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## Orange School System Launches COVID-19 Tracker

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In response to concerns after extending remote learning for an additional week after the winter holidays, the Orange School System set up a COVID-19 tracker for families to be aware of the number of students and staff who have either contracted COVID or who has come close to someone who has.

As Superintendent Vince Scarpetti explained, the district has planned for one remote learning week after the new year. At the end of that week, there was an increase in the number of positive cases, not only in the Town of Orange, but specifically with children who attend the elementary school. The district opted to extend remote learning an additional week and students returned to the classroom on January 19. “I thank the parents who

reached out about the additional week and because of this communication,” Scarpetti said. In response, the district created the dashboard to make clear to parents how many cases are affecting Orange elementary school families.

The dashboard – a Google Doc – is categorized by school and is shared with parents in weekly newsletters and on the district’s website. The information is updated on the Doc each Friday by the district’s director of nursing.

“One thing to note: this information is based on what is told to us by parents and staff. Sometimes there is different data that goes to the health department because of information that they receive versus what we receive. So, we ask our parents and staff to communicate as much as they can with regards to the well-being of their

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## Orange Residents Approve Country Club Purchase

BY BETTINA THIEL  
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In a referendum on February 16, Orange residents overwhelmingly approved the purchase of Race Brook Country Club, appropriating \$8.6 million for the purchase of the golf club at 246 Derby Avenue, a purchase that includes 287 acres of land, buildings and improvements. According to Town Clerk Patrick O’Sullivan, 1704 voted yes, 772 voted no. Of the 2,476 total votes counted, 589 were received as absentee ballots.

Finance Director John Cirafelli said last week that the town and the country club still need to finalize a contract before the town can go out to bond for the purchase. For financing, the town would be looking for a 20-year bond, which, combined with interest, will cost the town some \$10.3

million. However, the town will also be receiving lease payments from the club, said First Selectman Jim Zeoli at a virtual town meeting February 2 on Zoom. Those lease payments to the town will total \$10.6 million over a 40-year period. “Their return to the town will be greater than the expense of the 20-year bond,” Zeoli said. “This is not a bailout.” The lease payment would be \$250,000 for the first five years, then increase to \$380,000. At the same time the town would lose \$125,000 in property tax income.

Taxes will make up the difference between the lease payments once they kick in, and debt payments. Zeoli estimated that for a home worth about \$360,000 the purchase would add roughly \$52 to the yearly tax bill;

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### ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#### COVID-19 DASHBOARD

**Data Collection Information:** The district COVID-19 Dashboard will be updated every Friday. This will include the most current number of staff and students who are quarantining due to being COVID positive or having had a close contact. This data is compiled by information our families and staff share with school nurses.

	Mary L. Tracy School	Peck Place School	Race Brook School	Turkey Hill School
Staff/Students confirmed COVID Positive: currently quarantining	0	0	2	2
Staff Currently in Quarantine due to close contact	0	0	6	4
Students Currently in Quarantine due to close contact	2	2	25	22

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families,” Scarpetti said, adding that some parents were concerned about communicating decisions with regard to remote and in-person learning in order to allow time for them to make arrangements for childcare, especially during remote learning.

“As shared in past communications, parents, students and staff need to be ready to transition with short notice. That being said, we understand the challenges that parents and staff face in order to quickly prepare for remote learning,” he said, adding, “More times than not, decisions have gone out Friday afternoon when information is shared regarding positive COVID cases

for that week. We realize that can be frustrating to both, our parents and our staff.”

Each Thursday evening, the state shares the positivity rates on its web-site. Every Friday morning, the BOWA superintendents and health directors have a standing meeting to discuss not only what is on the state website, but also what is occurring in each specific district.

“I apologize for any inconvenience this poses to our students and staff, though with the intention of having our students in school while keeping safety in mind for all, these decisions are not made lightly and we want the most recent data in order to make an informed decision,” he said.







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## Spring Season Information

The Spring 2021 season will run Sundays April 11<sup>th</sup> through June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please help us spread the word and share with those families especially with children entering Pre k and Kindergarten this fall.

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

All players, coaches and spectators will be expected to follow the posted COVID Guideline signs at the fields.

## 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 15th, 2021.

## 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	Clinics TBD	Clinics TBD
Boys	Clinics TBD	Clinics TBD

## Fees

The fees for the Spring 2021 season is \$80.00. If you registered and paid in the Spring 2020 season and still have a credit, please choose the "Pay by Check" option upon checkout and we will apply your credit. Late fee +\$10 for Registrations received after March 28<sup>th</sup>.

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## Volunteers Needed

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# EDUCATION



# Amity Steps Up In-Person Learning

BY BETTINA THIEL  
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During the last week in March students at Amity High School will start attending school five days a week instead of the current two days, School Supt. Dr Jennifer Byars informed parents in a letter dated March 1. Even so, she warned that things can change at any time, given public health indicators.

Serving lunch in a socially distanced manner has been a challenge for administrators since they started discussing the different instructional models last summer, and as a result the school days at the high school will still end at 12:47 pm. There will be no lunch served during the school day, but a free grab-and-go meal is available to all students, she wrote.

At the smaller middle schools, the district will move to a full day of instruction four days per week, (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday). By increasing lunch waves, the schools will be able to offer a lunch period during the school day. School will begin at 7:34 am and the day will end at 2:18 pm. On Wednesdays, students will still attend school in-person, but will

be dismissed at 12:12 pm to permit teachers time to plan for and work with fully remote learners.

As of March 5, about 20% of middle school students were learning voluntarily from home, and about 28% of high school students. This will still be a choice parents can make going forward, Dr. Byars wrote in an email. Families can either follow the school instructional model or be voluntarily remote.

The Friday Metrix tab on the Amity district website on March 4 showed three positive cases at the Orange Middle School, with 32 in quarantine; and six positive cases at the high school, with 68 people in quarantine.

As for after-school activities, the schools will continue to have both virtual and in-person after-school activities, Dr. Byars wrote. Students who are following the school instructional model can participate in all activities. Students who are fully remote may participate in virtual activities. "For in-person activities, we still expect all students to go home at dismissal time and return to school changed and prepared for the start of their in-person activities," she wrote.

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Issue Deadline

April 2 | Easter and Passover Issue..... March 26

April 30 | Mother's Day Issue..... April 23

May 28 | Memorial Day Issue ..... May 21

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

## FROM OUR READERS

### Thanks Go Out to Volunteers

My wife had the opportunity to visit High Plains Community Center and receive her first COVID-19 vaccination last week. I would like to extend a special thank you to OVNA, CERT, and Dr. Mohammad of the Orange Public Health Department for their kind and thoughtful treatment. The warmth and thoughtfulness offered on that day was above and beyond the call of duty, especially with the anxiety that comes along with the procedure. The volunteers are to be commended especially working with limited resources. The distribution of the vaccine is of utmost importance along with masking, social distancing, and proper hand washing in helping to get this pandemic under control. I urge the officials of the Town of Orange to continue supporting this effort, both thru the proper funding and guidance so that our citizens will remain healthy and COVID-19 free.

Dr. Lawrence Messina

### Have A Safe and Happy St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is quickly approaching, and although the usual outings to pubs and parades might

not be in the cards this year, Americans will still find ways to safely celebrate by donning their shamrock green and cracking open a cold one. If your March 17<sup>th</sup> plans involve a beer or two, make sure to hydrate between Buds and plan ahead for safe rides home.

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Tony Lota  
Alcohol Awareness Coordinator  
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Applications may be downloaded at [www.casememoriallibrary.org/lucy-scillia](http://www.casememoriallibrary.org/lucy-scillia). 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 enjoyed a fulfilling career as a dedicated school librarian. In retirement, she continued to share her love of books and reading with children at the former Sacred Heart-St. Peter's School in New Haven and Peck Place School in Orange. Lucy also served on the Orange Town Library Commission and was active in library fundraising efforts.

## CAC Area 2 Howard Jacobson Scholarship Award

Cable Advisory Council (CAC) Area 2 will bestow a scholarship in memory of former longtime Chairperson Howard Jacobson. One high school or college student studying film, mass communications, and television or media studies will receive \$500 to help further their studies.

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Scholarship Qualifications & Criteria - Applicants must be able to prove: They currently reside, and/or are students attending high school, community college, college, or university in one of the six CAC area towns: Fairfield,

Bridgeport, Stratford, Milford, Orange or Woodbridge.

They have a declared major in the mass communications, or media studies. Along with pursuing a career in this field, they are taking classes or engaged in independent studies.

They are in good standing with their academic institution.

They must submit a short essay under 500 words describing their creative coursework, portfolio or project and how it relates to this scholarship award. Supplemental links to media projects are welcome.

The winner will be selected on the basis of their overall academic performance, portfolio and their personal statement.

Deadline to apply is June 30, 2021. To apply, please email: [info@cacarea2.com](mailto:info@cacarea2.com).

## Amity Students Excel at CT-STEM Fair

The Connecticut Science, Technology, and Engineering Fair is held annually in February. Students from all over CT compete. This year over 260 projects were judged in five categories. We are proud to announce that Amity Regional High School students from the Science Research Program took 21 out of 27 places awarded, including winning first place in all five categories! Our Amity students also

swept the "Teams" category winning all four places. Each year CT-STEM fair sponsors five projects to move on to the CT Science and Engineering Fair. All five sponsorships were awarded to Amity students. Congratulations to our winners!

The complete list of winners can be found here at <https://ctstemfoundation.org/2021/02/23/2021-ct-stem-fair-results/>.

## OSFA Scholarships Available to Orange Students

The Orange Scholarship Fund Association is offering scholarships to high school seniors from Orange. All seniors in public, private, technical, and parochial schools are welcome to apply.

Scholarship recipients are selected according to the following criteria: financial need, scholarship, and leadership. Among the scholarships available is the Ashlie Krakowski Memorial Scholarship.

This scholarship is awarded to a student who intends to pursue a career in health care or a related health care field.

Application information is available through high school guidance departments, through our Facebook page, or by calling 203 795 5748. Deadline for applications is May 1, 2021.

## Holy Infant Women's Guild Scholarship

The Holy Infant Women's Guild scholarship applications are now available online at the Holy Infant Church website ([holyninfantorangect.org](http://holyninfantorangect.org)) or at the Guidance Offices of Amity HS, Sacred Heart Academy, Luralton Hall and St. Joseph HS. This scholarship is for female seniors from the parish who will attend a four-year college

or university next year. There will be two \$1,000.00 scholarships awarded. The completed application must be returned to the Holy Infant Church Office no later than 1:00 PM on Friday, April 23, 2021. If you need any additional information you may call Susan D'Orso, Scholarship Chairperson, at 203-874-1739.

## Amity Journalism Student Wins "Best Sports Article Award"

This past weekend, the Yale Daily News, held its Journalism Symposium. Several of the Amity Regional School District No. 5, High School Trident Editors attended this virtual event. The Trident's Sports section was recognized with the "Best Sports Article Award" and it went to senior Justin Roche, of Woodbridge, CT. His article, "Student Athlete Profile: Swimmer Arsenio Bustos" was in the Trident

February issue. There were hundreds of students from all over the world in attendance and Justin's piece stood out among all the Sports submissions. The winning article can be found on the school site at <https://www.amityregion5.org/arhs>, in the News and Video section. Congratulations Justin, we are proud of the Trident editors and writers and the hard work they do each month covering the news at Amity.

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Yale Journalism Symposium Inspires Future Journalists

**BY ZACHARY GARFINKLE**  
On February 27<sup>th</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>, Amity High School students attended a journalism symposium held by the Yale Daily News (YDN). The attendees had the opportunity to speak with renowned journalists and learn about the journalism process with Yale Daily News staffers. Typically restricted to the New Haven area, the new online format allowed for international students to learn as well.  
The legendary Bob Woodward, long-time Washington Post investigative reporter of Watergate fame, answered

many questions about his processes, perspectives, and past experiences. When asked how he continuously gets people to divulge information given his reputation, he explained that “you have to develop a relationship, a trust with people. And that is a capacity to listen... it’s amazing, I think people are kind of secret sharers.” Woodward evidently has interviews down to a science, recommending that “8:15 on a Tuesday night is the best time to visit.” He elaborated with a thrilling anecdote concerning getting information from an uncooperative four-star general, saying,

“[I owe my success to] showing up and making it clear to him I wanted to hear what he knew.”  
Emily Nelson, Senior Editor at the Wall Street Journal, dispensed valuable advice to the prospective journalists. When a student asked how to pursue this career path, she responded, “It can be the smallest story, the most local topic. You can write for any outlet... but just seeing the work is what we want to see.”  
Students attended fascinating seminars such as “Reporting 101: From Idea to Print” and “Dead, Dying, Reborn: The Future of News.” Orange teens dis-

cussed how to write the perfect article and how journalism may evolve and take other forms.  
As the conference came to a close, the YDN held an awards ceremony for student newspapers and articles. Although no Orange students secured the victory, a few select schools and students from across the globe managed to leave the symposium with validation for their hard work. Everyone, however, left with something far more invaluable: journalistic knowledge directly from the world’s leading authorities, and a headstart on their future careers.

STUDENT NEWS

Dean’s/President’s List  
Adelphi University

Garden City, NY - Daejin Kim of Orange, CT has been named to Adelphi University’s fall 2020 Dean’s List. Kim was among a select group of outstanding students recognized by Adelphi’s deans of Arts and Sciences, Education and Health Science, Business, Nursing and Public Health, Social Work and Psychology for superior academic performance. The list comprises full-time students-registered for 12 or more credits-who have completed at least nine graded credits and achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above for the semester. This recognition becomes part of the student’s academic record and is entered into the individual’s transcript.

Emmanuel College

Boston, MA - Emmanuel College in Boston has named Theodore Weber of Orange to the Dean’s List for the Fall 2020 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.

Lewis University

Romeoville, IL - Yusuf Ahmad of Orange, CT was named to Lewis University’s Dean’s List for the 2020 Fall Semester. Ahmad is studying Biology at Lewis University. To be eligible for this honor, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester with a grade point average of at least 3.5 and with no “D” or “F” grades.

Providence College

Kiley Stackpole, a resident of Orange, CT and a member of the class of 2021, has been named to the Dean’s List at Providence College for the Fall 2020 semester. To qualify for the Dean’s List, students must achieve at least a 3.55 grade point average with a minimum of 12 credits.

Rochester Institute  
of Technology

Rochester, NY - Sakinah Abdul-Khaliq of Orange was named to the Dean’s List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2020 Fall Semester. Abdul-Khaliq is in the biotechnology and molecular bioscience program. Undergraduate students are eligible for Dean’s List if their GPA is greater than or equal to 3.40 for nine credits of traditionally graded coursework; they do not have any grades of “Incomplete,” NE, D, or F; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Seton Hall University

South Orange, NJ - Seton Hall University is pleased to announce Joseph Marchitto of Orange, CT has qualified for the Fall 2020 Dean’s List. After the close of every semester, undergraduate students completing all courses with a GPA of 3.4, with no grades lower than “C”, qualify for the Dean’s List.

Stonehill College

Easton, MA - Colton Varholak, of Orange, a member of the Class of 2023,

has been named to the Fall 2020 Dean’s List at Stonehill College. To qualify for the Dean’s List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

The University of Tampa

Tampa, FL - The University of Tampa has honored 1,762 students who were named to the dean’s list for the Fall 2020 semester. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean’s list. The following students from Orange were named to the dean’s list: Sara Cable, Freshman majoring in Nursing; and Jenna Goldwitz, Junior majoring in Marketing.

University of Hartford

West Hartford, CT - The University of Hartford is pleased to announce the following Orange students have been named to the Dean’s List for Fall 2020: Richard Fagan and Francis Novak.

University of Rhode Island

Kingston, RI - The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Fall 2020 Dean’s List. The following Orange students were named to Dean’s List: Jenna Aconfora, Chase Burzynski, Lizzy Cohen, Emily Drezek, Bash Formica, Jayson Hutchinson, Michaela Kraut, and Pete Spodnick. To be included on the Dean’s List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades during a semester and achieved at least a

3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

Western New England  
University

Springfield, MA - Colin Hughes, of Orange, CT, is among more than 500 students named to the Western New England University Fall 2020 President’s List. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.80 or higher. Hughes is working toward a degree in Business.

Wilkes University

Wilkes-Barre, PA - Andrea Delvecchio of Orange was named to the Dean’s List at Wilkes University for the fall semester 2020. To be named to the Dean’s List, students must obtain a minimum 3.5 grade point average and carry at least 12 credits.

Worcester Polytechnic

Worcester, MA - Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that Matthew Rothman of Orange, CT, a member of the class of 22 majoring in Robotics Engineering, was named to the university’s Dean’s List for academic excellence for the fall 2020 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.

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Tax Season Scam Alert

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With tax season upon us, many of us are busy gathering the appropriate documents, meeting with CPAs, and ensuring that relevant tax deadlines are met. But in all the hustle and bustle, taxpayers also need to keep an eye on the risks, especially tax season scams. Each year, scammers get more savvy with strategies they use to gain access to other people's personal information and money.

**New Round of COVID-19 Scams:** As the coronavirus continues to spread, so do scams, unfortunately. Criminals often try to exploit taxpayers during times of uncertainty, and this pandemic has been no exception. The latest COVID-19 scams center around the most recent round of stimulus payments. They have taken on a few forms, all with the singular goal of stealing taxpayers' money and personal information.

**Red flags:** The IRS Criminal Investigation division has compiled a list of the latest COVID-19 scams. Here's what to be on the lookout for:

- ✓ Text messages asking you to disclose bank account information in order to receive the \$1,400 economic stimulus;
- ✓ Emails, letters, and social media messages that use "coronavirus," "COVID-19," and "stimulus" in different ways, requesting personal information and financial account information (e.g., account numbers and passwords);
- ✓ Sale of fake at-home COVID-19 test kits;
- ✓ Fake donation requests for individuals, groups, and areas heavily affected by COVID-19;
- ✓ "Opportunities" to invest in companies developing COVID-19 vaccines, which also promise these companies will drastically increase in value as a result.

**Pro tip:** If you receive unsolicited emails or social media attempts that are aimed at gathering your personal information and appear to be from the IRS or an organization linked to the IRS, forward the message to phishing@irs.gov.

**Online Identity Theft:** One of the most common tax scams remains personal identity theft, which is particularly rampant during tax season. Why? By accessing the social security numbers, addresses, and birth dates of unsuspecting taxpayers, scammers can file phony tax returns and steal refunds. The worst part is this can all be done before the victims even know their identities have been stolen.

**Red flags:** So, what can you do to help ensure that someone doesn't file a return in your name? Know the warning signs of this pervasive scam:

- ✓ If you receive an IRS notice regarding a duplicate return, that you received wages from somewhere you never worked, additional taxes are owed, the refund will be offset, or collection actions are being taken against you for a year you did not file a tax return,

contact the IRS immediately.

- ✓ As noted above, ensure that your tax preparer has the appropriate credentials.
- ✓ Unless there is a valid reason, don't give out your social security number—and always know who you're giving it to.

**Pro tip:** The best way to avoid this scam is to file your taxes early, before a scammer can access your information. You might also think about using an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) to proactively protect yourself from identity theft. The IP PIN is a six-digit number known only to you and the IRS that can be used to help the IRS verify your identity when a paper or electronic tax return is filed.

**Never Has the IRS Ever...**When it comes to tax scams, one of the most important things to know is how the IRS does (and doesn't) contact taxpayers. Here are some things the IRS just won't do:

- ✓ Demand that you pay taxes without the opportunity to question or appeal the amount it says you owe;
- ✓ Call to demand you make an immediate payment using a specific method (e.g., prepaid debit card, gift card, or wire transfer);
- ✓ Threaten to bring in local police, immigration officers, or other law enforcement to arrest you for not paying (threats are a common tactic used by scammers).

So, if you get a call or email that sounds like any of the above, it's likely a scam. For steps to take if you suspect fraudulent tax activity, visit the IRS's Report Phishing and Online Scams page.

**Scams Don't End with Tax Season:** Although the focus here is on tax season, we would all be wise to remember that new scams are popping up every day, year-round. So, remain vigilant in keeping your personal information safe and be on the lookout for potential scams.

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RESULTS OF REFERENDUM VOTE AT  
ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING

At a referendum vote at an Adjourned Town Meeting held on February 16, 2021 in the Town of Orange, Connecticut, the following vote was taken on the following questions:

1. "Shall the resolution entitled 'Resolution Appropriating \$8,600,000 For The Purchase Of The Race Brook Country Club, 246 Derby Avenue, Orange, Connecticut, Including Approximately 287 Acres Of Land, Buildings And Improvements Thereon And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$8,600,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose' as introduced at a Special Town Meeting held February 2, 2021, be approved?"

YES 1704      NO 772

Patrick B. O'Sullivan, II  
Town Clerk

"Country Club" From Page 1

a \$700,000 home would see a \$105 increase, and the homeowner of a \$1 million home is looking at a \$158 tax increase. These figures are estimates until the financing is finalized.

Due to the pandemic, public discussion of the proposal was limited. The virtual town meeting served as a forum to inform townspeople about the proposal. Letters from residents were

read into the record. But discussion continued on Facebook, focusing on whether preserving more open space is inherently preferable to allowing development, even condos.

"I think the drive to keep things underdeveloped here in Orange is why it passed," wrote Alisa Hobart Paskiewicz on Facebook. "Most want it to remain a smaller town and not an overdeveloped city such as Milford has become."

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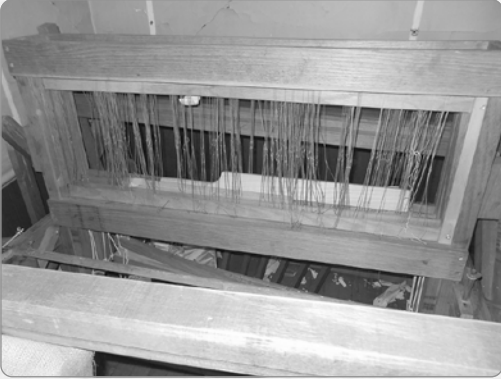
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# LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## CT Braces Opens New Office in Orange

The Orange Chamber of Commerce welcomed CT Braces to Orange with a grand opening and ribbon cutting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The brand-new office, located at 109 Boston Post Road, provides state of the art orthodontic care and exceptional patient service, in a modern comfortable setting. CT Braces Orange, one of 6 offices in CT, is accepting new patients and offers free consultations. New patients can make an appointment by calling 203-800-7277 or visiting CTBraces.com.

CT Braces is honored to expand service to the Orange community and surrounding areas. Dr. Shyam Desai, founder of CT Braces, says, “We are excited to bring high quality, affordable orthodontic care to Orange. Opening a new office during a pandemic is a challenge, we’re putting safety first.” The team has implemented routine COVID testing for employees, enhanced protective equipment, patient screening and social distancing in the offices.

“We want our patients, and our team members, to know they are safe in coming to our offices” said Dr. Rebecca Lee, lead Orthodontist.

To help fuel continued growth, while remaining true to the uniqueness of the practice, CT Braces partnered with myOrthos in February of last year. myOrthos is an orthodontic services organization focused exclusively on orthodontists in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. Their mission is to empower orthodontic independence, provide exceptional patient care, and build a community of orthodontic excellence. Elizabeth Campbell, Founder and CEO of myOrthos says, “We are thrilled to be a part of CT Braces’ growth in Orange and surrounding communities. We share the core values of putting our patients and our people first and we are proud to support them in living these values both in the office and in the community.”



## Pendergast Family Keeping The Lights On

BY BETTINA THIEL  
ORANGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Lamp Shades Plus, a longtime family-owned business specializing in the art of dressing up lamps and repairing those that had stopped working for one reason or another, is closing its doors after the untimely death of its owner, Jill Pendergast, in December of last year. “She LOVED that store,” said daughter Rachel in a phone interview earlier this month. “She’d be in there seven days a week.” Rachel said the family decided to keep the store running, at least part-time, in honor of her mom. They are open for business on Saturdays and Sundays only, from noon to 4 p.m.

The business was started by Jill Pendergast’s parents, Jim and Carol Tendler in 1979. The store had the feel of an antique store – with lampshades of all sizes and shapes stacked from top to bottom. “They had the largest collection of shades in New England,” Rachel said. Since Jill took over the business, it lost its cluttered charm to a more stylish array of table lamps of all styles.

Repairs were done either on the counter – if Jill could take care of it herself — or were left for her husband, John, who would do the repairs on the weekends. Jill started working there part-time while she raised three children — Jake, Dan and Rachel — until her parents’ retirement.

“She was an expert in her field,” Rachel said. “It was such a ‘niche’ store.” Interior designers from all over the nation would order from them, she said, including Martha Stewart and other celebrities. One designer ordered lampshades for the Sydney Opera House. But the more the market shifted to other lighting technology, the more “niche” their particular knowhow became.

John Pendergast, who has been doing the repairs for his wife, will continue to accept repair jobs, his daughter said, and the phone number, (203) 795-6628, will continue to be active. A physician’s assistant by trade, John Pendergast runs a small

medical practice in Brookfield, and has been tinkering with lamps on the side for years, ever since his wife took over the business from her parents. In fact, it was his father-in-law, Jim Tendler, who taught him the repair part of the business. “He is very handy,” Rachel said of her father.

Jill Pendergast passed away unexpectedly at age 60 in December when she was admitted to Milford Hospital for an intestinal hernia. After her passing, the family realized that she had gotten in arrears with her lease payments earlier in 2020, when she had to close the store for the Covid pandemic. A family friend, Brittany Hart, opened a GoFundMe page for them.

“Jill fought tooth and nail to keep her family business afloat so that residents all over Connecticut and beyond would be able to have beautiful lamps and lampshades to light up their homes,” Brittany wrote. But the lease is running out at the end of this month. Rachel said they did get an extension to the end of April, which gives them some time to get things in order.

Many of her mom’s old customers have visited the store since they decided to re-open on weekends. They came to share stories or simply to reach out. Jill had a group of customers who would pick up lunch for her, Rachel said, because her mom often did not want to leave the store. Now her brother Dan is the “chief lunch officer.”

“She had a lot of very loyal customers,” John said in a television interview on WFSB, Channel 3. Some customers bring in lamps they bought 30 years ago from Rachel’s grandparents.

Keeping the store open has been therapeutic for the family, especially for John, but also for Rachel and Dan. She has a full-time job in technology in Boston, and drives down to Orange on weekends. Brother Dan, a resident of Milford, is helping out with the store as well. The family has been so busy, they have yet to finalize the obituary.

“Keeping the store open is almost like keeping my mom alive,” Dan said in the television interview.



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# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



Selection of the Pack at the base of Mount Southington on February 21<sup>st</sup> 2021.



## Pack 922 Happenings

During the Month of February Pack 922 stayed active. Dens met, Scouts made cards for the Orange Volunteer Fire Department to say Thank You for being brave and we had our annual Ski Trip at Mount Southington. Throughout the day on the Mountain scouts took lessons, rode the slopes and enjoyed time with the members of the pack.

On Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> the Tiger Den visited the Orange Firehouse to learn about being a firefighter and to get a tour of the station. The Tigers have been working hard to accomplish many of their achievements and visiting the fire house was a bonus after

they all have learned emergency phone numbers and have planned and tried a fire escape at their respective homes. The Tigers saw a firefighter dressed up in full gear, rolled up hoses, jumped through a window and crawled on the floor following a fire hose. They got a good education in what to expect if they are ever in a situation where they needed to be rescued. The Tigers also learned all the duties that may be expected of a firefighter while at a call. We thank the firefighters for being so generous with their time and for helping the Tigers understand the bravery and strength it takes to be an emergency worker.

## Orange Rotary Looking for Those In Need

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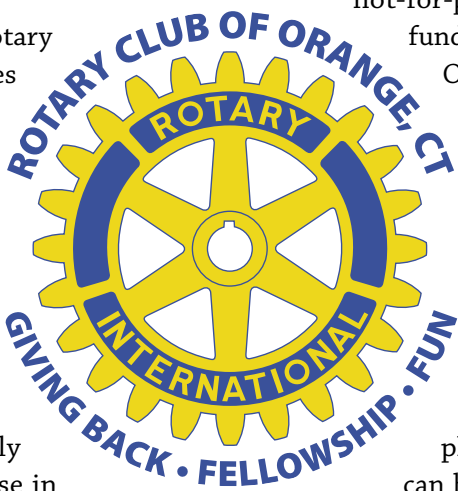
Every year the Rotary Club of Orange raises money to be given away. Thousands of dollars are distributed to many worthy causes such as food banks, disaster relief, health care and others. The Rotary Club of Orange is especially looking to fund those in need within Orange.

This past year, the Covid epidemic has severely impacted many Orange residents because of unemployment, under-employment, sickness or the

restrictions of home-care. The Covid epidemic has also emphasized the need to help others.

If your charity-based effort or not-for-profit agency needs funding to help others in Orange please contact me (bkw@staffage.com) or complete the FUNDING REQUEST on the Rotary Club of Orange website, <https://www.rotarycluboforange.org/>. The short application for funding can be completed by you on the website or I can send the form to you to complete and return.

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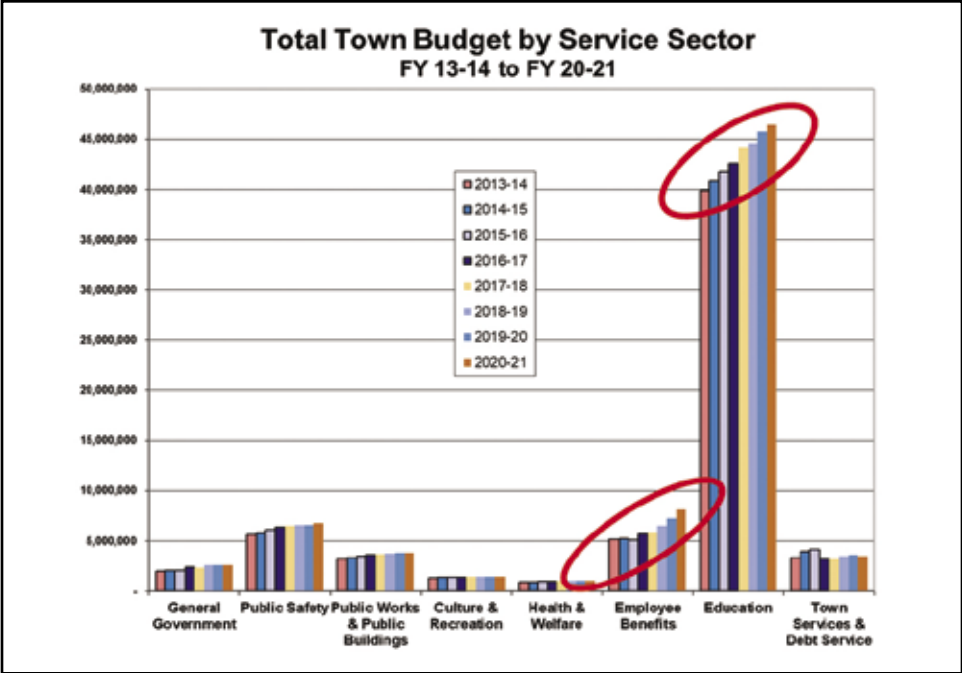
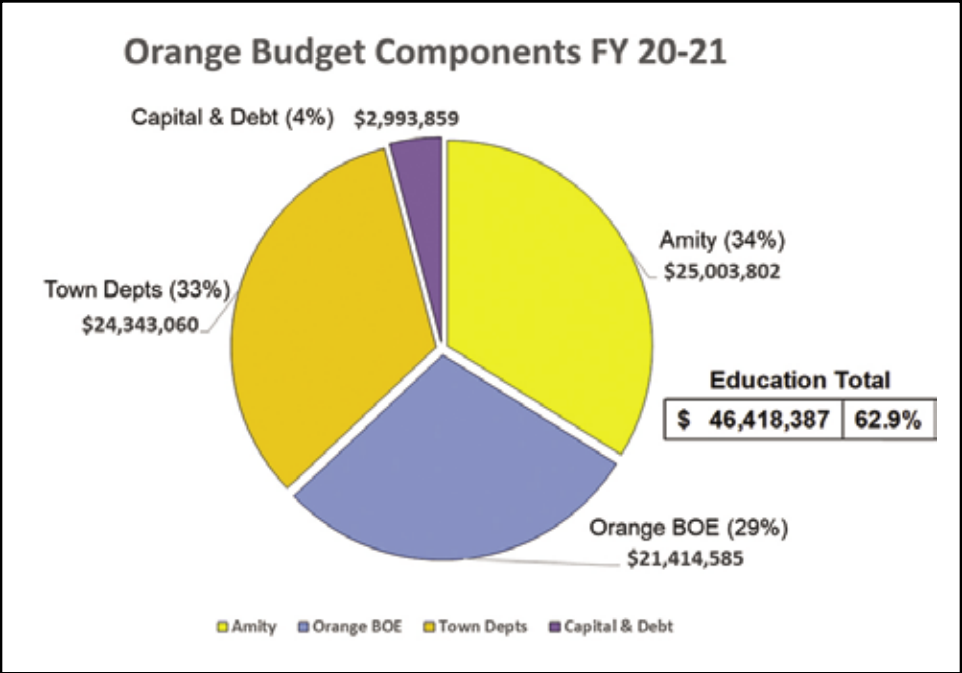
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# TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES



## The Components of the Town of Orange Budget

63% ALLOCATED FOR EDUCATION

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

The Orange Board of Finance wishes to ensure that all taxpayers in Town have a solid understanding of how their tax money is spent. To that end, the following article outlines the major Town budget components, the spending on education, and the trends of spending categories over time.

**Summary of Town Budget Components**

The Orange Town Budget is comprised of 4 major elements: Amity Regional High School, grades 7-12; Orange Board of Education (OBOE), grades K-6; Town Departments; and Capital & Debt. As seen in the graphic above, the amounts & percentage of the Total for the current fiscal year 20-21 are: Amity \$25,003,802 (34%);

OBOE \$21,414,585 (29%); Town Departments \$24,343,060 (33%); and Capital & Debt \$2,993,859 (4%).

**Education Spending is 63%+ of the Budget**

The Town has been long committed to excellence in all its endeavors, including education. Personally, I recall that “the school system” was an important factor when I chose to move to Orange back in 1983.

The Town of Orange spending on education is the sum of the Amity & OBOE budgets, \$46,418,387 in total for current FY 20-21. This commitment to Educational excellence is well expressed by the fact that we currently spend nearly 63% of the overall budget on our school systems.

Moreover, part of the Capital & Debt service should also be included. As Kevin Houlihan, Chairman of the

Orange Board of Finance, explained, “The Orange BOE use our Town buildings. Major repairs to those buildings are funded by the Town through bonds. This funding is also part of the Educational cost.” Therefore, the total amount spent on Education is actually higher than 63%.

Kevin Moffett, long-time OBOF member commented, “The chart shows that education is in fact important as it’s 2/3 of our entire budget. We have to consider all the parts in our budget preparation, our schools, our town departments, and Amity.”

**Town Budget by Service Sector – Spending Trends over Time**

Each year the Town Finance & Administration Department tracks spending by eight major “Service Sectors.” These major categories are: Gen-

eral Government, Public Safety, Public Works & Public Buildings, Culture & Recreation, Health & Welfare, Employee Benefits, Education, and Town & Debt Services. Above is a graph of the most recent information for last 8 years - FY 13-14 through FY 20-21.

**Trends**

From the above graph, two trends are highly noticeable: first, **Employee Benefits** has risen significantly, particularly in the last three budget years. Health Insurance costs and increased contributions to Pensions are the primary drivers of this increase. Secondly, investments in **Education** have climbed steadily, each year over the last 8 years. Once again, the Town’s financial commitment to education is readily visible, even though overall student population has declined measurably over this period.



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# TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

## Town of Orange Meetings for the Month of March 2021



(Subject to Change, Check with Town Clerk's Office, 203-891-4730)

15th	Family Counseling.....	9:00 am	HPCC
	Orange Board of Education.....	7:00 pm	Mary L. Tracy
	Board of Health.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Board of Finance.....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
16th	Town Plan & Zoning Comm.....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
17th	Safety & Health Cmte.....	10:00 am	ZOOM
	CERT.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Recycling Cmte.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
18th	Case Memorial Library Comm.....	7:00 pm	Case Mem. Library
22nd	Youth Services.....	7:30 pm	HPCC
24th	Park & Recreation Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
26th	Emergency Management.....	8:00 am	Police Station


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Girl Scout troop 60274 is collecting food and paper goods for the town food pantry. The items most wanted are: Peanut butter, tuna fish, dry cereal, paper goods, paper towels, toilet paper, apple sauce, canned fruit, cookies, crackers and pudding.

We will be hosting a POP THE TRUNK at High Plains Community Center from 11-3 on Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup>. Girl scout Cookies will be on hand for sale!

Please contact Troop Leader Sarah Gallipoli with any questions: SarahRTR1@yahoo.com



## Contactless Paper Shredding & Mattress Recycling Day

The Orange Recycling Committee has announced the next paper shredding and mattress recycling event to be held Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the front parking lot of High Plains Community Center (HPCC). The committee will again be joined by the Mattress Recycling Council, who will collect used mattresses and box springs.

The secure, on-site paper shredding service will once again be handled by Affordable Solutions, owned and operated by Orange resident Joe Johnston. Residents may bring bags (preferably paper, not plastic) or boxes filled with documents for shredding. Volunteers from the Orange Recycling Committee will deposit them into the shredding truck. Residents who want their boxes or containers returned should tell a volunteer.

Due to COVID-19, residents are asked to put documents in their trunk, wait in line, and pop the trunk when it is their turn. To keep this event as “contactless” as possible, residents should stay in their vehicle. Wearing a mask is requested.

This service is generously funded by the Rotary Club of Orange. Residents may show their appreciation by donating to the Orange Rotary Scholarship Fund. Rotarians will be on hand to collect donations.

Residents may also bring mattresses and box springs for recycling. This free service is made possible through a partnership with the Mattress Recycling Council’s Bye Bye Mattress Program. Dry mattresses (of all sizes) and box springs will be accepted. However, some items cannot be accepted (see ‘Mattresses and box springs: DO NOT BRING’ below). For residents who need assistance, members of the Orange Lions Club will pick up mattresses and box springs from residences, given items are outside and dry or in a garage for easy access, as volunteers will not enter individual homes. Anyone interested in this pick-up service should contact Ken Lenz at 203-795-3906. The fee for pick-up is \$10 per mattress or box spring. Payment is by cash or check made out to Orange Lions Charities, and all proceeds are considered a charitable donation.

If residents are in the cleaning out mode, they may also bring old clothing and shoes to deposit in the Simple Recycling bin near the back of the community center. This bin is available 24/7, making it a great option for when the Orange Transfer Station & Recycling Center is closed. The town gets paid for items deposited in the Simple Recycling bins at High Plains and the Transfer Station and Recycling Center.

Youth Services

BY JESSICA SIMONE, MSW, ORANGE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

### Scholarship Opportunity

Amity High School SENIORS: Youth Services will choose (3) seniors, who live in Orange, to be rewarded with \$1,000 each toward their college education. Each applicant must fill out an application, provide a resume, a transcript of their grades & a brief essay. Students will be chosen based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, volunteer involvement & future endeavors. The deadline is 5/14/21. Contact Jessica Simone at jsimone@orange-ct.gov or (203)891-4785 for an application.

### Drive-In Movie Night

Save the date!!! Orange Youth Services and Orange Park & Rec will be hosting a Drive-In Movie Night! Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – parking starts at 7:00pm and the movie will begin at 7:30pm. We will be showing Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway. Family snack bags will be provided – 1 per car. Admission: \$15 per car – no walk ins. Registration required. To register, call (203) 891-4790.

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



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# Mazal Tov

Hadassa Goldberg, daughter of Rabbi Yechiel and Chaya Goldberg of Thornhill, Ontario, Canada and Shmaya Hecht, son of Rabbi Sheya and Bluma Hecht of Orange, Connecticut, were married on February 23, 2021.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions the

wedding was held with immediate family only in attendance, and the ceremony was live streamed on the internet.

A “drive-thru” reception was held on February 28, 2021 at Chabad of Orange/Woodbridge in Orange.

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# ARTS & LEISURE



## Keep the Arts Blooming & Win Prizes!

The pandemic cannot stop the arts... the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation is working to KEEP THE ARTS BLOOMING with a virtual raffle campaign. 100% of the proceeds will be dedicated to local educational programs, scholarships, and community projects particularly focused on artistic recovery, rebuilding & renewal after the devastating effects of the pandemic.

Give big, win big. The raffle prizes are valued at \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$200, and \$100 in the form of Visa or Amazon gift cards (winner's choice!). Tickets are \$20 each, buy as many as you can, and you can purchase online on the foundation's website: [www.jamiehulleyartsfund.org](http://www.jamiehulleyartsfund.org).

The Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation provides life-changing educational opportunities in the arts to hundreds of youth and adults each year.

Through its scholarship and educational programs, the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation provides 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 area youth, middle school through college, to develop their talents in the visual and performing arts.

Currently, the Foundation is hyper-focused on supporting young artists through the pandemic. It has granted scholarships to middle & high school-age youth whose families were financially hurt by the pandemic, making it possible for them to continue their training in the arts. The Foundation also provided special project support to unemployed early career visual and performing artists.



From top, left to right: Olivia Russo (Gold Key in Drawing & Illustration), Jenny Liu (Gold Key in Painting), Sydney Cohen (HM in Mixed Media), Olivia Tashlein (Gold Key, CAAA Best in Photography), Antonia Tzepos (Silver Key in Photography).

## Amity Art Students Receive State Recognition

In early December, the art student art community submits their work to the Connecticut Scholastic Art Competition. This is considered the premier state competition for visual arts students.

Once judging was complete, students from the Amity School District came through with 3 gold keys, 1 silver key, and 2 honorable mentions. Among those receiving recognition were: Jenny Liu, Grade 12, of Woodbridge, received the Gold Key in Painting; Olivia Russo, Grade 12, of Orange, received the Gold Key in Drawing and Illustration; and Sydney Cohen, Grade 12, of Woodbridge, received an Honorable Mention for Mixed Media. These 3 artists are currently under the tutelage of Elizabeth Smolinski, Jackie Valenzuela and Christina Ruenhorst.

The 2 photography awards went to Olivia Tashlein, Grade 12, of Orange, who received a Gold Key and Antonia Tzepos, Grade 12, of Bethany, who received a Silver Key. Emily Sun, Grade 8, of Woodbridge, who attends Amity Middle School-Bethany, also received an Honorable Mention for her painting, "Five".

A first in the history of Amity's Pho-



Emily Sun's "Five"

to Program was that Oliva Tashlein's Gold Key was also named the CAAA Best in Photography. This competition consisted of 416 photographs and Olivia came out of nowhere and won her very own "Kentucky Derby" with Molly.

This year the awards ceremony was held virtually due to the pandemic. It was held on Friday, February 26, at 5:30 pm, there will be a link on the CT Scholastics Regional Art Awards Website. We would like to wish our Gold Key Winners the best of luck as they move on to the National Competition with those winners being announced on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to the above-mentioned students, their exceptional work, and the manner in which they represent Amity.

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# FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

**BY DENNIS MARSH**

All senior center activities and classes are limited, and trips are canceled. Please check the senior center website at [www.orange-ct.gov/782/community-services](http://www.orange-ct.gov/782/community-services) for further information or feel free to call the senior center office at (203) 891-4784.

**New Software**

During the Covid quarantine we stayed busy. Orange Community Services installed new software. So, come by and receive a key tag to use at a new kiosk which will be in the HPCC front lobby. You will use the key card to sign in for classes, activities and volunteering and other activities.

**Virtual Classes**

If you would like to participate in David Chandler's Tai Chi via Zoom—call the office with your email and we will ask the instructor to email you an invite.

If you would like to participate in Chair Exercise while at home, visit the Town Website at [Orange-ct.gov](http://Orange-ct.gov) and under Departments you will see a link to the Senior Center. There you will find the Chair Exercise video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-klI-X6K7jc>. Chair Exercise has resumed Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at 11:00am. Details are subject to change as warranted.

**Hiking Group Returns**

Join us for the return of the Hiking Group! Marianne Bauer and Judy Fitol will lead you on a 2 mile-ish, 1 hour walk every Thursday at 10:00 am. Facial coverings required.

**March 4:** Race Brook Tract 839 Racebrook Road, Orange

**March 11:** Fitzgerald Walking Trail 112-126 Beecher Road, Woodbridge

**March 18:** Orange Triangle Trail 842 Mapledale Road, Orange

**March 25:** Naugatuck River Greenway Division Street, Derby by BJ's Wholesale Club

**Classes**

In order to begin to reopen the senior center for activities we must adhere

to state guidelines. At this point in time, we must wear facial coverages and practice 6 feet of social distancing. All classes must be signed up for in advance in the senior center office.

Some classes are coming back, and others are planned to be back:

- Afghan Ladies:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 1:00pm in Senior Lounge. Next meeting is January 25;
- Bocce** on hold for the winter;
- Chair Exercise:** Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 11:00am with Anne in the Gym;
- Fitness:** Tuesday at 8:30am with Danielle in Café;
- Laughter Yoga:** meets Wednesday at 11:00am;
- Yoga Monday:** with Andrea at 9:00am in room 3 & 5;
- Yoga Wednesday:** with Andrea at 9:30am in room 3 & 5.

**Arts & Crafts with Suzanne**

Join us for a fun-filled St Patrick's Day Themed Arts & Crafts class with Suzanne on Monday, March 8 at 12:00 noon. Class size is limited to 10 people. Pre-registration is required. Call 203-891-4784 to sign up.

**Book Club via Zoom**

The monthly Book Club meeting has moved onto Zoom. If you wish to participate, email Paula Samuel for a Zoom invite at [Paula.Samuel7@gmail.com](mailto:Paula.Samuel7@gmail.com).

**Movie of the Month**

**March 15:** 3:00pm, *Far & Away*, starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman. A young Irish couple flee to the States, but subsequently struggle to obtain land and prosper freely. Due to Covid, space is limited. Social distancing and facial covering guidelines must be observed. Individualized drinks and snacks will be served. Limit 11 people. Call 203-891-4784 to register.

**Frozen Meals**

There is a special meal program consisting of a box of 5 frozen meals during the Covid-19 pandemic. We can deliver the meals, or you can come by and pick the meals up. Delivery is only available to Orange residents. Call the office to

complete an application. A suggested donation of \$3 per meal would be greatly appreciated.

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

**AARP Safe Driving Courses**

AARP announced that all in-person AARP activities have been canceled through September 2021. AARP Smart Driver online course is an alternative, especially for those who need to renew their car insurance discount. AARP has extended its special 25% off discount through the end of the year. Website: [www.aarpdriversafety.org](http://www.aarpdriversafety.org).

**Legal Clinic**

We are resuming our Legal Clinic services. Attorney Floman DePaola's office will conduct appointments via telephone on the first Wednesday of the month. Appointments will be for 1/2 hour beginning at 9:00am. Please call the senior center at 203-891-4788 to schedule an appointment. We will forward the schedule to Floman DePaola office who will then contact you at the scheduled time. Please be home for the appointment.

**AARP Tax**

AARP Tax Program returned in February. We host 2 days: Wednesday and Friday from 9:00am to Noon. Be sure to bring with you last year's tax return. Clients will go to room 15 and the tax preparers will come in to gather your information and process your return in another room. They will bring the return back to you prior to submitting. Due to AARP Covid requirements clients and volunteer tax preparers are to remain separated.

Remember, we will be maintaining social distance and wearing facial coverings. Seating is limited due to Covid so you will need to register for an appointment at (203) 891-4788.

**Trips**

It is very hard to predict trips for 2021 with Covid concerns. But I would

like to be optimistic that things will be more normal. I would like to offer the members some of the trips that Lilly Tours has to offer.

- April 11—AMERICA'S MUSIC CITIES** with Collette Tours. (considerable walking).
- May 8 – NEW YORK CITY FOOD TRIP**, you will experience the culinary traditions and history that form the backdrop for many of these fabulous edible treats. \$85 per person due at registration. (some walking).
- June 15—ROARING 20s MYSTERY TRIP** with Friendship Tours, (some walking).
- July 25 — BASEBALL HALL OF FAME**, It is every fan's "Field of Dreams" with its stories, legends and magic to be passed on from generation to generation. \$139 per person due at registration (considerable walking).
- August 19—SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA, BAVARIA** with Collette Tours (considerable walking).
- September 1 or 2—AMARANTE'S ENDLESS SUMMER**, with Friendship Tours (minimal walking).
- September 20—PAINTED CANYONS OF THE WEST**, with Collette Tours (considerable walking).
- September 24 -27—NIAGARA FALLS**, One the most desired tourist destinations in the world. \$829pp for double due at registration (considerable walking).
- October—OKTOBERFEST @ KRUCKERS**, with Friendship Tours (considerable walking).
- October 6—NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE SURF & TURF**, show TBD. Enjoy a great buffet, a wonderful play at a fun-filled Cabaret! \$95 per person due at registration (minimal walking).
- November 10—USO TRIBUTE SHOW @ GRAND OAK VILLA**, with Friendship Tours (minimal walking).
- December 4—STURBRIDGE VILLAGE "CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT"**, a celebration of favorite holiday traditions, music, and food. \$173 per person due at registration (considerable walking).
- December 8—EDWARDS TWINS HOLIDAY SHOW @ AQUA TURF**, with Friendship Tours (minimal walking).

## Green Rivers are St. Patrick's Day Traditions

Even though the first color associated with St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was blue, eventually green became the hue of choice to commemorate his work and the holiday established in his honor. Because Ireland is dominated by green, rolling hills, the country is affectionately known as the Emerald Isle. And green clothing and decorations have become the standard each March during St. Patrick's Day festivities.

It is one thing to drink a green beer or paint a green shamrock on

your cheek, but dyeing an entire river green is an immense and awe-inspiring homage to St. Patrick's Day. Since 1962, the vast undertaking of dyeing a river a bright shade of green has been a St. Patrick's Day tradition in Chicago. Tom Rowan, a 76-year-old retired police officer, handles the task, and his methods are top secret. The Chicago River has been transformed into a verdigris waterway



every year, with the exception of 2020, when COVID-19 halted holiday plans. However, someone other than Rowan managed to dye portions of the river green in 2020.

While the Chicago River is the most prominent green river on St. Patrick's Day, others currently emulate the same effects or have done so in the past. The Irish Marching Society decided to bring the tradition to Rockford,

Ill., and dye Rock River last year. San Antonio, TX; Savannah, GA; Indianapolis, IN; Charlotte, NC; Tampa, FL; and Washington, D.C. all have dyed various rivers green. In 2020, city officials in Dublin, Ireland, intended to dye the River Liffey green as well.

Nontoxic dyes and environmentally safe products are used to produce the green hues. Some stick around for a few hours, while others may last for days until they dissipate. While they last, green rivers can produce dramatic effects that are fun to behold.

# CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

**Hours:** The Library is open for public service as follows: Monday and Thursday: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.; 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. The Library has curbside service available as follows: Monday and Thursday: 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Holiday Closings:** The Library will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 1 and will be closed on Friday, April 2 for Good Friday.

**Programs:** Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free, except as noted for materials charges, and open to the public.

**Registration:** Registration is required for all library programs. Register for events at [casememoriallibrary.org/events](http://casememoriallibrary.org/events).

**Zoom Programs:** For online security reasons you must register with the Library to attend virtual programs. Registered attendees will receive a Zoom link via email before the event. The registrant's name as displayed on Zoom must match the name used for registration in order to guarantee admission.

**Take & Make Programs:** Please check the full event listing for age restrictions, deadlines to sign up, and instructions on pickup of supplies.

## Storytimes

### Zoom Lapsit Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Little ones and their caregivers are invited to this high-energy story time with Ms. Michelle! We'll practice nursery rhymes, sing and move together, and explore touch-and-feel books.

### Zoom 2-3-Year-Old Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Audience participation is highly encouraged at this story time session just for 2s. Enjoy books, stories, music and movement, fingerplays and puppetry together.

### Zoom 3-5 Year Olds Storytime

Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy storytelling, books, music, fingerplays, and puppetry at this story time series especially for 3-5-year olds!

## Events for Children

### Children's Take & Make: Homemade Hovercrafts

Pickup dates: March 24-27

For children in grades 1-3.

Build a simple hovercraft and discover how Newton's Third Law helps it float!

### Tween Take & Make: Emoji Stress Balls

Pickup dates: March 25-27

For tweens in grades 4-6.

Make an emoji-themed stress ball



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with water beads and balloons!

### Tween Take & Make: Pom-Pom Bookmarks

Pickup dates: April 7-10

For tweens in grades 4-6.

Make a fuzzy pom-pom bookmark using yarn! Registration opens March 17.

### Children's Take & Make Earth Day Craft: Kintsugi Eggshells

Pickup dates: April 14-17

For children in grades 1-3.

Learn about the delicate Japanese art of Kintsugi and create some of your own using eggshells and watercolors! Registration opens March 24.

### Tween Take & Make: T-Shirt Tote Bags

Pickup dates: April 21-24

For tweens in grades 4-6.

Create your own unique tote bag using a t-shirt! Includes suggested ways to decorate your new bag. Registration opens March 31.

### Children's Take & Make: Blooming Paper Flowers

Pickup dates: April 28-May 1

For children ages 3-5.

Decorate some paper flowers, then watch them blossom! Registration opens April 7.

## Events for Teens & Adults

### Take-Home "Flavor Tripping" Party Kit

Pickup dates: Friday, March 12; Saturday, March 13

For teens in grades 7-12.

Have your own flavor-tripping party with the "miracle berry," the fruit that makes sour and bitter foods taste sweet.

### Take & Make Craft Kit: Suminagashi

Pickup dates: Saturday, March 20; Monday, March 22

For adults and teens in grades 7-12.

Suminagashi is the Japanese art of marbling by floating ink on the surface of water. Learn the basics of this centuries-old monoprint technique and create your own marbled pieces at

home with our suminagashi kit.

### Virtual Author Talk: A Broken Tree

Monday, March 22, 7 p.m.

Join us for a talk with author Stephen Anderson on Zoom. In an effort to discover the truth about his family, Stephen F. Anderson used DNA testing and interviews to learn the real story behind his paternity and that of his three brothers and five sisters. What the DNA revealed, and how the author and his siblings handled it, serves as a lesson to anyone undertaking ancestry research.

### Take & Make Craft Kit: Henna

Pickup dates: Saturday, April 10; Monday, April 12

For adults and teens in grades 7-12.

Learn about henna from henna art-

ist Jamilah in an exclusive, limited-access instructional video. You'll also have the option to purchase a take-home henna kit to practice what you've learned. A \$5 charge will be collected by the Library for take-home henna kits to help offset the cost of materials. Access to the video is free, but you must register to receive the link. Registration opens March 13. Registration for henna kits ends April 3.

### Online Mystery Book Discussion

Thursday, April 22, 1-3 p.m.

Join Librarian Samantha Jasulavic via Zoom for an online discussion of *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides.

### Take & Make Food Kit: Homemade Gummy Bears

Pickup dates: Friday, April 23; Saturday, April 24

For teens in grades 7-12.

Try your hand at candy making at home with this fun, homemade gummy bear kit. Registration opens March 30.

### Virtual Author Talk: The Great Kosher Meat War of 1902

Monday, April 26, 7 p.m.

Join us for a Zoom talk with author Scott Seligman. The *Great Kosher Meat War of 1902* tells the twin stories of female immigrants who discovered their collective consumer power, and a cartel that conspired to keep meat prices high.

# A Bountiful History of Connecticut Food

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library is sponsoring a Zoom program, "The History of Connecticut Food" featuring authors, Eric Lehman and Amy Nawrocki, on Tuesday, March 30 at 7:00pm. They will tell stories about native cultivated crops, raised livestock and harvested fish which have formed a distinctive Connecticut cuisine.

The historical chronology of Connecticut food begins with indigenous crops, such as corn, which was introduced to the colonists by local Native Americans. Over time, the colonists accepted corn as a food choice and created new variations, such as succotash, johnny cakes and hasty pudding. A variety of fruit and berries were made into pies, cobblers and cakes. Shellfish were stirred into a tasty creation, New England Clam Chowder, which has become a traditional favorite.

If you are interested in learning about foods served with a slice of history, go to the Library website to register.



Eric Lehman and Amy Nawrocki, professors of English at the University of Bridgeport, have authored numerous books about Connecticut and New England topics.

The Library will send you a confirmation. On the day of the program, you will receive an e-mail from the Library with the Zoom link to the program.



# HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

## Congregation Or Shalom Events

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To register for a Zoom event, please see the event information below.

### Join Us For Weekly Services

#### Morning Minyan

- › Sunday 9:00 AM – Zoomed
- › Monday 8:30 AM – Zoomed
- › Thursday 8:30 AM – Zoomed

#### Shabbat Services

- › Friday 7:30 PM – Zoomed
- › Saturday 9:30 AM – Zoomed

Only the first Saturday of the month will offer an in-person service with very limited attendance. It will also be available via Zoom (please call the synagogue office at 203-799-2341 for more information).

#### Passover Seder 2<sup>nd</sup> Night – Zoomed

- › Sun. evening, March 28, 6:00 PM-7:00 PM - 2<sup>nd</sup> Seder w/ Rabbi Wainhaus.

To receive the link to register in advance for this event, please email the synagogue at coshalom@sbcglobal.net by Friday, March 26, at 2 pm.

#### Virtual Learning This Month ZOOM &..LEARN!

##### “IMAGES OF ELIJAH”

Wednesdays, March 23 and 30, 11-12 Noon.

Through the ages, the powerful stories of the Bible have been illuminated in legend and on canvas. In this class, Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus will discuss dramatically different artistic and folkloristic takes on the prophet Elijah. All Are Welcome!

Email coshalom@sbcglobal.net or call the synagogue office at 203-799-2341 to register.

#### JOIN A NEW BOOK GROUP IN 2021!

##### “Such A Fun Age” by Kiley Reid

Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.

Led by Toby Zabinski

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A striking and surprising debut novel from an exhilarating new voice,

Such a Fun Age is a page-turning and big-hearted story about race and privilege, set around a young babysit-



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ter, her well-intentioned employer, and a surprising connection that threatens to undo them both. To receive the link to register in advance for the Book Discussion, please email the synagogue at coshalom@sbcglobal.net

#### Social Action MITZVAH OF THE MONTH

Our monthly mitzvah for February is collecting non-perishable food items. Some suggestions: dried black beans, rice, Canola or olive oil, garlic, potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, pasta, whole grains, oatmeal, low sodium soup or broth. You can drop off these items off at the Synagogue or call Joe Shapiro (203-799-2108) for pick it up. Please call the synagogue office at 203-799-2341 for further information.

#### Activities ZUMBA GOLD AT OR SHALOM – Zoomed

Congregation Or Shalom announces the continuation of ZUMBA GOLD. ZUMBA Gold is an easy-to-follow dance movement program that incorporates music from every decade to create an upbeat and fun exercise class. Burn lots of calories, meet new friends, and have a blast. It's perfect for active older adults who are looking to dance and have a good workout while increasing balance, range of motion, and coordination.

Tuesday nights at 7 PM. Contact Robin at zumbarobin@gmail.com or call 203-314-8176 or the synagogue office at 203-799-2341. No experience needed and classes are on a drop-in basis.

Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:15 AM with Danielle Pettit. 10 class punch card: \$70, drop-in class: \$8.

Email daniellepettit@yahoo.com or call 203-509-3683 (cell).

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## The First Church of Christ Woodbridge

The First Church of Christ Woodbridge continues to host Sunday 10:00 a.m. Zoom worship services. If you would like an invite to join the Zoom Meeting, please email the office or log on to our website and add your name to our church email list. We invite all people in the community to join us.

If you prefer to watch Sunday Service without Zoom, you can watch the live stream on our website every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. A video recording of the live stream is featured for the entire week following the service.

To view previous Sunday Services, including our Special Musical Valentine's Day Service, visit us on YouTube using the link provided on all pages of our website. (Links, contact info, and a schedule of upcoming Services are listed at the bottom of this article.)

\*If you would like assistance in gaining access to Sunday Service, please call us by Friday morning, at 203-3892119, or email us at office@uccw.org.

**Church School and Youth Programs** are under way for the spring season. Our most recent “Valentine's Day Flower” fundraiser was a great success! Now is the perfect time to join our Sunday School and Youth Group programs. In-person meetings and exciting events are just ahead of us! Please contact JoAnna Rubino at growfirstchurch@gmail.com or visit the Sunday School page of our website at www.uccw.org/sunday-school for more information.

**The Church office** is open by appointment only, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays. Please call or email to schedule a visit.

**Weekly Bible Study** sessions are now being held in-person at the Parish House. Join us for meetings each



First Church of Christ

Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**Boy Scout Troop #907** continues to meet weekly at 7:00 p.m. New members are invited to attend. For information, visit its website at www.troop907.org.


For more information regarding First Church activities and/or events, please contact us. We are eager to hear from you!

Phone: 203-389-2119  
Email us at office@uccw.org  
Website: www.uccw.org  
Facebook: www.facebook.com/uccwoodbridge

#### FCCW Sunday Service Schedule

- › March 7<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Anya Powers
- › March 14<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Karl Duetzmann, from the Devon UCC Church
- › March 21<sup>st</sup> – Rev. Anya Powers
- › March 28<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday) – Rev. Janice Touloukian
- › April 4<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday) – A special musical service put together by the Music Committee. More details to follow!!

Please Note: For any and all meetings and events being attended at First Church - A facemask must be worn upon entering the building(s) and all Covid-19 safely protocols and standards followed.



### THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Let us know, let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord.  
His going forth is established as the morning;  
He will come to us like the rain,  
Like the latter and former rain to the earth.

HOSEA 6:3



# HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

## Upcoming Virtual Events at Temple Emanuel

Stay connected with our community. Keep your physical distance while maintaining your spiritual and social connections. Check out the online options at Temple Emanuel.

### 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.

Please contact the TE office for links to Zoom and YouTube. All services and events listed here are free and open to both members and non-members.

### Special Events in March

Friday, March 12 at 7:30 pm - Annual Refugee Shabbat - songs and stories honoring refugees will be woven into our regular Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 pm - Jewish Short Story Discussion Group



Temple Emanuel

- a monthly event led by Bennett Graff

Saturday, March 20 at 7:30 pm - Havdalah and a Talk - after a Havdalah Service led by Rabbi Michael Farbman, Rabbi Larry Englander will discuss his novel "The Prince of Healers"

Sunday, March 28 at 6:30 pm - Second Night Passover Seder 5781 - once again we will come together as a virtual community to celebrate the second night of Passover. Registration information is on the TE website.

For more information about services and celebrations at Temple Emanuel, and to register for special events, please go to the TE website, [www.teg-nh.org](http://www.teg-nh.org) or call the office at 203-397-3000. Temple Emanuel is located at 150 Derby Avenue in Orange.



## Congregation Beth El - Keser Israel Events

### Indoor Services

› Fridays 6:00 pm inside the main sanctuary

### Outdoor Services (weather permitting)

› Saturdays 9:30 am  
› Sundays 9:00 am\*\*  
› Mondays 5:45 pm\*\*

\*\*also available via Zoom, like other daily services

In April, BEKI hopes to offer in-person services on more weekdays. For updates, email [bekitefilla@gmail.com](mailto:bekitefilla@gmail.com).

### Children's Services

Children's outdoor services are held on Saturday mornings, weather permitting. To receive the weekly newsletter, email Youth and Family Programming Director Annie Norman-Schiff at [anormanschiff@beki.org](mailto:anormanschiff@beki.org).

### Passover Services

Thursday, March 25 on Zoom, 9:00 am Siyum Bekhorot (study session for fast of the first born), following 8:15 am morning service.

Sunday, March 28 in person for First Day Passover, 9:30 am.

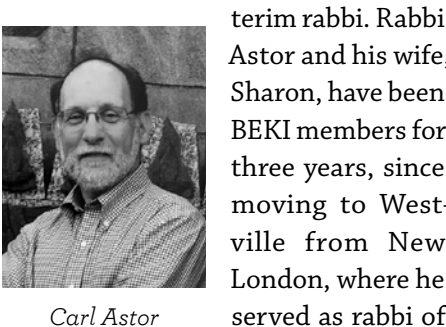
Monday, March 29 in person for Second Day Passover, 9:30 am.

Friday, April 2 Yizkor memorial prayers in person and Zoom, 9:30am, following 8:45 am morning service and followed by Shir ha Shirim and Musaf.

Sunday, April 4 in person for Final Day Passover, 9:30 am.

### Rabbi Carl Astor

Since Rabbi Tilsen is on sabbatical until completing his term of service in August, Rabbi Carl Astor is BEKI's interim rabbi. Rabbi Astor and his wife, Sharon, have been BEKI members for three years, since moving to Westville from New London, where he served as rabbi of Congregation Beth El from 1981 to 2013, retiring after 32 years as Rabbi Emeritus.



Carl Astor

Ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi Astor also earned his

PhD in Rabbinic Literature (Midrash) in 1996. He is the author of *Who Makes People Different: Jewish Perspectives on the Disabled*, published in both English and Hebrew. Rabbi Astor enjoys bicycling, running, hiking, swimming, and kayaking; he also plays the violin with the Nu Haven Kapelye.

### Passover Inspiration

On Wednesday, March 17 Ethnomusicologist Rachel Adelstein will

present "Singing Around the Seder Table: The Music and Memories of Passover" as the 8 pm weekly Schmooze. A favorite BEKI speaker, Dr. Adelstein has produced

podcasts about music in Jewish life around the world.

A week later, on March 24 at 8 pm, Annie Norman-Schiff, BEKI's Youth and Family Programming Director, will

lead "New Ideas for Pesach with Children," a conversation about how to make the Passover Seder meaningful and fun for kids and grandkids. She will also discuss ideas

for "virtual" Pesach fun to link extended families who are apart for this holiday.

From 8 to 9 pm on Zoom, BEKI Schmoozes include a presentation and time for questions. To request the link for any event, email [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org)

### Social Justice Films

The third film in the series, to be discussed on Wednesday, March 31, is the 1-hour documentary *At the River I Stand*. The film reconstructs the two eventful months in 1968 that led to the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Email [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org) to request the Zoom link.

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Friday

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Saturday

- › 9:00 AM Bread and Torah
- › 10:00 AM Shabbat service - on zoom and live stream

Upcoming Events  
Havdalah Harmonics

Saturday, March 13 at 7pm on Zoom

Melaveh Malka, A Broadway

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Professor Steven Smith

Sunday, March 21, 2021

at 10am on Zoom

Patriotism, Our Most  
Contested Virtue

Prof. Smith, Alfred Cowles Professor of Political Science at Yale has written about Spinoza, Lincoln, Leo Strauss and Isaiah Berlin. His new book about patriotism came out in February.

The concept of patriotism has fallen on hard times. What was once a value that united Americans has become so polarizing that it threatens to rip apart the social fabric. On the right, patriotism has become synonymous with nationalism, while on the left it is seen

as an impediment to cosmopolitan globalism. My purpose is to reclaim patriotism from both of these extremes by showing how it can be an ennobling virtue that democratic societies cannot afford to do without. Books are available for purchase in the B'nai Jacob office.

Dr. Siegfried Kra

Thursday, March 25, 2021

at 7pm on Zoom

An Interview on his Books,  
Inspired by his Exceptional Life

Dr. Siegfried Kra, long-time member of B'nai Jacob, is the author of many books, including "Twilight in Danzig", "Dancer in the Garden", and his new release, "Nine Lives". This event will address how this young

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Next week category is Family & Relationships, streaming Asia.

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of weekly services  
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Shabbat Morning at  
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Nicholas T. Catanuto, MD

On January 31, 2021, Nicholas T. Catanuto, MD, formerly of Orange, Connecticut, loving husband of Joan (Lazarchick) Catanuto, and father of 4 children, Carolyn, Michelle, Michael, and Kimberly, passed away at the age of 88 years.

Nicholas was born on April 18, 1932 to Sebastian and Eleanora (Guzardi) Catanuto in Brooklyn, New York, where he spent his childhood years (across from Ebbets Field) before moving to Goshen, New York, where he attended St John's High School. He worked his way through his undergraduate education beginning in 1949 with a partial scholarship at New York University, and completed his degree at Saint Peter's College (now University) in Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1955. He wed Joan Lazarchick in July 1955. He received his MD degree from Dalhousie University Medical School in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1961. He served in the US Navy from 1961 to 1964, for 2 years on shore, where he was 1 of only 2 Medical Officers who cared for the community at the Naval Weapons Station in Concord, California, and 1 year at sea as Chief Medical Officer. In 1964 he moved his family to Orange, Connecticut, where he established his private practice as a family physician; he eventually moved his office to Derby. After retiring from private practice in 1991, he served as Director of the Granoff Student Health Center at Southern Connecticut State University for 10 years.

He took great satisfaction from his career as a family physician. His patients found him to be very approachable and a good listener; his care often was dispensed with sage advice, a quality that was also appreciated by many outside of his medical practice.

Nicholas was preceded in death by his father at an early age, and his mother Eleanora, his beloved wife, Joan, his brothers Emanuel (and wife Frances) and Sib, and his daughters Michelle (Jindra) and Kimberly (Batter, Zevetchin). He is survived by his

children, Carolyn and Michael (wife, Patricia), sons-in-law, David Zevetchin, and Josef Jindra, and many sisters-and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and grand nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass will be held at Egan Chapel of Saint Ignatius of Loyola at Fairfield University at 12:10 on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, in Fairfield, Connecticut.

In lieu of flowers, Dr Catanuto requested that donations be made to Dalhousie University Medical School Faculty of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine (PO Box 15000, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 4R2, Canada; online: alumniapps2.dal.ca; or phone: 800-565-9969).



Katherine Adele Novak

Katherine Adele Novak passed away peacefully in her home in Orange on February 6, 2021 at the age of 100. She was born on September 7, 1920 in Manhattan, NY, to the late Burton William and Florence (Dengler) Clark.

A 1941 graduate of Cornell University, she taught at Homer Academy, NY, and during WW II served in the Signal Corps, Department of War, in Washington, D.C. as a cryptographer. After raising her children, Kathrine was employed by the Yale Medical Library.

Kathrine is survived by her children, Paul, Nancy and Barbara, their spouses Vivian, Robert Lyons, and Leigh Coen; three grandchildren, John Paul Novak, Megan Elizabeth Jordan and husband Bruce, Bryant Novak Coen and wife Stephanie, and Douglas Clark Coen; and by two great-grandchildren, Patrick Bruce Jordan and Everly Marlene Coen. "Kay" was predeceased by her husband Charles T. Novak, Jr. and by her sister, Carolyn Lucille Shellhammer.


All services were private in Little Falls and Utica, NY. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice. To leave online condolences, please visit [www.cody-whitefuneralservice.com](http://www.cody-whitefuneralservice.com).

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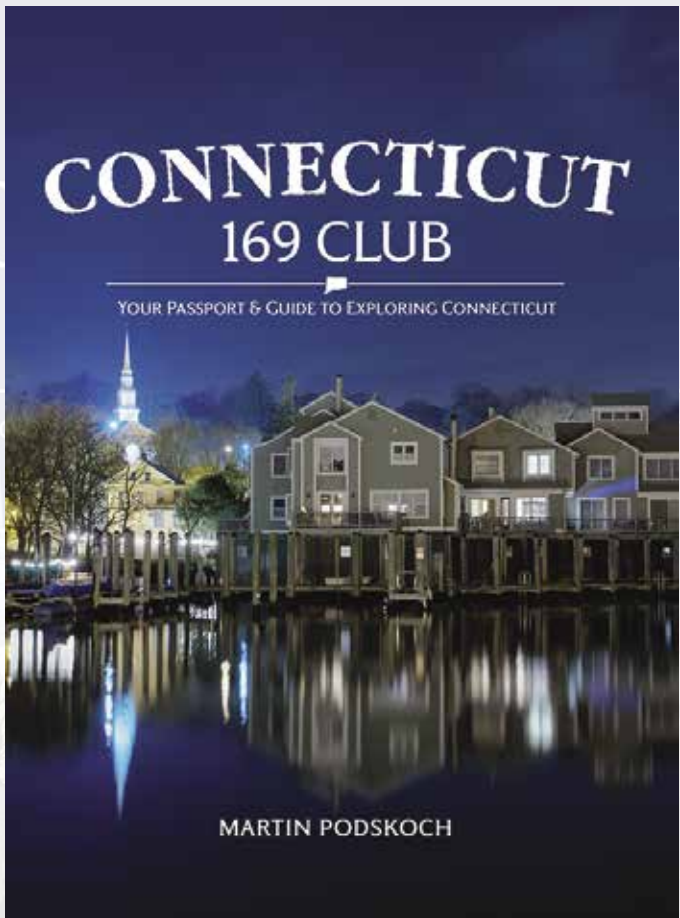
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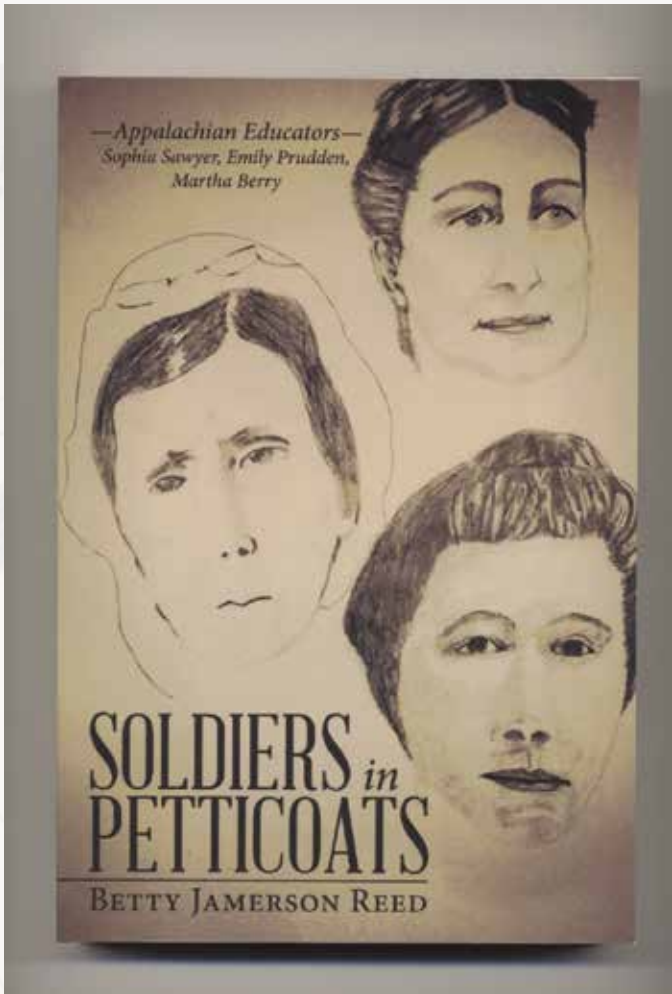
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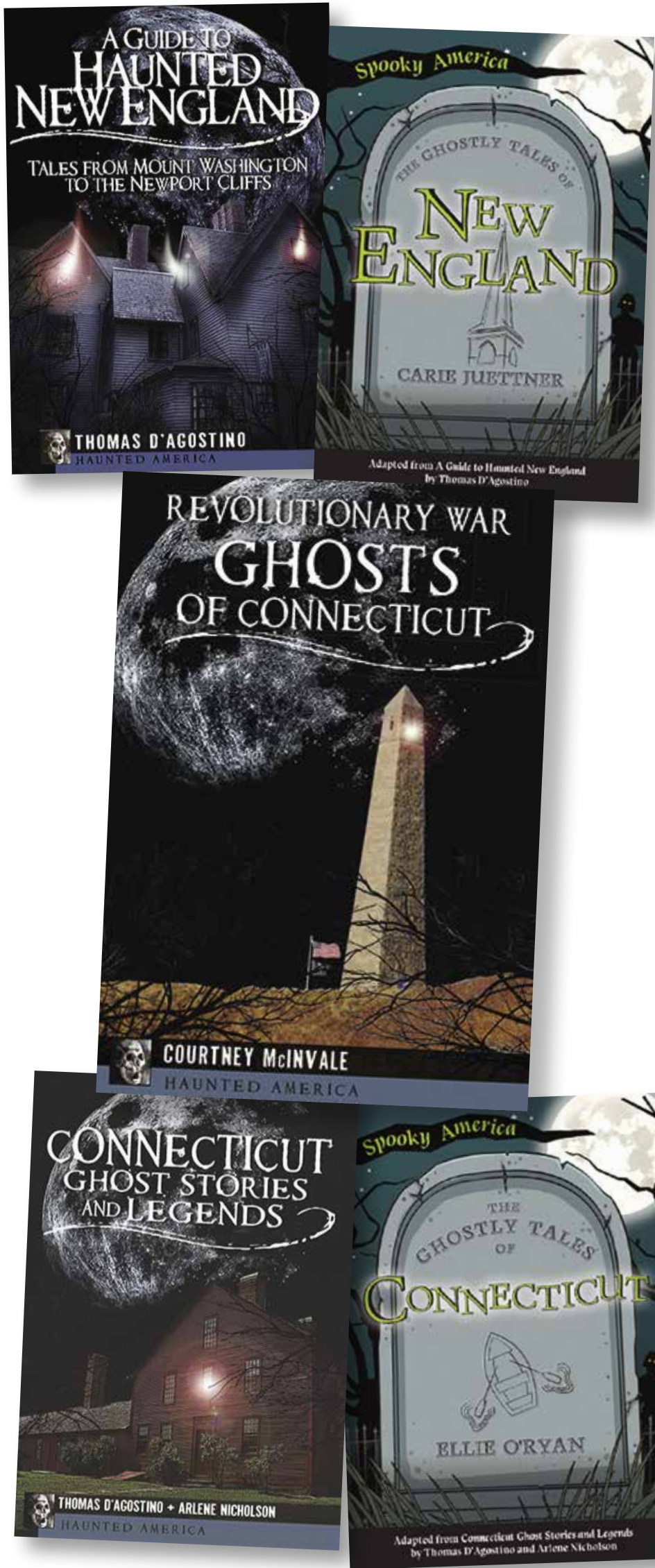


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# HISTORY CORNER



BY GINNY REINHARD

# Let’s Take the Bus to Hartford...

Our first stop is Avon, originally named Northington in 1754 when the first meeting house was built. The Farmington Canal was completed in 1835, linking Avon to New Haven and Northampton, Mass. Passengers, produce and freight could easily make the trip from the Connecticut Valley to other regions in the state thus making more opportunities for economic growth. As we were celebrating women’s right to vote in 2020, Avon’s 860-acre boys’ boarding school was designed and built by our country’s first woman architect, Theodate Pope Riddle in 1927. Her home is open to the public as a museum.

The town of Berlin is in the geographic center of Connecticut, once the home of the Wangunks who lived along the Mattabessett River. As early as 1659, Richard Beckley of New Haven purchased 300 acres from Chief Taramaugus and settled in Western Wethersfield. Several groups moved from Farmington and New Britain, each adding a piece of their territory to form Berlin. Tinware, in the colonies was especially prized as it could be made locally and not dependent on buying iron goods from England. Pewter was finding fewer and fewer markets as one of its contents was lead which George Washington was most adamant about in his refusal to eat from a pewter plate while eating his morning meal at the Clark Tavern in Milford. The tin industry was one of Berlin’s first industries.

The travelling tin peddler has been made popular through former tv shows as The Waltons but let me tell you that as the number of tinsmiths grew in Berlin, the marketing of tinware expanded by the hiring of young salesmen to travel up and down the east coast via horse and wagon with their wares. The sound of the tinware clanking as the horse and wagon lumbered up the road was a delight to families in need of something “new” from the tin peddler. Little did the Irish immigrants, Edward and William Pattison envision in 1794, an industry which would become so successful. The Yankee Peddler became the iconic symbol of Berlin.

Another industry which connects one of my earlier stories is the flintlock pistols used in the War of 1812,

the war which has been associated with our recent turmoil in Washington, D.C. It was in Berlin, that Simeon North developed a milling machine to produce the first interchangeable parts for the flint-lock. It’s no wonder that Connecticut has many old brick buildings since Berlin, after discovering clay deposits while laying RR tracks, produced 90,000 bricks a day!

The history of the early inhabitants of both Milford and Burlington with the Native Americans comes from their mutual association. Both the Tunxis and Paugussets had the same fears from the war-like Mohawks from the west and the Pequots from the east in their annual raids on their villages, pillaging their food they had in readiness for the winter. The Tunxis Tribe signed a deed for land known as Tunxis Plantation in 1640, just one year after Milford signed deeds from the Paugussets. Burlington is located on the western edge of Hartford County, a scenic hill town with many forests and waterways with almost half of the land in town owned by three

public water supply companies and the State of Connecticut. For many years, the town was undeveloped due to its rugged terrain and as with other towns, religious travel was difficult, causing changes in the towns. Settlement increased after the Revolutionary War with farmers adding another trade as a blacksmith, clockmaker and the tinsmith. Burlington’s State Fish Hatchery in Nassahegon State Forest raises brown and rainbow trout to be distributed into states lakes, ponds, rivers and streams with public access.

A note about North Milford (Orange). During the Revolutionary War, the building of one of the Treat houses on Grassy Hill Road ceased due to the fact that none of the blacksmiths or farmers with blacksmith knowledge were left after they enlisted in the war effort. Why did the building



Lock 12 in Cheshire

stop? There were no nails! How about a change of pace? Who knows where the Turkey Hills Ecclesiastical Society was?

Where were mulberry trees planted to feed the silk worms? How about the New England Air Museum? Another hint: Old Newgate Prison. (I wrote about it in one of my stories). And now for the giveaway, Bradley International Airport. Ok so the front “door” is in Windsor Locks but it’s still on the eastern border of.....drum roll please! Yes, it’s East Granby!

As with most Connecticut towns, farmers established the towns and East Granby is one of the last towns to be established by the General Assembly of Connecticut. Not every town has a notable person but to the kids in your family who like the I Spy books, the author lives in East Granby.

One town, a suburb of Hartford has maintained its agrarian roots in the growing of tobacco, not the kind for cigarettes but the wrapping for cigars. During the 20<sup>th</sup> century, East Windsor was one of the largest tobacco producing towns in Connecticut with barns as far as you could see.

This town of 11,000 is comprised of 5 villages, Warehouse Point, Broad Brook, Windsorville, Scantic and Melrose. The first steamboat service in the United States began in East Windsor and can boast that it has one of the largest trolley museums in New England!

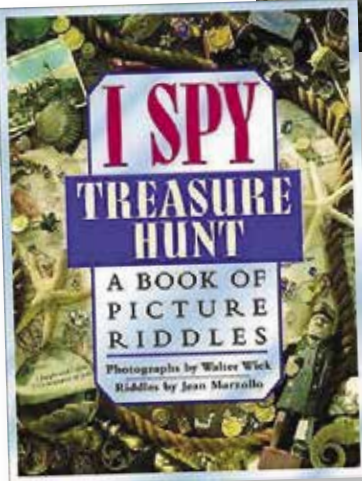
Glastonbury puts this story in perspective as to how

important our little state was and is to the whole 50 states. As you know, I wrote the section for Orange in the Connecticut 169 Club book but I have to tell you that there are some very interesting items of history up north. It was formally founded on the banks of the Connecticut River in 1693 with settlers having first arrived in 1636. With a land area of 52 square miles it’s the 11<sup>th</sup> largest town named after the town of Glastonbury in Somerset, England. It’s the home of the oldest continuously operating ferry in the U.S. dating back to 1655 and up until 1870, over 250 major sailing vessels were built exporting supplies to as far as the West Indies (Milford did that too, just in case you didn’t remember that. Not that many ships but the West Indies part). It is believed to have had the first commercial soap manufacturing business in the world and if you like peaches, remember the name John Hale, known as Peach King Hale, as he developed a peach that would withstand New England winters and was disease resistant.

We all grew up with the Smith Brothers cough drops, right? Well, Glastonbury had the “Smith Sisters”, five of them all abolitionists and supporters of the Women’s Suffrage Movement. Through their efforts, changes were not only made in Connecticut but throughout the United States.

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