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Amity Hires Assistant Superintendent

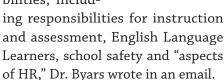
Frank Purcaro

By Bettina Thiel

ORANGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Amity Regional School District will have a new leadership profile with the hiring of an assistant superintendent. The Board of Education voted unanimously on May 9 to hire Frank A. Purcaro to fill the new role at a salary of \$186,668.

The District, under the leadership of School Supt. Dr. Jennifer Byars, decided earlier this spring not to continue the position of Director of Curriculum and Staff Development after Dr. Marie McPadden retired. Instead, the new assistant superintendent will assume more responsibilities, includ-



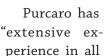
The assistant superintendent will be more involved in interactions with the Board of Education, through both its Curriculum Committee and the Policy Committee. The new position also "creates a clear chain of command," Dr. Byars wrote, "particularly if the superintendent is not available."

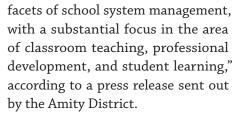
She pointed out that comparable

districts in the District Reference Group (DRG) all have this leadership structure, with a superintendent and assistant superintendent, rather than a curriculum coordinator. The salary is in line with that of the high school principal, Dr. Byars said.

Frank Purcaro comes to Amity

from his current position as director of Student Learning and Teaching at Newtown schools. He earned his Master's Degree in Education from the University of Bridgeport and also holds his Juris Doctorate from the University of Connecticut School of Law.





He began his career in education as a high school social studies teacher before becoming assistant principal and eventually, assistant superintendent in the Wolcott School District before moving to Newtown schools. Purcaro will join the Amity District on July 1.



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Orange Town News Correspondent

The Orange Historical Society, on the occasion of the town's bicentennial, is inviting people to take a self-guided walking tour of the Historic District to appreciate all over again the historic charm of its town center. On its website, www.orangehistory.org, it has posted a tour guide of the Historic District, up and down Orange Center Road.

The seven-page document has 27 numbered stops, going north on the westerly side of the road, past the Congregational Church, then back down on the other side with its municipal buildings. It describes the history of each building in the context of the history of the town.

Ginny Reinhard, president of the Orange Historical Society, said the idea for the project came from Betty Hadlock, a member of the Historical Society Board of Directors and a member of the Orange Board of Education, when she found a description of the buildings from the 1970s, right before the Historic District was formed in 1978. The original information had been collected by Richard Mason, whose claim to fame was to discover and transcribe

for the 20th century reader the Revolutionary War diary of Robert Treat.

Hadlock and Reinhard edited the publication, with help from Dr. Evelyn Russo, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Personnel of the Orange School System and Lisa Mitchals, Library Media Specialist at Race Brook School. The handsome black-and-white drawings of some of the buildings were done by Penny Vaughn.

The idea is for people to be able to access the descriptions on their phone while they are out, if they so choose, or print them out ahead of the walk. Some paper copies of the document are available at the Academy Museum, when it is open to the public.

The Historic District was created in 1978 to keep the character of what was originally a farming town intact. "Most buildings of the historic district were residential, although Orange Center's historic role in town commerce, education, and religious life is also well represented," the introduction says. The district consists of 58 structures, buildings and sites such as Orange Center Cemetery. The buildings and structures range widely in age from circa 1800 to 1937.

BUDGET REFERENDUM RESULTS

The **Orange Town Budget Referendum** took place on Wednesday, May 18 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Town residents overwhelmingly approved the proposal by a vote of **374 YES** to **116 NO**.







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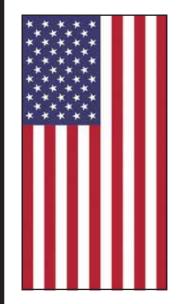




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Connecticut Executor's Deed

One of the most important and largest assets of a decedent's estate is typically real estate, often the residential home. While a decedent's will directs what should happen to the real estate, a very specific legal process must be followed to accomplish the decedent's wishes and legally transfer the real estate.

If the decedent left a valid will, the executor appointed by the Probate Court will have the legal authority to transfer the real estate to the intended beneficiary/ies or to sell the real estate to a third party. The legal document utilized to accomplish the transfer is called an "Executor's Deed". To be legally valid, an Executor's Deed must include:

- The name of the executor and stating their authority to act as executor of the decedent's estate
- The name of the beneficiary/ies of the real estate, or, the name of the purchaser of the real estate
- Statement that the real estate is being transferred in accordance with a legally valid will
- Executor's signature
- Signatures of two witnesses
- Either the signature of a notary public or a commissioner of the Superior Court (attorney)
- Date that the real estate is being transferred and date that the document is being signed by all parties.
- The legal description of the real property, often included either within the executor's deed or as a "Schedule A" attachment

It is strongly recommended that the executor consult with a probate and/or real attorney to properly execute an Executor's Deed and ensure that the legal requirements are sufficiently met. Additionally, the real estate attorney can assist with the proper recording of the executor's deed on the appropriate land records.

If you are interested in learning more about Executor's Deeds please contact the office. We would be glad to meet with you for a no hassle, no charge initial consultation, no matter how long it lasts.





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Outstanding Dental Care - 3 Generations Strong

If you live in the Valley area you, or someone you know has probably received dental care from a member of the Dworkin Dental family. The name Dworkin is synonymous with the area's most advanced dental care. Care that is delivered with a personalized touch that actually makes going to the dentist a pleasure.

The Dworkin Dental dynasty started back in 1953 when Joseph Dworkin started his practice in the Valley after completing his military service. From there, dentistry became a family passion as Joseph's son Jay Dworkin picked up where his father left off to continue on the path to becoming one of the areas most respected Dentists. His Dworkin Dental practice in Ansonia and Big Smiles practice in Milford have provided friendly dental care to thousands of people over the years. "Each patient is treated like a member of our own family", says Dr. Jay Dworkin. "From the moment they walk into our office our goal is to make people smile about every aspect of their visit".

The Dworkin family tradition continues with the announcement of a brand-new Dworkin Dental office at 321 Boston Post Road, Milford opening in June. The new opening also marks the official start of the 3rd generation of dentists from the Dworkin family, daughter Dr. Olivia Dworkin.

Olivia will be working side-by-side with her dad and prominent Dentist Dr. John Levy at the new Milford office. The newest Dr. Dworkin adds, "I'm both excited and honored to continue the Dworkin tradition of helping people get the beautiful smile they deserve. It really is a dream come true to continue to bring our high standard of care to our existing patients and to a whole new generation of the community."

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Thank you for your submissions to Your Home Town Newspaper.

<u>Upcoming Issue Date</u>	I <u>ssue Deadline</u>
June 24 Independence Day Issue	June 17
August 26 Labor Day + Back to School Issue	. August 19
September 30 Halloween Issue	. September 23
Note: Copy due by 4:00p.m. Thank you.	

FROM OUR READERS

Thank you to the Garden Club of Orange

Thank you to the Garden Club of Orange for helping to beautify the town as we get ready to celebrate our bicentennial. The planting of the delightful yellow daffodils and orange tulips last fall on the south side of the Town Hall have been a lovely addition to the landscaping, and we look forward to the gorgeous sunpatiens that will be planted around the flagpole on the green this spring.

I would like to make everyone aware of two free events the Garden Club will be hosting, and I invite you to come see the amazing talent of the Garden Club of Orange.

The Garden Club of Orange is proud to present Bicentennial Blooms a juried flower show on Sunday, June $5^{\rm th}$ in the gymnasium of High Plains Community Center from 1:15 to 4:00 p.m. This event is free to the public.

The Garden Club will also be hosting its annual Herb Garden Tours at The Stone Otis House on Saturday, July 23rd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come explore this hidden gem and this event is also free to the public.

Patrick O'Sullivan

Chair - Bicentennial Committee

Family Talk About Drinking: Prom And Graduation

Prom and graduation season is important for many high school students. Both events serve as memorable celebrations and the next step in their journey to create their own futures. But these events can also come with a lot of pressure and feelings of anxiety for many teenagers. That's why Anheuser-Busch and Dichello Distributors Inc. are building on their long-standing commitment to promoting responsible drinking by encouraging parents to talk with their kids on how to create memories with friends safely.

Before this season arrives, it's al-

ways a good idea to sit down with your teen to talk about a plan of action if they are confronted with underage drinking, establish expectations, and answer any questions so that they can have a safe and fun night with their friends. Parents are the biggest influence on their teens' decisions about underage drinking, and special occasions like prom and graduation are great opportunities to build confidence and trust.

For more information and resources on how you can devote quality time to talk with your teenagers about underage drinking, Anheuser-Busch and Dichello Distributors, Inc. encourage you to learn more through the Family Talk About Drinking program. This essential resource for parents can help you connect with your teen through honest and open-ended conversations while providing tips for talking with children and teenagers through every stage of life.

Here's where you can find Family Talk About Drinking resources online to help start these important conversations:

> www.

familytalkaboutdrinking.com;

- > www.facebook.com/ABFamilyTalk;
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As prom and graduation season approaches, make sure you talk with your teen, so they are prepared to celebrate safely.

Tony Lota

Alcohol Awareness Coordinator
Dichello Distributors, Inc.

Correction

In the article titled "Political Fault Lines Emerge at Budget Hearing" published in the May 6th issue of the Orange Town News, a speaker at the hearing was mistakenly identified as Maryellen Holden. The comments however, should have been attributed to Maryann Holden. We sincerely apologize to Maryellen for the error.



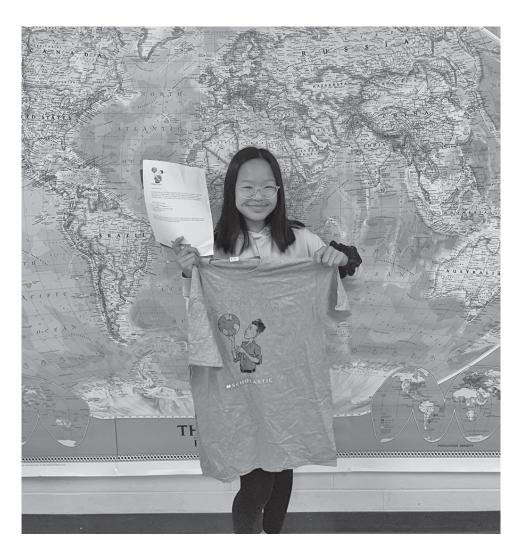
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Please limit letters to 500 words and include a daytime phone number in case we have any questions. Letters must be exclusive to the Orange Town News for publication. We reserve the right to reject any letter.

ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP





Junior Scholastic Map Man Contest

Congratulations to Monica Chen who is a seventh-grade student at Amity Middle School Orange. She was one of 25 runner-ups in the Junior Scholastic Map Man Contest. She participated in this yearly contest by submitting her drawing of a picture/map of Yellow-

stone National Park which highlighted the geography and wildlife of the park. Each year a different location is chosen then submitted to Junior Scholastic in New York City. Monica received a Tee Shirt in the contest. There were over 2000 entries. First prize won \$250.00.



Achievements

Lauryn Giuliano Initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa

Lexington, VA - Lauryn Giuliano, a native of Orange, was recently initiated into the Southern Connecticut State University Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society. The Society welcomed 1,971 new initiates from 78 universities during April 2022. Students initiated into the Society must be sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate/professional students in the top 35% of their class, demonstrate leadership experience in at least one of the five pillars, and embrace the ODK ideals. Fewer than five percent of students on a campus are invited to join each year.

Tracy MacMath Inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Baton Rouge, LA - Tracy MacMath of Orange, CT, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. MacMath was initiated at University of North Texas. MacMath is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Michael Wirkus Inducted into International Honor Society for Business at Quinnipiac University

Hamden, CT - Michael Wirkus of Orange, CT was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, the international honor society serving business programs accredited by AACSB International, during a recent campus ceremony. Stu-



THS 6th grade cast of The Pirate Princess

Turkey Hill School Drama Club Returns to the Stage

Turkey Hill School Drama Club presents The Pirate Princess, the club's thirteenth show. Featuring 67 actors from grades 1st-6th, the original show will premiere on Friday, June 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 4th at 2:00 p.m.

The Pirate Princess tells the story of a teenage girl, Kelsea, growing up on a pirate ship who is unable to pursue her dream of becoming a pirate because of an outdated pirate code.

"We couldn't be more excited to finally get to perform this show," says Dr. Denise Arterberry, school principal. "In March 2020, we were one week away from dress rehearsals, when the show was shut down due to Covid-19. Twenty-eight students returned from the original cast along with 39 new club members. Our students are so excited to participate in this production - the

drama club putting on a performance has been such a sign of normalcy for our students. They are eager to share all of the hard work they have put into this project."

Turkey Hill School Drama Club's production is written and directed by Deborah Sansone and choreographed by Kelsey Sullivan, 5th grade teacher at THS. Music teacher, Kyle Ryan, composed two original songs for the show as well as provided vocal and musical direction. The club also received support from the Jaime A. Hulley Arts Foundation.

Opening night is Friday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. and a second performance will be held on Saturday, June 4th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. They can be purchased at the door or in advance at my.cheddarup.com/c/ths-drama-club-pirate-princess.

dents inducted into the society must be business majors within the top 10 percent of their class if they are at the undergraduate level, or in the top 20 percent if they are at the graduate level. The society offers students opportunities to attend national conferences and networking opportunities with business and financial professionals. Membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest recognition a business student anywhere in the world can receive in a business program accredited by AACSB International.

Dean's/President's List Southern New Hampshire University

Manchester, NH - Anthony Giampa of Orange has been named to Southern

New Hampshire University's Winter 2022 President's List. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in the fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits over two consecutive terms.

Washington University in St. Louis

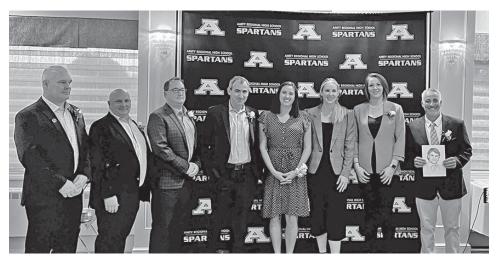
St. Louis, Mo. - Monish Kumar of Orange, CT, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2021 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Kumar

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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP





Left: Gilbert Jennings, Michael Slomsky, Rob Leonard, Mark A. Levine, Erin McLaughlin Guise, Allison Barwise, Janise Ehorn, Sal Coppola and the late Joey Ciancola (sketched drawing), not shown in the photo was Scott Klein

Hall of Honor Inducts New Members

Amity Regional School District inducted the new members into the Athletic Hall of Fame and Academic Hall of Honor on Thursday, April 28. The ceremony took place at the Grassy Hill Country Club in Orange. We would like to congratulate the inductees from left to right in the photo. The inductees inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame have exhibited excellence in athletic performance, leadership or

support associated with the Amity Regional High School interscholastic athletics program. For those inducted into the Academic Hall of Honor have exemplified excellence and honor and have consistently demonstrated leadership, innovation in his/her field, excellence in his/her vocation and/or avocation, integrity dedication and living out of the Amity District's Mission Statement.

Frank Purcaro Named District's New Assistant Superintendent

On May 9, 2022, the Amity Region 5 Board of Education voted unanimously at its regularly scheduled meeting to appoint Mr. Frank A. Purcaro as the District's new Assistant Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Purcaro will assume his new leadership role effective July 1, 2022.

Mr. Purcaro has extensive experience in all facets of school system management with a substantial focus in the area of classroom teaching, professional development, and student learning. Mr. Purcaro began his career in education as a high school social studies teacher before becoming an assistant principal. For nearly the past decade, his experiences at the district level have included service as the Director of Student Learning and Teaching

followed by a promotion to Assistant Superintendent in the Wolcott School District. He currently is the Director of Teaching and Learning for the Newtown Public School District.

Guided by a passion for education, Mr. Purcaro earned his Master's Degree in Education from the University of Bridgeport and also holds his Juris Doctorate from the University of Connecticut School of Law. Mr. Purcaro's dedication to students and teachers is surpassed only by his love for his family – especially his children – who often provide the inspiration and motivation for his work.

We welcome Mr. Purcaro to the Amity Region 5 School District and wish him abundant success in his new role as Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

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Amity Principal Moves On, Search Is Underway

By Bettina Thiel

Orange Town News Correspondent

Amity Regional High School Principal Anna Mahon announced last week that she accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent in Brookfield, a K-12 district. Her last day at Amity is July 31. "Amity is a place that is and always will be near and dear to my heart. However, the time and opportunity have come for me to move to a new school district so I may continue to grow as an educational leader," she wrote in a May 18 e-mail to School Supt. Dr. Jennifer Byars.

Dr. Byars, in her own letter to parents, expressed her sense of loss, both personally and for the community, but also supported Dr. Mahon's decision to move on to new challenges. "While it is a loss for our three towns, she is going to be an incredible assistant superintendent and I look forward to seeing what she can accomplish in a district leadership position in a PreK-12 school district," she wrote to the parents.

Dr. Byars' goal is to have a new principal in place for the start of the next school year. She said there will be a search committee, and the search will

be coordinated by the superintendent.

She asked all stakeholders from the district – parents, students and teachers – to take part in an online survey asking them about the attributes and qualifications they would find most important in a candidate for that position. "It is the District's intent to seek the best balance between work experiences, education and preparation, personal qualities, role expectations of the principal, and the ability to respond to the community's educational needs," the survey states. It is open for input until Friday, May 27.

Dr. Mahon started in 2000 as an English teacher, and quickly became department chair, then associate principal. In 2015 she was named principal, following the resignation of Dr. Charles Britton. Her husband, Sean Mahon, is the PE/Health department chair at the school. They live in Orange.

As for Dr. Mahon, she expressed her enduring commitment to the district, saying her role will now shift to that of a parent. "I love this community and am excited to continue to do anything I can to assist in my role as ARHS parent to support the continued growth and development of the district," she wrote.

Notice To Former Amity Students

Amity Regional School District #5, as per state guidelines, is properly disposing of student special education records. The records of any student who has received special services are maintained for six years after their class graduates.

Former Amity students who were born between 1996 -1998 and/or having graduated in 2016 who have received special services at the Amity Middle School, Orange; Amity Middle School, Bethany; or Amity Regional High School may obtain their special education records.

You must call 203-397-4820 prior to claiming records in order to allow sufficient time to retrieve your records from our archives and schedule a time for pick up.

If you wish to obtain records, please call 203-397-4820 and leave a detailed message with student name, date of birth and a phone number.

If records are not claimed by June 30, 2022, they will be destroyed.

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is currently enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences. To qualify for the Dean's List in the College of Arts & Sciences, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

GraduationsWorcester Polytechnic Institute

Worcester, MA - On Saturday, May 14, Christian Chadwick of Orange, Connecticut, who majored in Aerospace Engineering, was bestowed a bachelor's degree at WPI's 153rd Commencement. Nearly 1,200 undergraduate degrees were awarded during the university's 153rd commencement ceremony. This undergraduate ceremony marked the first time the entire class and their family and friends were able to gather together for an in-person ceremony since 2019.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

Be A Savvy Senior: Know the Warning Signs of Elder Fraud

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Just browse through the latest true crime documentaries on your preferred streaming network and you'll see that people of all ages and income levels are vulnerable to financial scammers. Unfortunately, as we get older, certain factors put us at greater risk. Social isolation, recent loss of a spouse or close family member, diminished cognitive abilities, and accumulated wealth can make those over age especially attractive to fraudsters.

According to the FBI, there was a 74 percent increase in losses reported by victims over age 60 in 2021 compared with losses reported by the same age group in 2020. To keep yourself and loved ones safe from senior scams, ask yourself these questions before you transfer money.

Am I being asked for a payment upfront to receive funds in the future? Advance-fee scams promise that if you pay a sum of money now, you'll receive a much larger amount in the future. Of course, the victim of this scam will never actually receive the promised funds. This can take different forms, such as in lottery or romance scams.

Is there an urgency attached to the request for funds? Government agencies, well-known companies, and banks don't typically ask for immediate money transfers. If you find yourself being rushed to provide cash as soon as possible, start with the assumption that the request isn't legitimate. One way to do this is to call the institution back at a phone number you've used before or that you find on its website, not the contact information in the request.

Don't give out personal information or verify an authentication code to anyone who called you, regardless of who they claim to be or what phone number appears on your screen. Even if the urgent request seems to come from a close friend or family member, you'll want to call that person to verify their identity and confirm the need for money.

Does the method of payment make it impossible to recover your funds (if necessary)? If you're asked to send money by mailing cash, gift cards, or prepaid cards, or transferring bitcoin, those are all red flags. Once such funds are sent, they can be very difficult, if not impossible, to get back. Another sign of a scam might be a person requesting money and instructing you to pay a third party.

Does this transfer raise any alarms with your financial advisor? If some-

one contacts you and says you owe them money and the rationale isn't clear to you, contact your financial advisor as a trusted resource to help you determine whether the request is valid.

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions regarding a request for money, there's a chance you could be the victim of a scam. Depending on your specific situation, consider taking these steps:

Stop communicating with the requestor immediately;

If you did send any checks or wire transfers, contact your financial institution and have them stop payment or recall a wire transfer;

If you sent payment through the mail, contact the carrier service you used to report the fraud and ask if they can stop delivery;

Contact your local police;

Report the incident to ic3.gov (the FBI) or the Federal Trade Commission through their online reporting portals;

Change your email and online banking passwords;

Initiate a credit freeze through the major credit bureaus;

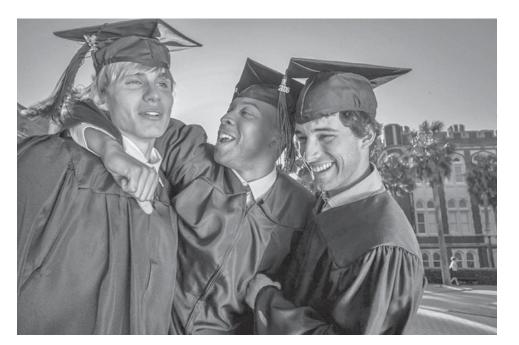
Stay on high alert for subsequent scams. Once a person becomes a victim of fraud, other criminals might target the same individual from a different email address or phone number.

As we get older and potentially more vulnerable, we hope to be surrounded by people we can trust. But senior scams are unfortunately on the rise. Your best protection against elder fraud is to be aware of warning signs; talk to loyal family, friends, and advisors about financial issues; and thoroughly vet any party requesting funds from you.

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7 Gift Ideas For Soon-To-Be Graduates

It would be an understatement to say that it has been an interesting few years for the Class of 2022. Due to the pandemic, many soon-to-be grads spent a significant portion of their school years adapting to a changing landscape, both at school and at home. While it is an accomplishment to reach graduation in a "normal" situation, students who have succeeded and thrived in the face of pandemic-related adversity are worthy of extra celebration.

Graduation gifts are a great way to show grads how proud you are that they stayed the course in the face of significant challenges. Here are seven gift ideas for graduates.

- 1. Journal: Graduates are about to start new chapters in their lives. Either a blank journal or one with writing prompts can help grads get their thoughts on paper to document both the many moments that will shape the next few years.
- 2. Mascot- or school-themed offerings: If a high school graduate will be going on to higher education, then visit the college or university's spirit shop to purchase anything from sweatshirts to blankets to coffee mugs featuring a school logo or mascot. On the first day of classes, the new student will already feel part of the team.
- 3. New wardrobe: Graduating means forging new paths, whether in a career or through additional schooling. Grads can look the part with several items from a favorite retailer. Those who are unsure of the graduate's style can purchase a gift card and let the grad go on a spending spree.
 - 4. Framed school photo or map: A

piece of artwork can evoke strong emotions of time spent on campus. Frame a black-and-white or sepia-tone print of the aerial view of campus, or opt for an official school tour map, which indicates buildings and other points of interest. This could become a cherished keepsake.

5. Bedside organizational pouch: Dorm life requires maximizing a small amount of space. An organizational pouch or pocket can keep essentials such as a tablet, book, reading glasses, and remote control close by and organized without taking up a lot of room. Some are designed to rest over a couch cushion or slide between a mattress and bed frame.

6. Automotive essentials: Graduates will be facing all sorts of new expenses, so easing any sort of financial burden can help them in a big way. Vehicles tend to be major financial drains for teens and young adults. Prepaid cash cards, gas station gift cards, vouchers for car washes, and even gift cards to an automotive supply store can help graduates direct their funds elsewhere.

7. Personal coffeemaker: Many people feel coffee is essential to make it through the day. Graduates who will soon be studying for college exams or those waking up early for their first forays into the workforce may appreciate an on-demand pick-me-up. Coffeemakers are much more streamlined these days, and there are pots designed to use loose grounds or special pods to produce cups quickly.

Shoppers can explore many interesting options to commemorate the accomplishments of the class of 2022.



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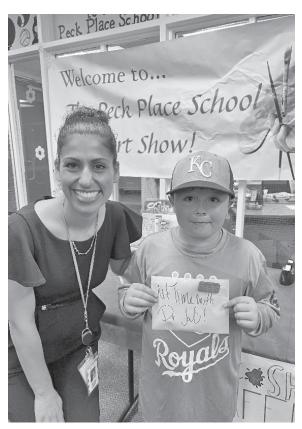
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Peck Place School Art Show

Due to the pandemic, students and parents have been unable to attend an in-person art show for the past two years. This year, families were overjoyed as they searched for their children's masterpieces throughout the school; students were elated when they discovered their classmates' art; grandparents made memories down the Peck Place halls; and students were able to celebrate their accomplishments with their community.

The main attractions were the artwork, paint brush and paint palette cookies, refreshments, raffle prizes, and smiling faces. Peck Place welcomed families and artists to browse through the hallways, getting a first-hand look at the school's artistic community. The art show featured both three-dimensional and two-dimensional works. Ceramic food sculptures, birds eye view perspective of snowmen, Notan paper cutting art,

trompe l'oeil paintbrushes, and color theory paint mixing cityscapes were just some of the art that was on display. The art projects were also handpicked by the artists, and the Peck Place students, parents, teachers, and staff all contributed to the success of the art show. From mounting art projects to labeling and displaying, Peck Place truly shared one main goal: showcasing their young artists' hard work and shining a light on each stu-

dent's creative self.

Once again, we see how important arts participation is in human experience, particularly in a community. The Peck Place arts program recognizes the importance of incorporating the arts into academic growth, creativity, emotional and social empowerment, and cultivating an appreciation of art through technique, expression, art history, and, most importantly, community.

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Prom Fashion Trends Popular This Year

Prom planning often culminates in a night to remember. Part of the prom-planning equation includes figuring out fashion. Those choosing to don suits have a relatively easy go of it, opting for classic jackets and slacks or tuxedos, sometimes adding a bit of color by way of a bold shirt or tie. Teens who wear gowns to prom tend to have more options to consider, and that can make it challenging to pick a favorite.

Studying the latest style trends can make it easier to find the best options when it comes to promattire. Here are some trends that figure to be popular this year.

Historical

A wealth of popular historical dramas on television streaming services make this a go-to and topical trend. From "Outlander" to "Bridgerton" to "The Crown," viewers are in awe of the fashion on these series. Promgoers can borrow elements of historical fashion, including lavish and romantic looks. Lots of satin and corset tops may be seen in this year's styles.

Boho

Teens interested in injecting some free-spirited personality into prom looks may lean heavily on boho styles. Boho is all about natural textures, beading, tassels, and embroidery. Boho dresses can be one-of-a kind. When they include eyelet lace, these dresses can even create a 1970s retro feel. Long, flowing waves or braided pieces in hair can enhance the overall look.

1990s

One only needs to head to the mall to see that the 1990s have come back in a big way. While ripped jeans and flannel shirts are the norm for everyday attire, one can borrow 1990s elements for their prom night style as well. Velvet dresses or spaghetti-strapped slip dresses can replicate looks from the 1990s. This 1990s minimalism ushered in a stark contrast to the poofy and ruffled styles from a decade earlier. Pair looks with a choker necklace and a face-framing updo.

Vintage

One way to be on trend but also frugal is to borrow a dress from a bygone era. Teenagers have started making the old new again by wearing their relatives' own partywear to prom. Anything goes, and this can mean styles from any previous era, but notably dresses that are sophisticated and timeless.

Fit and flair

Those who want to rock their curves and show off their silhouettes can opt for fitted bodices and full skirts. Mermaid dresses hug close to the body throughout the bust, waist and hips, and only flair out minimally at the knees or calves for optimal impact.

No matter which style they choose, promgoers should have their dresses tailored for perfect fits and check to make sure gowns are comfortable when dancing and moving around.

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Here It Is Again... Our Story



By Ginny Reinhard

The 28th of May, 2022 is Founders Day, commemorating the day a true copy of the petition for separation from Milford was examined and accepted by Thomas Day. The ball started to roll when West Farms or West Haven continued their quest to separate from New Haven, a petition they presented to the General Assembly numerous times but were vigoursly opposed by New Haven and Milford, each stating that loss of lands would weaken them politically and economically. New Haven even made the statement that the town would be too small...the charter was denied.

In 1820, West Farms approached the Ecclesiastical Society of North Milford, us, with the proposition that the two districts unite and form a town. North Milford didn't have any problems with Milford to speak of but West Farms did. They had to pay their share of expenses and improvements of New Haven but received a small amount in return for their improvements. So, North Milford seemed the logical choice for West Farms to approach since their petitions of 1785 and 1787 were overturned.

The men of North Milford were very conservative and took the proposal very seriously. First, they took a public opinion poll of the citizens and

Mary Princess of Orange

after much discussion agreed but with three conditions: all town meetings and elector's meetings were to be in or near the meeting house in North Milford. In addition, the first 10 years after the town was organized, each society was to pay such expenses incurred within its own limits and finally the Society of North

Milford would not be liable for expenses of West Farms if the General Assembly were to deny the petition for the new township.

So, now we go to the new township, once referred to as the Parish of West Haven and the Parish of North Milford. On the first Wednesday of May, 1822 upon the petition of Ichabod Woodruff representing North Milford and Nathan Platt from West Haven, the General Assembly accepted the incorporation for a distinct town. Now, this

distinct town included all of what was North Milford and the part of New Haven which was West Farms or West Haven at that time. The inhabitants were one and the name chosen was Orange.

Now I know you have read my articles of how we acquired that name but I will tell you once again.

Oh, by the way, there were several names up for discussion as some wanted to remain as North Milford, which would have been my choice, but Milford Haven and Westford

were also suggested but Orange got the nod. You see, way back in the 17th century, King James II wanted to put New York and Connecticut together and given previous disputes with Rhode Island, Connecticut was up for "grabs". Using a 1673 list of misdemeanors, charges were made that the colony of Connecticut was making laws contrary to those of England, it was ignoring the oath of supremacy, denying freedom of worship to Anglicans and several less serious charges.

Wow, those were bad enough, don't

you think? Enter the villain, Sir Edmond Andros, the Governor of New York. He was given charge, by King James II, to seize the Connecticut charter, allowing England control of Connecticut while Governor Treat continued to prevail upon Andros not to require this submission. The day came when Andros met with

the members of Connecticut's government and the charter was on the table. This story you have heard many times as the charter was whisked away, hidden in an oak tree without being surrendered. Andros did take control however, by creating a council, naming officers to his aid and levying taxes. He adopted an autocratic pattern of ruling Connecticut and continued to employ his despotic policies. However, he eventually was forced to exit, stage left.

Now, we have the next actor on this

stage, Prince William...do I need to tell you more? Yes, I do. Since James II was thwarted in his attempt to suppress the Anglican clergy, the Tories and Whigs appealed to William of the

Netherlands and his wife Mary, daughter of James, to assume the English throne and they did. Just as the English have their houses such as the House of Stuart, the Netherlands had their House of Orange, thus William of Orange and our name. But the story doesn't end there. Why did we choose

it? Prince William's life took on one of caring for the colonies in the new world, traveling as far as the Carolina's.

How do we know that bit of history? We were in touch with a sheriff's office

some years back and they sent us two of the patches worn by their officers with the coat of arms of the Prince of Orange. We have them on display with our exhibit of Prince William and Mary with the flag that once flew in Orange in his honor. It was at the Sesquicentennial, May 27th 1972 that the town was given the flag from the First Federal Bank of New Haven, designed by Orange town residents, Bob Hiza and Curt Thompson. Now in trying to give you more reason for their use of the coat of arms, in the Carolinas, I cannot but can only tell you that in my conversation with the sheriff's office, by phone, our Prince William was part of the history and growth of the colony and to the protection of Connecticut; Orange, Connecticut honored him. We know he went as far as Virginia in that he and Mary endowed William and Mary University.

The Orange Historical Society is very active in the Bicentennial and I have included our events here as the celebration of the House of Orange. Plan to visit us all summer long and when in the Academy on Saturdays, come see the extensive S.N.E.T. exhibit.





Orange Historical Society Bicentennial Events

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New Haven-area Lifelong Learning Program Brings Fun, New Skills and Health to Area Adults

When you're a grown-up, school is fun. Even the tests.

Take Hilary Fried, for instance. He's focused on a test and it's decision time. That tile his classmate and wife just put down on the table...should he pick it up, or not? He goes for it, eliciting a groan from his wife, Laurie, and the two other players as he comes a step closer to making mah jongg, which wins the game.

Win or lose, the Woodmont couple is having fun...and that's the highest passing grade. And while it's not their reason for participating, the Frieds and other lifelong learners are staying healthy, better able to participate in the community and saving healthcare dollars.

Hilary and Laurie learned mah jongg in a class offered by the Institute for Learning in Retirement of Greater New Haven (ILR), a 30-yearold non-profit lifelong learning organization that offers classes in topics ranging from the arts to zoology. Its roughly 400 students, most of whom are older, meet via Zoom or at venues around the area. Dr. Joel Feimer, a retired professor, is president of ILR and teaches literature classes for the program. He says a curriculum that includes literature and mah jongg, along with 46 other classes this semester, is exactly what members are looking for.

"There are people who are interested in expanding their understanding of literature and people who are into the arts, birdwatching, history, travel and what not," he says. "It's kind of neat because we do have those kinds of choices. Our people are intellectually curious."

That describes Hilary and Laurie. They got involved in ILR the same way many others do – a friend told them about a class. They had dabbled with mah jongg with another couple. They enjoyed the social aspect, but when the pandemic hit, they stopped playing. Their friends discovered the ILR class and suggested that the couple join.

"I jumped on that," said Hilary, who adds that he has seen some other classes he wants to take this semester.

For Laurie, the ILR class was something to help her keep busy and a new interest to explore. Laurie has a jewelry business that keeps her engaged,



Laurie Fried looks at her mah jongg tiles while instructor Karen Fenichel talks with Laurie's husband, Hilary, during a practice game

but like many retired people, she likes staying active and exploring new fields. "I'm happier when I'm doing something and not sitting around," she said. "If there's something that interests me, I seek out how to do it."

Like all ILR classes, mah jongg is taught by an expert. Dr. Karen Fenichel, of Orange, enjoys the game and has learned everything she could about it. A retired dentist, she is experienced at teaching adults, including dental assistants and dental hygienists at colleges in New Jersey. She also taught mah jongg at adult education programs there.

"You need to be able to react quickly, be good at sorting and be flexible with your strategy," she says. "That keeps you thinking and exercises your mind. Equally important, the social aspects of games like mah jongg help you make new friends."

That social aspect is important to all ILR classes. People enjoy the variety of classes because they can find things that are important to them while meeting new people with similar interests.

Feimer's literature classes, for in-

stance, never lack enrollment. His students follow him from semester to semester as he explores different works. Feimer takes his classes step by step through the literature.

A recent class on Dante had 15 people enrolled and he anticipates strong enrollment in this semester's Reading the Mabinogion: An Introduction to Celtic Myth. That class runs on six Thursdays, starting May 5.

The Mabinogion is filled with stories written centuries ago in Wales and Ireland by people who resisted the Roman invasion and subsequent occupations. They tell of the interactions between humans and gods, and is credited with giving birth to the legends of King Arthur.

"It's what literature would have been like just after the Romans left," says Feimer. "The stories go back to the $11^{\rm th}$ Century. Students are interested in exploring the literature. It's exciting stuff and it's a lot of fun. It's like fairy tales." He adds that fairy tales mean more after some life experience.

Like Fenichel, Feimer is an experienced teacher. He taught English literature to undergrads and graduate

students for many years, has published essays on medieval and modern literature and co-edited a text on composition. Most importantly, he teaches his passions.

"The classes I teach, I teach from my heart," he says. "These are things I love and I'm ready to share them."

Whether teaching or learning, lifelong learning is all about what appeals to the heart. No longer are students checking off classes for graduation. That's important because these classes do more than teach new skills. They keep minds intellectually active and help students develop social contacts. New Haven County is home to 155,000 people over 65 whose minds could benefit from being kept active. And, like the doctors and scientists who study lifelong learners, the people in the classes know what they are doing beyond having fun.

"I'm into doing what's good for me," says Laurie Fried, "including keeping my brain sharp."

Those who study aging agree that older adults who participate in lifelong learning stay healthier. A University of Texas study, for instance, shows increased memory skills for lifelong learners. A Case Western study demonstrated that Alzheimer's Disease is less likely among those who participate in lifelong learning. Other studies show that a person with a positive perception of their own aging lives 7.5 years longer. And an article in Ageing and Society, a peer-reviewed journal covering gerontology, cited benefits of lifelong learning, saying it helped "sustain their psychological wellbeing" in later life. Even among those with "chronic conditions and other challenges," lifelong learning helped people focus on wellness rather than illness.

Scientists and doctors haven't put a dollar figure on the benefits of staying active through learning, but it's clear that society benefits from maintaining the health of its older adults. Fenichel, however, may have landed on another strong motivation for involvement. "When you stop learning, you become stagnant," says Fenichel. "The world is changing around you. Even if you're getting older, it doesn't mean you don't want to keep up."

"Memorial Day isn't just about honoring veterans, its honoring those who lost their lives. Veterans had the fortune of coming home. For us, that's a reminder of when we come home we still have a responsibility to serve. It's a continuation of service that honors our country and those who fell defending it." — PETE HEGSETH



How To Calm Prom Night Nerves

Prom night is a much-anticipated event for most teenagers. Prom has been billed as a rite of passage for generations, and millions of people have fond memories of this unique tradition.

Hollywood productions about prom night could be a catalyst for unrealistic expectations for high schoolers. Teens may put undue pressure on themselves to live out the "perfect" prom experiences. Prom is supposed to be about letting loose and having fun with fellow students, and the following are some ways to tame prom night jitters.

Plan your look ahead of time. Prom night itself is not the time to try a wholly new look, hairstyle or even skin care product that you haven't used in the past. Figure out how you want to look that night and do a few trial runs in advance to master the look. Have someone take some photos so you can ensure you look your best even under the lights of camera flashes.

Take a social media break. Social media can contribute to even the most confident teen feeling a little less secure, particularly during high-profile times like prom and graduation. Remember, what is posted on social media isn't always reality. Filters can make photos look flawless, and most people like to embellish the "best" and "greatest" on social. Taking a pause from posting and scrolling can be a welcome stress-buster.

Establish expectations early. If you

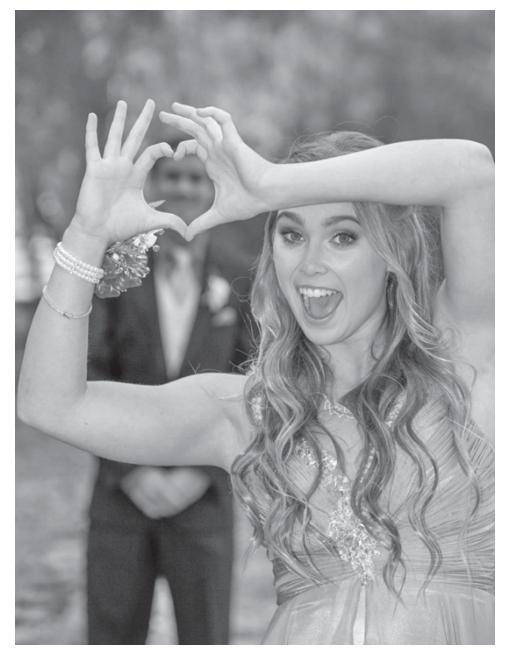
are going to the prom with a group of friends and/or dates, map out what is expected of each person so you're not caught off guard. This can include responsibilities like who is booking transportation and which costs will be incurred and shared by the group. In addition, determine collectively if an after-party will be part of the night and how everyone will get home safely.

Practice breathing exercises. Everyone experiences nervousness at times, particularly during public events or when there are a lot of people in attendance. Deep breathing can get you on track. The American Institute of Stress says 20 to 30 minutes each day of abdominal breathing can reduce anxiety by increasing the supply of oxygen to the brain and stimulating the parasympathetic nervous system to induce calmness.

Don't sweat the small stuff. What may seem like a disaster now at prom likely won't matter later. Mental health therapists often ask their patients, "Will this matter in five years, or even in five weeks?" By refocusing priorities, you can put your energy where it counts.

Get enough rest. It's easier to have a more positive, calmer outlook when you're well rested. Aim for ample sleep during prom season so fatigue won't exacerbate any anxiety you may feel.

Prom night is important to teens. Some helpful pointers can ensure prom is memorable for all the right reasons.



Communities Can Work Together To Make Prom Night Safer

Spring is in the air and that means high school juniors and seniors across the country are getting ready to party the night away at their respective school proms.

Even though these rites of passage are well-known as opportunities to make lasting memories, prom also is associated with several risky behaviors. Underage alcohol use is among the poor choices that teens may face on prom night. However, parents and community members can work collectively to keep promgoers happy and safe this season.

Liquor lock down: Merchants who sell alcoholic beverages can be especially diligent around prom season to check identification and fail to sell alcohol to anyone who is underage. This includes wait staff at area restaurants. Parents and guardians can make sure their own alcohol at home is locked away so it cannot be borrowed for prom celebrations.

Beef up police patrols. Community leaders can work with local police departments to increase patrols around schools and locations that are frequent meeting spots for teenagers following prom festivities. Law enforcement can respond quickly to parties and other concerns if they devote specialized underage drinking details for prom night.

Keep parties age-appropriate. Par-

ents in the community can keep prom nights safer by not serving or allowing alcohol at any party they are hosting.

Safe after-party fun: Recreational centers, churches and other businesses can offer to host after-parties that are monitored and/or chaperoned. This enables teens to gather at safe locations and continue to celebrate in ways that are age-appropriate, without feeling the pressure to attend less trustworthy events.

Talk about risky behaviors. Parents, teachers and community leaders can talk to teens about the potentially dangerous behaviors present on prom night. Remind teens they always can come to an adult without the risk of being punished if they find themselves in an uncomfortable situation. Parents can continue to establish trust so their kids can come to them when they need help or advice.

Change prom timing. While "prom night" is the standard, prom dances can occur at any time of the day. Schools concerned about after-hours shenanigans can schedule their events earlier in the day when the potential for drinking or other risky behaviors may be less significant.

Community residents can work together to help make prom season safe for all students.

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Volunteer Opportunities For Recent Grads

During the months between graduating high school and beginning college, or between getting a university degree and entering the workforce, graduates may want to explore the personal growth that comes from volunteerism.

Volunteering provides various benefits. Some of these rewards include networking with an entirely different group of people. Volunteering also can help a person realize greater happiness by doing selfless acts for others, while they also can help one to realize a new passion. In the future, volunteering with an organization also may help with a student's job search.

There are many arenas where young people can focus their volunteer efforts. Here are some ideas.

Animal shelter: Animal shelters rely on volunteers to help with their operations. They can be a good fit for anyone with a passion for animals and animal rights activism.

Public service sectors: AmeriCorp and Peace Corps have scores of opportunities for volunteers. AmeriCorp focuses on domestic issues, while the Peace-Corp is a branch of the U.S. government that engages volunteers in international service work. Community involvement, health care, agriculture, homelessness, and combatting hunger are top priori-

ties for these organizations.

English as a second language: Volunteers can spend time abroad teaching English to students. Others may want to volunteer domestically by helping non-English-speaking individuals improve their language skills.

Community government: A person may choose to sit on the board of a school, a neighborhood housing association, or even explore volunteerism with a township municipal office. This will provide valuable hands-on experience and may help one lend a voice to issues that affect his or her living situation.

Religious groups: Churches, synagogues and mosques may have volunteer opportunities focused on community outreach or programs affiliated with local nonprofits.

Conservation groups: Volunteers can work on conservation projects across the country. From wildlife management to trail restoration to invasive species eradication, there are a wide variety of conservation-based volunteering opportunities.

Tutoring: Graduates can volunteer to tutor students in local schools or overseas.

Volunteerism can fill gap years or add to résumés for recent graduates.



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SOLD! MILFORD **35 GIBSON ROAD**



SOLD! WOODBRIDGE



SOLD! ORANGE 867 ROBERT TREAT DR



SOLD! MILFORD 101 CAPTAINS WALK



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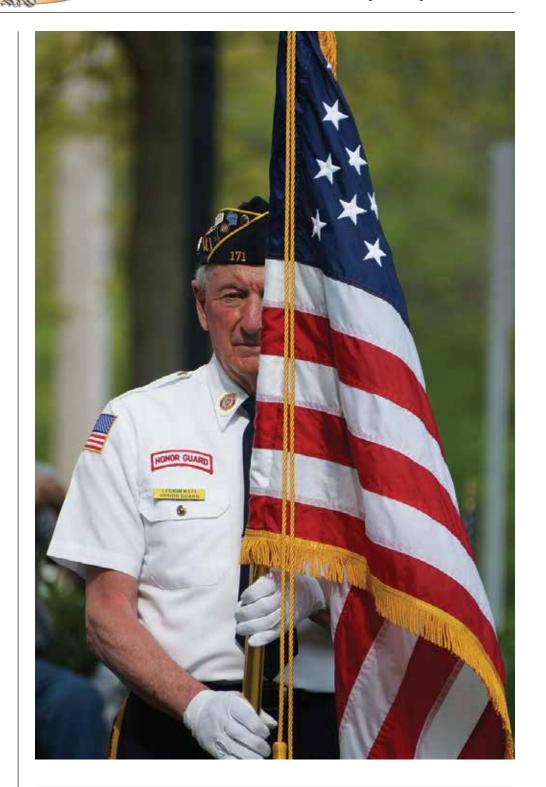
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*represented the buyer



JUNE 23, 2022

2ND ANNUAL ORANGE ---

Artisan Fest Vendor Fair

A mix of Artisan, Business and Farm Vendors

SHOPPING • FOOD TRUCKS LIVE MUSIC • ACTIVITIES • GIVEAWAYS **NETWORKING**



2:30 PM - 6:30 PM

ORANGE FAIRGROUNDS **525 ORANGE CENTER ROAD, ORANGE**











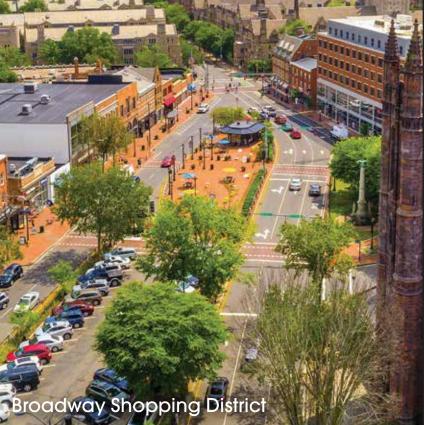




Step Outside This Spring







The Shops at Yale







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Harvest Wine Bar • Raggs for Men & Women • Villa Lulu
Sherkaan • Patagonia • Barnes & Noble • Urban Outfitters
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Troop 907 News

Scouts from Troop 907 wrapped up their annual plant and fertilizer sale the weekend of April 23-24 and want to thank everyone who participated and patronized the troop's fundraiser. The annual flower sale spans three weekends each spring, and proceeds are used to offset the costs of campouts and other troop activities. 100% of the proceeds go directly to the troop's needs.

It has been a very busy few months for the scouts as they welcomed three new youth members from Orange. The troop currently has three Eagle Scout projects underway that will benefit both Woodbridge and Orange. In addition to multiple campouts throughout the past year, scouts have been working on merit badges and are looking forward to an active spring.

Recently scouts went go-karting and have camped every month over the past year. Troop activities occur year-round and has members from Woodbridge, Orange, Bethany, New Haven, North Haven, Milford and West Haven. Recent events have had the troop visiting Sleeping Giant and camping at Scout Camp WaWahTaysee in Hamden where they created and ran the orienteering course near Sleeping Giant. Also, the troop camped and learned riffle shoot-

ing at the Strang Scout Reservation in Goshen.

In May, the troop will be replacing the flags at the graves of the veterans in the three Woodbridge cemeteries and also participating presenting a color guard at the Woodbridge Memorial Day event. On May 20-22, the troop is kayaking in Boston Harbor to Fort Andrews/Peddock's Island, Boston Harbor Islands State Park in Hull, Massachusetts. They will be camping at Camp Sequassen this summer and also taking the ferry and biking around Block Island on another upcoming campout in September.

The troop will be camping outside the First Church of Christ Parish House the weekend of June 17 – 19 and both scout adults and youth will be assisting with the annual community Strawberry Festival. Come by and say hi to all and get to know them! The year ending Court of Honor will also occur on Saturday, June 18th.

Troop 907 meets every Thursday night at the First Church of Christ Parish House (rear entrance) on Meetinghouse Lane in the center of Woodbridge. If you're interested in scouting, please come check out this active troop, or visit www.Troop907.org.



ATTENTION ORANGE RESIDENTS!

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Send it to us with a photo and we will publish it FREE.

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The annual Installation and Scholarship Dinner of the Holy Infant Church Women's Guild was held recently at Seasons at Oak Lane.

Congratulations to the new board of officers for 2022 - 2023. Pictured from left to right -Lisa Stackpole - Recording Secretary; Kathy Chiaro - Treasurer; Margaret Siena - Corresponding Secretary; Lucille Camera - Vice President; Flossie Ardolino - President.



At its recent annual Installation and Scholarship Dinner, the Holy Infant Church Women's Guild presented scholarships to two young college bound women who have made a difference in our community through volunteering. We wish them much success. Pictured from left to right are Grace Pedenski and Jayne Whitman with scholarship chairperson Sue D'Orso.

Orange Lions Wine Tasting 2022

The Orange Lions Club will be hosting "Uncorked", our wine-tasting event, on Friday, June 10, 2022. We are ready for an even bigger and better event this year as we celebrate the Bicentennial of the Town of Orange and the 70th Anniversary of the Orange Lions Club. The fundraiser is at St. Barbara's Church Hall on 480 Racebrook Road in Orange from 6:30-9:30pm. Tickets are \$40 each and includes a stemless commemorative wine glass. Trader Joe's of Orange is sponsoring a cheese table and Eli's

of Orange will have some appetizers available while you sample the wines, beers and other spirits. Don't forget to purchase raffle tickets during the evening for a chance at many different baskets.

Purchase your tickets from any Orange Lions Club member or by calling Marianne Miller (203) 795-3906 or Betty Hadlock (203) 645-8209.

Your support is appreciated and benefits programs for blindness aid, prevention, and eye research along with many community activities.

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Top to bottom: Scouts celebrating after a fun night at the Derby; The Pinewood Derby track; Scouts and their cars

Pinewood Derby and Upcoming Fun

On May 6th Pack 922 held its annual Pinewood Derby. Over fifty custom cars competed including Speed Storm, Cosmic Convoy, Red Ready, and the Flash. The Pack will continue with the 2022 Sky's the Limit Hiking Challenge with hikes scheduled throughout the spring and summer. On June 13th, the

Pack will hold a meeting under the pavilion at the High Plains Community Center. New recruits interested in scouting are encouraged to attend. There will be ice cream and field games! Any questions? Contact our Cubmaster Jessica Zamachaj at jessica.zamachaj@gmail.com

Celebrate the Bicentennial with a Commemorative Crock

Orange Community Women announces the sale of a 2022 Commemorative Crock, a timeless keepsake,

hand-crafted to recognize our bicentennial.

All proceeds from the sale of these crocks will help fund the various projects the group supports within and surrounding our community. These include Food-2Kids, scholarships for Amity seniors, Days for Girls, food basket donations

and social gatherings with the Tracy Bunch and residents of the Silverbrook Senior Center.

Pre-sale pricing of \$30 each is being

offered until June 15th, and they be sold for \$35 thereafter. Each 1-quart stoneware crock stands 6" high and

is hand-made in the USA. They are oven, microwave, dishwasher and freezer safe.

The Crocks are available for immediate delivery within the town of Orange. To order, call Michelle at (203) 605-4383, or email Orangecommunityw@gmail.com

They will also be available at the

OCW booth in the Civic Tent at the Country Fair, and at events in town this summer.





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The Garden Club of Orange Bicentennial Blooms Flower Show



In celebration of the Town's 200th Year Anniversary the Garden Club of Orange is proud to present a juried flower show on

Sunday, June 5, 2022

1:15 PM – 4:00 PM High Plains Community Center Gym **Admission is Free**

ELECTION 2022



Kennedy Unanimously Endorsed for Statehouse

Milford and Orange Republicans on May 17th unanimously endorsed two-term State Representative Kathy Kennedy as their candidate for state representative in the 119 Assembly District. "I'm grateful for the support I've received from party members as well as the greater Milford and Orange community at large," said Kennedy, who was endorsed at the 119th Assembly District Convention held at the Orange High Plains Community Center.

"There is much still to do at the State Capitol. With all-time high inflation and the highest fuel prices in history, Milford and Orange residents deserve a financial break," said Rep. Kennedy. "That is why I pushed for a historic \$1.2 Billion in tax relief for working class families in the waning days of the legislative session as the state is collecting a record \$4 Billion surplus."

Some of Kathy's major accomplishments:

- Worked across party lines to assist those most affected by COVID;
- Improved the affordability for state residents by supporting the scheduled phase out of the state tax on pensions and annuities;
- Protecting our local shellfish industry vital to the region;
- Working to preserve local control of zoning and oppose the state-takeover;
- Vocal advocate for improved public safety and addresses the rise in juvenile crime & fought attempts to

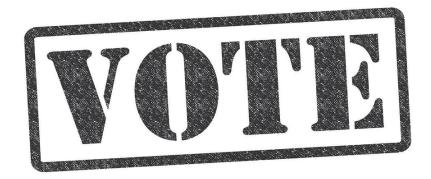
- eliminate School Resource Officers (SRO) in schools;
- Voted for landmark legislation on climate change mitigation;
- Supported legislation to expand coverage for breast cancer screening;
- Supported a bill to increase protections for children by ensuring coaches, teachers or instructors pass an extensive background check.

Kathy Kennedy has devoted much of her time promoting public education, serving on numerous Parent Teacher Association committees, culminating in her election as president of the Connecticut PTA from 2015 to 2017. She has served as president of the Milford Council of PTAs and been cited with several state awards.

A graduate of Amity Regional High School, Kennedy attended Southern Connecticut State University.

Kennedy volunteered as a patient care volunteer for Connecticut Hospice in Branford from 2013 to 2016, served as chair of United Way giving from local government officials, she is a past member of the Milford Prevention Council and a Faith Formations Teacher at St. Agnes Church. She has also been a volunteer coach for the Milford United Soccer Club.

For more information about Kathy Kennedy, visit her on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/KathyKennedyforStateRep.





Smith Secures Dem Nomination for 119th State House Seat

On May 11th, Mike Smith received unanimous support to be the Democratic candidate for the 119th State House seat.

"I've known Mike since High School, when we met at the Youth and Government Program, I was at Lauralton, he was at Foran," said Kristen Colley of Milford, who nominated Smith at the convention. "Watching a good friend endure cancer like he did was harrowing, but watching how he pivoted - and used that experience as fuel for his advocacy – was impressive. We reconnected when our children went to the same preschool program two years ago. I was happy to nominate Mike because I know my family would be well represented with him as our State Representative."

Smith's nomination was seconded by State Senator James Maroney, a long-time friend who has represented Milford and Orange in the State Senate for two terms and previously represented the 119th. "Mike can connect with people, and especially with families, as he understands the struggles others are going through. One of the most important to members of our community is healthcare and Mike understands the importance of affordable and accessible healthcare. We need someone like Mike in the House."

"I am honored and humbled by the support our community has placed in me," Smith said in his acceptance speech. "There are many problems and challenges we need to deal with, and I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work. If I am fortunate enough

to represent Milford and Orange in Hartford, I look forward to tackling the complex policy issues we face: healthcare, education, environment, and ensuring our seniors and young people can live in our community and so many others."

"The hundreds of conversations I've had, at over 900 doors I've knocked on thus far, have further underscored the hard work that needs to be done to make our community stronger. Now let's get to work."

Mike Smith is a product of Milford Public Schools, Orange Ave., Harborside and Foran. While attending Clark University, 2 weeks after being named Co-Captain of his college swim team he was diagnosed with Stage II Burkitt's Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He missed 1st semester senior year of college to undergo treatment at Yale. Upon finishing cancer treatment, he returned to Clark University where he received his BA in Government and International Relations and a Masters of Public Administration.

Since finishing graduate school, he has worked in and around state government. The last four years have been spent working as the Director of Political Advocacy for the largest trade association in the state CT REALTORS. His daughter attends Calf Pen Meadow school and he is currently a co-founder of a technology start-up working to provide the recycled fiber and plastics market better analytics to reduce inefficiency and increase recycling.

For more information, visit https://mikesmith119th.com/.



ELECTION 2022

Rep. Welander Secures Over \$1.1m For Orange and CT Police

Representative Mary Welander (D-Orange, Derby, Woodbridge) advocated for and secured over \$110,000 for two projects in the Town of Orange, and \$1 million for a student loan forgiveness program to aid police officers in Connecticut.

- \$10,000 for the relocation of the historic clock in the Orange Fire Station.
- \$100,000 for the Orange Senior Center to assist in operations and needed assistance.
- \$1 million in student loan forgiveness for police officers.
- "I was proud to go to bat for Or-

ange when we began discussions on the budget early this session," Rep. Welander said. "Senator Maroney and I took the feedback we had been hearing and met with the proper committee chairs and ranking members to ensure that not only were our community needs met, but also the needs of our police departments and law enforcement officers throughout the state. I would like to thank Sen. Maroney for his collaboration on this work."

These awarded funds are in addition to the Town of Orange's total projected allocation and are pending final approval in the Senate.

State Rep. Charles Ferraro Nominated for Re-Election

At the convention held in Orange on May 17, 2022, Charles Ferraro was unanimously nominated as the Republican candidate representing the 117th House district, comprising parts of Milford, Orange and West Haven. Charlie is running for his 5th term.

"During my time as your Representative in Hartford I have worked across the aisle to pass legislation that helps families, encourages the development of offshore wind power generation and improves our state government. I have advocated for new legislation to fight juvenile crime and to properly support our police. I fought against legislation that threatened local control of zoning decisions, the forced regionalization of schools, and harmful tax increases." said Ferraro.

"I am proud of what I have accomplished, but we still have a lot of work to do. I will not stop until our taxes are permanently reduced and our economy is firing on all cylinders. A safer Connecticut starts with a stronger Connecticut. It starts with an economy that can support jobs, build hope

and create a path to success for young people." he added.

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

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

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

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





Creative Promposals For Party Season

Each year, millions of high school juniors and seniors attend their proms. Prom couples run the gamut from the traditional, romantically involved pairing to two friends going together. One commonality typically shared among all prom couples is that one person asked and the other person accepted

In the not-so-distant past, if a high schooler wanted to take someone to prom, he or she would just walk up and ask. Today's teens recognize that they're more likely to get an enthusiastic "yes" when planning a creative proposal. This has given rise to the elaborate "promposal." It's like a clever wedding proposal, but without an ensuing trip down the aisle. Many students feel it is worth the extra effort to impress their prospective dates, and these ideas can get the creative juices flowing.

Become an internet sensation. Create a short video on YouTube or TikTok asking your friend or significant other to go to prom. For privacy protection, use the person's initials, a nickname or set the video to "private," then send a link to your desired date. Include a favorite song in the video.

Act out a movie scene. Who can forget the pivotal scene between Andrew Lincoln and Kiera Knightley in "Love Actually" when he's sharing his feelings via held-up signs outside her door? Recreate this moment or pick another meme-worthy movie moment to reenact for your proposal.

Utilize a stuffed animal. Place a stuffed animal with a note tied to it inside a potential date's locker. For an

even more effective message, include a pun that coordinates with your ask, such as gifting a cow stuffie with the message: "Forget the moo-vies, let's go to prom. I hope this message won't go in one ear and out the udder."

Get some help from Fido. Who can resist an adorable puppy? Enlist the help of your dog when asking a date to prom. A message such as, "Pawlease be my prom partner" should do the trick.

Tap into TV. Use your potential prom date's favorite TV show as inspiration to ask him or her to prom. You can dress up as a favorite character or quote a well-known line. "Stranger Things" fans may appreciate a quote like, "Friends don't lie ... you'd be a great prom date."

Create a mock parking ticket. Place a fake parking ticket on your dream date's car in the school parking lot or elsewhere, with a sentiment that says, "You'll be in violation of prom fun if you don't attend with me." Sign it Your Name, Prom Date Police.

Make a meal out of it. It's often said that the way to the heart is through the stomach. Stop by a favorite Tex-Mex joint for some tacos, and then say to your date "Let's taco 'bout prom." Similar ideas include sushi and "Let's roll together to prom," or a pizza place with the sentiment, "We'll have a pizza prom fun if we go together."

Get foreign: If you share a foreign language class in school, ask the person to go to prom in that language.

Clever strategies can make asking a date to the prom memorable and fun.

Celebrate the Town of Orange's BICENTENNIAL CONCERT & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

SATURDAY, JULY 9TH

(Rain Date: Sunday, July 10th)



Make checks payable to "Orange Town News – Fireworks Display"

Mail to: Orange Town News – Fireworks, P.O. Box 1126, Orange, CT 06477.

For more information contact Rocky Salperto, Orange Town News:

Phone 203-298-4399 – Email: rocky@orangetownnews.com

Donations are Tax Deductible. Final Due Date: June 25th

Save the Dates for icentennial Summer

The Bicentennial Summer of Celebration Family Events





Register for events, order commemorative gifts (i.e., t-shirts, magnets, flags) and

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Saturday, May 28th	I0 am	Founding Day Ceremony	Free	High Plains Community Center	Official Kick-off of the Bicentennial Celebration
Saturday, June 18th	10 am	Mud Run	\$45 fee/ per person	High Plains Community Center	For all Ages, Includes T-shirt & medal
Saturday, June 25 th (Rain date: June 26 th)	2 pm	Bicentennial Parade	Free	Orange Center Road	Marching Bands, Fife & Drum, Community Organizations
Saturday, June 25 th (Rain date: June 26 th)	4 to 8 pm	Family Dinner	\$20/adult \$10/child (4–12 yrs) Purchase by June 17 th	High Plains Community Center	Fun activities, Dinner, Beverages, Dessert Advance Ticket Sales Only
Saturday, July 16 th	9 to 3 pm	Lebanon Town Militia	Free	Bryan- Andrew House	Reenactment of Militias 200 years ago
Sunday, July 17 th	II am	Scavenger Hunt	Free	Around town	Prizes and Other Surprises
Saturday, July 23 th (Rain date: July 30 th)	I0 am	Goat Hike	Donations Welcome	Racebrook Tract	Hike with baby goats
Saturday, August 20 th	3 pm	Falcon Demonstration	Free	High Plains Community Center	Experienced Falconer
Saturday, August 27 th	10 to 3 pm	Crafters & Blacksmiths	Free	Stone-Otis House	Demonstration
Saturday, August 27 th	I to 4 pm	Open Farm Day	Free	TBD	Tour select local farms
Every Saturday	I0 to 3 pm	Historic Displays	Free	Academy	Displays & Exhibits Children's events & games

Keep this handy so you don't miss any of the fun!

Orange Historical Society Bicentennial Events

The Orange Historical Society will be participating in the Bicentennial Summer of Events holding the following events: $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}$

Event	Date	Time	Location	Description
Founder's Day	May 28	10:00am	HPCC	Opening of
			Fairgrounds	Summer Events
Restaurant Week	June 2 and 7	11:30am-1:30pm	Bryan-Andrew	Hearth Cooked
(in conjunction	(Reservations		House	Dinner (Lunch to
with the Chamber of	are required;			us modern folk)
Commerce)	\$20/person)			
Cemetery Walk	July 9 and 10	3:00pm	Orange Center Cemetery	Walk around the cemetery and meet some prominent past citizens and hear their stories
Lebanon Towne Militia	July 16	9:00am-3:00pm	Bryan-Andrew House*	Demonstrations of militia and how families lived in Colonial times
Stone-Otis House & Garden Club Open House	July 23	10:am-2:00pm	Stone-Otis House	Tour the gardens and the Stone-Otis House
Historical Crafters & Games Day	August 27	10:00am-3:00pm	Stone-Otis House	Demonstrations of crafts including Black Smithing & games from olden days for children to play
Orange Country	September 17	8:00am-7:00pm	HPCC	
Fair	and 18	(on the 17 th) and 8:00am-6:00pm (on the 18 th)	Fairgrounds	
Academy Gift Shop & Exhibits	Every Saturday	10:00am-3:00pm	The Academy	See our exhibits of telephones, cameras, Emily Prudden memorabilia and more – Visit our Gift Shop

^{*}Park at the Orange Congregational Church; a Winkle bus will shuttle you to the Bryan-

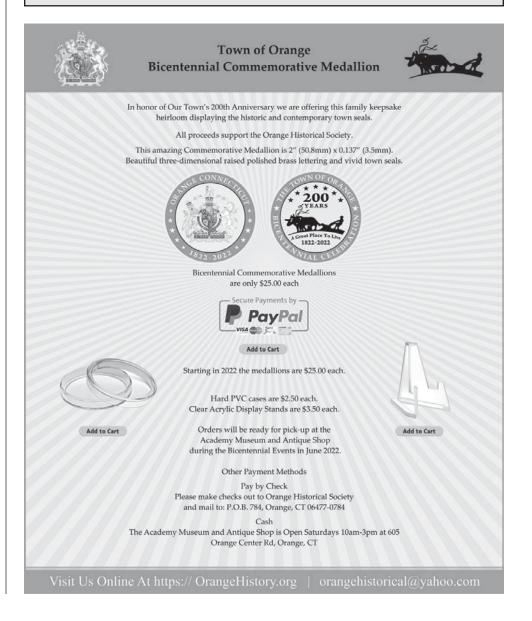
For information on any of these events, call 203-795-3106 or check our website at www.orangehistory.org. Follow us on Facebook. If you are an amazon shopper, please choose the Orange Historical Society as your charity of choice by shopping through www.smileamazon.com.

Town of Orange Meetings for the Month of June 2022



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

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6th	Zoning Board of Appeals7:00 pm Country Fair Cmte7:30 pm	Town Hall Exhibit Hall
7th	Economic Development5:30 pm Town Plan & Zoning Comm7:00 pm	Town Hall Town Hall
8th	OVNA Board of Governors8:30 am Conservation Comm7:00 pm	Clark Bldg HPCC
9th	Elderly Housing Liaison Cmte	Silverbrook Estates Town Hall HPCC Town Hall
13th	Traffic Authority	Police Dept. Police Dept. Woodbridge HPCC
14th	Inland Wetlands Comm7:30 pm	Town Hall
15th	Safety & Health Cmte	TBD HPCC
16th	Library Comm7:00 pm	Case Mem Library
20th	Family Counseling Advisory Council9:00 am Orange Board of Education	HPCC Mary L. Tracy Town Hall
21st	Town Plan & Zoning Comm7:00 pm	Town Hall
22nd	Park & Rec Comm7:30 pm	Town Hall
23rd	Youth Services Advisory Board7:30 pm	HPCC



TOWN OF ORANGE | LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF SECTION OF CODE

In accordance with Section 3.4 of the Charter of the Town of Orange, notice is hereby given to the legal voters and those persons qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Orange that on December 8, 2021, the Orange Board of Selectmen amended a Section of the Code of the Town of Orange – Chapter 183. Building Construction – Section 183-1. Permit fee schedule (A). The ordinance is printed in its entirety with amended section 183-1 (A).

CHAPTER 183

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

(HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Orange as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.)

GENERAL REFERENCES

Flood Damage prevention – See Ch. 223. Subdivision regulations – See Ch. 382. Zoning – See Ch. 383.

Article I Building Codes

(Adopted as amended in its entirety 2-19-1985; amended 12-8-21)

§ 183-1 Permit Fee Schedule.

A. Effective July 1, 2022, in accordance with Section 108.2 Schedule of permit fees of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code, the following permit fee schedule is adopted by the Town of Orange. Such schedule applies to the value of proposed work with respect to which a permit is required by the State Building Code.

Value of Proposed Work	Fee	State Education Fee	Total
\$0 to \$1,000	\$40.00	\$.26	\$40.26

Each additional \$1,000.00 worth of work is \$20.00 per thousand plus the state fee of \$.26 per thousand.

B. Such fees, when collected by the Building Official, shall be remitted to the Town Treasurer for deposit to the account of the Town of Orange.

§ 183-2 Penalties for Offenses.

The following penalty provisions are adopted to implement Sections 121.4 and 122.2 of the State Building Code:

- **A.** Any person who shall violate a provision of the State Building Code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or shall erect, construct, alter or repair a building or structure in violation of any approved plan or directive of the Building Official, of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of the code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding one year, of both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.
- **B.** Any person who shall continue any work in or about the building after having been served with a stop order, except such work as he is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe conditions, shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$500. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Article II Building applications and Delinquent Taxes

(Adopted 10-3-1996; amended in its entirety 4-12-2000)

§ 183-3 Tax Status form required for approval.

The Town of Orange Building Department ("OBD") shall not approve any building application unless the applicant provides to the OBD a fully completed tax status form from the office of the Orange Tax Collector and Orange Town Treasurer indicating that:

- **A.** All town taxes for the property for which an application is made are current and paid in full, or, if not current, the owner for which the application is made has entered into a payment program approved by the Tax Collector to pay off any delinquent taxes which may be due and is not in default under said program.
- **B.** All sewer assessments and/or use fees for the property for which an application is made are current and paid in full, or, if not current, the owner for which the application is made has entered into a payment program approved by the Orange Town Treasurer to pay off delinquent assessment or fees which may be due and is not in default of such payment program.

§ 183-4 Scope of "building application."

For purposes of § **183-3**, a "building application" shall include application for a building, electrical or plumbing permit or any other permit which may be duly issued from the OBD.

§ 183-5 Information required on tax status form.

The tax status form alluded to in **§183-3** shall contain at least the following:

- **A.** Date of application
- **B.** Name and business address of applicant
- **C.** Property for which application is made
- D. Name and business address of owner of property
- **E.** Statement and signature of Tax Collector indicating that:
 - (1) Taxes on the property are current; or
 - (2) A payment schedule is in effect for delinquent taxes and there is no default thereof
- **F.** Statement and signature of Treasurer indication that:
 - (1) Sewer use fees and/or assessments are current; or
 - (2) A payment schedule is in effect for delinquent fees or assessments and there is no default thereof.

RESOLVED: This ordinance shall become effective on the twenty-first (21st) day after its publication in accordance with Section 3.4 of the Town Charter.

Notice of Amendment of Chapter 183. Building Construction – Section 183-1. (A) Permit fee schedule dated at Orange, CT this 14th day of December 2021 effective July 1, 2022.

TOWN OF ORANGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

BY: James M. Zeoli, First Selectman

ATTEST: Mary Shaw, Town Clerk

Legal Notice published in the Orange Town News on November 19,2021

Public Hearing held December 8, 2021

Enactment of amended Ordinance adopted by the Board of Selectmen on December 8, 2021

Ordinance published in the Orange Town News on May 27, 2022 Ordinance effective July 1, 1022



TOWN OF ORANGE | LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF SECTION OF CODE

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CHAPTER 217 FIRE PREVENTION (Amendments noted where applicable.)

GENERAL REFERENCES

Air pollution – See Ch. 164. Open burning – See Ch. 190. Property maintenance – See Ch. 305. Solid waste – See Ch. 331.

Article I Review Fees

(Adopted 4-11-2012; amended December 8, 2021)

§ 217-1 **Purpose**.

The purpose of this fee schedule is to allow the Fire Marshal's Office of the Town of Orange to collect fee in connection with the Fire Marshal's fire inspection and plan review responsibilities and other activities within the boundaries of the Town of Orange, Connecticut that are regulated by the Orange Town Code, the State Fire Safety Code, the State Fire Prevention Code, the Connecticut General Statutes and/or the regulations promulgated by the State Fire Marshal's Office or the Department of Public Safety.

§ 217-2 Activity fees.

A. Inspections. When the Office of the Fire Marshal performs an inspection that requires official certification issued from the Office, a fee shall be charged for such inspection prior to the issuance of a certificate. The fees for such inspection noted below shall apply. All other fees for inspections, reviews, or services must be submitted with applications for such services. Government, public education, and nonprofit organizations are exempt from fees but still subject to inspections as required.

Type of Occupancy	Initial	Renewal	
Assembly Use, Liquor License	\$150	\$75	
Educational	\$150	\$75	
Nursing and convalescent homes	\$350	\$175	
Residential board and care			
Small, fewer than 16 residents	\$100	\$50	
Large, more than 16 residents	\$300	\$150	
Day-care facilities	\$100	\$50	
Group day-care home	\$100	\$50	
Hotels and dormitories	\$300	\$150	
Retail fireworks/sparkler	\$300	\$300	

B. Plan compliance review.Whenever any person, firm, business, or other entity submits a plan in connection with a building permit for review and/or approval from the Office of the Fire Marshal, the fees for said review and or approval shall be based on aggregate building square footage as set forth below. The Office of the Fire Marshal shall have 30 days to complete the review of such submitted drawings and shall provide in writing authorization to release building permit to the Town of Orange Building Official in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 29-263.

Review		Fee
Building plan review	Up to 1,999 square feet	\$125
(New construction or total		
area being renovated)		
	2,000 to 4,999 square feet	\$200
	5,000 to 9,999 square feet	\$450
	10,000 to 30,000 square feet	\$650
	30,000 to 50,000 square feet	\$900
	Over 50,000 square feet	\$1,300*
Fire Alarm system	Up to 5,000 square feet	\$100
(Area being protected)		
,	5,000 square feet to 9,999 square feet	\$150
	10,000 square feet to 49,000 square feet	\$275
	Over 50,000 square feet	\$700*
Active fire protection syste	m	
(Area being protected)		
,	Up to 5,000 square feet	\$100

Over 50,000 square feet

5,000 square feet to 9,999 square feet

10,000 square feet to 49,000 square feet \$275

\$700*

Review

Food service Type I hood system (Includes final acceptance inspection) Modification, alterations, or Additions to existing fire alarm and Active fire protection system(s) Fee \$200 each

½ base fee

NOTE:

*Any building plans for buildings 50,000 square feet or greater may be required to have an independent plan review, as determined at the sole discretion of the Office of the Fire Marshal. The independent plan review shall be conducted by a plan reviewer hired by the applicant and subject to the approval of the Office of the Fire Marshal. The applicant shall pay all costs associated with the contracted plan reviewer's independent review. The applicant shall submit the plan reviewer's written report, along with documentation that the reviewer's costs have been paid in full, prior to the Office of the Fire Marshal's review and approval of any such plan.

C. Other permits, inspections, and fees. Approval to install/operate or conduct an operation listed below shall require a permit to be issued from the Fire Marshal's Office prior to such operation. When the Fire marshal's office issues a permit to install/operate or conduct an operation, the fees listing below shall apply. Government, public education, and nonprofit organizations are exempt from fees but a permit to install/operate or conduct shall still apply.

Permit/Service	Fee
Blasting permits	\$30(CGS)
Retail fireworks/sparkler vendor	\$300
(Annual if continual operation, or each instance if temporary)
Public or private fireworks display	\$300
(Does not include any required fire protection personnel/equ	ipment)
Certificate of occupancy or certificate of compliance	\$50
Underground flammable/combustible liquid storage tank	
removal (for commercial properties only)	
< 1,000 gallons' capacity	\$100
> 1,000 gallons' capacity	\$150
Propane filling station, annual	\$50
Propane exchange retail operation, annual	\$25
Missed (no-show) inspection fee	½ base fee
Returned check fee	\$35
Permit/Service	Fee
File copies:	
Printed document	\$0.50 page
Printed photographs	\$1 each photo
Pictures on CD	\$1 each photo
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No permit or required certificate shall be issued to any party until the fee for such permit or certificate has been submitted with the appropriate application.

В.

The First Selectman may take all enforcement action necessary to secure payment of the delinquent bill of costs, including authorization of the Town Attorney to bring action for payment in a court of law.

All fees shall be payable by check only made out to "Town of Orange Fire Marshal's Office"

§ 217-4 Effective date.

This article shall become effective on the first day of July 2022.

RESOLVED: This ordinance shall become effective on the twenty-first (21st) day after its publication in accordance with Section 3.4 of the Town Charter.

Notice of Amendment of Chapter 217. Fire Prevention – Section 217-2 Activity Fees effective July 1, 2022.

TOWN OF ORANGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

BY: James M. Zeoli, First Selectman

ATTEST: Mary Shaw, Town Clerk

Legal Notice published in the Orange Town News on November 19, 2021 Public Hearing held December 8, 2021

Enactment of amended Ordinance adopted by the Board of Selectmen on December 8, 2021

Ordinance published in the Orange Town News on May 27, 2022 Ordinance effective July 1, 1022

Advanced Degrees Are **Growing In Popularity**

Many college grads are continuing their educations after earning bachelor's degrees. Roughly 13.1 percent of American adults have an advanced degree, which is up from 8.6 percent in 2000, according to findings from the U.S. Census Bureau's Eductional Attainment in the United States: 2018. As of 2016, 28.5 percent of Canadians had a bachelor's degree or higher, says Statistics Canada. The National Student Clearinghouse Research Center says enrollment in graduate programs continues to grow. It rose 3.6 percent in fall 2020 from a year earlier, and 4.4 percent during the spring 2021 semester, perhaps spurred on by the global pandemic and schools' more flexible course offerings that cater to remote students. Despite their growing popularity, advanced degrees do not always translate into higher salaries or improved job prospects. The research

site Educationdata.org says about 9 percent of Americans have master's degrees, but the degrees increased employability by less than 3 percent. Furthermore, the cost of a master's degree nearly doubles the average debt held by people with bachelor's degrees, according to the personal finance marketplace Credible. In addition, certain business owners may even pass up on applicants with advanced degrees because the students had been in school too long or tended to assume their degrees make them worth more, according to a report by Fox Business. That report indicates less than 10 percent of employers believe colleges do a good job of preparing students for the working world, and many employers value applicants who prioritize real-world experience over schooling. This is information students need to consider when thinking about pursuing advanced degrees.

Orange Bicentennial Family Dinner Order Form

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Number of Adults:	Num	ber of Children (4 -12):
Telephone number:		
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Questions? Contact: Polly Demirjian - orenstein@laflegal.com Ginny Proestakes - vproestakes@sbcglobal.net

Join Us in Celebrating 200 Years of Orange History!



Celebrating Our Town's 200th Anniversary with Community Inspired Events



Saturday, May 28, 10 am - Founding Day Ceremony/Bicentennial Brick Groundbreaking at the High Plains Community Center gazebo. The Chamber's groundbreaking will immediately follow the Town Founding Day ceremony. There will be a presentation of honorary bricks to the families of Walter "Bud" Smith (Orange Hills Country Club), George Chatzopoulos (Chip's Restaurant), and Walter Bespuda (Orange Country Fair founder, farmer, and beloved school bus driver). These three exceptional men epitomize the best qualities of true leaders and leave a legacy of making Orange a better place because of them. Show your appreciation of their

r town by attending this heartfelt and touching celebration

Once completed, the mosaics will be assembled into a

Saturday, May 28, 11 am – Orange Chamber Community Art Project at the High Plains Community Center pavilion. The Chamber is partnering with local business Art People and the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation to celebrate 200 years of Orange history with a collaborative art project for community members of all ages. SCG UI is the Premier Sponsor of this free event where the whole family can create seed mosaics and learn about the history of farming in Orange



large, beautiful, moveable display for the entire community to enjoy. The Milford Bank, Otraway Promotional Products, Stillwater Wellness, and Community Champions Network are sponsoring butterfly-shaped wildflower seed packets that will be gifted to participants. Email director@orangectchamber.com to register!

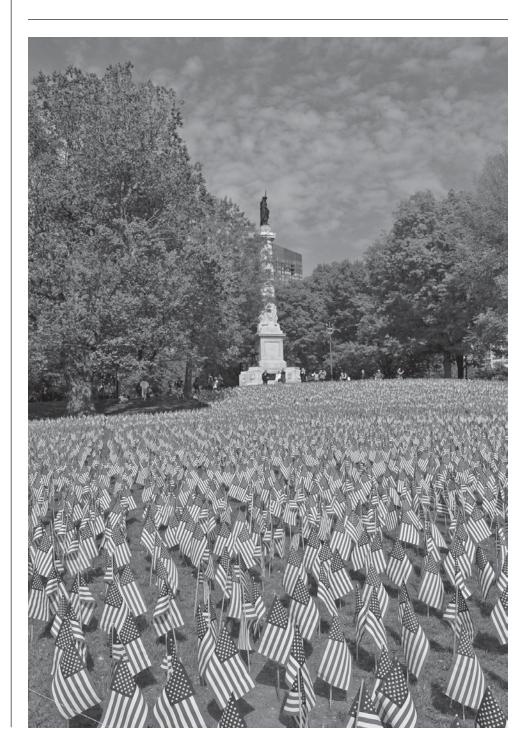
May 28 through June 10 – Bicentennial Restaurant and Business Week. The Orange Chamber of Commerce and Orange Economic Development Corporation are highlighting restaurants and businesses during this promotion so that residents can take advantage of their "Bicentennial Specials." See a full list of participants and their offers at www.OrangeEDC.com/events_activities.

Visit the Orange Chamber's New Online Shop to purchase Bicentennial Banners and Holiday Ornaments and also Orange Historical Society Bicentennial Event Tickets, Bicentennial Medallions and more! It's your one-stop store for everything Orange Chamber and more! Go to orangectchamber.shop.





Be Part of Orange History...Purchase Your Bicentennial Brick Today! The Chamber will continue to sell commemorative bricks throughout the summer. The bricks will be installed around the HPCC gazebo in the fall followed by a Dedication Ceremony. For information and to order your brick go to www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/orangechamberbricks.



TEALTH & FITNESS

Low Back and Knee Pain Prevention for the Cyclist

It's that time of the year again, the birds are chirping and the bees are bumping. It's time to take that bike out of the garage and start logging some miles on the road or trails. Being an avid cyclist myself, I know from personal experience that it is very common to suffer from a variety of ailments secondary to cycling. Now I'm not just talking about from crashing, but many sources of pain stem from an improper fit on the bike. Two of the most common cycling related injuries we see as physical therapists are low back pain and knee pain. Now for the competitive cyclist, proper bike fitting is extremely specific and down to the millimeter. This type of fitting should be done by a certified bike fitting specialist at your local bike shop. But for the casual rider just a few simple do it yourself adjustments can lead to a world of difference. Trust me, I know from experience.

The first place to start is the seat, aka the saddle. There are three primary adjustments that can be made to the seat on most bikes: the height, tilt angle, and distance from the handlebars. When adjusting the seat height, you want it to be at a height where when you're at the bottom of your pedal stroke you still have approximately 25-30 degrees of knee flexion. Too high and you will be over extending, and too low and you will be under extending putting increased compression forces on the knee or friction on the iliotibial band which can result in patellofemoral syndrome or IT band syndrome.

When adjusting the seat tilt, you want the seat to be level. If the seat is tilted slightly downward it will make your weight slide forward in the seat causing you to put increased pressure on your hands/wrists which could cause carpal tunnel syndrome. It also causes your pelvis to rotate forward which can lead to low back pain or sacroiliac joint (SIJ) dysfunction. Having the seat tilted backwards would cause the pelvis to rotate backwards which could also result in low back or SIJ pain. This adjustment can be simply made by placing a firm flat object on top of the seat such as a clipboard, and then placing a small level on top.

When adjusting the forward/back-ward position of the seat you want it to be not so far back that you have to lean excessively forward to reach the handle bars, as this can cause back pain; and not so far forward that when at



Peter Geloso

the top of your pedal stroke your knee is not passing excessively over your toes, which would result in increased compression forces on the knee and could again cause patellofemoral syndrome or ITB syndrome.

If you are experiencing any of the symptoms mentioned above, making adjustments to the bike can help reduce your pain. However, there are likely musculoskeletal or biomechanical issues that may be contributing to your pain. As physical therapists we are skilled at screening each individual patient to locate their specific impairments which may be causing pain. These include muscle flexibility and tightness, joint hypomobility, pelvic rotation, and muscle weakness or imbalance. We can help create an individualized stretching and strengthening program to help correct muscle imbalances and improve your body mechanics on the bicycle to help prevent low back and knee pain, in addition to proper bike fitting.

Finally, remember to take short test rides after making even the smallest bike adjustment before taking it out for a long ride. If you still aren't happy with your bike's set up, seek help from your local professional.

Peter Geloso DPT received his doctorate degree in physical therapy from Elon University in Elon, NC. He is a competitive racing cyclist and competes in races throughout New England. As a practicing physical therapist, he has wide experience in many athletic injuries. Amity Physical Therapy was founded seventeen years ago by Michael Dow MSPT, CEO/Clinical Director. The practice has three offices in Woodbridge, Hamden, Branford and Milford. Peter Geloso can be reached in the Milford office, at 203/693/2350 or visit www.amitypt.com

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How to Throw — and Enjoy — a Graduation Party

Graduation is a momentous occasion for students that marks an end to many years of dedication to studies. Most people look back fondly on the day they received their degrees and diplomas. But often what is remembered most when a person graduates is the party that commemorated the event.

For parents planning graduation parties for their children, graduation season may be filled with nostalgia about their own childhoods and experiences. While parents can borrow from what they learned along the way, graduation parties for their kids should definitely focus on the here and now — and what is important to the new grad. In fact, the guest of honor should be tapped to help create the party of his or her desires.

Book early. Most schools host commencement ceremonies in May or June. With so many people planning parties around the same time, venues and vendors will be snatched up quickly. As soon as you learn the graduation date, reserve a party space and contact caterers, florists, entertainment, or other vendors who will be used for the event.

Host an open house party. An open house party enables guests to arrive and depart freely according to their schedules so graduates can hop from one party to the next. This occurs over a long period of time (four to five hours is a good window) and the party

does not follow any strict schedule.

An open house party requires having food and beverages available at all times, so it's important to have an array of options that can be served room temperature or kept safe over ice or heat. Chips and dips, sliced vegetables and small sandwiches are good options. Crocks and chafing dishes can be used to keep foods warm.

Prevent the temptation. Even if the party will feature a mix of students, friends and adult family, it may be safer to avoid serving alcohol. This way you do not run the risk of an underage guest sneaking an alcoholic beverage and leaving the party intoxicated. Remember, in some areas you can be legally prosecuted for permitting underage drinking to occur, so it's best to do whatever it takes to prevent such a scenario.

Pick a theme. A theme can make a graduation party even more enjoyable. Tie the theme into the grad's personality or future plans or go with a classic, such as a Hawaiian luau, which is fitting for outdoor events.

Hire a wait staff. One way to enjoy the graduation party is to free up time to mingle. Hiring a wait staff means drink and food service as well as cleanup can be handled by others.

Graduation parties soon will be in full swing. Parents can make their youngsters' graduation bash more memorable by getting a head start and incorporating a few useful strategies.

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DEATH NOTICES



Anthony James Del Visco

Anthony "Tony" James Del Visco, 89, of Orange, beloved husband of 63 years to Constance Bonando Del Visco, passed away after a brief illness on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. He was born on November 30, 1932 in Montclair, NJ to the late James and Chancy Del Visco.

Anthony is survived by his daughter, Virginia D. (Peter) Proestakes; son, James S. Del Visco; grandsons, Constantine A. (Kore) Proestakes and John J. Proestakes; granddaughters, Olivia and Ava Del Visco; great grandchildren, Peter and Eleanor Proestakes; siblings, Rose Ann (Andrew) Boyajian, Maryann (Timothy) Seeley, and Lawrence Del Visco; and many nieces, nephews, extended family and good friends.

Anthony proudly served two years in the U.S. Army at a Combat Engineering Company in Germany. He was honorably discharged in 1956 as a Corporal. Anthony graduated from Michigan State University cum laude with a B.A. and later achieved his MBA from the University of Bridgeport. He participated in advanced studies at Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania as well.

Anthony retired as a District Manager after working for 33 years at Southern New England Telephone in New Haven. He gave to his community by serving 25 years as the Chairman

of the Board of Assessment Appeals for the Town of Orange, volunteering as a Tax Assistant & Counselor of the Internal Revenue Service for 10 years, as well as serving as past president for the Orange Exchange Club, Hamden Jaycees, and past chairman on the Town of Orange Republican Town Committee.

Anthony was a lifelong NY Yankees fan and an avid golfer. He enjoyed playing at the Orange Hills Country Club, Grassy Hill Country Club, and Homewood Acres. He also traveled extensively to many countries with his wife and dear friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 10, 2022 at the Holy Infant Church, 450 Racebrook Road, Orange. Burial followed at Orange Center Cemetery, Orange. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Saint Jude Children's Hospital at www.stjude.org. To leave online condolences, please visit www.codywhitefuneralservice.com.

William J. McDonough

William J. McDonough, 85, of Orange, beloved husband of Joanne (Alpers) McDonough, passed away peacefully on May 4, 2022. Born on December 16, 1936 in Erie, PA, he was the son of the late William J. and Bessie Mary (Reid) McDonough.

In addition to his beloved wife, Bill is survived by his children, William J. (Tammy) McDonough, Jr. and Michael McDonough; his grandchildren, Dakota, Tristan, Keegan, and Saige; his nieces, Emily Schuffstall, and Amy Nuremberg. He was predeceased by his sisters Dorothy and Helen.

All services will be private at this time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice. The family is being cared for by the staff of Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad Street, Milford, CT. To leave online condolences, please visit www. codywhitefuneralservice.com.



DEATH NOTICES

The Orange Town News will publish Death Notices for Orange families free of charge as a service to our readers. Family members please email notice (limit 250 words, please) to: edit@orangetownnews.com



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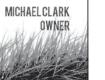
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TOWN OF ORANGE | LEGAL NOTICE

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Pursuant to Section 12-632 of the Connecticut General Statutes the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Orange will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 9, 2022, 7:00 p.m. in the Lower-Level Meeting Room at the Town Hall, 617 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT, to receive comments on an application received for the 2022 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program which will be submitted to the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Service for funding consideration. The application is on file in the First Selectman's Office and may be reviewed between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received at the First Selectman's Office until 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 9, 2022. Thereafter comments should be presented at the public hearing. The following application has been submitted to the Board of Selectmen:

Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy - \$120,000

Dated at Orange, CT this 12th day of May 2022.

Board of Selectmen Town of Orange

TOWN OF ORANGE | LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to the residents and taxpayers of the Town of Orange, that in accordance with Section 3.4 of the charter of the Town of Orange, that the Orange Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Thursday June 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower-Level Meeting Room at the Town Hall, 617 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT, on the proposed set forth below:

On the purpose of establishing a new ordinance 350-35 Authorization to keep de minimis excess overpayments for property taxes. Per CT General Statute 12-129 a local ordinance is required to authorize the Tax Collector to retain deminimis (less than \$5.00) excess payments for the benefit of the Town.

Chapter 350 - Article X - Authorization to keep de minimis excess overpayments for property taxes.

350-35 - Per CGS Chapter 204 section 12-129, Refund of excess payments, provides for municipalities to keep de minimis excess property tax overpayments of less than \$5.00. The Tax Collector for the Town of Orange is hereby authorized to retain such overpayments for the benefit of the Town.

Written comments will be received at the First Selectman's Office until 4:00 p.m., Thursday June 9, 2022. Thereafter comments should be presented at the public hearing.

Dated at Orange, Connecticut this 12th day of May 2022.

Board of Selectmen Town of Orange

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ARTS & LEISUR







Top row: Amanda Koola and Oliva Frankiewicz. Bottom row: Sophia Faryna

Congratulations Amity Regional **School District Artists**

We would like to congratulate the following Amity Regional School District high school students who placed in this year's SCC Art Show: 1st place Sophia Faryna (Ivy) of Woodbridge, 3rd place Olivia Frankiewicz (The Strangulation of Grief) of Bethany and Amanda Koola (Three Little Jellyfish) of Woodbridge who did not place but her artwork sold. Amity was only allowed three entries in the competition and all 3 were recognized in some way.







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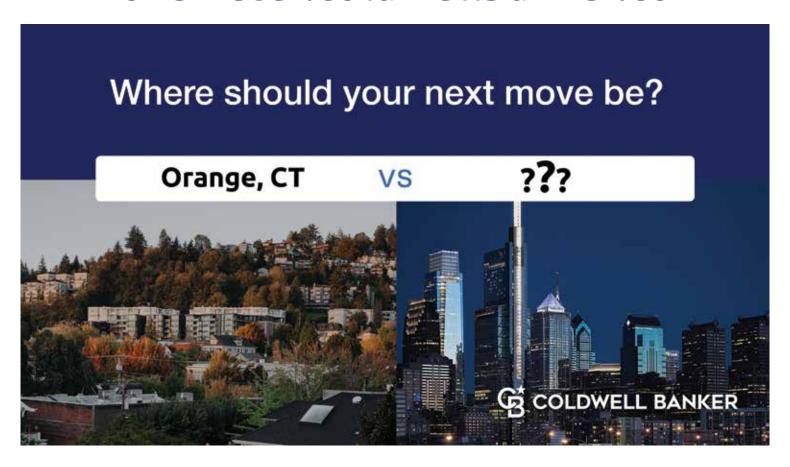
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