking place in the afternoons. But in 2022, most events will take place on the weekends, bookended by a Founders Day ceremony on May 28 and a Homecoming Weekend in conjunction with the Orange Country Fair in September. Planning was complicated by the pandemic. “Last year the virus mutat-

ed and we were agonizing over what we were going to do,” O’Sullivan said. “That’s when we came up with the idea of a Summer of Celebration.” Most events are taking place outdoors. A calendar of events is posted on the town website at <https://orange-ct.gov/1029/Bicentennial-Summer-Celebration> and on a dedicated Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OrangeCTBicentennial>. First signup forms are up on Facebook as well, one for the Bicentennial Golf tournament at Race Brook Country Club, slated for June 27; another for the Family Dinner picnic on the Fairgrounds on June 25th. Scheduled events include long-standing summer favorites, such as the Memorial Day Parade and the Fourth of July fireworks. But it also includes some unique events, such as
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soccer going, does anyone have a guess how many cars we’ll see each day or each weekend at the park? I do.”

The town has received two state grants for the project, one for \$300,000 and, more recently, the state included the project in a bond issue for \$200,000. The committee also continues its fund-raising efforts in several ways: It is selling bricks for \$50 apiece to pave a portion of the playground; or donors can sponsor benches with their name on it and their name on a sponsor board (\$2,000); or sponsor a boulder and their name on the sponsor board (\$1,500). People are also encouraged to donate straight up through a new online portal called “Give Butter,” <https://givebutter.com/wolfeparkplay->

ground. Donations are tax deductible. The renderings showing the layout of the playground also show a lush green canopy of trees. Those have yet to be planted, Ewen said. They could be financed either through monies left in contingency or a type of tribute tree program.

As for timing, Ewen said they are looking at a six-month lead time, which would give the town plenty of time to prepare the ground. He said the committee is hoping for equipment installation in August or September.

The project does not include restrooms, lighting, nor a splash pad, he said. When asked whether the construction might impact the Lacrosse and soccer programs, Ewen said no, there is enough room without having to encroach on the other fields.



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gain prices.

Proceeds from purchases are used by the Friends to provide a variety of entertaining and cultural programs for the community. Patrons are asked to bring tote bags for purchases. Prior to entering the Library, please observe mandates regarding masks and social distancing.

How St. Patrick’s Day is Celebrated in Ireland

Initially a religious holiday to commemorate the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick’s Day has since evolved into a global celebration of Irish culture. In fact, it has become one of the most popular days of the year to throw a party and gather with others.

So how do people in Ireland — the heart of where St. Patrick’s Day originated — celebrate each March 17th? Should travelers find themselves in Ireland this time of year, here’s what to expect in terms of St. Patrick’s Day commemorations.

Since St. Patrick’s Day is a national holiday, expect schools, banks and some businesses to be closed around the country and in portions of Northern Ireland. St. Patrick’s Day tourism is big business, so restaurants and pubs likely will be open and may extend their hours. According to the vacationing resource Travel Awaits, more than 100,000 travelers visit Dublin from March 14 to March 18 to partake in St. Patrick’s Day festivities. COVID-19 likely will impact how many visit this year.

As St. Patrick’s Day is a religious holiday, devout Irish Catholics will treat the day as a religious celebration and may attend mass at nearby churches. Even though St. Patrick’s Day falls during the solemn season

of Lent, since St. Patrick’s Day 2022 falls on a Thursday this year, one does not need to worry about any Lenten fasting restrictions. However, abstaining from meat usually is put on pause when St. Patrick’s Day falls on a Lenten Friday anyway.

The biggest St. Patrick’s Day parade takes place in Dublin, and it’s full of national pride. Additional smaller parades may be held across Ireland as well.

Travelers may experience “drowning the shamrock” as they visit Irish pubs on St. Patrick’s Day. It is traditional to drop a shamrock into customers’ drinks in the pub. As such, it is surmised that having many drinks undoubtedly means more good luck for the year ahead due to all those lucky shamrocks.

It’s common to come across religious rituals, pilgrimages and processions on St. Patrick’s Day, particularly to places associated with St. Patrick. Downpatrick in County Down is believed to be the final resting place of St. Patrick and many people visit the grave and cathedral there. Some also may want to visit St. Patrick’s Cathedral in Dublin.

Ireland celebrate St. Patrick’s Day in similar fashion as other countries, but the country offers unique takes on the festivities as well.



Colonial America Seen Through the Eyes of Contemporary Artists

The Friends of Case Memorial Library invites you to join a Zoom program, “The Art of Colonial America”, on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00pm. The Friends will be sponsoring several programs to celebrate the Orange Bicentennial. This program will be the first in a series.

Using a wide range of visual images, presenter Bob Potter traces the formative years of American history portrayed in colonial paintings of artists such as Gilbert Stuart, John Singleton Copley, Benjamin West and Charles Wilson Peale. Their works show the popular subjects and artistic styles created in response to historical events of the era.

Bob Potter is a graduate of Syracuse University School of Visual and Performing Arts. His career encompasses serving as art/creative director for media companies, including Scholastic Magazines, Time Warner and National Geographic, corporate development officer for the National Gallery of Art, and head of marketing/communications for Mystic Seaport Museum. Recently, he launched a professional development program for students at Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts. He is also a docent at the Yale Center for British Art.

Don’t miss learning about this unique perspective on American history. The Friends is grateful for the community support and interest in its programs which are funded by the resale of donated used books. Please register at www.casememoriallibrary.org. Registration opens two weeks prior to program date. See you on Zoom. No masks or social distancing required.



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April 15 Easter & Passover Issue.....	April 8
May 6 Mother’s Day Issue.....	April 29
May 27 Memorial Day Issue	May 20

Note: Copy due by 4:00p.m. Thank you.

FROM OUR READERS

Letter to Connor Deane

Connor, I read that you have re-signed, vacated, deserted your seat on the Orange Board of Selectmen and resigned from the Democratic Town Committee and are moving out of Orange because why? It didn’t “fit with your current schedule and because Orange has limited comfortable housing options for young people so this is forcing you and your girlfriend to move out of town”. Jodi Dietch, who chairs the ODTTC, explained that if you won that seat, a full time position that paid \$100,000, you could have worked things out and stayed to serve the town.

Connor, when you appeared at our door looking for our vote you stated that you had some great ideas to improve our town and do a much better job than Jim Zeoli. When pressed for some specifics you really didn’t have any except for reducing the rainy-day fund and being more transparent and issuing a weekly communication. At each of the debates you continued to repeat these well-rehearsed lines and call yourself “A SON OF ORANGE”. My understanding of that term means that it comes with a sense of loyalty and investment to said town and a willingness to serve the people and families who live here whether you are paid or not. Many of the positions here, along with the volunteer firemen, are not paid but those who serve are proud to do what they can to keep Orange a great place to live and raise a family. You can still serve our town. Maybe it wouldn’t be a bad idea to drive a school bus for a while or serve on a board before you throw in the towel. I wish you well Connor in your acting career and theater. I think this is your calling and you will do well.

Bonnie Pelaccia

Orange Has Me Hooked

My wife and I moved to town last September. She was born in Monroe but lived for years in NYC and Chicago.

I was born and raised in New Haven and spent most of my adult life in various apartments around the city. Due to her childhood, my wife was used to a more secluded, suburban lifestyle - even after years spent in two of America’s largest metropolises. I might as well be on Mars instead of in Orange. Please don’t misunderstand, my ideal vacation is a mountain cabin by a lake away from everyone but the bears and coyotes. But I was always a “city boy” who enjoyed the 24-hour amenities and the convenience of walking or cycling everywhere and moonlighting as “the door guy” at bars. But now, I would be anything but truthful if I didn’t say that Orange has me hooked.

Let’s begin in the most unlikely of places - the town dump. For those that have always lived in a town like this, the Orange Transfer Station is a dream to someone like me. The amount of “stuff” I had to dispose of after the move would have taken months and cost a small fortune if my new home was in New Haven. My mom’s cousin has been residing in town for years and our family always found it strange how much she heaped praise at the town dump. Well, I no longer find it strange. My first interaction with a town official was “Gerry” (or is it Jerry?). Before I moved, I was already keeping a running catalogue of items that I needed to dispose of. One phone call and 10 minutes later, Gerry, with the patience and understanding of a saint, answered question after question that I threw at him. Then, on my very first trip, Gerry was in the booth - he again took the time to explain where everything goes and how to dispose of certain items. Everyone I met at the Transfer Station has been nothing but friendly and professional. My apologies for not knowing the names of other Transfer Station employees, but “thank you” goes out to “bearded guy”, “funny, witty lady”, and “a very

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- Some towns/cities have their own Probate Court while other Probate Courts may be shared by two or more towns.
- The Probate Court's jurisdiction over a decedent's estate depends on where the decedent resided at the time of his or her death. For example, the estate of a decedent who resided in Orange, Connecticut, would be administered in the Orange/Milford Probate Court. The estate of a decedent who resided in Branford, Connecticut would be administered in the Branford/North Branford Probate Court.
- Each Probate Court uses the same Probate Court Forms which can be found online at <http://www.ctprobate.gov/>

While the Connecticut Probate Court Forms are easily accessible online and the staff of the Connecticut Probate Courts are often friendly and helpful, the staff cannot provide legal advice on how to properly complete the probate forms. Therefore, it is often beneficial to consult with a Connecticut probate attorney who is familiar with the Connecticut probate process to ensure that the forms are completed correctly and submitted in a timely manner. If you are interested in learning more about administering a decedent's estate in a Connecticut Probate Court please contact the office. We would be glad to meet with you for a no-hassle, no-charge initial consultation, no matter how long it lasts.



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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

Amity Advances to “Sweet 16” in Global Debate Competition

The IPPF is sponsored by the Brewer Foundation and New York University. Debate teams from around the world entered the 2021-22 International Public Policy Forum (IPPF) competition, but only 16 remain – including a team of students from Amity Regional High School in Woodbridge, Connecticut. By advancing, the students remain eligible to win an all-expenses-paid trip to the IPPF Finals in New York City, where the IPPF World Champion will be awarded a \$10,000 grand prize. The Amity Regional High School team is the only team from Connecticut to advance to this round.

Sponsored by the Brewer Foundation and New York University, the IPPF is the first and only competition that gives high school students from around the world the opportunity to engage in written and oral debates on issues of public policy. “These students analyzed and debated the role of the United States dollar in the world economy,” says William A. Brewer III, partner at Brewer, Attorneys & Counselors and a founder of the IPPF. “The 16 teams that remain will compete in another written round of debates – in hopes of advancing to the IPPF Finals in New York City.”

The IPPF’s 21st annual competition began in October, as teams submitted qualifying round essays affirming or negating the IPPF topic, “Resolved: On balance, the hegemony of the United States dollar is detrimental to the world economy.” Those essays were reviewed by a committee, which determined the top 64 teams based on the overall quality of each 2,800-word essay.

In November, the top 64 teams began a single-elimination, written debate competition. Each team was assigned a position (affirmative or negative) and then volleyed papers

back and forth with another team via email for the next six weeks. A panel of judges reviewed the essays and selected the winning teams. In the “Round of 64,” Amity Regional High School advanced over Greenwich High School from Greenwich, Connecticut. In the “Top 32” round, Amity Regional High School advanced over Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram from New Delhi, India.

The “Sweet 16” round is now underway. Amity Regional High School is competing against Mission San Jose High School from Fremont, California. The top 16 teams represent schools from nine U.S. states and Canada, Mongolia, and Singapore.

On March 24, the “Elite 8” teams will be announced. If Amity Regional High School advances, the team will win a trip to New York City to compete in the IPPF Finals on April 30, 2022, at the Harold Pratt House. The IPPF Finals give students the opportunity to supplement their written scholarships with oral advocacy – competing in debates in front of some of the world’s foremost experts in business, law and politics. Judges will include Brewer and New York University President Emeritus John Sexton, among others. The winning team will take home the “Brewer Cup” and the \$10,000 grand prize.

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Author, Kate Klise, Visits The Peck Place School

On Monday, February 28, students at The Peck Place School (PPS) in Orange had the opportunity to practice their writing and storytelling skills with bestselling author Kate Klise. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Peck Place PTO, Klise gave three in-person (and socially distanced) presentations in the PPS gymnasium. “I thought it was fun for an author to come to the school,” says PPS second-grader, Alessia. Students were captivated as Klise spoke about her writing process and how imagination is a key element to successful writing.

Klise described her journey to becoming an author starting at an early age, and encouraged students to work on their own stories. “It was great because she was really funny and she told us about how she made her books, which made me want to write more of my own books,” says Kevin,

a PPS fourth grader. “I loved how she adjusted her presentations to be age appropriate based on the audience and the children seemed to really enjoy her visit” says Peck Place PTO member Dianna Fuehrlein.

Klise’s books have been popular with the PPS students for many years, especially her “43 Old Cemetery Road” series. To prepare for the author’s visit, school librarian Sandra Fitzpatrick introduced students to a wide range of her chapter and picture books and even created a trivia contest awarding books autographed by Kate Klise to the winners. “The day was an overwhelming success,” says Fitzpatrick. “Last year we had a fun virtual author visit, but it’s just so wonderful to be able to host an in-person visit this year. Being in the same room as Ms. Klise and listening to her speak definitely made an impact on the students.”

Lucy Scillia Scholarship Available to Graduating Orange Seniors

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library is now accepting applications for its annual Lucy Scillia \$2,000 Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded to a local public or private high school Senior who is a resident of Orange and plans further education at an accredited institution of higher learning.

Applications may be downloaded at www.casememoriallibrary.org/lucyscillia. Applicants must submit an application, references and high school transcript. Completed applications may be mailed or dropped off at the Case Memorial Library, c/o President

of the Friends of the Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange, CT 06477. The deadline for submission is April 30.

The Scholarship is a tribute to the late Lucy Scillia, an Orange resident and a cherished member of the Friends of the Library. Lucy had a fulfilling career as a school librarian. She also served on the Town Library Commission. In retirement, she participated in the Adopt-A-Reader Program at Peck Place School, volunteered to read books to youngsters at the Holy Infant Preschool and served as a library aide at the Orange Senior Center.

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Achievements
William Smith College

William Smith College senior defender Emily Martino <https://hwsathletics.com/roster.aspx?rp_id=16272> (Orange, Conn./Canterbury Prep) earned all-conference honors for the fourth time during her career when she was named to the All-New England Hockey Conference second team. She is the first Heron to receive All-NEHC praise

A captain, Martino is one of three Herons to play in all 24 games this winter. She leads the Herons with nine assists and 12 points. Martino also has three goals this season, including a game-winner. The Orange, Connecticut, native, saved her best for last, scoring the game-winning goal against New England College and setting up the game-winning goal in Williams Smith's 3-2 upset of then No. 8 Norwich to close out the regular season. Martino had two three-game point streaks this season.

Martino has played in 105 career games, one behind Gina Scibetta '20 for the program record. Martino has compiled 66 career points on 19 goals and 47 assists. She was an All-UCHC honorable mention selection as a sophomore and junior and was a UCHC All-Rookie team selection in 2017-18.

William Smith is 9-14-1 overall this season and wrapped up the regular season with a 7-9-1 mark in conference play. The Herons moved up to the No. 6 seed with a pair of wins to close out the regular season. William Smith will begin its quest for The Mariano Cup, the NEHC Tournament championship trophy when it travels to Gorham, Maine. The Herons are scheduled to take on Southern Maine in a quarter-final contest.

Eastern Connecticut State University

Willimantic, CT - Eastern Connecticut State University's men's baseball and women's softball teams are set to begin their spring 2022 seasons. The softball team consists of 21 players and will compete in its first game on March 4.

Among the student-athletes is senior Brooke Matyasovsky of Orange, number 42, who majors in Communication and Business Administration and plays utility on the Softball team. Coach Diana

Pepin is optimistic about the upcoming season. "The 2022 team is very talented and could possibly be the best team Eastern has assembled," said Pepin. "We are looking forward to a great season and being together. The team will be challenged early as we compete in the NFCA Leadoff Classic. We will compete against the top teams in the country out of the gate." For more on the softball team, including the schedule of games, visit <https://gowarriorathletics.com/sports/softball/schedule?path=softball>.

Dean's/Honors List
Bryant University

Smithfield, RI - Bryant University is pleased to recognize the students who have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence and achievement. The following Orange students have been named to the Deans' List for the fall 2021 semester: Kenneth Page, Class of 2023, and Alex Palermo, Class of 2024. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

Elon University

Shayna Goldblatt has been named to the Dean's List for the 2021 fall semester at Elon University. The Dean's List is composed of students with no grade below a B-minus and a grade point average of at least 3.50 in a minimum of 12 semester hours. Goldblatt is the daughter of Mitch and Abby Goldblatt, of Orange, CT.

Emmanuel College

Boston, MA - Emmanuel College has named Theodore Weber of Orange to the Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

Goodwin University

East Hartford, CT - Carolyn Push has earned a spot on the Goodwin University Dean's List for Fall 2021. Carolyn, a student from Orange, CT, is one of 1,049 students to make the Dean's List, reserved for those who demonstrate great academic performance. Dean's List inclusion requires a student to earn a minimum 3.5 GPA, the equivalent of an A- average, during a given academic

session. The student must also be enrolled in a minimum of six academic credits to qualify.

Goodwin University

East Hartford, CT - Carolyn Push of Orange, CT earned a place on Goodwin University's President's List for the Fall 2021 Session. The Fall 2021 President's List includes 353 students, all of whom scored a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Providence College

Providence, RI - Grace Whitman, daughter of Ed and Anne Whitman of Orange, Connecticut, has earned Dean's List honors at Providence College for the fall 2021 semester. Dean's List honors are earned by full-time undergraduate students who, at the end of the semester, have attained a GPA of 3.55 or better (on a 4.0 scale), with no grade lower than "C," and with no incomplete grades ("I" or "NM").

SUNY Cortland

Cortland, NY - Julia Hurlburt of Orange was named to the dean's list at SUNY Cortland for the fall 2021 semester. Hurlburt is studying Psychology.

Tufts University

Medford, MA - Tufts University recently announced the dean's list for the Fall 2021 semester. Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater. Those from Orange named to the Dean's List are: Robert Jaques Class of 2023, Ameya Menta Class of 2024, Armaan Patel Class of 2025, and Nick Wawrzyniak Class of 2024.

University of Hartford

West Hartford, CT - The University of Hartford is pleased to announce the students who have been named to the President's Honors List and the Dean's List for Fall 2021. Those from Orange achieve this honor are: Francis Novak, Meghan Smith and Pierre Wright.

University of Maine

Riley Palazzo was named to The University of Maine's Dean's List honors in the fall 2021 semester. To be eligible for the Full-time Dean's List, a student must have completed 12 or more calcu-

lable credits in the semester and have earned a 3.50 or higher semester GPA. Students who have part-time status during both the fall and spring semesters of a given academic year are eligible for Part-time Dean's List. They must have completed 12 or more calculable credits over both terms and have earned a combined GPA in those terms of 3.50 or higher.

University of Saint Joseph

West Hartford, CT - Peter Debassio, of Orange, CT is among the more than 395 undergraduate students who have been named to the University of Saint Joseph Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester. Students who are awarded this academic achievement have earned a GPA of 3.50 or higher for the semester, with no grade lower than a "B." Debassio is a student majoring in Biology.

Western New England University

Springfield, MA - Western New England University (WNE) is pleased to announce that Colin Hughes of Orange, CT has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall Semester 2021. Students are named to the Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Worcester, MA - Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that Kelly Pritchard, of Orange, CT, a member of the class of 2025 majoring in Engineering - To Be Declared (BS), was named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2021 semester. The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

Graduations
Ohio University

Athens, OH - Joan Murray Fearnley of Orange graduated with a BSN majoring in Baccalaureate Nursing from Ohio University's College of Health Sciences and Professions in Fall 2021.





Young Farmer Brings Fallow Property Back to Life

BY BETTINA THIEL
ORANGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Cristian Mortali is a young man with a vision: He is looking to be a cattle farmer, like his mentor, Jim Zeoli, and preferably near his hometown of Orange. By purchasing the 83 acres that straddle the Woodbridge/Derby/Orange town line, he took the first step toward making that dream a reality.

A year ago, motorists who drove up Baldwin Road to get to Route 34 noticed a sturdy fence going up along the road frontage, followed by a farmstand in the summertime. In the fall a corn maze and tractor rides attracted quite a bit of attention. A big sign announced Townline Farm.

He couldn't do it alone. Mortali, 25, has the help and support of his parents, Joe and Karen, who are working along with him. Joe Mortali likes the big farm tractor and has been carving walking trails throughout the property. Karen was manning the vegetable tent in the summer.

Cristian's girlfriend, Rachel Holden, is also immersed in the care of the land. Rachel grew up on a farm in Orange, and teaches agriculture at Lyman Hall High School in Wallingford. Together they were collecting the sap from maple trees these last few weeks, hauling large containers back to the truck. The evaporator is set up in the back of Rachel's house. "It takes about 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup," she said.

Like for most local farmers, the farming work starts after the regular work is done. For the 25-year-old Mortali that is a full-time job with Orange Public Works Department. But after 3 p.m. he is out, tapping trees, cutting trees, hauling sap.

Mortali praised the state's Farm Preservation Program for making the dream possible. "It gives people like me

the chance to do what they want to do," he said. He had been working on Jim Zeoli's farm for years. At first, he was terrified of the cows, he said, until he got to bottle feed a calf. He continued to work in the barns at UConn. "I always wanted my own place," he said. There is a resurgence of young people who want to work the land, but it is difficult to find land, he said.

Several years ago, the Woodbridge Land Trust had started fundraising to buy the development rights from the previous owners of the property, the bulk of which is actually located in Derby, and was zoned industrial. For the Woodbridge Land Trust, it was one way to prevent a large industrial development from setting up shop in the backyard of one of the most scenic spots in Woodbridge. For the state, it meant preserving some 35-40 acres of farmland soils, which would have been lost otherwise.

"There are woodlands, wetlands and pasture lands here, as well as crop lands, Mortali said. He can build a barn and a house, per the easement, but he can't sell a part of it to be developed.

His next plan is to build a cattle barn and buy the first heads of livestock, just a few to start, which he will purchase from area farmers. The big fence along Bradley Road serves to keep out the deer, who have been roaming freely here for some 50 years. But it also serves as a second layer of protection to prevent the livestock from straying. Down the road he plans to sell beef along with the vegetables.

This summer he is looking to set up a bigger tent for the vegetables, and he and Rachel have been looking through seed catalogues to get started on new crops. Oh yes, and they will be selling maple syrup. In a few months, look out for the flag to go up at the gate that will indicate that the farmstand is open.

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Clocktower To Serve as a Reminder of Bicentennial Year

The Board of Selectmen, at its March 9 meeting, discussed a proposal to erect a tower clock in front of Town Hall. "It would be a lasting commemoration of our Bicentennial," said Selectman Mitch Goldblatt, who has been working on this project along with First Selectman Jim Zeoli.

If approved, the clock would be installed at the corner of Tyler City and Orange Center roads. It would sit at the top of a 16-foot post, with the clock face showing the town seal. It would be lit, so it would be visible at night.

Since this would be a custom-made clock, it would require a considerable lead time, Goldblatt said. The town would have to run electricity and install a concrete base. There may be LOCIP (Local Capital Improvement) funds available for it.

The discussion at the Board of Selectmen on this project was past the Orange Town News press time.

Oral History Project Preserves the Past, Celebrates the Present

To preserve a piece of living history, Selectwoman Judy Wright Williams is conducting interviews with notable Orange residents, who have served the town in one capacity or another over the last 50 years and more. The interviews will be part of the bicentennial celebration which is being planned for this summer.

She started with the old farmers and the founders of the Orange Country Fair, but she also included educators, the first sewer inspector, a long-time fire chief and more. "It brings out what makes Orange such a unique community," Williams said.

The interviews are taking place in the interviewee's home, and are being recorded with the help of OGAT's own Chris Kelly and his sister Lauren.

Typically, when she first approaches people about the project, they are often hesitant and camera shy, but once the conversations are underway, they love to talk about the past, she said. Interviews can take up to 3 hours, and on occasion children and grandchildren chime in as well, asking them questions.

The families will receive a copy of the recording, Williams said. For the Bicentennial, the town is planning to make a montage of video clips, showing the town through the years, with a voice-over gleaned from the interviews. "It will culminate with Jim Zeoli talking about where the town is now," she said.

Chris Kelly said the plan is to create a documentary of sorts about Orange, its history and where it is now. Once it's ready for publication, it will run on the Orange Government Television and its YouTube channel. But they also are planning a public showing, although the details of that are yet to be worked out.

By the end of February, they had completed 14 interviews, with people such as Walter Clark, Walt Bepuda; Rollie Hine, Gloria Capecelatro, Ginny Reinhard, Doris Knight, Dottie Berger and others. But the list continues to grow Kelly said. In all, they may have as many as 30-40 interviews, provided people agree to it.

In addition to the documentary, the videos are also being transcribed and compiled in a book, which will be available at the library.

"It's a fun experience," Kelly said. "I am learning a lot about the town. So many stories – people were wearing a lot of different hats back in the day."

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a separate Bicentennial parade; and light-hearted entertainment with the widely anticipated "Mud Run" – an obstacle course.

"We will have all sorts of commemorative items," O'Sullivan predicts. Even The Lion's Club's traditional wine tasting will feature glasses emblazoned with the Bicentennial logo, making them a collector's item. O'Sullivan said he contacted the postmaster with the idea of creating a special stamp, allowing for very special mailings to go out into the world.

On Saturday, September 10, they are planning to dig up the time capsule that was buried 50 years ago at the Sesquicentennial. The items from the time capsule will be displayed at the Orange Country Fair the following weekend. Orange Town News publisher Rocky Salpento, is finalizing plans for the Town's Annual Independence Day Concert and Fireworks. We are hoping

to make this another special event for the town to enjoy, particularly in this Bicentennial year Salpento stated.

One group that will be particularly busy this summer is the Orange Historical Society.

- › It is planning historic displays and exhibits as well as children's events and games at the Academy every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- › There will be lunch at the historic Bryan-Andrew House on Thursday, June 2 and again Tuesday, July 7.
- › The Lebanon Town Militia will camp out at the Bryan Andrew House on Saturday, July 16, from 9 to 3 p.m.
- › Herb Garden Tours are planned at the Stone Otis House on July 23 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- › Crafters and a blacksmith will visit the Stone Otis House on August 27, with a rain date of August 28. "We're going to have a lot of fun," O'Sullivan said.

How To Celebrate St. Patrick's Day Safely

St. Patrick's Day celebrations are renowned for their boisterous nature. St. Patrick's Day traditionally is marked by festivals, parades, gatherings with family and friends, and trips to pubs to enjoy merriment with others.

Even though folks want to focus on the fun and the fanfare come March 17th, it's important to recognize that safety should come first when making St. Patrick's Day plans.

Drink Responsibly

St. Patrick's Day is a time when the Guinness or Jameson's may flow more readily. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that roughly 28 people in the United States die in drunk-driving crashes every day — that's one person every 52 minutes. St. Patrick's Day revelers should establish their plans for getting home prior to going out. Taxis or ride sharing services can ensure everyone gets home safely. Friends celebrating together also can select designated drivers. Celebrants also should be sure to balance their alcohol consumption with eating so they do not feel the effects of drinking too quickly, as alcohol impairs decision-making.

Safer Health Choices

Just when the world could see the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel regarding the coronavirus pandemic, the Omicron variant spread and made celebrations less safe — eventually affecting

holiday season celebrations. Since the World Health Organization named Omicron a variant of concern on November 26, 2021, it has ripped through countries and communities causing illness in both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. Health experts say Omicron is two to three times more contagious than the Delta variant, although severity of symptoms may be reduced. UNC Health infectious diseases specialist Dr. David Wohl, MD, says Omicron is not responsive to current treatments, such as monoclonal antibodies, and future variants may not be, either. This means that St. Patrick's Day celebrants may want to gauge COVID-19 transmission in their communities and avoid gatherings with lots of people. Mask-wearing, avoiding crowded events and getting vaccinated can help reduce risk for COVID-19 infection. Choosing outdoor festivities may be much safer. Also, at-home rapid tests may help people figure out if they have COVID-19 faster so they'll know if they can celebrate without spreading infection.

Celebrate Virtually

Virtual celebrations may be the norm this St. Patrick's Day. Plan a video-conference call with a group of friends and order takeout of favorite Irish delicacies to party safely at home.

St. Patrick's Day festivities are boisterous, but safety must play a significant role in such celebrations.

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ELECTION 2022

Mullin Announces Run for State Senate

Kim-Marie Mullin announced her candidacy for the 14th State Senate District serving Milford, Orange, West Haven and Woodbridge. The announcement was held this Tuesday on Walnut Beach in Milford, coinciding with International Women’s Day.

Ms. Mullin is the Principal Broker/Owner of HUDSON + SOUND Brokerage and serves as a 2022 Director for the Mid-Fairfield County Association of REALTORS®. As a CT/NY Broker in the industry for 20 years, she has managed several successful large offices on local and regional levels and was William Pitt Sotheby’s International Realty’s Director of Education overseeing CT, MA and NY. She is the MFCAR 2022 Education Committee Co-Chair, 2022 MFCAR RPAC Chair and sits on the Connecticut State Association of REALTORS® 2022 Political Fundraising Committee. As a primary MFCAR instructor, she currently teaches CT Law, Ethics and Fair Housing and several other continuing education classes for brokers and salespeople. Mullin holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Iona College, graduating magna cum laude.

Mullin believes that her extensive experience in leadership, management, political/community advocacy will give her the tools she needs to bring changes to Hartford. With a specific focus on affordability, taxes, environment and safety, Mullin would



Kim-Marie Mullin

be grateful to have the opportunity to represent the issues of the residents of the 14th.

Mullin chose to announce her candidacy on International Women’s Day in homage to the brave women of history who opened the doors, making it possible for her to run for office. Most recently, Mullin served as the Campaign Manager in one of Connecticut’s most heated races.

In her spare time, she serves on the Sandy Point Neighborhood Association: Beautification, Safety and Helping Hands committees. Mullin enjoys volunteering, gardening and kayaking with her partner and their 4 rescue dogs in their coastal CT bungalow.

Kennedy Kicks off Run for Third Term in House

With a strong record of bipartisanship, coalition building, and community involvement, State Rep. Kathy Kennedy who is serving her second term in the Connecticut General Assembly representing the 119th House District covering portions of Orange and Milford announced she plans to run for a third term this November.

“There are many challenges our state faces post-COVID and I want to help move our State in the right direction on both the public health and economic side. The working middle class have been hit hardest during the pandemic. I plan to work on some much-needed tax relief for these hard-working families,” said Rep. Kennedy. “Together we can steer Connecticut in the right direction.

Kennedy currently serves on the legislative Public Health, Appropriations, Education committees. She is currently the head House Republican on the Legislative and Executive Nominations committee.

Kathy also serves as a member of the bi-partisan Women’s Caucus, the Coastal caucus, the I/DD caucus for the those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and the EMS/Fire caucus. This year she joined and was a member of both the Endometriosis Working Group and the Breast Cancer Awareness Working Group.

In her second term, Kathy Kennedy has continued to fight for a more affordable place to live for working families.

Rep. Kennedy said, “I want Connecticut to be a place where people want to work, a place to call home, raise a family and retire.”

Some of the key accomplishments:

- › Worked across party lines to assist those most affected by COVID
- › Improved the affordability for state residents by supporting the scheduled phase out of the state



Kathy Kennedy

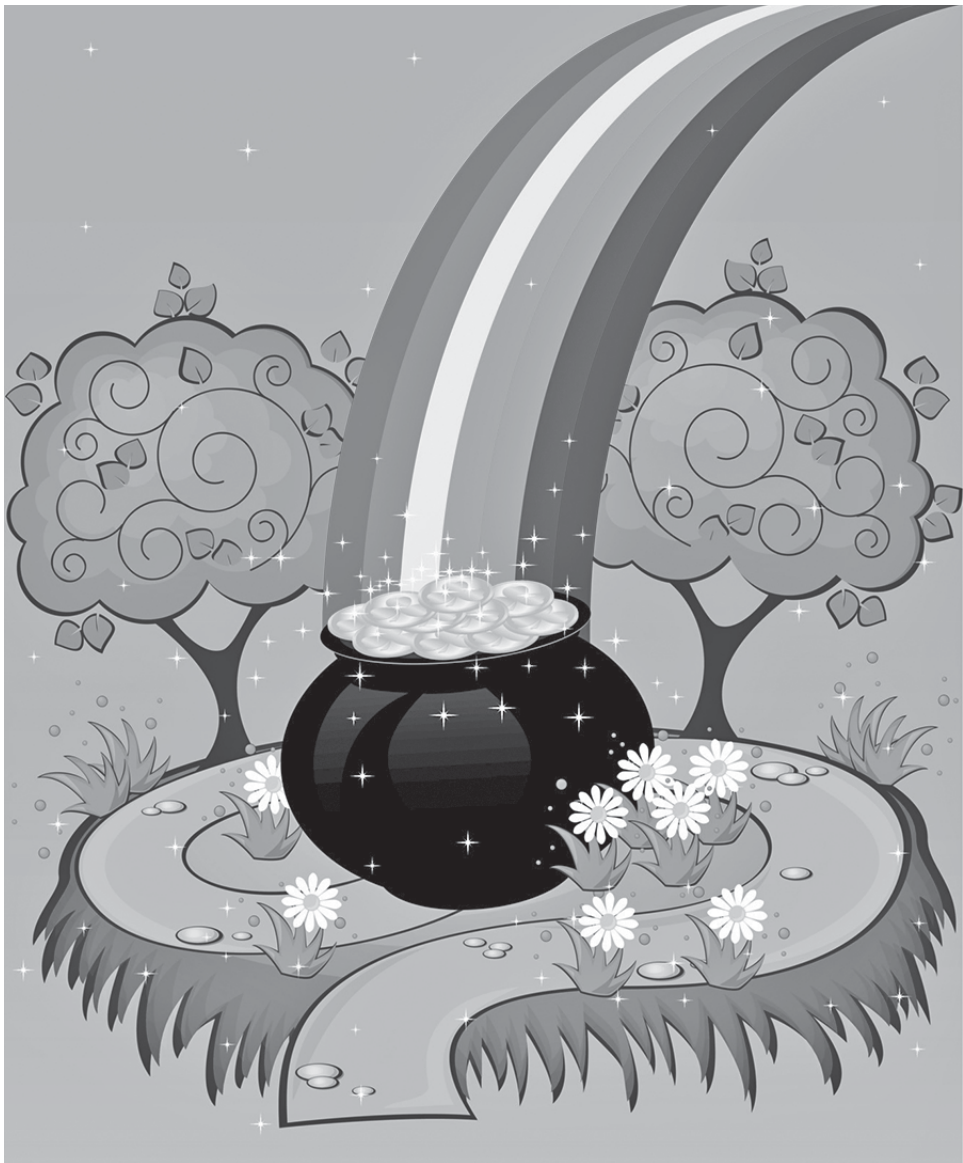
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- › Protecting our local shellfish industry vital to the region
- › Working to preserve local control of zoning and oppose the state-takeover
- › Vocal advocate for improved public safety and addresses the rise in juvenile crime and fought attempts to eliminate School Resource Officers (SRO) from schools
- › Supported a bill to increase protections for children by ensuring coaches, teachers or instructors pass an extensive background check

Kennedy prides herself on her common sense approach to government.

“I will continue to speak out for our non-profits, like the United Way of Milford, The Beth-El Center and the Boys and Girls Club. We need to fulfill those promises that were made to our non-profits,” said Rep. Kennedy.

Additionally, Kennedy spent many hours communicating with residents through email and phone conversation while also having regular office hours making sure she was getting the true pulse of the district and what they wanted.



A black and white headshot of a man with dark hair, smiling. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a striped tie. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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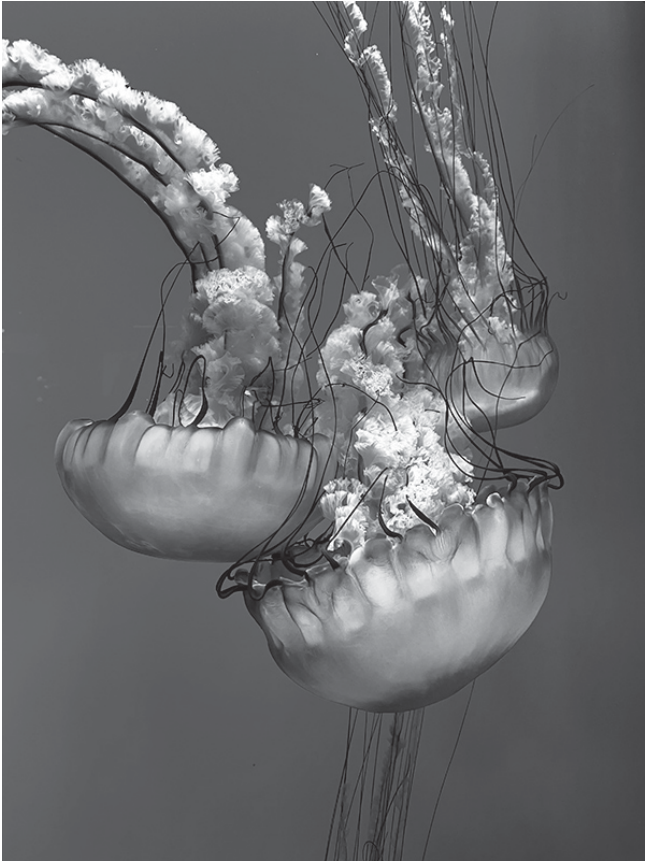
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28th	Youth Services Advisory Board.....7:30 pm	HPCC



ARTS & LEISURE



Left to right: Ben Frazier Submission, Eveleen Submission, Amanda Koola Submission, Grace Lodewick Submission, Alexandra Louros Submission

2022 Scholastic Award Winners

Every year Amity High School enters the CT Scholastic Art Awards competition. Schools that have 7-12th graders can submit a selection of works in different categories. There are single artwork submissions and

portfolio submission opportunities for each school as well. This year our Amity students did a great job, and the visual art department is proud of them. The three Photography awards

went to Alexandra Louros, 12, of Orange, Amanda Koola, 10, of Woodbridge and Ben Frazier, 11, of Bethany all received the Silver Key. Grace Lodewick, 12, of Woodbridge, received an Honorable Mention in Drawing, and

Eveleen, 12, of Orange, received the Silver Key in Printmaking. Congratulations to the above-mentioned students, their exceptional work and the manner in which they represent Amity.

“If you’re Irish, it doesn’t matter where you go - you’ll find family.” — VICTORIA SMURFIT

Tickets Available for Amity’s Spring Musical Mamma Mia!

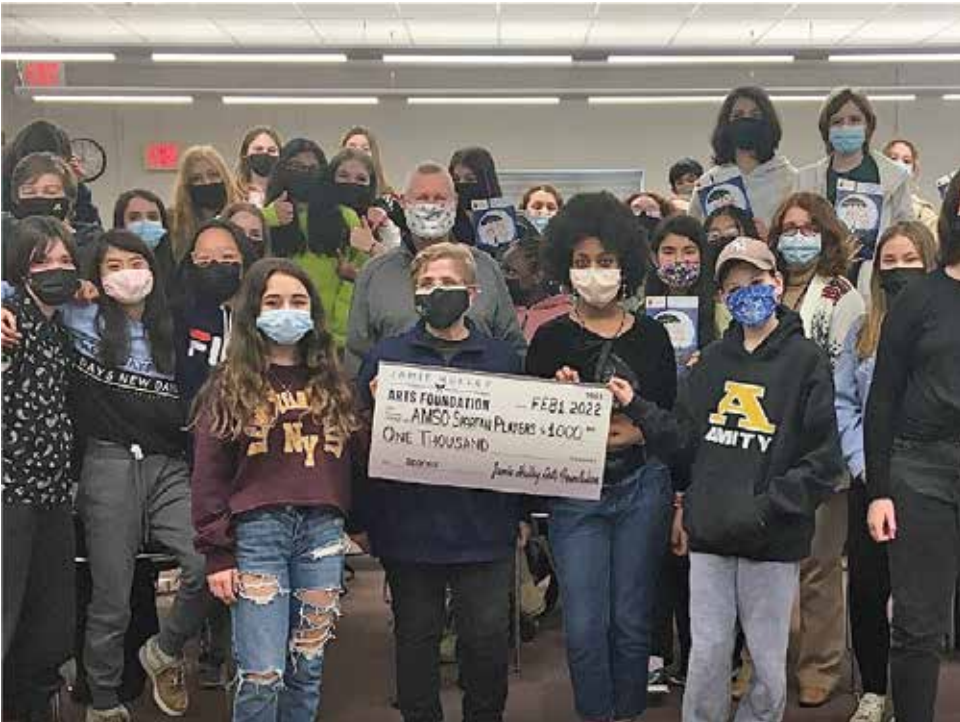
The award-winning Amity Regional High School Theater Department, under the direction of Robert and Andrea Kennedy, is thrilled to announce the production of Mamma Mia! Mamma Mia! is the hilarious story of a young woman’s search for her birth father. This sunny and funny tale unfolds in a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter’s quest to dis-

cover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother’s past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. The story-telling magic of ABBA’s timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter, and friendship, creating an unforgettable show. Performances are April 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9 at 8:00 p.m. at the John J. Brady Center for the Performing Arts at Amity

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Spartan Players Spring Production Announced!

With a generous grant from their headlining sponsor, The Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation (jamiehulleyartsfund.org), The AMSO Spartan Players (Orange Campus) are pleased to announce its production of Mary Poppins, Friday, March 18, and Saturday, March 19, at 6:30 PM. The AMSO Spartan

Players look forward to bringing this timeless story to life! The Squarefoot Theatre Company's Patrick Laffin has teamed up with over 50 students to bring this amazing show to the stage! Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale at the door for all performances.



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from Tel Aviv to Texas. ShirLaLa's award winning albums along with her parent and teacher resource center, "Blog Sameyach," are played in homes, schools, classrooms, dance parties, and on the way to Grandmothers' houses, worldwide. Audiences of all ages are swept up by her love for the music, so bring your dancing shoes and get ready for this wiggle giggle love fest! This event is made possible by a generous gift from an anonymous donor.
Registration Link <https://jewish-federationofgreaternewha.regfox.com/4pm-shirlala-family-concert>.



Hulley Foundation Keeps the Arts Blooming

The Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation announces its second annual KEEP THE ARTS BLOOMING virtual raffle campaign. 100% of the proceeds will be dedicated to local educational programs, scholarships, and community projects. During the 2021 pandemic shutdown, we provided much needed financial assistance to youth hoping to continue their training in the visual & performing arts, to early career professionals with original projects to fill the void of unemployment, and to our local school & community partners developing new and innovative approaches to arts education and performance. This year, Keep the Arts Blooming 2022 is focused on bringing back the arts safely, bigger, better, and more vibrant than ever.
Give big, win big. There are ten chances to win! Raffle prizes are VISA gift cards valued at \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$200, and \$100. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased online on the foundation's website: www.jamiehulleyartsfund.org. Winners will be drawn live on the foundation's Face-

book page on the first day of spring, Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 7 pm.
The Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation provides life-changing educational opportunities in the arts to hundreds of youths and adults each year through its educational programs, scholarships, and community projects. The foundation's educational programs provide unique enrichment opportunities to Amity schools as well as schools in the greater New Haven, Bridgeport, and Valley areas. The Foundation also provides financial support for artists, middle school through the early career years, to develop their talents in the visual and performing arts as well as sponsoring numerous arts programs in the local community.
Just as Spring is a time of renewal and rebirth, the arts are breaking through the pandemic-imposed hibernation and bursting with creative energy to fill our hearts with joy and hope. Please join us and TAKE A CHANCE! Together, we can keep the arts blooming!





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TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

Cost of Surplus, Amity Budget Update, & Voting Awareness

RESPONDING TO TAXPAYER’S QUESTIONS

BY JIM LEAHY, VICE-CHAIRMAN, ORANGE BOARD OF FINANCE

The feedback from the prior two articles in the Orange Town News has been extensive. People have numerous questions & seem to be connecting to the topic of budgeting which clearly impacts the taxes they pay. In my view, this heightened awareness and interest is a healthy & welcome activity that benefits our community. I wish to address four questions that have surfaced.

Question 1: Amity \$3 Million Surplus each year from FY 18-21: what is the Cost to Orange Taxpayers?

The 4-year Amity surplus has cost each Orange taxpayer **\$685**. This represents an **UNNECESSARY TAX** on your wallets. While there are many factors involved, this calculation provides a “101 course” estimate. See chart for analysis done by members of the Orange BOF.

IMPACT Analysis -- Amity Surpluses FY 18-21: The Cost to Each Orange Taxpayer	
\$1,500,000	Yearly share of Amity Surplus
\$71,170,899	Total Orange Budget (4 year ave.)
2.11%	Amity Surplus as % of Orange Budget
\$8,125	Ave Taxes
\$171.24	Yearly Overtax due to Amity Surplus
4	years
\$684.97	Ave 4-Year Overtax

Question 2: What is Latest Information about the Amity budget?

There are now three Amity budgets proposed/supported. On 01-24-22, the initial Proposed Amity budget of 4.92% increase was presented to the Orange BOF. On 02-04-22, the Orange BOF voted unanimously to support a 0.41% budget increase. On 02-28-22, the Amity Finance Committee voted 4-2 to support a 3.99% increase (Bethany & Orange BOF reps voted against). This chart summarizes these budgets and their impacts to Orange & Woodbridge.

Budget Impact: Increases					
Proposed Amity Budgets	% Increase	Orange		Woodbridge	
		\$	%	\$	%
Initial Proposed Amity	4.92%	\$1,581,917	6.27%	\$1,078,903	6.88%
Amity Finance Committee	3.99%	\$1,339,066	5.31%	\$921,748	5.66%
Orange BOF	0.41%	\$211,963	1.61%	\$318,482	1.96%

(Note: the % impact to the Towns of Orange & Woodbridge are higher than the budget increase due to shift in student population %s and declining “other Revenue” from the prior year.)

Question 3: Why does Amity need such a Large Increase?

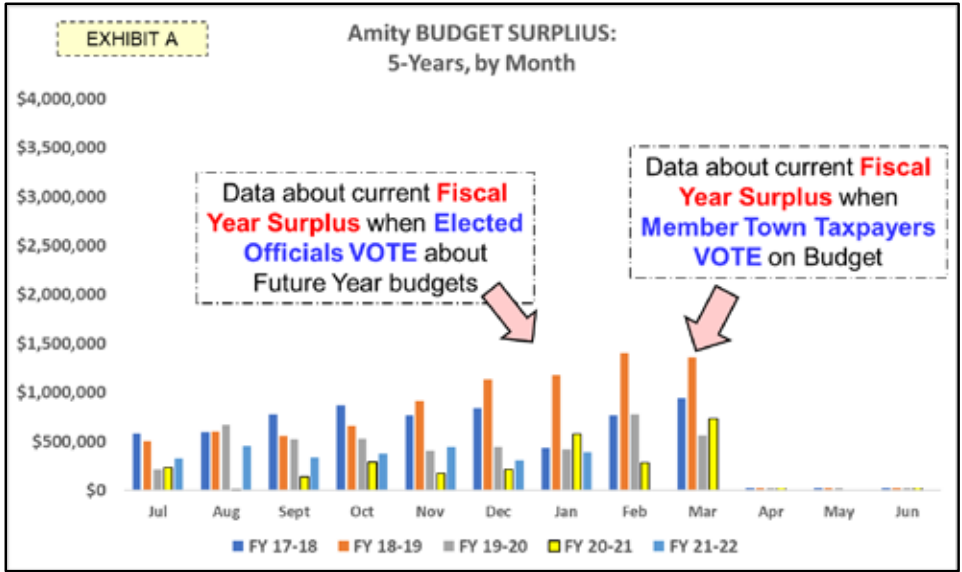
- That is unclear given the following:
- Overall, **68 fewer students** down to 2,164 lowest in 20 years;
 - Proposed adding **7.2 staff positions**;
 - Proposed spending increase of \$2,544,901 to \$54,243,108, a **4.92% spending increase**;
 - If you add this increase (\$2,544,901) to the average Amity budget surplus of \$2,983,979 million over the past 4 years, the budget request swells to greater than **\$5.5 million over actual FY 21-22 expenditures, a 10.7% increase!**
 - However, Actual surplus data for this year is unavailable at this time – see question #4.

Question 4: What is the connection between the Amity Surplus (Current Year) and the Budget (Following Year)?

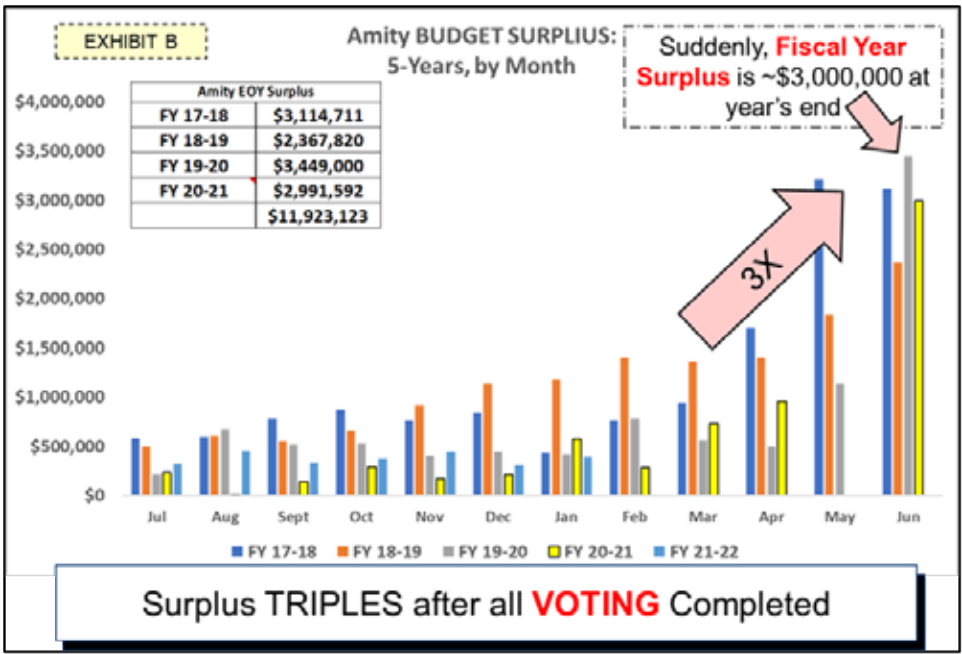
An excellent question. Clearly when you actually spent LESS in the current year (a Surplus), then the **Actual Increase** for the following budget year would be the **Budgeted Increase PLUS the Surplus** from the prior year. And we know in the

past 4 years, Amity has averaged ~ \$3,000,000 surplus. This fact resulted in an 8.2% Budget increase of **ACTUAL SPENT** to **BUDGET REQUESTED**. In each year of the past 4 years, an average of 8.2%.

Yet the context is deeper than that. **Look at EXHIBIT A.** Using historical records, I created a chart of the surplus BY MONTH. The January data is what is available when the Amity Finance Committee **VOTES** on the Future Budget. The March data is what is available when the 3 Member Town taxpayers **VOTE** for the Budget, assuming Taxpayers have the ability to be aware/can access this information.



Now look at Exhibit B. This chart shows the Surplus data for the Full Fiscal Year, one that has resulted in a \$3,000,000 Surplus each year over the last 4 years.



- Observations/Comments:**
- TIMING:** Due to monthly processing April data is available in mid-May; May data is presented in mid-June; awareness of the June data comes out in early July.
 - TRENDS:** Dramatic increase consistently occur in the April, May, and June months, well past decision & VOTING dates of elected representatives & taxpayers in the 3 Member Towns.
 - “Did You Know” Trend:** Over the past 4 years, notice that **this Surplus TRIPLED by June compared to March**. This trend repeatedly occurs in each year AFTER we cast our VOTE on the budget for the coming year.

To avoid unwarranted tax increases, our town governments do everything in their power to **accurately budget** to fund Town services without budget requests that are well beyond our actual needs. The Orange Board of Finance (OBOF) is simply asking Amity to use this same approach.

- Key Upcoming Dates:**
- March 14: Amity BOE meets to VOTE on the FY 22-23 Amity budget;
 - March-April: Amity Leadership seek ways to trim the approved budget from March 14;
 - May 3: Taxpayers from the 3 Member Towns VOTE on the Amity budget.

The seven Orange members of the Amity BOE from Orange are: John Belfonti (Chair), Chris Browe, Shannan Carlson, Paul Davis, Carla Eichler, Sean Hartshorn, Christina Levere-D’Addio.



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ELECTION 2022

State Representative Charles Ferraro Seeks Re-Election

Charles Ferraro has announced he will be running for his 5th term representing the 117th House district, comprising parts of Milford, Orange and West Haven. “During my time as your Representative in Hartford I have worked across the aisle to pass legislation that helps families, encourages the development of offshore wind power generation and improves our state government. I have advocated for new legislation to fight juvenile crime and to properly support our police. I fought against legislation that threatened local control of zoning decisions, the forced regionalization of schools, and harmful tax increases.” said Ferraro.

“I am proud of what I have accomplished, but we still have a lot of work to do. I will not stop until our taxes are reduced and our economy is firing on all cylinders. A safer Connecticut starts with a stronger Connecticut. It starts with an economy that can support jobs, build hope and create a path to success for young people.” he added.

Representative Charles Ferraro is the ranking member of the Energy and Technology Committee. He also serves on the Appropriations and Veterans’ Affairs Committees.

Charles is the founder of the Tang Soo Do Mi Guk Kwan Association which serves martial artists throughout the USA and South America. He is the owner of the West Haven Academy of Karate, a 45-year-old local business.

Charles is also the co-founder the Worldwide Tang Soo Do Family (WTSDF) which is based in West Haven and Rotterdam, Netherlands. The WTSDF is an umbrella organization created for the purpose of uniting Tang Soo Do organizations worldwide.

Once the current session has been completed, Charles will be out in the community speaking with voters to discuss the past legislative session and understand your concerns. Charlie can be reached at 203.410.3207 or info@reelectferraro.com, Reelectferraro.com, facebook.com/ReElectFerraro.

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OCNS celebrated Read Across America week! The kindergarten readiness class worked on rhyming skills as part of the literacy curriculum to prepare students for kindergarten.

Fun Ways For Children To Participate In St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day commemorates its namesake, the patron saint of Ireland who helped spread Christianity across this island nation. While it may have begun as a religious holiday, eventually the fanfare expanded to transform St. Patrick's Day into a secular celebration spanning the world — reaching Irish diaspora in various countries. In fact, some of the largest St. Patrick's Day events occur outside of Ireland.

In addition to paying homage to St. Patrick, the holiday is largely known for being one big party catering to the over-21 crowd. It's common to find people raising pints throughout the day on St. Patrick's Day. However, for those who want children to be a part of the festivities, there are plenty of entertaining ways to incorporate them into any celebration.

Attend a parade. Parades are a common sight come St. Patrick's Day, and they're ideal activities for children. If your town or city is hosting a St. Patrick's Day parade this year, make plans to attend with the children. Follow safety precautions, including remaining socially distant, when necessary, and watch the floats, pipers, colorfully clad characters, and other participants go by.

Serve child-friendly beverages. For those hosting St. Patrick's Day at home, be sure to have a variety of foods and beverages on hand, particularly ones that children

can enjoy. Whip up your own concoction like a Leprechaun Punch that features lemon-lime soda, green food coloring and lime sherbet.

Learn St. Patrick's history. Children may not realize that St. Patrick, even though he is the patron saint of Ireland, actually was born in Britain, according to National Geographic Kids. Also, he wasn't always associated with the color green; he was first depicted wearing blue robes. These are just some of the facts adults and children can explore together.

Collect clovers. St. Patrick used a three-leaf clover, or shamrock, to explain the basic tenets of Christianity. The three-leaf clover represented the Holy Trinity. If St. Patrick's Day falls on a nice day, everyone can venture outside to collect shamrocks and hunt for the elusive four-leaf clover, which may bring good luck.

Get dressed up. Children can have fun dressing up in all sorts of apparel. While green shirts are par for the course, kids also can don rugby or soccer shirts from their favorite Irish teams. Authentic Irish Aran wool sweaters and cardigans, or other traditional clothing, also can be worn. Kids may have fun making masks or hats they can wear as well.

St. Patrick's Day is a fun time for people of all ages. The holiday can be made kid-friendly in a variety of ways.



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Yale Child Study Center's Spotlight on Anxiety Forum

The Yale Child Study Center's Anxiety and Mood Disorders Program will be holding the 8th Annual Spotlight on Anxiety Forum for Concerned Parents and Professionals on Thursday, April 21. This year's theme is "The 'Other Pandemic': Anxiety in the Time of COVID-19." The forum will provide attendees with cutting-edge, clinically informed information about childhood anxiety and its increased prevalence since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some topics will include genetics, irritability, failure to launch, parenting children & adolescents, and somatic symptoms. To learn more and/or register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/8th-annual-spotlight-on-anxiety-the-other-pandemic-tickets-250506600987?aff=affiliate2>.

The Anxiety and Mood Disorders Program at the Yale Child Study Center offers comprehensive evaluations and treatments for children and adolescents ages 6 to 14 years. Services are provided at no cost to families who are eligible to participate in research but can otherwise be provided for a fee (with a sliding scale plan also available). The program treats a range of anxiety disorders and fears, such as excessive worrying, social anxiety, separation anxiety, anxiety relating to school (e.g., taking tests, speaking in class, attending school, etc.), and specific fears (e.g., heights, dogs, thunder, etc.).

The program currently has three large clinical trials. The first is looking for children 10-14 years old to study how children with and without anxiety pay attention to pictures of faces. If eligible, your child will complete computer tasks while we measure

their attention. You and your child will also respond to surveys. Eligible participants will be compensated up to \$350. The second trial is for children 6-12 years old and includes two effective treatments for childhood anxiety – Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Supportive Parenting for Anxious Childhood Emotions (SPACE), a parent-based treatment. Families enrolled in this research are randomized to receive SPACE or Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) for 12 weekly sessions. Study participants receive evaluation and treatment at no cost and are compensated up to \$250. The third trial, for children 10-14, is testing the effects of a brief computer-based training that targets attentional processes to reduce social anxiety in children. Attention training is a promising treatment for anxiety disorders because the hope is to train the child's brain to divert from threatening stimuli. Participants will complete the computer program twice a week for four weeks. Study participants receive treatment at no cost and are compensated up to \$600.

The Anxiety and Mood Disorders Program is led by Wendy Silverman, PhD, Alfred A. Messer Professor of Child Psychiatry and Director of the Yale Child Study Center Program's Anxiety and Mood Disorders Program, and Eli Lebowitz, PhD, Associate Professor in the Child Study Center and Associate Director of the Anxiety and Mood Disorders Program. If interested, please feel free to call (203) 737-4644 or email anxiety.csc@yale.edu to learn more about the Anxiety and Mood Disorders Program at the Yale Child Study Center.



Pandemic/Winter Sedentary Precautions

BY MICHAEL DEMETRIADES DPT

As the winter and cold months are approaching in conjunction with a pandemic, many people are slowing down, not going out as much and ultimately move their bodies less. This can be the perfect combination to allow muscle weakness to set in. Between moving less, outdoor household chores, and weather conditions; there are many ways to stay active and keep yourself safe during this time of year.

During this pandemic and now the winter approaching, people are staying inside more, becoming less active, which could lead to falls. There are a number of ways to combat this without leaving your home during this vulnerable time. Several body weight exercises can be performed in your home for people of every skill and disability level. Physical therapists can take an assessment and provide you with a great home exercise program tailored for your specific needs and skill level which can be done in clinic or through an E-visit (internet visit/phone). In my experience, patients that tend to be more active using specific home exercises overall fall less frequent. Some general exercises that most people are able to do would be sit to stand transfers from a chair, straight leg raises in bed, going up and down one step, lunges performed at your counter are just a few options. For a more specific plan contact a physical therapist.

As snow starts to fall this time of year, there can be more work around your house. These winter activities shoveling snow and winterizing your house can be very taxing on your body. Prior to going out in the elements, make sure you are having a proper meal, drinking plenty of water and performing light stretching. Also, when performing these activities do smaller, more frequent rounds of the task, instead of leaving one daunting, big clean up. In my experience, I have seen many patients come in with injuries related to shoveling and raking when they leave everything for one big clean up. A good recommendation would be to go out a few times during the snow storm to keep up with it while there is less accumulation as opposed to try to shovel 12 or more inches at one time. This can be a hazard to pulling muscles and more importantly heart attacks.



Michael Demetriades DPT

Finally, with the weather conditions getting worse in the winter, proper preventative measures can be made in order to avoid falling. A few ways to prevent falls would be to salt and sand walkways and driveway before and after snowfall. This small amount of traction can help avoid a slip and fall injury. Another way would be to purchase attachments for your shoes which have small spikes or grips which will allow you to walk over ice with significantly less chance of falling.

In the chance of an injury that occurs during the winter months or anytime for that matter, physical therapy is a great option that requires no prescription. Injuries will improve quicker when treatment intervention occurs sooner in the process. There are also E-visit options available during this pandemic as well.

These few tips and preventative measures can keep you safe this winter. If there are questions about any of the content above, I can be contacted at Amity Physical Therapy in Branford at 203-433-4683.

Michael Demetriades DPT received his doctorate degree from Quinnipiac University. He has experience in working with all ages and injuries. Michael is a previous varsity hockey and baseball player who is well versed in the modern athlete. Amity Physical Therapy was founded by Michael Dow MSPT, CEO/Director 17 years ago. The practice now has four offices: Branford, Woodridge, Hamden and Milford. Michael Demetriades can be reached in Branford at (203) 433-4683.

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Dealing with Uncertainty

BY ROBERTA L NESTOR

Why do leprechauns always ask their advisors for advice twice? To be sure, to be sure. That is the problem facing all investors today, we are not sure of anything. For seasoned investors it is easy to just shake our heads and say, “here we go again” knowing that in time, the uncertainty will be over, and things will be back to normal. For newer investors, it is not so easy to just move on and act like nothing is happening.

Uncertainty creates fear and fear can make us do irrational things. Uncertainty interrupts our ability to plan. Normally, our brains make decisions for the future based on our past experiences. When the future is uncertain or we are experiencing something new, we cannot rely on past experiences to inform our decision-making.

Often, the less information we have to go on, the more irrational and erratic our decisions can become. You might think the opposite would be true—the less information we have, the more careful and rational we are in evaluating the validity of that information. Not so. As the uncertainty of the scenarios increase, the more our brains shift control over to the limbic system, the place where emotions, such as anxiety and fear, are generated.

How does uncertainty affect stock market? When uncertainty is at elevated levels it generally has a negative impact on stock prices, but when uncertainty is low, and especially when market sentiment is high, we are likely to see optimism leading to stock prices being inflated. During times of uncertainty, it is important to look back at previous geopolitical events. While the 9/11 attacks were more than 20 years ago, they remain very much a part of our lives in one form or another. This geopolitical event resulted in a 6-day (trading days) market sell-off. Remember, our markets were shut down for four of those trading days, creating even more fear and uncertainty. It took fifteen trading days for our markets to recover to prior market levels before the attacks. The size of the sell-off was a negative 11.60%. In September of 2014 we experienced intervention in

Syria. That sell-off lasted twenty-one trading days and took twelve trading days to recover to the pre-event market high. The size of the sell-off was a negative 7.40%. Another example was in March of 2014, reflecting a less severe Ukraine conflict. We had a 6 day sell-off with a 13-day recovery, with market losses -2.00%.

When we are experiencing uncertainty, we might be thinking, “I don’t want to take any risk with my investments.” For investors, it is difficult to separate the difference between risk and uncertainty. Risk is the chance that an investment’s actual outcome will differ from the expected outcome, while uncertainty is the lack of certainty about an event. The main difference between risk and uncertainty is that risk is measurable while uncertainty is not measurable or predictable.

Corrections (market down-turns between 10% and 20%) can be a result of economic downturns or a result of geopolitical events. They are normal, albeit unpleasant, part of the investing landscape. From 1928 thru 2021 there have been 99 market corrections – on average – that is about every three ½ years. Corrections are normal. History has shown us that markets are resilient as well as efficient.

May the luck of the Irish bless all your financial decision making (and get some help from your advisor, too)!

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Orange Soccer Association (OSA) In-house Program SPRING 2022 REGISTER ON WEBSITE ONLY OrangeSoccerCT.org

Orange Soccer is a weekly program designed to allow young players to develop their soccer skill in a fun and relaxed environment.

Spring Season Information

The Spring 2022 season will run Sundays April 10th through June 19th.

Please help us spread the word and share with those families especially with children entering Pre-K and Kindergarten.

Every Sunday during the season, teams of approx. 6-8 players are led through ~15 minutes of skill building exercises, followed by 45-60 minutes of game time depending on the age group. Teams are coached by parent volunteers and officiated by experienced referees.

Return to Play Guidelines Due to COVID

Available upon request and will be modified based on the latest information from CJSA.

Cancellations

Soccer is an all-weather sport and will be played in light rain conditions. Any cancellations will be communicated via group e-mail and on our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/OrangesoccerassociationCT>

Game Day Attire

T-Shirts will be supplied on the first day of play.

All players are required to bring Own Water, Hand Sanitizer, Mask, Own Ball with your child’s name on it, Shin Guards, Gloves (winter gloves are fine) in case opportunity to play goalie. Players must wear sneakers (soccer cleats are optional)

Parents are responsible to wash/sanitize all personal equipment between events.

Team Divisions, Game Time and Location

Teams are made up mostly by the Grade the child will be entering in the fall. We do it this way so that players potentially know each other from the classroom. **Should you have a cohort of friends that you want your child to play with, please make a list of those players on the Special Requests “NOTES” Section of the registration page.**

Children must be 4 years old by May 1st, 2022.

Practice Clinics

In addition to the Sunday program, we offer free clinics at Fred Wolfe Park (300 Hollow Rd, Orange CT) to all In-house enrolled players. These sessions are organized by Sterling Smith, an Amity Travel Soccer tenured coach and run by him and his staff. Players must wear shin guards and sneakers (soccer cleats are optional) and bring water.

Practice clinics still TBD.

	Tuesday	Thursday
Girls	5:00-6:00	6:00-7:00
Boys	6:00-7:00	5:00-6:00

Fees

The fee for the Spring 2022 season is \$90.00 when paid by March 13th \$100 if paid between March 14th through April 10th \$125 if paid After April 9th 11:59pm

Requests to sponsor a Team must have artwork submitted and paid for no later than March 27th

Register and Pay early to avoid the late fees!!

Special for Amity Travel Soccer Players

Amity Travel Soccer Players may participate in OSA free of charge. Contact amitysoccerclub@gmail.com for your individual discount code.

Volunteers Needed

Orange Soccer is most successful due to all the great volunteers we have. Please consider coaching your child’s team. Pre-season training is available for 1st time coaches. In order to coach, please register your child and also yourself. If you are a first time volunteer you will need to enter your birthdates and Social Security Number, so that the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association may run a free background check.

Sponsorship Opportunity

Orange Soccer also greatly appreciates all of our sponsors and offers two levels of sponsorship **DUE BY MARCH 27th**:

- Basic: 1 season \$100
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You can sign up to sponsor your child’s team by indicating so on the registration page and supplying a logo in solid black or solid white to orangesoccerct@gmail.com.

Questions

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FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

BY DENNIS MARSH

Senior Center Check-in Center

Orange Community Services installed a computer kiosk to check in for events and activities. Be sure to come by the office for a key tag to use to swipe in. You will use the key card to sign in for classes, activities and volunteering and other activities.

Hiking Group

Marianne and Judy will lead us in a 2 mile-ish, 1 hour walk every Thursday at 10am. Meet at the location of the hike.

- › **March 3** - Eisenhower Park, Park in upper right-hand lot.
- › **March 10** - Ewen Farm Preserve, 648 St. John's Drive.
- › **March 17** - Racebrook Tract, 839 Racebrook Road, Orange.
- › **March 24** - Alice Newton Memorial Trail, Meeting House Lane, Woodbridge. Park between the Church & Library.
- › **March 31** - Beaver Brook, 553 West Avenue, Milford.

Pasta Festa – Living Treasures

Join us on May 19, 5:00—8:00pm as we celebrate three Living Treasures of the Town of Orange. Those selected will be announced. This year's celebration will be held at the High Plains Community Center and will be catered by Lassie's. Call the office at (203) 891-4788 for more information.

Adult Coloring

Join us as Ellen Brodell leads Adult Coloring, on April 7 at 12:30pm in the

cafe. Enjoy this fun and relaxing activity. All levels welcome. Ellen will have all the supplies.

Book Club

The book club meets the last Friday of the month at 2:00pm. The next meeting will be March 25. March's book is *The Color of Water* by James McBride.

Movie of the Month

March 11, 1:00pm, *Brooklyn* - An Irish immigrant lands in 1950s Brooklyn, where she quickly falls into a romance with a local. When her past catches up with her, however, she must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Call 203-891-4784 to register.

Lunch & Fun: The Howard Hill Story – New Date

Join us on April 18 at 1:30 when Connecticut author, Martin Herman discusses his biography on Connecticut musician Howard Hill who played with the who's who of American Jazz—Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole, Billie Holiday, and more. Call 203-891-4784 to reserve a seat. Coffee & to be served.

Irish Tales

Just in time for St Patrick's Day, join us March 14 when Sara DeBeer returns with her Irish Stories. Sara learned these stories from her travels in Ireland. Coffee & to be served. Call the office at 203-891-4784 to register for this event.

Genealogy

Join us when Orange resident, Kim

Formica presents Genealogy. She will show how to research your own lineage. If you need help to do the research, she can help you! Call the office (203) 891-4784 to register for this special presentation.

AARP Tax

AARP will be offering its tax preparation services again on Wednesdays & Fridays, starting February 2 and will run until April 15. You must bring with you last year's tax returns, complete tax information for 2021, and Social Security card for everyone on the return and a photo ID. Call (203) 891-4784 to schedule an appointment.

Computer classes with Josh

- › **Intro to PC** – Wednesdays, March 2-23 from 5-7pm;
- › **iPhone/iPad** – Wednesdays, April 6-27 from 5-7pm;
- › **Intro to Mac** – Wednesdays, May 4-25 from 5-7pm.

Hot Lunch Program

Lunch is offered Monday through Friday, 11:30am – 12:00pm. No meals on Saturday, or Sunday. A \$3.00 donation is accepted for persons 60+. Call Ellen at (203) 891-4765 to register.

Community Services has an Emergency Food Bank available for Orange residents in need. Call (203) 891-4788 for assistance.

Legal Clinic

The Law office of Floman DePaola has merged with Wiley, Etter, & Doyon, but they are still available the first Wednesday of each month for a free

legal clinic. Some things they will be able to help you with, while others may require an office visit and fee. To schedule an appointment call 203-891-4784.

Griffin Hospital/Parish Nurses Blood Pressure Check

Maggie from Griffin Hospital will be here the last Friday of the month from 10:30-12:00pm to take your blood pressure. Be sure to stop by for this free clinic.

Spring Cabaret

Join us on April 11 at 1:30 for our Spring Cabaret with Tina Vargas. She is sure to please the crowd with her musical talent. Call 203-891-4784 to reserve a seat. Coffee & to be served.

Trips

April 24: NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN: ORCHID SHOW. Vaccine cards presently mandated for NY City restaurants. Cost is \$107pp with transportation (some walking).

April 26: WELCOME SPRING LUNCHEON SHOW 2 the Chowder Pot of Hartford. Cost is \$94pp with transportation (minimal walking).

May 5: 9 TO 5 AND LUNCH @ Majestic Theater. Vaccine cards presently required by the venue for this trip. Cost is \$109pp with transportation (minimal walking).

May 18: DANCING DREAM: ABBA TRIBUTE @ Aqua Turf. Cost is \$106pp with transportation (minimal walking).

June 14: I WRITE THE SONGS: the Music of Barry Manilow @ St. Clements Castle. Cost is \$106pp with transportation (some walking).

Household Hazardous Waste Collection for Orange Residents

Orange Residents Can Dispose of Household Hazardous Chemicals

The Regional Water Authority's (RWA) HazWaste Central program will offer a special one-day household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, April 2 between 9 a.m. and noon at the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange.

As a 21st-century environmental services company, the RWA is very excited to work with the Town of Orange and the Orange Recycling Committee on this special collection event. For over 30 years, the RWA has operated HazWaste Central, Connecticut's first permanent collection facility for household hazardous waste at its main location at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven. The permanent collection center will open on Saturday, May 21 for the 2022 collection season. Lori Vitagliano, the RWA's Government and Public Relations Specialist said, "collecting

unwanted, toxic chemicals helps divert that waste from being improperly disposed of and preserves the environment."


This collection will accept unwanted household chemicals such as paints, cleaning products, pesticides and chlorine for swimming pools. Automobile batteries and grill-sized propane tanks will not be accepted at this special collection. For more information and to pre-register, visit www.rwater.com/hazwaste or call 203-401-2712. Paper forms will not be accepted, participants must sign in online.

This event coincides with the Orange Recycling Committee Shredding Day, where documents and mattresses can be dropped off for recycling. In addition, the Orange Community Women will be collecting clothing, toys, housewares and sporting equipment. For more information, visit <https://www.orangerecycles.com/>.



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HISTORY CORNER



BY GINNY REINHARD

Growing Up in the Bronx...

We had wonderful neighbors while I was growing up on Garrison Ave. in the Bronx. Rabbi and Mrs. Steinberg lived on the 3rd floor of our building and the Goldberg's lived next door. Rabbi was an invalid and his wife would call me in to light the gas stove so she could make a hot meal for the Rabbi on the Sabbath. She always gave me a sweet something and kreplach for my mother. The Motley's lived across the hall with two boys William and Tommy. Whenever I came to play with the boys, Mrs. Motley would give me a dish of chocolate pudding'. I hated it and still do and I remember how she pronounced it to this day.

William passed away about that time and they had the service in the home. Willy was my champion and I will never forget, as I came into the parlor this pale little boy with his golden red hair shining in the sun coming in the window. I am sure he is lightening up the angels in heaven. Down two flights, there was a boy who was a bully, but I don't remember his name. He had me crying all the time, but my friend Willy had a plan, but I don't know what he said or did, but that boy never bothered me anymore.

There were wonderful smells that came from each floor as we came up and down. Mrs. Steinberg would share her challah bread with the neighbors and our Irish neighbor, on the first floor, made corn beef and cabbage every Wednesday. The chop chop of making chopped liver on Fridays is still in my ears. There was a lady who came from Poland who insisted on having fresh fish and she had a live one in her bath tub! Such wonderful memories.

After my mother and father were married, they rented a small apartment in a classy brown stone house. They didn't have much furniture, but they thought a small apartment, in a nice neighborhood was a good idea. My father was a butcher and my mother worked in a millinery shop designing hats, with flowers, fruits and feathers and a bird on top of that. Those

were the days when women wore hats, an important part of their dress. My mother was used to nice things as she had been the governess for a child of wealth and arriving in New York from Austria, she fell into a more genteel life than she married into.

My Dad was born in 1879 on 8th street in New York City, somewhere near the river. His name was Walter Patrick Travis and his father John, born in England, was a bookkeeper in New York marrying Rose Cassidy from County Cork, Ireland. My father had a sister, but because there was some friction in their home, he would never speak about them. My grandfather left the family when my Dad was 14, so he left school and worked as an order boy in markets where he learned his trade as a first-class butcher.

He played ragtime piano in saloons and had bit parts on stage, here and there and he used to brag that he was on the same bill as Jimmy Durante. He met my mother somewhere and asked her to marry him but she refused many times because of his lifestyle, but she finally gave in providing he leave the stage and his girlfriends! They were married and settled down moving to the brown stone I told you about.

My mother was born outside of Prague which was the Austrian-Hungary Empire. Her parents were considered Austrian but they really were Czechs. My mom came to the United States when she was eleven with 3 sisters and a brother, Josephine was 18, Antoinette 16, Victor was 5. I remember my mom told me about Eleanor Roosevelt who worked with children at a settlement house where she taught English to immigrant children. My mother was in parochial school and at age 16 was hired as a governess as her English was very cultured thanks to the teaching of Eleanor Roosevelt.

I lived in the Bronx most of my childhood but for a few years here and there. But I think I told you that in my last journal entry. The next few years are not clear, but I do remember that we moved to New Jersey, Melville, New Jersey and Atlantic City for a while but my mom was expecting a baby and wanted to go home. After several days of following paper ads, she found herself near Garrison Ave. and decided to drop in to see Mrs. Motley. They had tea but I don't know how I know this but they talked about moving back to the Bronx. It so happened that she had a vacancy on the 4th floor. My mother said she would take it and so she did.

My baby brother was born there, March 2, 1923 on 1162 Garrison Ave. For me, my education went hither and yon, parochial school, PS 164, violin lessons at a conservatory with me in a class of 25, but I did well there. However, I was destined to have mishaps along my short career. The music selected was not the sheet music my mother picked up and on the day of dress rehearsal, the teacher listened to each of us and found that I was playing the wrong music! The teacher didn't take me out but said just "bow" the music in time with the rest.

My next disaster was when I was asked to play a solo. No one told me I had to have a copy for the piano and we didn't even rehearse. It's a good thing I memorized it. That was a close call.

My uncle George wanted to take my talents further so he enrolled me in a dance studio on Columbus Circle in New York City. I was excited about being able to dance in the clas-



sical medium but that is not the way it was. I had to bench stretch and line kicks Rockettes style, not very classical. My uncle continued to expose me to a more cultured lifestyle. He didn't take me out of The Bronx but wanted to take The Bronx out of me.

After a few months of this, I had had it. My uncle took me out of the Bronx but couldn't take the Bronx out of me. I didn't tell you when I was born did I? October 30, 1911 was the day so by 1926, I was out in the working world. I took a job at the Hotel McCalpern as a switch board operator and we moved back to the Bronx, again. This time a nice apartment with an elevator yet. Remember the fire? Well, we eventually got back to the city, moving to Brooklyn...Here we go again.

That summer, I met Garo and we sort of dated, plays, movies and the beach in Bay Shore Long Island. We took Georgie with us most of the time. He liked Garo and would often say is Garo coming and he did. My father was not so happy to have him. He often took my mother to task for allowing this young man to take so much of my time, but Mom felt I didn't have long term friends so she was glad I had him as a friend. We married in 1930 and moved to Bridgeport. Ruthie had moved away from the Bronx for good.

Readers,
I've been asked who was Ruthie from the Bronx?...she was my Mom. I hope you liked her story...she wrote it all in her journal at the age of 91.



HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

Congregation Or Shalom Happenings

“Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Door”

Staying Connected

Attend religious services and most other events in person or by Zoom. To register for a Zoom link, please see the information below.

Join Us For Weekly Services Morning Minyan

- › Sunday 9:00 AM – In person and Zoom’d
- › Monday 8:30 AM – Zoom’d
- › Thursday 8:30 AM – Zoom’d

Shabbat Services

- › Friday 7:30 PM – In person and Zoom’d
- › Saturday 9:30 AM – In person and Zoom’d

Please call the synagogue office at 203-799-2341 or email coshalom@sbcglobal.net for more information).

Virtual Learning This Month ZOOM &..LEARN!

“THE 5 SCROLLS AND THE SEASONS OF OUR LIVES”

Wednesdays, Beginning March 2nd, 11-12 Noon, in person or Zoom

The Bible’s “Scrolls” or “Megillot”, read in synagogue at various times of the year, have also been seen as responses to the different seasons of life. Indeed, they chart a path of healing for us as we move through the trajectory of our lives. Come explore the timeless messages embedded in these five ancient scrolls!

JOIN A NEW BOOK GROUP IN 2022!

“Rising Out of Hatred” by Eli Saslow
Thursday, March 17th, 7-8 pm
Discussion led by Sarah Darer

Rising Out of Hatred tells the story of how white-supremacist ideas migrated from the far-right fringe to the White House through the intensely personal saga of one man who eventually disavowed everything he was taught to believe, at tremendous personal cost. With great empathy and narrative verve, Eli Saslow asks what Derek’s story can tell us about America’s increasingly divided nature. This is a book to help us understand the American moment and to help us better understand one another. Please call the office for Zoom information. 203.799.2341.



Congregation Or Shalom

Service

Join us at Congregation B’nai Jacob in Woodbridge this year as we celebrate Purim with our combined “Yahad” religious school program.

- › 5:00 pm – Children’s Megillah reading w/special performance by each Yahad class.
- › 7:00 pm – Full Megillah Reading

Purim Program

Celebrate Purim with an introduction to Jewish humor! Thursday, March 17th, 8:00p.m. on Zoom only. This program, titled “An Umbrella Full of Holes”, is a short history of Jewish humor.

Why is it that so many comedians and satirical writers are Jewish? What, exactly, is unique about Jewish humor? In his talk, Dr. Avinoam Patt, Ph.D., will seek to answer these questions by tracing the history of Jewish humor from Europe to America and Israel, where Jewish comedians transformed the cultural landscape. We’ll also look at how Jews have used laughter as a coping mechanism against pogroms, forced migrations and even the Holocaust.

Presenter: Avinoam J. Patt, Ph.D., Doris and Simon Konover Chair of Judaic Studies at UConn; Director, UConn Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life; and Expert on Jewish Humor.

Please call the office for Zoom information. 203.799.2341.

Social Action

For March we are collecting non-perishable foods for Passover and will donate them to Jewish Family Services for distribution. We’re also collecting prom dresses and gowns and men’s tuxedos and suits to bring to My Sister’s Place in Ansonia. If you would like to donate, please contact the office 203-799-2341.



Congregation Or Shalom Shows Off Its New Banner

Congregation Or Shalom in Orange is proud to share our newly arrived roadside banner.

It brought smiles to the faces of Or Shalom’s Rabbi, Alvin Wainhaus and Synagogue President, Bob Spaulding. Its beautiful rainbow Star of David

is meant to let all know that we are a colorful and heterogeneous Jewish community, embracing diversity, equality and inclusivity without prerequisites. Our motto, of course, says it all: Open minds, Open hearts, Open doors!

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HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

Congregation Beth El – Keser Israel Events

Purim Celebration

The reading of Megillat Esther will be at 7:00 pm in person and on Zoom Wednesday, March 16, and will be repeated at 7:30 am Thursday morning March 17. Costumes are encouraged for adults and children. A child-friendly Megillah reading, costume parade and light supper prior to the evening service will start at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, March 16.

BEKI requests that only vaccinated people come into the building and that they wear a KN-95 or better mask.

Children’s Programs

Children’s Havura, K-2 Kehila, and Junior Congregation meet in person at 11 am on Saturday mornings. To receive her weekly newsletter, email Youth and Family Programming Director Annie Norman-Schiff at anormanschiff@beki.org.

Pesach with Children

Annie Norman-Schiff will lead a workshop about making Passover more fun and meaningful for children, on Wednesday, April 6 at 7:30 pm. She will share ideas for enriching not only the Seder, but also other parts of the holiday and its preparation. To request the Zoom link, email office@beki.org.

First Friday at 5:30

BEKI Kabbalat Shabbat In-Person services will be at the kid-friendly time of 5:30 pm on Friday, April 1.

Challah Baking

Both experienced and new bakers are invited to bake vegan challah in the BEKI kitchen on Sunday, March 13, from 10 am to 2 pm. Some loaves will be for an upcoming BEKI Shabbat meal, but everyone will take some home. RSVP to office@beki.org.

New Siddur

Siddur Lev Shalem for Shabbat and Festivals brings new levels of access and engagement in prayer. Join BEKI’s Rabbi Eric Woodward and Katharine Baker, publications director for the Rabbinical Assembly, for a virtual tour of this new prayer book on Wednesday,



Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel

March 23 at 7:30 pm. To request the Zoom link, email office@beki.org.

Rabbi Installation

A tradition for rabbis in their first year with a congregation, the installation of Rabbi Eric Woodward on Sunday morning March 27, starting with morning prayer at 9:00 am, will feature remarks by Rabbi



Woodward as well as Rabbi Ravid Tilles, Director of Jewish Life and Learning at Schechter Boston. RSVP to office@beki.org or call 203.389.2108 x114.



Artist Talk

Naomi Safran-Hon will speak about her current exhibit at BEKI, *Going Home*, on Saturday, April 2 at 12:45 pm. Her paintings depict neglected rooms, halls, and passageways with traces of their former inhabitants and the external forces that brought about their desolation. These structures, which were the homes of Palestinians until the Arab-Israeli War of 1948 and the creation of the State of Israel, stand as ghosts of the past in a neighborhood that has never recovered. Born in Oxford, England, Safran-Hon grew up in Haifa, Israel, then received her B.A. from Brandeis University and her M.F.A. from the Yale School of Art. Her exhibition will run through June 4.

Located at 85 Harrison Street (corner of Whalley Avenue – Route 63 – in Westville)

Upcoming Events at Temple Emanuel

Special Events

- › **Wednesday, March 16** at 6:00 pm - Purim Megillah Reading. Come in costume or participate online.
- › **Saturday, April 2** at 7:30 pm – Shir Magic with Noah Aronson and a special appearance by members of the TE Band. Go to the TE website for tickets and for more information about this kickoff event for the 60th anniversary of Temple Emanuel, TE@60.
- › **Friday, April 15** at 6:30 pm – Temple Emanuel Passover Seder. Please check the TE website for details as they become available.

Services

Regular Weekly Services 6:30 pm on the first Friday of the month, Family Shabbat service 7:30 pm on all other Fridays, Kabbalat Shabbat Service 10:00-11:30 am on the first Saturday morning of the month, Shabbat Morning Minyan 10:00-11:30 am on all other Saturday mornings, Weekly Torah Study. All of these events are both in



Temple Emanuel

person and online. Please check the TE website or contact the TE office for links to Zoom and YouTube. All listed services and events are open to both members and non-members.

Our current COVID-19 precautions still include a requirement for masks for everyone over the age of 2 for indoor events. Adults are expected to be fully vaccinated. For more information about services and celebrations at Temple Emanuel, and to register or purchase tickets for special events, please go to the TE website, www.tegmh.org or call the office at 203-397-3000. Temple Emanuel is located at 150 Derby Avenue in Orange.

Orange Congregational Church Happenings

Orange Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, invites you to join us at 205 Meeting House Lane in Orange for worship, or on YouTube at Orange Congregational Church, UCC for our livestreamed services. Our regular in-person Sunday worship is at 10:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary. Indoor seating is limited to 100 people and a sign-in attendance sheet is provided; you may contact the church office (occhurch@snet.net or 203-795-9749) to register prior to worship.

During Lent, we will also be offering in-person Lenten Mid-week Worship in the Sanctuary on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. from March 16 through April 13.

We are currently offering virtual church school, in-person youth group, in-person before worship Bible study at 8:30 a.m. Sundays, a Zoom evening Praying the Bible group, a virtual Book Club, an “Art of Scripture” Zoom group, and a Monthly Meditation



Orange Congregational Church

group by Zoom.

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, which means we welcome all people into the full life and leadership of the church regardless of race, class, ability, gender identity, sexual orientation, or family type. Anyone interested in joining our choirs or other groups can email occhurch@snet.net or visit orangecongregationalchurch.org for more information. No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!

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HOUSES OF WORSHIP



Noah Aronson at Temple Emanuel - Shir Magic 2022

Please join us on Saturday, April 2, at 7:30 PM for the return of Shir Magic, an annual concert held at Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven, honoring the memory of our late Rabbi Emeritus, Jerry Brieger, z”l. Noah Aronson is the featured performer this year, with a special appearance by members of the Temple Emanuel Band. This concert is the kickoff event for TE’s 60th anniversary celebration, TE@60. Noah Aronson earned a degree in Jazz Composition and Piano from the Berklee College of music. He started his career as Composer-in-Residence at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley, MA, and has gone on to become a sought-after soloist and song leader. Songs from his numerous albums and books of contemporary Jewish music can be heard in synagogues and at Jewish communal events and summer camps all over the country. He has created music videos for children and families and has partnered with numer-

ous organizations to create community-building experiences that combine music and movement. Rabbi Jerry Brieger was the spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel from 1977 to 2009, and Rabbi Emeritus from 2009 until his death in 2016. He was known not only for his vast knowledge of all things Jewish, but also for his sleight of hand tricks and his love of music. He loved to study, to teach and to sing, and so it is fitting that Noah Aronson, whose music has been incorporated into the musical repertoire of Temple Emanuel under the leadership of Rabbi Michael Farberman, will headline the return of this concert series. Tickets for the concert are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door and \$10 for teens. There is no charge for kids under 12. Please go to the TE website, www.tegnh.org to purchase tickets, or call the TE office at 201-397-3000. Temple Emanuel is located at 150 Derby Avenue in Orange.

Scholarship Offered by the Holy Infant Church Women's Guild

The Holy Infant Church Women’s Guild is offering two \$1,000 scholarships this year. The scholarships are open to female high school students who are active parishioners of Holy Infant parish. The applicant must provide proof that she has been accepted to a 4-year college/university

for September immediately following this year’s graduation. Applications are available on the Holy Infant Church website, www.holyinfantorangect.com and at the doors of the church. The deadline for the application is April 18 by 1:30 pm. For more information, contact Sue D’Orso at 203-874-1739.

LOCAL BUSINESS

Shannon Webb Joins Amity Physical Therapy’s Milford Office

Shannon Webb, a clinician with experience as a Certified Lymphedema Therapist has just been added to the staff of Amity Physical Therapy. With special concentration in women’s health, Shannon has been trained in outpatient orthopedic settings with more recent experience in pelvic health and oncological conditions. She also has certification in LsVT for Parkinson’s Disease and brings a specialized dimension to Amity Physical Therapy’s practice. Always upgrading and broadening her professional talents as a therapist, she integrates health and healing with the utilization of Reiki Level 2, individualizing her treatment of each patient with a holistic approach.



Shannon Webb

Amity Physical Therapy was founded seventeen years ago by Michael Dow MSPT and CEO/Clinical Director. The

practice now has four offices in Milford, Woodbridge, Hamden and Branford. Shannon Webb can be reached in Milford at 203-693-2350 for an appointment or visit www.amitypt.com.

Great Places to Visit in Ireland

Affectionately known as the Emerald Isle due to its rolling green hills and other verdigris landscapes, Ireland is a beautiful country that welcomes millions of visitors each year under normal circumstances. Friendly locals and rich history are two additional reasons why travelers journey to Ireland and immerse oneself in the magic of this seemingly enchanted country. As an island nation, Ireland may seem large, but in reality it is just 32,595 square miles (84,421 square kilometers). That's roughly the size of the state of West Virginia. One can drive from the most northern point to the southernmost point in less than eight hours. While Ireland may not be very large, it certainly packs a punch in regard to its attractions. There is a lot going on in a relatively small amount of space. So much so that travelers may need some inspiration as to the best places to visit. These top spots should be on any visitor's list. **Dublin:** Those who have only a small time in Ireland don't want to miss Dublin. It's the country's metropolitan hub with culture, music and much more. It also has many points of interest, including the popular Guinness Storehouse. Also in Dublin, visitors may want to check out Kilmainham Gaol, a former prison built in 1796. It has a rich history regarding the country's long-running resistance to British rule. Those who want the city feel of Ireland will find Dublin doesn't disappoint. **Cliffs of Moher:** It's difficult not to

be impressed by the Cliffs of Moher. The entirely vertical cliffs reach high into the sky and the edges fall away abruptly into the churning Atlantic Ocean. The Aran Islands and the hills of Connemara can be seen in the distance. **Wild Atlantic Way:** This is a scenic route that runs through Galway. It stretches 1,555 miles and the craggy Donegal coastline can be seen during the adventure. Galway offers a nice mix of city attractions but also plenty of natural wonders. **Rossnowlagh:** While surfers may head to Hawaii or Australia to catch impressive waves, thrill-seekers may want to check out Rossnowlagh as well. It's one of Europe's premier surf beaches and a big draw for surfers seeking huge waves. **Aran Islands:** Travelers seeking a taste of what Ireland looked like decades ago should not miss the Aran Islands. They are accessible by ferry or plane and feature untouched landscapes and noteworthy sights. **Killarney National Park:** Killarney National Park located in County Kerry is an area of rugged mountain country. A focal point of the park is Muckross House and Gardens, a 19th century mansion decorated in period furniture and artifacts. Also on the grounds is the Bourn Vincent Memorial Park donated to the Irish state in 1932. Visiting Ireland can be an exciting prospect when travelers take in the many beautiful and historic places of interest across the country.

“Letters” From Page 5

serious man”.

Online, I have interacted with members of the historical society – although I am sad to say I have yet to make it down to the society itself. Their columns in this very paper are a delight to read - as is the rest of this wonderful news service to the town.

My apologies to the volunteer fire department as I haven’t written that check yet. I will. I know how much volunteer departments struggle as I was Fire 1/EMT in one a while back. And luckily, I have not needed police service except for one quick call to have a question answered. But I hear all great things about our town’s force.

While my wife and I feel nice and secluded in a quiet corner, we are only five minutes from anything we need. My already two unfortunate visits to Stony Creek Urgent Care changed my opinion on clinics for the better. Our cat also had an unfortunate visit to her new veterinarian at the Milford Animal Hospital (MAH). One visit to them and I realized what a serious issue her old vet continued to miss. She is a much happier cat now thanks to the talented and caring individuals at MAH. The guy over at Batteries+Bulbs convinced me to go budget when I needed a new phone - and he was spot on. After having to leave one of the most serious gyms out there, Woodruff YMCA surprised me with the quality of lifting equipment. St. Anthony’s Bookstore has supplied me with more than I need if I was ever to pursue a degree in philosophy. Our Lady of Sorrows seems like a beautiful chapel that I plan on visiting soon.

Last but not least - our neighbors. They have all been absolutely wonderful. When the previous owners of our house left, one family didn’t just lose longtime neighbors - they lost longtime friends. But they welcomed us with open arms and even invited us to a Christmas cocktail hour. Another neighbor recognized my wife in her mask at Holy Infant Church. The last time we saw each other was

when my wife and I were giving out Halloween candy.

I guess this letter is a long-winded way of saying that we feel so welcomed. My wife and I are grateful to everyone we have met who lent a hand to help us settle in. And we are grateful to be in a town where so many work so hard to keep Orange as the beautiful gem it is. *Mark Maturro*

Clinic A Great Success

As we continue thru this pandemic, now approaching over a two-year period, I would like to thank Mr. Zeoli, the Board of Selectmen, Tino and his CERT crew, Dr. Mohammad and the Public Health Department, nurses Lynn Peckham, Terri Waldron and the other nurses and doctor volunteers, who made this clinic and future vaccination programs possible. The Wednesday, February 16th, 2022 clinic was a great success, for both adults and children. It is a testament to the forward thinkers of our town, whose professionalism and caring have made the health, safety and welfare of the citizens Orange a priority.

Dr. Lawrence Messina

Thank You Orange Fire Department

Give a loud shout out to the Orange Fire and Police Departments. On Saturday January 15, I was hiking with my dog on the 2-mile trail on the Turkey Hill preserve town park (against my wife’s advice since it was 12 degrees; it was 3:30PM and daylight was waning). I work out there regularly with my dogs as it is one of our town’s hidden gems. 20 minutes into my loop I was walking down a rocky decline, I hit an icy patch and when I finally caught traction on a dirt patch, I heard a loud pop (which was my quadricep tendon detaching from my kneecap). I made several attempts to hobble on my own when I realized I needed help. I initially called Orange PD and the astute dispatcher immediately had me call on the 911 line as to activate the GPS location capabilities of the system. This became important when a short time later my

phone shut off due to the extreme low temperature.

A little advice: Keep your cell phone in your innermost layer where your body heat will keep your phone on. I knew I was less than a quarter mile from the 1-mile marker which is right behind the University of New Haven Orange campus so I started moving slowly in that direction. Luckily another hiker and Orange resident named Quentin and his dog caught up with me on the trail. Quentin did not leave my side until we made contact with first responders who walked the mile in from the lot on Derby Milford Road and the UNH Orange campus lot. Quentin also made a “crutch” out of a small tree that aided my painful exit from the woods and he kept both our dogs in check. Making contact with Orange FD didn’t end my egress from the park. OFD’s off road gator couldn’t get past some of the trail’s nasty terrain. The last leg off the trail through a hilly ravine to UNH’s lot would have been unforgiving to the firefighters if they had to Stokes Basket me out. So, two firefighter’s shoulders became my crutches and they delivered me to my wife’s vehicle who quickly delivered me to the ER.

I want to thank the men and women of the Orange Fire Department. To think these guys and girls rushed to my aid on a cold January Saturday on their own time when most are seeking the comfort of their warm living room is impressive. Fire Chief Vaughan Du-

mas actually even called me directly to check on my welfare. I also want to thank neighbor Quentin who stayed with me, a total stranger, until he knew I was taken care of.

Glad I live in Orange,
Stephen Noss

“Decide to Ride” on St. Patrick’s Day

On March 17, people around the world will come together to celebrate the Irish holiday of St. Patrick’s Day. It’s always a good time to wear your green attire and partake in local festivities with friends and enjoy a cold beer. That’s why Anheuser-Busch, Bud Light and Dichello Distributors, Inc. are encouraging you to not just have the “Luck of the Irish” on your side this year but to have a plan for you and your friends to celebrate safely.

St. Patrick’s Day and raising a glass with friends go hand in hand. If you choose to enjoy a cold Bud Light this St. Patrick’s Day, be sure to plan ahead for a safe ride home to help keep our roads safe. Whether you designate a driver, use a ride-share service, or take public transportation, the best way to get home safely is to ‘Decide to Ride.’

So, on March 17th, don’t forget to wear green, but even more importantly, don’t forget to ‘Decide to Ride’ and make a plan to get home safely.

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Patricia C. Connolly

Patricia C. Connolly, known in the family as Tease or Teeces, died peacefully in the comfort of her home on February 7th, 2022. She was born in Port Chester, New York, on March 14th, 1943. She was the daughter of the late Helen and John Zachar. She was predeceased by her brother, John Zachar, and her sister, Rita Bella.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph, and their son Sean and his partner Dawn Keiper. She is also survived by their son Erin and his wife Mary Ann and their son, the light of Pat's life, Brian. She never missed one of his basketball games at Saint Mary School and enjoyed volunteering for lunch at the school's cafeteria. She is also survived by her nephews, Daniel and Jeffery Bella, and her nieces Adrienne Capirchio and Cynthia Brock.

She graduated from Greenwich High School and the Greenwich Hospital School of Nursing in 1964. She worked at Greenwich Hospital as a floor nurse and as an assistant head nurse. While there, she met her future husband, Joe, who was working as an orderly during a summer vacation. She then worked at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, DC. True to her nature, the day after the 1968 riots in DC with the city burning and with troops in the streets, she hopped into her VW beetle and drove to work as if it was just another day.

She later worked at Milford Hospital as a bedside nurse. She then worked at the old Saint Raphael's Hospital. She ended her nursing career as the Clinical Risk Manager at John Dempsey Hospital/UConn. She was certified as a Gerontological Nurse and as a professional in Health Risk Management. She was honored by her professional organization, the Connecticut Society for Healthcare Risk Management, for her long service to their chapter.

She was a Navy wife. Erin was born when Joe was overseas. Sean was just a baby at the time. Joe's commanding officer offered to bring him home but she felt that he should do his job and she would do hers.

She was athletic. She enjoyed skiing

and she earned trophies in bowling and racquetball. She had fun playing golf with her girlfriends at Myrtle Beach. She enjoyed watching the Mets at Port Saint Lucie and having good times in Massachusetts. She traveled in Europe. Ireland was her favorite. She was an expert in telling the different Irish whiskies apart. She never turned down a martini or a cosmopolitan. She enjoyed knitting and ceramics back in the day. Her ceramic Halloween pumpkin has stood the test of time. She always made the holidays so special with beautiful decorations and amazing meals. She was very patriotic and was an avid supporter of our veterans.

She served on the Board of Directors of the Orange VNA. She was an early and active member of the Town of Orange Community Emergency Response Team and was a certified ham radio operator.

The family would like to thank Dr. Frank Mongillo, her caregiver Jenneta Cross, Vitas Hospice, and the Orange Visiting Nurse Association. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Orange VNA, 605 Orange Center Road, Orange CT, 06477.

Friends and family are invited to pay their respects on Thursday, May 12, 2022, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad Street, Milford, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, May 13, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Holy Infant Church, 450 Racebook Road, Orange, CT. Burial will take place at a future date. To leave online condolences, please visit www.codywhitefuneralservice.com.



Robert A. Lanzi, MD

Robert Anthony Lanzi, 85, of Orange, widower of his beloved Sally, passed away on March 4, 2022 after a brief illness. Born on May 1, 1936 in Derby, he was the son of Anthony and Anna (Novelli) Lanzi.

Bob graduated from Harvard College in 1957, received his MD at Temple University Medical School, and finished his medical training in internal medicine and allergy at the University of Michigan. He then served in the

US Army at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, WA, before moving with his young family to Orange in 1969.

He was well known for his decades long allergy practice in Orange, and as a teacher by nature, was also an adjunct professor in allergy at Yale Medical School. Always enthusiastic and engaged with the natural world, Bob was a photographer, fly fisherman, botanist and a dedicated volunteer at Yale's Peabody Museum. He loved languages, travel and music. Played piano and saxophone, and told fun stories about his time in the Harvard Band. His friends and family will remember him most having shared wonderful meals together.

He is survived by his sister Barbara (Lanzi) Lynch, Harpswell, ME, son Richard Lanzi, Durango, CO and daughter Elizabeth Lanzi, Orange, CT.

Donations in Bob's memory can be made to Saint Thomas More, Saint Thomas More Chapel & Center at Yale University, 268 Park Street, New Haven, CT 06511 and to the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, PO Box 20118, New Haven CT 06520.

There will be a viewing to remember Bob at the St. Thomas Moore Chapel, 268 Park St., New Haven, on Friday, March 11, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with a Mass of Celebration to follow at 11:00 a.m. at the chapel. Burial will take place at Orange Center Cemetery, Orange Center Road, Orange. To leave online condolences, please visit our website at www.codywhitefuneralservice.com.



Paulette Marcus

Paulette Marcus died peacefully in hospice on February 11th, 2022. She was born in Miami, FL on July 28, 1962. She was the daughter of the late Donna and the late Harvey Gardy. She was predeceased by her sons, Matthew and Ryan Marcus.

Paulette is survived by her husband, Brad, and their daughters Rachel and Madison.

She graduated from Tulane University and moved to New York City to work in the fashion industry. While there, she met her future husband, Brad, while working a 2nd job in a

video store.

Paulette received her master's degree in Counseling Psychology from Brooklyn College and worked for DOMUS Foundation in Stamford, heading its juvenile justice program for troubled teens.

After giving birth to Rachel, Paulette began working as a guidance counselor at Wooster Middle School in Stratford, where she thrived for more than 10 years. She was then transferred to Flood Middle School as the lead guidance counselor, where she worked until 2012.

Paulette then worked as a parenting coach for a Department of Children and Families' consulting agency, working to unify parents and children. She continued in various capacities even after her cancer diagnosis in 2017.

She loved children and animals, as well as giving back to her community. She was a room parent, Girl Scout leader and had the original idea for Orange's Trunk or Treat Family Halloween event, which continues to this day.

Raising her daughters to be strong, independent women was Paulette's proudest achievement and Maddie and Rachel are the epitome of their mother's hard work.




Josephine M. Safko

Josephine Marie Safko, 96, of Milford, passed away peacefully on February 5, 2022. Born on June 20, 1925 in Stratford, CT, she was the daughter of the late Vincenzo and Carrie (Verdiram) DeLibro.

Josephine is survived by her daughter, Beverly Safko; her grandson, Barry (Heather McLellan) Keeler; her great grandson, Brett Keeler; and many extended family members. Josephine was predeceased by her 15 siblings and her husband, Andrew Safko.

All services will be private at this time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. The family is being cared for by the staff of Cody-White Funeral Home 107 Broad St., Milford, CT. To leave online condolences, please visit www.codywhitefuneralservice.com.

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Neighborhood Birds of Orange

The Orange Conservation Commission (OCC) is hosting a Bird Walk at 8:00 am at the Turkey Hill Preserve in Orange (GPS Address: 700 Derby-Milford Road, Orange) on April 23, 2022. Heavy rain will cancel this event.

The walk will be led by Anthony Zemba, Certified Ecologist. Specialties: NEPA compliance, wildlife biology, avian ecology, marine and oceanic island ecology, wetland science, habitat restoration, conservation biology and planning. Mr. Zemba has served as Field Ornithologist for the U.S. Geological

Survey (American Eagle counts), Connecticut Dept of Environmental Protection point counts of breeding birds, and other bird counts. Anthony is very familiar with the Turkey Hill Preserve as he authored the Conservation and Management Plan for the preserve.

The Orange Conservation Commission can be found on Facebook and our website at <http://www.orangectconservationcommission.com> or <https://www.orange-ct.gov/441/Conservation-Commission>.

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Members of the pack during the opening ceremony; The Wolf Den working during a den meeting to create their rockets; Pack 922 scouts and other Orange residents with Islanders Mascot

Pack 922 Recent Events

On February 7th Pack 922 held the Space Rocket Derby in the High Plains Cafeteria. Scouts worked ahead of the launch to build their rockets with their dens or with their families. Scouts are encouraged to create an individual

rocket and are asked to plan out the aerodynamics of the body shape, add fins cut to a shape of their choosing and to personalize the finished look. It was a long evening, but worth the smiles on the scouts faces during the entire event.

On January 22nd it was scout night at the Bridgeport Islanders game. Pack 922 was there representing Orange. Before the game there were games and small events in the concession area. As they entered the ice, scouts were

able to watch the Team practice at the glass. After the game scouts were encouraged to skate on the ice and even some Troops and Packs slept over in the arena. Overall, a really fun night where we all were able to come together.

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In anticipation of the Orange Bicentennial, members of The Garden Club of Orange in the fall, planted orange tulips and orange daffodils around Town Hall and High Plains Community Center. The Garden Club is encouraging all residents to plant orange flowers in their gardens to help celebrate this special event! [Photos by club members]

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Postponed

The Food drive and Cookie booth scheduled at High Plains Community Center for March 12th, 2022 is being postponed. Nationwide, Girl scout cookie season has been impacted by supply and transportation issues and girl scout cookie delivery date for Connecticut is being pushed back until the end of March. Girl Scout Troop 60274 will be plan-

ning to host its food drive and cookie booth sale in early April. Keep your eye out for an updated Flyer. The food drive items HPCC Senior center is asking for include: Condiments such as mayonnaise, soup, canned fruit, toothpaste, TP, rice, jelly, frosting, cereal, tuna, coffee or tea. Thank you for your continued support.



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