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# Parade To Mark Town's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**By Bettina Thiel** Orange Twn News Correspondent

The Bicentennial Committee has unanimously selected Selectwoman Judy Wright Williams as grand marshal for the upcoming bicentennial parade. The parade is scheduled to take place this weekend, stepping off Saturday, June 25, at 2 p.m. at Mary L Tracy School and marching south on Orange Center Road. "Judy Wright Williams is the most deserving person to be Grand Marshal, said Pat O'Sullivan, the chairman of the Bicentennial Committee. "Judy and her family have been involved in town and state affairs for many, many generations." the Foyers, the Clarks, the Hines, and Manleys, each of whom will lead a section of the parade. The Hine Family will supply two horse-drawn wagons, with the family riding in one; the other being an antique road grader from the time when Orange had dirt roads.

Several residents have offered up their antique cars to lend a ride to those who might find it difficult to walk. A reviewing stand will be located at the Town green for dignitaries and town officials. O'Sullivan said they also



BICENTENNIAL CONCERT & FIREWORKS Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> (Rain Date 7/10) Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM See Schedule of Events on Page 19



### Flower Show Celebrates 'Bicentennial Blooms'

O'Sullivan said the committee wanted to honor the families that built this town, including the Knights, invited several past officials to take part in the event.

"Six months ago we weren't sure how the town was going to celebrate the bicentennial of Orange," O'Sul-

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**By Bettina Thiel** Orange Twn News Correspondent

The Garden Club of Orange staged a celebration of the local flora by presenting a flower show dubbed Bicentennial Blooms, on Sunday, June 5, at High Plains Community Center gym. The exhibit featured two sections, one

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- What if your child doesn't have one? If medical decisions must be made, and your child does not have Health Care Instructions, someone will need to petition the Probate Court to become appointed as the "Conservator of the Person". This process is public, can be time consuming, can be expensive, and does not always produce a result you might have chosen.

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If you or your child are interested in learning more about the benefits of properly drafting a Durable Power of Attorney or Health Care Instructions please contact the office. We would be glad to meet for a no hassle, no charge initial consultation, no matter how long it lasts.

### said Mary Shaw, who is part of the team organizing the event. Instead of a map, participants will receive a list of riddles that they can use to guide

them to the different locations.

There will be some 20-25 locations to get to, in a limited time frame. The teams will collect a ticket or token as proof of having arrived. At the time of our conversation, they still had to figure out the details.

The scavenger hunt is scheduled for Sunday, July 17, starting at 11 a.m., at High Plains Community Center. Teams need to sign up ahead of time, as participation will be limited to 25 cars. It's a free event.

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# Sign Up for **Scavenger Hunt**

By Bettina Thiel ORANGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Town residents are invited to form teams and participate in a scavenger hunt throughout town as part of the bicentennial celebration. "The idea is to create a scavenger hunt throughout town, with teams using their cars to get from one location to the other,"





### Town of Orange Bicentennial Scavenger Hunt Sunday, July 17, 2022 11:00 AM

High Plains Community Center

Register a team to participate in this fun town-wide hunt that will have you following clues and riddles in search of various locations throughout our community

This event is FREE but limited to 25 Team/Cars



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August 26   Labor Day + Back to School Issue	August 19
September 30   Halloween Issue	September 23
October 28   Election Issue	October 21
Note: Copy due by 4:00p.m. Thank you.	



### Wishing You a Happy and Safe Independence Day

As fireworks light the night sky this Fourth of July, friends, families, and communities will gather together to celebrate our independence and toast to our nation's birthday.

Wherever you're raising a glass this weekend, if your plans involve alcohol, Dichello Distributors, Inc. reminds you to 'Decide to Ride' and plan ahead for a safe ride to and from your holiday celebrations to help keep our community safe. Drunk driving is 100% preventable so whether you choose to ride with Uber, public transportation or a non-drinking designated driver, if you drink, don't drive. For over 35 years, Anheuser-Busch and its network of independent wholesalers nationwide have invested more than \$1 billion in initiatives and community-based programs to prevent underage-drinking, impaired driving and other harmful uses of alcohol. Dichello Distributors is proud to work alongside Anheuser-Busch, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Uber to encourage everyone to "Decide to Ride" this Fourth of July weekend.

From all of us at Dichello Distributors we wish you a happy and safe Independence Day. *Tony Lota Alcohol Awareness Coordinator Dichello Distributors, Inc.* 

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#### "Parade" From Page 1

livan said in a press release. "At this point we have an exciting parade full of participants with a big surprise, fife and drum corps, marching band, police and fire departments and over 50 local organizations, farm tractors and floats.

**Birthday cake:** Heading off the parade will be a super-sized birthday "cake," that the town received from the Town of Darien from when that town celebrated its bicentennial last year. (The 2020 celebration had to be postponed due to Covid.) Darien in turn received it from the town of Salem, and Orange will pass it on to another town celebrating its bicentennial, possibly Monroe.

"The cake frame is wooden and a little over 10 ft. tall and 8 ft. in diameter," said Al Miller, the chairman of the Darien 2020 Bicentennial Committee, in an email to the town. "It sits on castors for easy rolling. It's disassembled into 6 pieces for transportation plus the "200" sign on top." The Darien ban-



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174 CHERRY STREET · MILFORD, CT 06460 PHONE 203-876-0445 · FAX 203-874-7498 **mpaolinicpa.com**  ners will be replaced with the Orange logo. Two local Eagle Scouts will be guiding the cake in the parade.

A Family Dinner is planned to take place after the parade at the fairgrounds.



# ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

# Third Time's The Charm: Amity Budget Passes

#### BY BETTINA THIEL Orange Town News Correspondent

The Amity Board of Education in a last-ditch effort managed to convince enough voters — at least in Woodbridge and Bethany — to pass its 2022-23 budget in a third referendum on June 14. In Orange, the budget was voted down, 1,168 to 1,094.

The referendum result in Woodbridge was 792 in favor and 625 against; in Bethany, 558 in favor and 418 against. Overall, the budget passed, 2,444: 2,211. Most remarkable is the number of voters who came out to cast their ballot, growing from a total of 2,204 votes in early May to 4,655 in mid-June, showing just how contentious the vote had become.

"The two major lightning rods are the surplus and the DEI coach [for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion], said Amity Board of Education member Sean Hartshorn at the May 31 special meeting of the board. At that meeting the board endorsed a substantial budget cut, to lower the budget increase from 3.59% to 3.19%. As suggested by School Supt. Dr. Jennifer Byars, the cuts were non-instructional in nature, with the biggest portion of it achieved by lowering the medical reserve to 18%.

The May 31 meeting, which was held at the Brady Auditorium at Amity High School, was so contentious that during public comment board chairman John Belfonti had the auditorium cleared of the public. The action came after one speaker would not yield the floor after the prescribed limit of 3 minutes, and the audience shouted out, either yielding their time for him to finish or insisting he leave the microphone. After the room had been cleared, speakers were invited in, one-by-one for the remainder of time allotted for public comment. Then the board recessed for 10 minutes to give people a chance to get home and log on to follow the rest of the meeting.

nomics, asked the superintendent for more transparency when it comes to the end-of-year surplus. "People ask and we can't explain," he said. "It's in the packet every single month," Dr. Byars responded, adding "there is not an easy way to communicate it."

Dr. Byars said the district is holding contingencies until the end of the year. These past few winters have been relatively light in terms of snow and ice, which cannot be predicted 19 months ahead. She said usually there is money left over in the salary account, which they keep until the end of the year. "They are always moving parts," she said.

She said they had to estimate in November of 2020 what the Excess Cost Grant payment from the state would be in May of 2022. "As we budget every year, we look at what we think is going to happen," added Finance Director Theresa Lumas.

A major uncertainty, especially these past three years, has been with the medical reserve. Counterintuitively, the medical expenses during the pandemic were down, given that district employees delayed medical procedures or visits if they could.

The Amity District some ten years ago or so decided to "self-insure," by creating a medical reserve. It does not use an insurance broker. However, the district does hire a consultant to keep track of pool risk and payments. Starting in July it will partner with a new consultant who recommends a lower percentage than what they budgeted for in the past.

In a subsequent letter signed by 11 Board of Education members, the board explains that a surplus is not an expense, and doesn't add up from one year to the next. "When people estimate a \$12 million cost of surplus, it is like a bank saying 'We lent you \$3 million. You kept it for 4 years, that means you owe us 12 million dollars." No, we only owe the bank \$3 million and inof its surplus to the member towns.

In fact, Amity Board of Education member Paul Davis of Orange addressed the Orange Board of Selectmen at its June 9 meeting, saying the district has refunded \$4.4 million to the town in the last four years, monies that were appropriated by the taxpayer for the use of the Amity operations. "To my knowledge I have not gotten a penny of that money, and I don't know where it is," he said. "I'd like to go on record saying that needs to be researched."

He also pointed out that the Orange budget referendum included an Amity budget number that subsequently failed at a separate referendum. "We presented a budget to the people of Orange that was inaccurate," Davis said. By taxing its residents based on a higher school budget number than ultimately approved by the voter, the town will end up with somewhere in the neighborhood of \$500,000 that is not appropriated for anything. "The town has to figure out a way to make the taxpayer whole," he said.

DEI coach: The Amity board also penned a letter regarding the DEI coach, a letter signed by 11 of its 13 members. "We want to offer the best to ALL our children," they wrote, adding that the lack of diversity and inclusion not only affect student learning. In school ratings, Amity was ranked 10<sup>th</sup> of 11 districts, they said, with its worst score being in diversity.

The DEI curriculum will not divide the student body into oppressed and oppressors, as feared by some of the public speakers. Instead, a science teacher might teach about Rosalind Franklin, the x-ray crystallographer overlooked for the Nobel Prize for the structure of DNA or John Nash, the Nobel Laureate in Economics who struggled with schizophrenia and inspired the movie A Beautiful Mind. "The DEI coach won't just help teachers comply with new laws - they'll help teachers identify resources, plan, and deliver lessons in a responsive way," the letter explains.

Dr. Byars pointed out that there are numerous initiatives that the state expects school districts to implement, and teachers are looking for help in that regard. By hiring a coach from within the district, they can tailor it to the local needs rather than getting a cookie-cutter training.

Board member Donna Schuster agreed. "When you hire a consultant, they have no skin in the game." Jennifer Turner suggested offering a Parent Academy program to clarify what the DEI coach does or doesn't do.

In the meantime, the diversity coach position was removed from the operating budget and is paid for by a grant.

# Superintendent Recognition Awards Orange Schools

Orange Public Schools is pleased to announce the recipients of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents' (CAPSS) Superintendent/Student Recognition Award. From The Peck Place School Anais Tavenas, Ellie Luo, and Dashan Xia; from Race Brook School Sean Fitzpatrick, Brady Wynne, and Edward Doubovik; and from Turkey Hill School Tariq Webber, Akriti Kapoor, and Avery Alves. Criteria for the CAPPS award is leadership, service to the school, academic prowess relative to ability, and service to others in the community. pleased to announce the following students are recipients of the South Central Area Superintendents' Association (SCASA) Award: Peyton Brown and Charlie Sakowicz from The Peck Place School, Olivia Huber and Luke Richard from Race Brook School and Jake Alvarez and Lea Ramsauer from Turkey Hill School. Criteria for the SCASA award is community service and service to others, academic achievements and leadership in the school community and active participation in the arts.

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#### **Dean's List** Bucknell University

Lewisburg, PA - Bucknell University has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2021-22 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition. Megan Small, 2022, of Orange, CT majoring in Early Childhood Education has been named to the Dean's List.

### Coastal Carolina University

Conway, SC - More than 2,000 undergraduate students at Coastal Carolina University were named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2022 semester, including Haley Cable, a Communication major from Orange, CT. Students who make the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average between 3.5-3.99 for the semester.

### Connecticut College

New London, CT - Lien Har, Class of 2023 from Orange, CT at Connecticut College, has been named to the dean's list for the 2022 spring semester, achieving Dean's High Honors. Har

#### No Credit basis.

#### Sacred Heart University

Fairfield, CT – Alexandra Justo and Allison Steigleder of Orange were named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List of Sacred Heart University. Allison Steigleder is a Junior majoring in Social Work and minoring in Criminal Justice.

#### Southern Connecticut State University

New Haven, CT – SCSU announces that the following Orange residents were named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List: Khizer Ali, Business; Abby Allen, Math; Alynn Balocca, English; Paige Bullock, Pch; Gabriella Caruso, Ped; Abby Chamerlain, Education; Funmilayo Dada, HLS; Evan D;Onofrio, ESP; Kathleen Everett, HLS; Josef Fielosh, PHI; Jake Forchetti, Business; Lauryn Giuliano PSY; Kylee Gustafson, ECH; Kayla Hipona, Business; Susan Mann, ESC; Amber Mansourian, SOC; Jillian Martin, Business; Jaclyn Nordyk, Nursing; Giustina Parente, Communications, Romi Patel, CSC; Skyelar Poulimas, Business; Abigail Richards, Communications; Rita Rusch, PSY; Ryan Sabo, Business; Carolyn Wineland, Nursing; Garrett Yocher, 1111; and Edona Zekaj, HLS.

### Stonehill College

Easton, MA - Colton Varholak of Orange, CT, a member of the Class of 2023, has been named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List at Stonehill College. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

### Wilkes University

Wilkes-Barre, PA - Andrea Delvecchio of Orange, CT was named to the Dean's List at Wilkes University for the spring 2022 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, students must obtain a minimum 3.5 grade point average mester. Those from Orange named to the Dean's List are: Joshua Ford, and Cristin Earley. To meet eligibility requirements for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester.

#### University of New Haven

West Haven, CT - Jared D. Gabriele of Orange, CT, a student in the Tagliatela College of Engineering at the University of New Haven, has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2022 semester. Jared is working on a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

#### University of Rhode Island

Kingston, RI - The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Spring 2022 Dean's List. To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average. Those students from Orange named to the Dean's List are: Jenna Aconfora, Steven Ayala, Elizabeth Cohen, Sebastian Formica, Jayson Hutchinson, Michaela Kraut, Becky Marchitto, and Pete Spodnick.

### The University of Saint Joseph

West Hartford, CT - Peter Debassio of Orange, CT, has been named to The University of Saint Joseph Spring 2022 Dean's list. To be named to the Dean's list, students must have earned a GPA of 3.50 or higher for the semester, with no grade lower than a "B." Peter is studying Biology.

### The University of Scranton

Scranton, PA - Emma G. Tirollo of Orange was among than 1,700 students named to The University of Scranton's Dean's List for the 2022 spring semester. The Dean's List recognizes students for academic excellence. A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours during the semester to make the Dean's List. Tirollo is a freshman occupational therapy major in the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies. who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction.

### Graduations

#### Bryant University

Smithfield, RI - On May 21 at Bryant University's 159<sup>th</sup> Commencement celebration, 775 members of the class of 2022 received a Bryant degree. Congratulations to Andrew Forchetti of Orange, CT, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Finance.

### Bucknell University

Lewisburg, PA - Bucknell University celebrated nearly 900 graduates from the Class of 2022, whose degrees will be conferred in June, on Sunday, May 22, 2022. The class represents 62 majors across Bucknell's three colleges (Arts & Sciences, Engineering and the Freeman College of Management). These students hail from 33 U.S. states and 25 nations. Megan Small earned her degree in Early Childhood Education.

### McDaniel College

Westminster, MD - Charles Csejka of Orange graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Kinesiology from McDaniel College on May 21.

#### Sacred Heart University

Fairfield, CT - Ryan Yocher, recently graduated from Sacred Heart University with a Master's of Science Finance and Investment Management.

Alexandra Justo graduated Magna Cum Laude. She was 3rd in her class in the Social Work program, inducted into the National Social Work Honor Society, Member of Chi Omega Sorority and achieved Dean's List throughout all four years at Sacred

is a Computer Science major.

### Curry College

Milton, MA - Curry College congratulates the following Orange residents named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List: Julia Loschiavo, Amanda Moran, Carlee Mulherin, and Gabriella Proto.

#### High Point University

High Point, NC - The following Orange students made the Dean's List for the Spring 2022 semester: Alexa Mislow and Jessica Yocher. Dean's List students are those who have attained a 3.5 or higher GPA for the previous semester based on a 4.0 scale. A student must attempt 12 semester hours of course work each semester other than on a Pass/Fail or Credit/ and carry at least 12 credits.

#### University of Alabama

Tuscaloosa, AL - Taraneh Abolfath of Otange was named to The University of Alabama Dean's List for Spring Semester 2022. A total of 11,224 students enrolled during Spring Semester 2022 at The University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's). The UA dean's and president's lists recognize fulltime undergraduate students.

### University of Deleware

Newark, DE - Students have been named to the University of Delaware Dean's List for the Spring 2022 se-

### UW-Madison

Madison, Wis - The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2021-2022 academic year. Xingqi Shen of Orange, College of Letters and Science, was named to the Dean's List. Students Heart University.

#### University of New Hampshire

Durham, NH - Veronica Pisano of Orange, CT graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of New Hampshire over the weekend of May 20-22, 2022. She earned a BS degree in Wildlife & Conservation Biology. Students who received the honor Summa Cum Laude graduated with a GPA of 3.85-4.0.

### University of Hartford

West Hartford, CT - Congratulations to the University of Hartford Class of 2022! Olivia Livoti and Juliana Sharp of Orange are 2022 graduates.

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# Cervicogenic Headaches and Dry Needling

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#### By Peter Geloso DPT

Cervicogenic headaches are a common cause of headaches and frequently seen in the physical therapy profession. These types of headaches can be very painful, and even debilitating. However, they differ from a true migraine.

Cervicogenic headaches often have a musculoskeletal component associated with them, and that is a physical therapist's specialty. People with cervicogenic headaches often have loss of range of motion in certain directions as a result of tight musculature or stiff cervical spine joints and poor posture. The muscles can often be palpated in certain spots which can increase their symptoms and refer pain into the head; these spots are commonly referred to as "knots" or "trigger points". The headaches are also often unilateral, on one side only, and the pain may radiate from the neck/back of the head up to the front of the head or behind the eye. There may or may not be neck pain accompanying them.

There are many different treatments that physical therapists can offer to help treat cervicogenic headaches. These may include:

Modalities such as moist heat and electrical stimulation;

Manual soft-tissue massage;

Joint mobilizations; Therapeutic exercises/postural

correction.

One particular manual therapy technique that I personally have found to be a beneficial treatment for my patients with cervicogenic headaches is dry needling. Dry needling is safe, minimally discomforting and often an effective technique for patients with certain musculoskeletal presentations. This is a treatment performed by skilled, trained physical therapists, certified in the procedure.

A thin monofilament needle, similar



Peter Geloso

or tight band in a muscle fiber that can disrupt function, restrict range of motion, refer pain or cause local tenderness. When dry needling is applied to a dysfunctional muscle or trigger point, it can decrease banding or tightness, increase blood flow, and reduce local and referred pain that may be associated with cervicogenic headaches.

Dry needling is not only an effective treatment for cervicogenic headaches but for a wide array of various musculoskeletal disorders. Using this technique for rotator cuff dysfunction, calf tightness, and even tremors or spasticity can be effective!

If you are a person who believes they may be experiencing cervicogenic headaches, the various treatments offered by a physical therapist, including dry needling, may be for you. If you have any questions regarding your symptoms, or dry needling, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or one of the many other knowledgeable physical therapists at our offices in Woodbridge, Hamden, Milford and Branford.

In honor of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Town of Orange, The Bicentennial Committee will be selling flags. The flags are 3' x 5' and will have the above logo on them. Flags will be sold at the First Selectman's Office, or you may order by completing and sending in this form to: *Town of Orange 617 Orange Center Road Orange CT 06477 Attn: Ann Denny.* Please make checks payable to: Town of Orange and write Bicentennial Flag on the memo line.

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to an acupuncture needle (although the treatment is very different than acupuncture) penetrates the skin and treats underlying muscular trigger points. The release of the muscles may be performed at the neck, base of the skull, and upper back that may be contributing to cervicogenic headaches. A trigger point is a local contracture Peter Geloso, DPT is a licensed physical therapist and supervises the Milford office of Amity Pysical Therapy. He received both his Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Sports Science and his Doctorate Degree in Physical Therapy from Elon University in North Carolina. He can be reached by phone at 203-693-2350 or visit amitypt.com.



TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

# Tax Collector Seeks to Eliminate 'Diminutive Payments'

#### BY BETTINA THIEL Orange Town News Correspondent

The town's tax collector, Thomas Hurley, was authorized by the Board of Selectmen at its June 9 meeting to forgive for the town's benefit amounts of up to \$4.99 that the town may owe to a taxpayer. When he brought the issue to the Board of Selectmen, Hurley explained the measure was necessary "as part of our efforts to improve operational efficiency of our department and the town overall." He said Finance Director John Cifarelli had done the analysis and found each refund costs the town approximately \$20, regardless of what the amount is. "That can add up to thousands of dollars each year," he said.

In a conversation after the meeting, Hurley said the tax collector's office last year lost one of three employees due to budget cuts, leaving just two full-time employees to keep up with the tax collection. For example, a taxpayer may be late on their motor vehicle payment; then the tax collectors need to research what exactly was due and send out a delinquency notice; and, if necessary, a second delinquency notice; add to that monthly interest payments. If the taxpayer has sent in their payment, they may end up with an overpayment of a few dollars.

Some people, when they are paying late, prepay what they expect the interest payment to be, Hurley said, and that also can lead to overpayment.

Hurley said state statute allows towns to disregard any amount under \$5. Selectmen, in looking at a list of tax accounts affected by this, noted that on a 6-page document, only 23 or so had a credit of \$3 or above; the vast majority involved just pennies, which up until recently, the tax collectors had to direct back to the taxpayer.

The question was brought up how he would handle those cases where the taxpayer owes the town just a few cents. Hurley said that was "the other shoe" and that he was bringing this potential second new ordinance to the selectmen at their July meeting. He said at the time when he was preparing the information to accompany his presentation, he didn't have the information at hand.

According to state statute, the town can forgive up to \$24.99, he said. "State statute allows you to do this and it will save the town money," summarized Selectman John Carangelo.

Overall, the town's tax collection rate is rated "excellent," Hurley said. On a poster in the tax collector's office, he posted the results of this year's tax collection: 99.76% in real estate taxes; 98.65% for motor vehicles; and 99.53% on personal property from businesses. The high tax collection rate contributes to the AAA credit rating for the town.



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### Town of Orange Meetings for the Month of July 2022



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

5th	Town Plan & Zoning Comm7:00 pm	Town Hall
6th	Conservation Comm7:00 pm	HPCC
7th	OGAT7:30 pm	Town Hall
11th	Traffic Authority4:30 pm Board of Police Comm4:30 pm Zoning Board of Appeals7:00 pm	Police Dept. Police Dept. Town Hall
12th	Inland Wetlands Comm7:30 pm	Town Hall
13th	Board of Selectmen7:00 pm	Town Hall
18th	Orange Board of Education7:00 pm Board of Finance7:00 pm	Mary L. Tracy Town Hall
20th	Recycling Cmte7:00 pm	HPCC
26th	Historic District Comm7:30 pm	HPCC
27th	Park & Recreation Comm7:30 pm	Town Hall
28th	WPCA6:00 pm	Town Hall

# The Most Popular Recreational Activities

Summer is a season for recreation. Warm weather beckons people outdoors every day and during every season, but a quick

glance outside

reational running in 2019. To put that in perspective, 61 million people represents roughly 19 percent of the

> American population ages six and up. Fishing was the second most popular outdoor recreational activity among adults in the U.S., attracting more than 50 million participants. Outdoor recreation also is popular in Canada,

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your living room window in June, July and August will illustrate just how much people cherish any chance to spend time in nature when the mercury rises. So how are people spending their

time outdoors? According to a recent report from the Outdoor Foundation that studied participation in various sports and activities, the most popular outdoor activity in the United States is running. The Outdoor Foundation report indicated that more than 61 million U.S. residents did some rec-

where winter-dominant sports like skiing, snowboarding and hockey aren't the only ways to enjoy the great outdoors. For example, the Trans Canada Trail, a recreational trail that connects every province and territory in Canada, attracts cyclists, joggers and hikers throughout the warm weather seasons.



### **Fun Ways To Keep Kids Occupied Over Summer Break**

Kids look forward to summer vacation every year. The last day of school gives way to less structured days when kids can spend more time outdoors and less time cracking the books.

Summer vacation can be a dilemma for parents, especially in households where both parents work full-time. A pandemic-related increase in remote working has made that problem somewhat more manageable, but even parents working from home must find fun way for kids to stay occupied until the new school year begins. No two kids are the same, so parents may need to try various activities on for size until they find something their children enjoy doing during the lazy days of summer.

Day camp: Day camps provide much of the structure of school without all the homework or time spent indoors. Many parks and recreation departments run summer day camps for kids. Camps can be generalized or specialized. For example, some may offer an array of activities, including sports and nature walks, in a given day, while others may focus on a single activity, like musical lessons or science-based programs. Camps run by local parks and rec departments do not typically last all summer long, which parents should keep in mind when enrolling youngsters. Reading: Parents may be surprised by how much their children enjoy a good book. A recent poll from the National Education Association found that 70 percent of middle school students read more than 10 books a year. The National Literacy Trust reports that roughly 45 percent of children between the ages of eight and 11 enjoy reading "very much." When suggesting to children that they read more this

summer, parents can note the many ways that reading for pleasure differs from reading for school. Point out that kids won't have to submit book reports and emphasize that they can choose their own books. Depending on children's ages, introduce kids to a series like "Harry Potter," which is a set of seven fantasy novels that has helped millions of young people across the globe discover and develop a fondness for reading. Weekly visits to the library, where kids can pick from hundreds of books, can get youngsters even more excited about reading.

Play dates: Play dates are a great way to make kids happy and take a little off of parents' daily plates. Arrange routine summer play dates with children's school friends, neighbors and/or cousins. Parents can alternate hosting responsibilities so they can get work done at home and enjoy a break when it's not their turn to host.

Find something free: Perhaps in



# **A Real Treasure** Here In Orange

The Bryan-Andrew House, at 131 Old Tavern Road here in Orange, has been restored to its original shape by a dedicated and talented team of volunteers, the Orange Historical Society, led by Ginny Reinhard & Marlene Silverstein.

Recently, as part of Orange's Bicentennial month-long celebration, local residents were invited to have a lunch at the Bryan-Andrew House. The house was built in 1740 and was the home to some of the earliest settlers of Orange, the Bryan and the Andrew families.

As guests, we were served sumptuous plates of pot roast and vegetables followed by Apple Charlotte. The ladies who prepared and served the food were attired in period dress and they told us that our meal was exactly as it would have been 200 years ago! After our lunch, we were treated to a tour through this carefully restored house

and heard expert descriptions of the lifestyles and the artifacts of the early household residents. It is an amazing collection of actual furnishings and a fascinating display of utensils and tools of the day.

This event is notable because the restoration and opening of the Bryan-Andrew House is the culmination of many years of hard work, persistent application for monetary and skilled volunteer support and the strong leadership of the Historical Society.

What a wonderful gift to our town! Thank you, Ginny and your team for your skill, your generosity, patience, perseverance and loyalty. This historical monument is the embodiment of our proud Orange township.

For a more thorough discussion of this site visit the Orange Historical website. https://orangehistory.org/ bryan\_andrew\_house.htm.



recognition of the need for affordable, family-friendly fare, many communities now host free events for kids and their parents each week. Weekly movie nights under the stars and concerts in community squares are popular in many communities, but those same towns also may host events specifically for kids during the daytime. A simple internet search of "free events near me" may unveil a host of activities that can keep kids happy and occupied on summer days when their schedules are open. Local libraries can be great resources for free events as well.

Summer vacation is a relaxing time for youngsters. Parents who don't want that relaxation to turn into boredom can look to various activities to occupy their children's time until a new school year begins.

Living the history of the Town of Orange, these ladies, from the Orange Historical Society, joined in the festivities on May 28, 2022, just 200 years after the Town of Orange was founded to the day. Each one of them chooses to wear outfits designed by themselves, friends or Townsends in Indiana. The staff has planned 7 events to celebrate the Bicentennial Summer and copies of their schedule can be picked up at the Academy on Saturdays 10-3.

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# You Can Visit "Them" in July...

By Ginny Reinhard

I have been writing for the Orange Town News since its inception and have had a wonderful time doing it. This column is no less enjoyable but might be a bit grim at times. Many years ago, I wrote about the Silent City, the cemetery on Orange Center Road. Since I don't believe in ghosts rising from the graves, I wrote about its significance in society, the carvings and the meanings and some of the myths surrounding cemeteries. Now granted, there are stories, especially in Monroe, where a shrew named Hanna Cranna harassed her neighbors and when something dastardly happened in town, she was blamed.

She, to my knowledge has not reappeared but the White Lady seems to be part of the Union Cemetery in Easton often darting out in front of cars at night.....hmm. To say I am intrigued is a given since I am writing this History

Corner piece but I am not that much intrigued to pursue anything like that in our cemetery, a "silent city." While looking down from an airplane, one can see square upon square that makes up the city or town below. They are not silent by any means but there is that other "silent city", the cemetery.

Citizens from as early as 1805 have been laid to rest in the older section of

the cemetery. Joseph Treat, under a

child who lived their life and went on in silence but in walking among the monuments, who were these people?

Just reading the names of the women of the  $17^{\text{th}}$  and  $18^{\text{th}}$  centuries gives us an idea of what values their parents held. Content, Silence, Mercy, Comfort, Prudence, Charity and Humility are names often found on the ancient stones, the monuments that are usually clustered together near the edge of the cemetery itself. Why is that you say? That is among the many questions arising from the "Silent City." Primitive art carvings, a unique expression of who is buried beneath the ground. The design and craftsmanship can be obvious but why the brooding death head? The winged cherubs, willows and urns are reflections of the religious beliefs and philosophy of the time.

The religious sense of those times can be seen in the names, on the stones; Rachel, Rebecca, Adam, Daniel, Isaac, Job and Jacob, just to name a few. For the people who suffered the rigors of severe climate, famine and epidemic,

it is not surprising that death was a fearsome prospect to some. It is also not surprising that the monuments of their lives contain images of what they feared the most, death...Did you ever wonder why a cemetery is close to a church in the early centuries? Close to a meetinghouse made for a place for contemplation during those times between the morning and afternoon

church services.



choice. Slate being easy to carve was used but subject to flaking while sandstone being popular, held up in New England's weather. Fieldstones were used initially for their availability but the informality gave way to the tall, erect stones you see in our cemetery, especially in the northern section.

The ancient graves were laid out

with the head to the west and the feet to the east so that at the sound of the cock's crow, on the Day of Judgment, the resurrected dead would arise to face the dawn. Thus, the carved surfaces would be facing west, away from the grave. However, in our town cemetery, the inscriptions, for the old section are facing east. The willow tree, found on many town stones

handwriting was shaky and it was obvious that the majority of his bequests were dictated to another. It appears by the inscription on this stone that he was interred elsewhere in town. His will is the sound of silence.

The Town of Orange was but 5 months old when John Butrick died in October of 1822 at the age of 52 leaving



MRWILLIAM ANDREW

who died

Aug. 28, 1796.

aged 59 years.

And was interred in the other

Innying ground in this town

his wife Mary and 8 children. William T. Grant, a shoemaker, lived next to the church, on the west side. His diary speaks of all the many shoes he made and repaired as well as being postmaster, a justice of the peace and the sexton of the church. He also sold wood and farm produce...His diary tells of his life, but his grave and that of his wife Sarah are the sounds of silence.

year of age was the first to be buried in the north section and a small stone can be seen along the north road, hardly legible anymore. Never did such a place give folks a reason to pause, to reflect or to run from its silences as in literature where the silence gives way to moans and groans of spirits the author wished to present to his readers, good or bad, gentle or malevolent.

There is something to be said for the very old cemeteries as the stones begin to shift from their original position, crumble from the weather or become, as with Joseph's, illegible from centuries of wearing away with time. The silence is in the fact that the stones are inanimate but their very condition, position and deterioration speaks for them. The words on the old stones and carvings speak of the man, woman or Given the populations of colonial villages, the stone cutter could hardly rely on the "Silent City" for daily bread but he no doubt was a craftsman in a trade such as a woodcutter, mason or cordwainer, who not only made and repaired shoes but produced ornamental leather goods such as wallets and powder pouches requiring fine tooled work, easily transferred to stone.

It can be noted that among these craftsmen or craftswomen, were folks artistic enough to carve a stylized likeness of the deceased with hairstyle and clothing details, sometimes with a frown that was probably the person's "look" in life as well as in death.

What they used for their canvas depended on what was available at the time and IF the departed was wealthy enough to import a stone of meant life and mourning while the willow with a severed branch meant "life was cut short."

Although the cemetery, in Orange, was established in 1805, there is a monument for William Andrew, who died in 1796 having written his will just two days before his death. His On July 9 & 10 and 23 & 24 at 3:00, the Orange Players will be depicting some of the souls in our cemetery with their stories, told in "their" own words. It should be a fascinating afternoon and in collaboration with the Orange Historical Society, I know you will enjoy it.





Pictured is scout Amir Jarad and his fellow scout members, constructing a bridge for his Eagle Scout project at Camp Cedarcrest. The bridge connects trails found in the Wepawaug Triangle Trail Conservation Area. The Land Trust grant, along with The New Haven Foundation funding, assisted in covering the cost of materials. Thank you to Jacob Urban of Camp Cedarcrest, Scout Masters Thomas Luciani and John Wesoloski for whose guidance we very much appreciate. Amir, originally with troop 925 is now with troop 907.



Next time you are walking your dog at Racebrook Tract in Orange, you will notice Orange flowers at the entrance and kiosk. This past weekend, Girl Scout troop 60274 spent the morning putting in service hours for their Bronze award project. This project includes doing clean up at the most frequently used trails. Look out in September at the Country Fair if you stop by the Orange Conservation commission table you might see one of the girls



Scouts marching in the Memorial Day Parade



Scouts hiking on their campout

## Pack 922 Springing into Summer

It's been a busy late spring and early Summer for Pack 922. Over the weekend of May 21<sup>st</sup>, the pack held its annual Spring campout at Kettletown State Park in Southbury, Connecticut. Despite sweltering temperatures, scouts enjoyed hikes, bottle rockets, and geocaching. Over the Memorial Day Weekend, scouts participated in the annual parade and helped open Orange's Bicentennial celebration. The

Pack rounded out its month with more hikes and a recruitment event under the pavilion at High Plains Community Center. The troop is welcoming new members and is open to all children grades K-5.

Any questions? Contact our Cubmaster Jessica Zamachaj at jessica. zamachaj@gmail.com or visit our Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/ CubScoutPack922.



handing out informational pamphlets on the five walking trails in Orange.



### Bicentennial Parade

The Bicentennial Committee has announced information on the Bicentennial Parade which will take place on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM. The Committee has unanimously selected Judy Wright Williams as the Grand Marshal of the parade. "Judy Wright Williams is the most deserving person to be Grand Marshal, who truly represents the spirit, excitement & enthusiasm of the town", Pat O'Sullivan, Bicentennial Chair. Judy and her family have been involved in town & state affairs for many, many generations.

The theme of the parade is obviously the celebration of 200 years and we wanted to recognize many of the founding families with a Farm theme.

The Knights, Clarks, Hines, Manleys & Foyers all have agreed to participate in the parade.

Six months ago, we weren't sure how the town was going to celebrate the Bicentennial of Orange. The "Summer of Celebration" along with the parade has evolved.

At this point we have an exciting parade full of participants with a Big Surprise including many Fife & Drum Corps, Marching Band, Police & Fire Departments, Dignitaries both past & present, totaling over 50 local organizations and Farm Tractors & Floats.

There will be a town-wide Family Picnic following the parade at the Fair Grounds.



# "Haven Hot Chicken" Announces Grand Opening in Orange

Haven Hot Chicken, which brings Nashville Hot Chicken and "Not Chicken" to the area as one of the first fully dedicated Nashville Hot Chicken concepts in New England, has announced its opening of a second location in Orange, Connecticut. The Grand Opening weekend kicked off on June 18, featuring family friendly activities and giveaways. Located at 550 Boston Post Road, the 1400 square foot location features the brand's signature menu of crispy, crunchy, juicy, spicy, delicious chicken and vegetarian options ranging from Country (not spicy) to Haven (extremely spicy), along with its beloved fries, sides and seasonal limited-time offerings.

"Since our opening in downtown New Haven in the fall of 2020, our guests have been asking us to expand and bring our unique and delicious offerings to another market in the area," said Craig Sklar, Haven Hot Chicken co-founder. "It was crucial to the team that we hold off until we found the perfect location, which we absolutely did here in Orange on the Post Road, and we are excited to join this new community!"

Located in the middle of frequented storefronts for groceries like Trader Joes and TJ Maxx, among others, the space offers easy-in and out and ample free parking. In addition to easy in and out take out options, Haven Hot Chicken also offers convenient ordering options of curbside pickup via its website as well as  $3^{rd}$  party delivery through UberEats.

Staying true to its original concept, the new Orange location will feature the brand's food menu and offer curbside takeout and delivery with very limited in-house seating. The restaurant's signature item was voted "Best Chicken Sandwich" in Connecticut Magazine's annual Readers Poll in 2021.

For updates, follow @havenhotchicken on Instagram or visit havenhotchicken.com.

Haven Hot Chicken brings Nashville-style Hot Chicken and "Not Chicken" to Connecticut, and is one of the first fully dedicated Nashville-style Hot Chicken concepts in New England. With locations in downtown New Haven (21 Whitney Avenue) and Orange (550 Boston Post Road), the concept was founded by local restaurateurs Rob LaTronica, Craig Sklar, Jason Sobocinski and Etkin Tekin. Serving chicken and vegetarian options ranging from not spicy to very spicy, the menu is rounded out by traditional southern sides. The restaurant's convenient downtown location offers easy online ordering, pickup access and a sizable delivery radius for the surrounding area. For more information, visit @ havenhotchicken on Instagram or sign up for its newsletter at havenhotchicken.com.

# Orange Community Farmers' Market

OPENING DAY, JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>

# Hutchison Named to Forbes and Barron's 2022 Top Lists

Local Merrill Lynch Wealth Management Advisor Thomas Hutchison of the GKH Group has been named to the Forbes 2022 "Best-In-State Wealth Advisors" and Barron's 2022 "Top 1,200 Financial Advisors" lists. Thomas was previously named to the Forbes "Best-In-State Financial Advisors" list in 2021 and 2020 and Barron's "Top 1,200 Financial Advisors" in 2021, 2020, and 2019.

Starting his career at Merrill Lynch in 1998, Tom is now Managing Director and Wealth Management Advisor at the GKH Group in New Haven. He holds the Certified Investment Management Analyst designation from the Investments and Wealth Institute.

Thomas is a graduate of Yale University and resides in Orange, where he and his wife raised their four kids. Thomas



Thomas Hutchinson

is an active member of the community, coaching and volunteering for many local youth sports programs over the years.

## Hobbies That Suit A Summertime Vibe

Summer is the season of R&R. When the mercury rises, who can resist a backyard hammock or the sound of waves lapping against a picturesque shoreline?

The relaxing nature of summer makes it the perfect season to revisit old hobbies or pick up new ones. Hobbies can run the gamut from the complex to the simple, but when choosing a habit to pick up this summer, individuals may want to look to these somewhat relaxing endeavors that are tailor-made for warm days and nights.

Reading: Individuals who have long wanted to read more should know that they're not alone. A 2019 survey commissioned by the reading subscription service Scribd and conducted by The Harris Poll found that 35 percent of respondents wished they could read more. Finding time to read more may be difficult during spring, summer and fall, when parents must contend with their own hectic schedules as well as their children's. Even individuals without children or empty nesters may find it difficult to carve out time to read in a typical day. But people who aspire to read more can take a book to the beach or out on the deck on a warm afternoon or evening. Leave the smartphone inside so you can relax and read distraction-free. Gardening: Gardening is another hobby that coordinates well with a summertime vibe. Gardening gets people outdoors, giving them a chance

to soak up some summer sun and engage in an activity that's rewarding but not too physically demanding. One of the biggest attractions of gardening is that it can be enjoyed by people of all ages. That makes it an ideal hobby for busy families to enjoy together when their schedules slow down in the summer. It's also a great way for adults to spend quality time with aging parents.

Photography: Summer seascapes and landscapes are awe-inspiring, making this an ideal time of year to take up photography. Novices can begin by utilizing their smartphone cameras to take snapshots of local landscapes. Once the skill of pointing and clicking has been honed, amateur

The Orange Community Farmers' Market will have its opening day on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. The event runs each Thursday until September 29<sup>th</sup> under the Pavilion at the Orange Fairgrounds, High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road in Orange. Market hours are from 3:30 pm to 7 pm.

Market Master, Annemarie Sliby says, "We have returning vendors from years prior as well as some new vendors this year. We are looking forward to another great season."

A variety of farm, artisan and craft vendors will be participating. Visitors can look forward to products including vegetables, meats, baked goods, cheese, chocolate, honey, sauces, jams, soaps, essential oils, flowers, and handmade items such as pottery, jewelry, dog accessories, embroidered items and more. Visitors can also expect food trucks and live music. On June 30<sup>th</sup>, West Rock is scheduled to perform from 6:00 – 8:00 at the Gazebo. Shop at the market and stay for the band!

Please check the website at www. FarmMarketOrange.com for vendor information and the entertainment schedule, more vendors and music may be added as the summer progresses.

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photogs can graduate to more expensive and precise cameras.

Sailing/boating: Though it might involve a little more physical activity than reading, sailing and/or boating is an ideal summertime activity. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports that nearly 40 percent of the United States population lives in a coastal area, making boating and sailing an accessible hobby for a significant percentage of Americans. Even those who live far away from the ocean undoubtedly live close to a river or lake. What better way to enjoy warm summer afternoons than on a boat?

The best summertime hobbies are often those that help people take the relaxing nature of summer to the next level. Orange Town News





The Orange Congregational Church Nursery School Class of 2022 graduated on Friday, May 27th.

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# Town of Orange Bicentennial Concert & Fireworks Show Schedule of Events

6:25 – 6:35	Welcoming Comments from Jim Zeoli, Orange First Selectman - Gazebo	
	Pledge of Allegiance led by Cub Scout Pack #922 and Boy Scout Troop #12	
	Our National Anthem	
6:35 – 6:45	Sponsors Acknowledgement and Band Introduction - Rocky Salperto, Orange Town News	
6:45 – 7:45	Live Concert Featuring <b>"The Weeklings"</b> (1st set)	
7:45 – 8:15	Music Hosted by WPLR Radio Personality Pat Oates	
	Visit the WPLR Booth and enter to win tickets to see Brit Floyd - Celebrating the	
	music of Pink Floyd - at Hartford HealthCare Amphitheater in Bridgeport on August 9th.	
8:15 – 9:30	Live Concert Featuring <b>"The Weeklings"</b> (2nd set)	
9:30 – 10:00	Bicentennial Fireworks Show	

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# What is the Orange Foundation?

The Orange Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in 1976 to receive contributions from local residents and to distribute the earnings on those donations to local recipients as scholarships or grants. Generally, we have 10% of the earnings go back into the funds so that the principal grows slightly more than inflation, and we distribute the rest of the earnings. We currently have over \$2.2 million in investments. We are a 501 ©(3) corporation, which means that your donations can be tax deductible.

# Who benefits from the Orange Foundation?

In a typical year, we distribute \$27,000 in scholarships to Orange students attending college and \$30,000 in grants to local community groups. These groups included: the American Legion, Camp Cedarcrest, the Orange Historical Society, the Orange Senior Center, Orange Arts and Culture Council, Orange July 4th Celebration, Orange Memorial Day Parade, and Eagle scout projects. As you can see, we assist a wide variety of groups. still organizations and people in our community that do not have sufficient funding to meet all of their needs. With regard to college scholarships, even UConn tuition, room and board is up to \$33,000 per year. In the past few years, we have assisted students whose parent was deceased, divorced, disabled, or unemployed. Other students have received scholarships as an acknowledgement for a job well done in the classroom and in their extracurricular activities.

### How much of my donation makes it to the recipients?

The members of the Orange Foundation are volunteers and, therefore, do not receive monetary compensation for their services. Our only major expense is the fees from our trustee bank for services rendered in connection with our investments. wishes. We can help you understand any restrictions you may want on distributions or investment options.

# Where can I get more information?

Visit our website at www.OrangeFoundation.org or talk to one of our members: Bob Archambault, Katalin Baltimore, Carla Birmingham, Paul Davis, Santo Galatioto Jr, Jacqueline Koral, Frank Baily, and John Wesolowski.

# What funds can I donate to?

Donations can be made to our general fund, or can be added to an existing fund described on our website. These funds include: the American Legion's Vincent Timmins Scholarship Fund, the Thomas Birmingham, Jr Scholarship Fund, the Charles L. Flynn Scholarship Fund, the Antonette Giangarra Scholarship Fund, the Benedict Giangarra Scholarship Fund, the Harry Haynes Scholarship Fund, the William Knight Scholarship Fund, the Elizabeth C. and John W. Povilaitis Community Fund, the Mary L. Tracy Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Frank P. and Louise Horbal Tripp Scholarship Fund, the Vaughn Family Scholarship Fund, the Dusty and Frank Downey Fund, the Officer Robert F. Stanke Fund, the Susan M Lewin Fund, the O'Sullivan Family Fund, and the Olga Fund.

### Why should I give to the Orange Foundation?

Although Orange is a fairly affluent community there are

### When should I donate?

Our Foundation does not have an annual fund-raising campaign. We receive donations throughout the year. A significant amount of our donations come from the estates of the deceased. Many people are concerned about unforeseen health costs and feel more comfortable in donating in their will. You can contact us ahead of time so that we are sure to distribute your donation's earnings in accordance with your

# Something New on Your 401k Statements

#### By Roberta L Nestor

The timing of this information is probably not very good. If you have a 401k plan, more than likely, you will not be in a hurry to open up your June 30<sup>th</sup> statement, or any investment statement. It hurts to see the losses on your statements, even if it is "only on paper." Back in December 2019, Congress passed the SECURE ACT and now requires all 401(k) and 403(b) statements to include illustrations of the monthly payments you would receive if your current plan account balance was used to purchase an annuity.

Congress intended that employees will see the illustration and perhaps realize that their accumulated balance many not produce a high enough monthly income to last their lifetime. This, in turn, will persuade workers to increase their retirement plan savings rate. This new disclosure (effective 06/30/2022) should help employees determine their readiness to retire. It is also expected to encourage employees to consider annuitization of some, or all, of their retirement assets.

First, let's take a step back and understand the word annuity and annuitization. Fixed, guaranteed annuities represent a contract with an insurance company that allows purchasers to convert all, or a portion of their retirement savings into a predictable lifetime income stream. Think of winning the lottery – do you want to take the lump sum (i.e., your 401k balance) and manage the income stream yourself? Or would you want to have a guaranteed income for the rest of your life?

The statement must show two kinds of annuity payouts: a single life annuity and a joint and survivor annuity. The illustrations will be based on your account balance as of the statement date (again, with the down markets, these projections might not look great). If you are under age 67, the projection will assume annuity payments to start at age 67. If you are over age 67, the illustration assumes you will begin payments right away. any future contributions between your actual age and age 67. This is a problem. If you are in your 40s, these examples may seriously underestimate the "annuity value" of your 401(k) savings. Also, keep in mind that these projections will not include any social security benefits.

With substantially lowered account values due to current markets, the omission of future contributions and the assumptions of utilizing current annuity payout rates (which are still historically low because of interest rates), it is likely you will be unhappy with the payout illustration. It will not help you project the amount of savings you might accumulate by the time you retire, nor will it give you a realistic figure on how much income you may be able to generate from those savings.

While it is important to know if you are on track for your retirement, it is equally important to look at all potential sources of income. That includes social security, income from your investments outside of your workplace, Roths, or any rollovers – they are all part of the big picture. If you are one of the brave souls who will actually open this quarter's statements, share it with your financial advisor. Understand what these illustrations mean and what they do not.

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# **Explore These Budget-Friendly Destinations**

Many people equate travel with high prices and some overindulgence. After all, for a lot of people, vacations come but once or twice per year. While it's true the "go big or go home" mantra is never far from the mind while on vacation, ensuring a fun a trip does not require emptying one's wallet. The world has plenty of affordable destinations for those willing to do their research and think outside of the box. Plus, even locales billed as expensive can be made more affordable with some smart travel tips.

### North American national parks

National parks across North America are budget-friendly destinations. These parks boast incredibly scenic vistas and plenty of activities for outdoors enthusiasts. Most feature modest entrance fees and affordable adjacent lodging. The trip can be even more frugal by camping on park lands.

### Chattanooga, TN

The draw of Nashville may be strong, but nearby Chattanooga also can be an entertaining place to enjoy some diately think of the Caribbean islands. But for the budget-conscious, countries like El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Costa Rica may be more affordable. These countries are home to rich jungles and ancient ruins as well.

### St. Augustine, Florida

Theme parks may be a big part of Florida's tourist draw, but such parks can be expensive for families. Looking elsewhere in Florida for dream destinations that are easier on the pocketbook doesn't take a lot of work. St. Augustine in Northern Florida is America's oldest city and is packed with historical monuments, quaint shops and great dining. The city also sits a mere five miles northwest of St. Augustine Beach, which offers miles of shoreline to explore.

### Portugal

Plenty of people flock to the relaxing shores of Spain or enjoy the culture and nightlife of France. Nestled nearby, Portugal has its own beautiful beaches, delicious food, historic cities, and locally produced wines without the inflated prices of nearby countries.

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### South America

When seeking warmer climates and sandy beaches, many travelers imme-



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### Quebec City

Quebec City's rich history makes it a must-see Canadian destination. It is particularly vibrant in winter, when the snowy landscape creates picture-perfect memories. Accommodations also are very affordable.

Traveling doesn't have to cost much when budget-friendly destinations are on the map.



#### **By Dennis Marsh**

seat 203-891-4784.

#### **Senior Center** Check-in Center

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

### Hiking Group

Marianne and Judy will lead us in a 2 mile-ish, 1 hour walk every Thursday at 9am. Meet at the location of the hike.

July 7: Turkey Hill Preserve, 700 Derby Milford Road, Orange;

July 14: Alice Newton Memorial Trail, Meeting House Lane, Woodbridge. Park between the Church & Library;

July 21: Solomon Woods, 810 West River Street, Milford;

July 28: Mondo Pond, 404 West Ave. Milford - Park on the side of JFK School.

#### Summer Picnic

This year's Summer Cookout will be held on Monday, August 1 from 2:30 to 5 pm in the cafe. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be grilled and served with salads followed by dessert and coffee. The Willie & Jan Band will perform for your listening and dancing pleasure. Thank you, Lions Club of Orange, for grilling and serving. Tickets go on sale on July 1. Tickets are \$15.

### Adult Coloring

Join us as Ellen Brodell leads Adult Coloring, on May 2 at 12:30pm in the cafe. Enjoy this fun and relaxing activity. All levels welcome. Ellen will have all the supplies.

### Arts & Crafts with Suzanne

Join us for a fun-filled class project with Suzanne as she leads Arts & Crafts on Monday July 11 at 12:30pm. Pre-registration is required. Call 203-891-4784 to sign up.

#### Ice Cream Social

Join us on June 20 at 1:30 for an Ice Cream Social with Pierce Campbell. Call 203-891-4784 to reserve a seat. Coffee & to be served.

#### Ice Cream Social

Join us when John Banker entertains us on July 12, with a summer fun themed program. Ice cream social at 1:30pm; John from 2:00-3:00pm. Call 203-891-4784 to sign up as reservations are required!

### Ice Cream Social

July 18, Josh Cloutier will be performing. Ice cream at 1:30, musical performance from 2-3:00pm in the cafe. To reserve a seat call (203) 891-4784.

#### Beginner **Pickleball with Mary**

Join us for Beginner Pickleball with Mary on Fridays, June 3-24. in the HPCC Tennis Courts from 10-12pm. Bring a chair as there are no benches.

#### Hot Lunch Program

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

### Legal Clinic

The Law office of Floman DePaola has merged with Wiley, Etter, & Doyon, but they are still available the first Wednesday of each month for a free legal clinic. Some things they will be able to help you with, while others may require an office visit and fee. To schedule an appointment call 203-891-4784.

#### Griffin Hospital/ Parish Nurses Blood **Pressure Check**

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

Enjoy the beautiful waterfront property and a dynamic entertainer. Cost is \$77pp drive yourself, \$87 with transportation (minimal walking).

September 21: BIG E: CT Day

Leaving CT around 9:30am and be there until 6:00pm. Tickets will be distributed on the bus for you to explore the Big E and enjoy your day. Cost is \$81pp with transportation (extensive walking).



# How To Make New Friends After 50

The early years of midlife are a hectic time for many people. Around the time many people reach their late 30s and early 40s, they're balancing the responsibilities of a career and a family. But as people enter their 50s, some of those responsibilities tend to be less significant, leaving more time for recreational pursuits.

Hobbies and other pursuits outside of work are often more fun when enjoyed with friends. People over 50 undoubtedly recognize that it's not always so easy to make new friends, even though it's undeniably beneficial to have supportive relationships into your golden years. A 2017 study from researchers at Michigan State University found that valuing friendships was a stronger predictor of health and happiness among older adults than

you are to meet like-minded individuals (i.e., future friends) willing to make similar commitments.

Utilize social media. In years past, men and women over 50 may not have had any readily available tools to reach out and connect with new people. Social media has made it much easier to build such connections. Even the most obscure passions likely have a social media group of locals devoted to them, and these groups can be great ways to meet new people. A local runner's club may have its own social media accounts, and local governments and community groups often share information about sports leagues and other groups via social media.

Sign up for group outings. Communities often sponsor group outings to museums, the theater, sporting events, and other day trips. Signing up for a bus trip to a local museum presents a great opportunity to meet people who share your interests, providing the potential to build lasting friendships built on a foundation of shared interests. Broaden your horizons. Just because you're in your 50s doesn't mean your friends have to be. Don't hesitate to invite younger or older acquaintances and colleagues over for dinner or on weekend excursions. Friends come in all shapes, sizes and ages, so you could be missing out if you're not willing to extend a hand in friendship to people of different ages and backgrounds. Making friends after 50 can be challenging. However, various strategies can help men and women over 50 connect with new people.

#### Book Club

The book club meets the last Friday of the month at 2:00pm. The next meeting will be July 29. July's book is Where the Crowdads Sing by Delia Owens.

### Movie of the Month

July 12, 1:00pm, *Sing Street*. A boy growing up in Dublin during the 1980s escapes his strained family life by starting a band to impress the mysterious girl he likes. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Call 203-891-4784 to register.

#### Lunch & Fun – Limousine Stories: Stories of the **Rich and Famous**

Join us on July 11 at 1:30 when former Limousine driver, Rob Palermo tells us his experiences while driving the rich & famous. Call to reserve a

#### free clinic.

### Trips July 20: LOBSTER & SHOW @ The Log Cabin

Excellent men of eith 1 1/4 Lobster or Prime Rib/Lou Villano to perform. Cost is \$125pp with transportation (minimal walking).

August 10: THE JERSEY TENORS: A musical tribute to Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons @ Aqua Turf

Enjoy a family style delicious lunch of garden salad, pasta, chicken parmesan & broiled scrod with crumb topping, vegetable, potato, rolls, dessert, and beverage. Coffee and donuts. Cost is \$109pp with transportation (minimal walking).

September 8: SOUNDS OF SUM-MER with Jimmy Russo @ Amar-

valuing family. Those results align with an earlier Australian study that found Australians age 70 or older tended to live significantly longer if they had more strong friendships.

Making friends after 50 might not be as simple as it was during your school days, but these strategies can help men and women in midlife build new friendships.

Identify your interests. Fiftysomethings who have spent the last couple of decades building a career and raising a family can give some serious thought to their interests outside of work or passions they hope to pursue now that they have more time to commit to such pursuits. The more interested you are in a given activity, the more likely you are to stick with it. And the longer you stick with something, the more likely

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# **ARTS & LEISURE**



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### **Grave Matters**

Early Voices, An Orange Players/Orange Historical Society Collaboration

The Orange Players and The Orange Historical Society present a collaborative effort to celebrate the Orange Bicentennial, a Readers' Theatre production presented at the Orange Cemetery on Saturday and Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday and Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 in the afternoon.

Grave Matters—Early Voices was researched and written by Pat Miller and Trish O'Leary Treat, drawing from town histories written by Mary Woodruff, Harry Jones, and Marvin Jamron, as well as documents from Ginny Reinhard of the Orange Historical Society.

Early inhabitants of Orange-hus-

bands, wives, farmers, soldiers, entrepreneurs—all contributed to the growth of Orange. There is even a tale of a murder included in our history.

The cast includes local actors familiar to Orange Players' audiences, Jan Daddona, Jaqueline Koral, Linda Martin, John Miller, David Ortoleva and Paul Templeton. Incidental music was selected and will be performed by Betsy Anderson Malone. Pat Miller is the Director.

Don't miss this production! We hope to see you on July  $9^{th}$ ,  $10^{th}$ ,  $23^{rd}$  or  $24^{th}$  at 3:00 p.m. as we celebrate the Orange Bicentennial together!



# THS Drama Club Performed Two Shows of "The Pirate Princess"

The Turkey Hill School (THS) Drama Club performed two shows of "The Pirate Princess," an original show written in 2019 with student writers and director, Deborah Sansone, with original songs written by Kyle Ryan, music director. "I am incredibly proud of our Drama Club students," Principal Dr. Denise Arterbery said. "The performers worked really hard to create a memorable experience for the audience and based on the response of the audience, they met their goal."

Drama Club members performed scenes with their fellow grade members and sang and danced to songs including an opening number and reprise written by Kyle Ryan, THS music teacher.

"I am amazed at our students' hard work and talent," says Deborah Sansone, Drama Club director. "They had to learn their lines, where to go on stage, choreography and the choral components of the show."

Sansone noted the work of music director Kyle Ryan, choreographer Kelsey Sullivan, band performance by Gina Patrick and the help of many parent volunteers with practices, costumes and much more. The Drama Club was once again supported by the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation.

## Auditions for the GPAC All Star Competitive Dance Team

Goodman Performing Arts Center (GPAC) has openings for all ages and levels for placement on the 2022-2023 "All Star" competitive dance team. All dancers 4 years of age and over are welcome to audition.

Take your dance training to a new

secutive years, Turn it up National Grand Champions, Platinum awards, 1<sup>st</sup> place overall awards, Studio and student scholarships and more!

Auditions will be held at its studio, located at 200 Boston Post Road in Orange on Thursday July 7, from

### Amity High School Film Club Wins First Place at Film Festival

The Amity Regional High School Film Club won first place in the Skills21.org film festival on Friday June 3, 2022. The winning 5-minute short film Act Your Age, was written, planned, and produced entirely by the students in the Film Club over the course of the 2021-22 school year.

The film festival accepted submissions from High Schools and Middle Schools across the state. The Amity Film Club won in the Open Film category, which one of several categories was awarded including: Best Documentary, Best 84 Hour Film, and Best Augmented Reality Film.

"I was ecstatic to have our club win the award," said Daniella Landino, Amity senior and President of the Video Club. "I am incredibly proud of the video club members for everything they contributed to the film and was ecstatic to win the award," she said.

The sponsoring organization, Skills21 is a Connecticut based nationally known leader in digital learning and STEM achievement. level through fun and friendly dance competitions. Participating on a Dance team promotes responsibility, camaraderie, hard work and pride in accomplishments.

GPAC All Stars have won numerous awards including Studio of Excellence Award, Best Choreography for 5 con4-8pm. Call Karen Goodman at 203-799-7950 for division placement and time. Pre-registration is required. No audition fee or placement fees.

For more information, you can email info@goodmanperformingartscenter.com or visit our website Goodmanperformingartscenter.com.



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FOCL VP Pam Monahan & Phyllis Gwatkin

# Gwatkin Wins Award from The Friends of Connecticut Libraries

Phyllis Gwatkin, Program Chair of the Friends of the Case Memorial Library, recently received an Individual Achievement Award from the Friends of Connecticut Libraries. In keeping with the Friends' objective of expanding the library footprint, Phyllis selects and offers a variety of entertaining and educational programs for the Community. Featured programs have included musical genres, food demonstrations, history lectures, author presentations and historical impersonations. During the pandemic, Phyllis adapted to new challenges and continued to promote opportunities for library patrons to stay connected to the Library by offering programs via Zoom or outside on the Prown Lawn Patio.

Phyllis accepted the Award on behalf of her Case Library colleagues who are dedicated to sorting gently used book donations from the Community and hosting seasonal Book Sales. Proceeds from these sales are used to fund the Friends' Programs.

# Legends Of Connecticut

In celebration of the Orange Bicentennial, The Friends of the Case Memorial Library is hosting a family friendly event featuring Connecticut storyteller, Sara deBeer, who will enthrall listeners with "Legends of Connecticut" on Saturday, August 13 at 2:00pm.

This program is supported by the Prown Fund in memory of Shirley Prown.

Ms. deBeer's mesmerizing tales in-





# Special Bicentennial Program Featuring Local Youngsters

To celebrate the Bicentennial of Orange, The Friends of the Case Memorial Library is presenting "The Myth of Persephone" performed by The Grumbling Gryphons Traveling Children's Theatre on Saturday, July 30 at 2:00pm. Local youngsters, ages 8-15, who would like to participate in the performance, are invited to attend a workshop in drama, dance, music, as well as American Sign Language offered by the artistic and musical directors and actors from 10:00am-1:45pm. The workshop will include sters are invited to join the cast, learn a script that includes ASL, and perform as the Greek chorus, chanting, singing and helping the gods and goddesses to rescue Persephone from her captivity in the underworld.

In 2018, Leslie Elias, playwright, actress, storyteller and Artistic Director of Grumbling Gryphons was awarded the Connecticut Arts Hero Award and the Northwest Connecticut Arts Council's CultureMax Award for Arts Educator. She brings together a multi-talented team of actors and musicians. "The Myth of Persephone" opened in 1980 in NYC's Central Park and has toured internationally, delighting audiences ever since. The pre-performance workshop for youngsters is from 10:00am-1:45pm. Parents of children, ages 8-15, interested in participating in the play are asked to contact Phyllis Gwatkin at 203.795.4549 or pgwatkin@yahoo. com. The play will begin at 2:00pm on the Prown Lawn Terrace at the rear of the Library or in the event of inclement weather, inside the Library Program Room on the second floor. Please come prepared for either situation and bring lawn chairs and masks.

clude tales about blood-streaked apple blossoms; a friendly dog that foretells doom to anyone who sees him more than two times; and a black fox that leads people into the forest and are never seen again.

Since 1978, Ms. deBeer has been delighting audiences of all ages with programs of multicultural myths, legends and folktales. She has a BA in English from Yale and a MA from The Bank Street School of Education. In 2004, she received the Barbara Reed Award for Distinguished and Outstanding Service to the Connecticut Storytelling Community.

Come prepared to be whisked away

Sara deBeer

into a fanciful realm of intrigue and mystery as Ms. deBeer reveals spellbinding "Legends of Connecticut" on Saturday, August 13 at 2:00pm. Weather permitting, we will either convene on the Library back lawn or in the Library Meeting Room. Please bring your chairs, take care to observe mask and social distancing mandates in effect at that time. lunch for the local thespians.

This program is supported by the Prown Fund in memory of Shirley Prown who worked tirelessly for the Library.

Winner of the 2003 Connecticut Governor's Arts Award, the Grumbling Gryphons Children's Theatre performances feature a blend of storytelling, music, mythology, masks and costumes providing a hands-on approach to educational theatre. "The Myth of Persephone", an ancient Greek myth, tells the story of how the seasons came to be. This performance will be presented in spoken English and ASL. Local participating young-

"You cannot build character and courage by destroying men's initiative and independence." — WILLIAM J. H. BOETCKER

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Visit our website casememoriallibrary.org and sign up for our weekly email newsletter for updates on events at the library.

**Hours:** The Library's hours are as follows:

- Monday, Thursday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.;
- > Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Holiday Closings:** The Library will be closed on Saturday, July 2 and Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

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

**Registration:** Registration is required for all library programs, unless otherwise noted. Register for events at casememoriallibrary.org/events.

### Summer Reading

**June 18-August 13:** The Case Memorial Library has planned a summer full of fun for all ages. Children, teens, and adults are all invited to participate in our summer reading programs and attend exciting free events throughout the summer. Drop by the Library or visit orange.lioninc.org/summerreading to learn more!

**Friends of the Library Book Sale:** Sunday, July 9, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

### **Events for Children**

**Lapsit Storytime:** Alternate Tuesdays beginning June 21 at 10:30 a.m. – Little ones and their caregivers are invited to this high-energy story time with Ms. Angela! We'll practice nursery rhymes, sing and move together, and explore touch-and-feel books. Registration is required due to space restrictions.

**2-3-Year-Old Storytime:** Alternate Wednesdays beginning June 22 at 10:30 a.m. – Audience participation is highly encouraged at this story time session just for 2s. Enjoy books, stories, music and movement, fingerplays and puppetry together. Registration is required due to space restrictions.



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olds! Registration is required due to space restrictions.

**Camping "I Spy" Bulletin Board:** June 18- August 13 – For children up to age 12. Stop by the children's room and check out our camping-themed "I Spy" bulletin board! Find the five objects of the week and stop by the desk for a sticker prize. No registration required.

**Hatch the Chicks:** June 16- July 19 – For children and families of all ages. We are incubating and hatching chicken eggs in the library! The estimated hatching date is July 6, so be sure to stop in or check out the live feed going up on our YouTube channel close to the big day.

**Children's Take & Make:** Bicentennial Bites – Pickup dates: June 20- 25 – For children up to age 12 and their families. Make a delicious baked pudding from the time of the town's founding!

**Children's Take & Make: DIY Nature Journals** – Pickup dates: June 20-25 – For children ages 5-12. There's nature all around us! Learn and explore with your very own journal kit, featuring some local trails to try.

Tween Reads: Escape to the Past – Pickup dates: July 5- July 11 – For tweens entering grades 4-6. Travel through time with a good book! Fill out the registration form, and we'll check you out a historical fiction book you'll enjoy, along with a few goodies and a snack. Registration is required. Children's Take & Make: Galactic Playdough – Pickup dates: July 11-16 – For children ages 3-5. Make your own out-of-this-world playdough! This glittery, colorful dough is non-toxic and fun to make and play with. Registration is required and begins June 20.

**Children's Take & Make: The Buzz on Bees** – Pickup dates: July 18-23 – For children ages 7-12. Learn all about bees with a few fun activities, including pollination with Cheetos, flavored honey taste tests, and planting a flower. Registration is required and begins June 27.

**Tween Program: Ping Pong Poppers** – Event Date: Wednesday, July 20 – For tweens entering grades 4-6. Make a ping-pong ball launcher with a few simple materials, then try to take down stacks of cups! Registration is required and begins June 29. This event will be held in person in the Meeting Room at the Library.

**Children's Take & Make: Astronaut Ice Cream** – Pickup dates: July 4- 21 – For children up to age 12 and their families. Make a special treat for future astronauts! We'll supply the dry ingredients; you'll just need the kitchen and the eggs. Registration is required and begins June 20.

**Children's Take & Make: Fizzy Lemonade Experiment** – Pickup dates: August 1-6 – For children ages 6-12. What's better than a glass of cold lemonade? Lemonade that fizzes and bubbles! Learn a bit about temperature and chemical reactions as you enjoy your treat. Registration is required trying to break in. Solve the puzzles to find the numeric code that will open the lock and free the loot inside! Registration is required.

**Teen Take & Make Bubble Tea Kit** – Pickup dates: July 11-16 – For rising 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Make your own bubble tea with this tasty, takehome cooking kit. All ingredients will be provided. Participants must supply a drinking glass, a sauce pot, a strainer, water, ice, and a mixing spoon. Registration is required. This is a take-home event for teens. Please be cool - don't register adults or children (going into grade 6 or younger).

**The Bookcase: Evening Discussion Group** – Thursday, July 14, 7 p.m. Join Bookcase leader Toby Zabinski for a Zoom discussion of Honor by Thrity Umrigar. This program will be held via Zoom. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

**Henna:** Monday, July 18, 5:30 p.m. or 7 p.m. – For adults and rising 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Learn about henna and receive a beautiful henna tattoo from artist Jamilah. Please register for only one session. Registration is required and begins June 27.

**Book Boxes:** July pickup dates: July 18-23 – August pickup dates: August 22-27 – For adults and rising 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Our free monthly book box service! Each month that you register you will pick up a box containing two hand-selected teen books for you to borrow as well as some treats and others surprises for you to keep. Registration is required and begins on the first of the month for each box. Space is limited.

Introduction to Dungeons & Dragons: Wednesday, July 20, 2 p.m. – For rising 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Have you ever wanted to learn how to play Dungeons & Dragons? Whether you've always wanted to learn or only heard about it in passing, come spend some time to learn the basics of 5<sup>th</sup> Edition D&D. In this program, teens will learn how to make a character and the basics of how to play the game, including a combat demonstration. If you've ever wanted to play D&D but don't know where to start, this is the program for you! Registration is required. Oscar Film: CODA: Monday, July 25, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, July 27, 1 p.m. - As a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults) Ruby is the only hearing person in her deaf family. When the family's fishing business is threatened, Ruby finds herself torn between pursuing her passion at Berklee College of Music and her fear of abandoning her parents. 1 hr. 51 min. PG-13. Registration is required. Teen Take & Make: Neon Sign Kit: Pickup dates: August 1-6 – For rising 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Make your own working neon sign with this fun take-home craft kit. All supplies

**3-5 Year Olds Storytime:** Alternate Thursdays beginning June 23 at 10:30 a.m. – Enjoy storytelling, books, music, fingerplays, and a craft at this story time series especially for 3-5 year

# Support Your Local Library Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library will hold a Used Book Sale on July 9 from 10:00am – 2:00pm in the basement of the Library. Reorganized stacks make it easy to find gently used books including best sellers, non-fiction, biographies, historical fiction and children's titles, DVDs and CDs at bargain prices.

Proceeds from purchases are used by the Friends to provide a variety of entertaining and cultural programs free to the community. Prior to entering the Library, please observe most recent directives concerning masks and social distancing. and begins July 11.

#### Events for Teens & Adults Teen Summer Reading Kickoff: Treasure Hunt and Pizza Party – Saturday, June 25, 1 p.m. – For rising 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Teams will solve riddles that lead to the next clue in our first library treasure hunt for teens! Solve puzzles, eat pizza, and enjoy some yummy cotton candy too. If you don't have a team don't worry - we will pair you up! Registration is required. Pssst! This is really, truly just for teens. If you're not going into 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall you can't party with us. Do not pass go. Do not collect pizza.

**Break-In Bags:** Pickup dates: July 1-9 – For adults and rising 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Think escape room except instead of trying to break out you're

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### Congregation Or Shalom Happenings

### **Staying Connected**

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

### Join Us For Weekly Services

Morning Minyan > Sunday 9:00 AM – In person

- Sunday 9:00 AM In person and Zoom'd
- Monday 8:30 AM Zoom'd
- Thursday 8:30 AM Zoom'd

### Shabbat Services

- Friday 7:30 PM In person and Zoom'd
- Saturday 9:30 AM In person and Zoom'd

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

### Shomrei Or (Guardians of Light) Award

Marc Franzman was awarded the Shomrei Or award at Congregation Or Shalom on the evening of May 23, 2022. Surrounded by family and fellow



Congregation Or Shalom

congregants, he accepted this special honor at our Synagogue.

Marc grew up in Woodbridge as a young man and came back to Milford with his family in 2005. Marc has been our President, Vice President, Treasurer, Security Committee Chair and an integral part in developing YAHAD, our joint Hebrew School with Congregation B'nai Jacob in Woodbridge. Marc leads a very busy personal and professional life, but always makes Or Shalom a priority.

### **Golf Tournament**

Save the date, August 1, 2022, for our annual Golf Tournament at Orange Hills. Please call the office for more details 203.799.2341

# Orange Congregational Church Golf Tournament

The Orange Congregational Church Golf Tournament is taking place on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. (8.15 a.m. for breakfast and registration) at Orange Hills Country Club. Please join us for this annual charity benefit in cooperation with Columbus House. Sign up for a foursome for 18 holes or a 9-hole event. There will be fun-filled games with prizes: putting

drive and a raffle drawing at lunchtime. Breakfast, lunch, and goodie bags are included. Sponsors can donate at the Gold, Silver, Long Drive, or Tee Box Sign level and have a sign with their name on the golf course. To register, please call the church office at 203-795-9749, email occhurch@snet.net, or visit our sign up website at: https:// occ-columbus-house-scramble.per-



# Congregation Beth El - Keser Israel Events

**First Fridays:** On July 1, and every First Friday of the month, BEKI's Kabbalat Shabbat service is kid-friendly, though not specifically a children's service.

Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, and Junior Congregation meet in person each Saturday morning. To receive her weekly family programming newsletter, email Education Director Annie Norman-Schiff at anormanschiff@beki.org.

**In Person and Online:** BEKI offers In-Person services twice daily, led by Rabbi Eric Woodward and congregants. Details at beki.org. Weekday morning and evening services also are available on Zoom. To request the Zoom link, email office@beki.org.

Services for Tisha BeAv will be held Saturday evening August 6 and Sunday, August 7. For details, consult www.beki.org.

Letting the Land Rest: Bruce Spierer, the Public Education Manager at Hazon, the Jewish lab for sustainability, will speak Wednesday, June 29 at 7:30 pm about "Going Fallow For Shmita: a perspective from the soil." Spierer has experience working in urban agriculture, community composting, and public horticulture. To request the Zoom link, email office@beki.org. 75 Years of Songs: Cantor Matt Austerklein will discuss the Cantors' Assembly 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Journal, which he edited, on Wednesday, July 6 at 7:30 pm. The journal, which is due to be published in August, features biographies, reflections on current questions facing the cantorate, and a section of scholarly articles. He will be in discussion with ethnomusicologist Rachel Adelstein, who contributed to the journal. To request the Zoom link, email office@beki.org. Courtyard Concert: Elm City Winds will return to the BEKI Courtyard on Sunday, August 28. Composed of Jennifer Silva, flute; Caesar Storlazzi, oboe; Laura Caruthers, clarinet;



Congregation Beth-El Keser Israel

Adrienne Gallagher, bassoon; and Emily Fine, French horn, this woodwind quintet performs both classical and popular music. There is no charge for admission, but donations will be requested for Ukrainian relief. For more information, email office@beki.org or call the office at 203.389.2108 x114.

**Israeli Landscape Exhibit:** BEKI's upstairs gallery will feature the work of Mordecai Avniel (1900-1989), who devoted most of his life to Israeli landscape paintings. One of the founders of the Bezalel Academy of Art and Design in Jerusalem, Avniel later joined the Artists' Colony in Safed and worked in a home studio there.

Avniel's style evolved over the years from detailed, realistic images executed in a variety of media—such as woodcuts, copper and stone—to a more abstract, landscaped-based style after he adopted watercolor as his primary medium in the early 1950s. "I do not see my landscapes optically," he said. "They are a fusion of colors blended harmoniously-abstract at times, and at other times expressions of my inner feelings." This retrospective exhibition will be displayed from July 1 through mid-September. The downstairs exhibition by Naomi Safran-Han will remain through July 24. To arrange a time to visit, email office@beki.org or call the office at 203.389.2108 x114.

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# Jewish Family Service of Names Wurtzel New CEO

The Board of Directors of Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven is delighted to announce the appointment of Alissa Wurtzel as its new CEO.

For the past twenty years, Alissa has spent her professional life improving the social and emotional welfare of individuals and families, most recently as the Clinical Director at Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven. In that role, Alissa is leading the agency's implementation of a new electronic health record system and has reimagined and restructured a number of critical programs serving the most vulnerable in the community. Working with the agency's leadership team, Alissa has helped ensure their post-pandemic roadmap includes enhancing timely and accessible services for seniors, Holocaust Survivors and their caregivers, those struggling with mental health issues, those in need of emergency assistance, food and/or housing support.

A Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Alissa has worked with clients as young as 4 and as old as 107. Her specialty areas are in trauma-informed care, EMDR, medical social work, and co-occurring disorders including chronic pain.

During her career, she has worked as the Director of Psychological Health for the Connecticut Army National Guard as well as a Senior Clinician with Community Health Center Inc. Before joining JFS of Greater New Haven, Alissa worked as a medical social worker for the Hartford Health Care Hospice Program, empowering families with the education, materials, and access to spiritual, religious, and cultural supports they needed to



Alissa Wurtzel

care for their loved ones at the end of their lives.

A Connecticut native, Alissa earned both her BA and Master's Degree at UCONN. At school, throughout her career, and now at JFS of Greater New Haven, Alissa has worked diligently and passionately to ensure equity and inclusion are cornerstones of her practice and that people of diverse backgrounds, especially those who are traditionally underserved, feel welcome and supported whenever accessing and receiving care.

Please feel free to welcome Alissa personally at: awurtzel@jfsnh.org.

Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven (JFSGNH) supports and strengthens individual, family, and community life by providing a wide range of social services. We welcome people of all ages, abilities, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and faiths. JFS is guided by the compassionate and ethical values of Judaism. For more information about JFSGNH, visit www.jfsnh.org.

# Upcoming Events at Temple Emanuel

### **Special Events**

Friday, August 12 at 6:30 pm – Shabbat on the Beach at Woodmont Beach in Milford. Bring a beach chair, your voices and bug spray for this outdoor service with lovely views of Long Island Sound.

### Regular Weekly Services – Summer Service Schedule

7:00 pm on all Fridays, Kabbalat Shabbat Service – in the outdoor sanctuary when the weather permits, indoors when it does not. Chairs and benches are available, but feel free to bring your own chair or a blanket. Bug spray is also useful. Masks are optional for outdoor events and our tasty TE onegs are back!

Our current COVID-19 precautions still include a requirement for masks for everyone over the age of 2 for indoor events. Adults are expected to be fully vaccinated.

All of these events are held in person

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will be provided. Registration is required. This is a take-home event for teens. Please be cool – don't register adults or children (going into grade 6 or younger).

Mystery Book Discussion Group: Thursday, August 11, 1 p.m. – Join librarian Samantha Jasulavic for a Zoom discussion of The Plot by Jean Hanff Korelitz. This program will be held in the Meeting Room at the Library. Registration is required.

**Oscar Film: West Side Story** – Monday, August 15, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, August 17, 1 p.m. – West Side Story explores forbidden love and the rivalry between the Jets and the Sharks, two teenage street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds. 2 hr. 36



Temple Emanuel

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

For more information about services and celebrations at Temple Emanuel, and to register or purchase tickets for special events requiring tickets, please go to the TE website, www.tegnh.org or call the office at 203-397-3000. Temple Emanuel is located at 150 Derby Ave. in Orange.

digo tote using the kumo method of shibori, a Japanese form of tie-dye, at this small, hands-on workshop led by Librarian Rebecca Harlow. Kits will be available for pickup from Monday, August 15 through Friday, August 19 for participants who wish to work on their designs in advance of the dyeing portion of the program on Saturday; totes can also be completed from start to finish at the program. Please note that dye is not included in your kit; you will need to come to the Library to dye your tote. Registration is required and begins July 21.

**Tiny Art Show Kits:** All summer – For rising 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Create your own masterpiece with a tiny art kit. Choose from acrylic, brush tip pen, watercolors, or oil pastel. Register online or stop by the Library to pick up a kit. Visit the teen department in the Case Memorial Library throughout the summer to see our Teen Tiny Art Show. Original works created by local teens will be on display for viewing.



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Make & Take Craft Workshop:
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20, 11 a.m. – For adults and rising
7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Create your own in-







### Joseph Bakis

Joseph Bakis, 71, of Orange, entered into rest on May 28, 2022, leaving his cherished wife of 49 years, Claudia Manson Bakis. The very first date for both Claudia and Joe, they met as teenagers, soon got engaged and married in 1973. Their family includes three children and their spouses, of whom Joe was so proud: John Joseph (Chrissy) Bakis, Michael Jeffrey (Jessica) Bakis and Kellye Joan Bakis (Melody Treszi), his adored grandchildren Kiley Bakis, Payton Bakis and Melody Treszi, his sisters, who are technically his in-laws, Debbie (Michael) Fedorko, Susan Puhl, Meg (Max) Martins and many nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

Joe retired from the State of CT, Department of Corrections where he worked over 20 years. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. Joe, an avid woodworker and his late brother Gary, spent countless hours together making custom furniture for the family. Joe was also a member of the Shoreline Streetrods.

In accordance with Joe's wishes, there are no public services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. To leave an online condolence for the Bakis family or to plant a tree in memory of Joe, please visit www.westhavenfuneral.com.



### Carleen A. Celmer

Carleen A. Celmer, 68, of Orange, beloved wife of Francis (Frank) Celmer, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Saturday, May 21, 2022 to be received by the open arms of her son Sean. She was born on October 26, 1953 in Benton Harbor, Michigan but settled, worked, and made home the Northeast.

She was a graduate of Lake Michigan Catholic High School and Siena Heights University. Her career as an Ultra High Net Worth Accountant at KPMG and Price Waterhouse gave her challenges and experiences that were fulfilling, motivational, and beneficial. She was also an avid reader and genealogist for her family. Mostly she enjoyed her seven grandchildren, home decorating, finding and preparing new recipes, and making endless lists.

Carleen is survived by her husband, Frank; daughter, Cecily Celmer-Shubin and son-in-law, Denis Shubin; granddaughters, Anya, Sofia, Naomi, and Stella; and grandsons, Roman, Alexander, and Blaise.

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As owners of property, taxpayers are responsible to see that taxes are paid when due. FAILURE TO RECEIVE A TAX BILL DOES NOT EXEMPT YOU FROM PAYMENT OF ALL INTEREST CHARGES AND COLLECTION COSTS, per Connecticut General Statutes 12-130, 12-148.

Payments may be processed in person Monday-Friday except holidays from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Tax Collector's Office, Town Hall, 617 Orange Center Rd, Orange, CT. Bring your entire three-part tax bill if you wish a receipt. A payment coupon or duplicate bill must accompany each payment. There is a \$2.00 fee charged for each duplicate bill requested.



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# Guide To Outdoor Lighting

Lighting is an essential component

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of interior and exterior home design. Not only does lighting add style and make spaces more appealing, when done correctly, it also makes a home safer and more functional.

Homeowners who plan to utilize outdoor spaces like backyards, front porches and walkways to the fullest should think carefully about lighting. These guidelines can assist with selecting outdoor lighting fixtures.

Security lighting: Flood lights and security lights are a good investment for those who want to beef up visibility and security around the home. These lights are high-intensity and designed to illuminate large areas. The brightness and reach can serve as a preventive measure to keep animals and even criminals away. Motion-sensor lights will immediately engage if something lights will remain on from dusk until dawn. Lowes Home Improvement suggests using the correct wattage on outdoor security lights so they flood an area thoroughly without affecting neighboring properties.

Wall, post and ceiling lights: Outdoor lighting fixtures beyond security options come in a variety of styles, according to Lamps USA. Wall lights are mounted to the outdoor wall of the home. These typically flank doorways or the garage. Post lights are often installed on the posts of decks and porches, or are free-standing on properties, providing visibility but also style. Ceiling-mounted lights may be above doorways or installed in any structure that has an overhead area. Warm-colored temperature bulbs in these fixtures can create an inviting atmosphere that ly when multiple lighting fixtures are working together. When selecting lighting for wall-mounted fixtures, experts suggest sizing up if you are not sure of the size to pick, as lights will look much smaller in scale from a distance.

Accent and landscape lighting: A bevy of accent lighting choices are available. Accent lighting is designed to enhance the mood and appearance of certain elements of a landscape. Accent lighting is not intended to add bright light. For example, upward-directed lights can be cast on trees or shrubs to accentuate their shapes. Accent lighting also may call out a structure, such as a garden or a fountain. While accent lighting may be hard-wired, homeowners who want the luxury of changing lighting can opt for solar fixtures, which are more mobile but not Additional pointers: When shopping for bulbs, consider the number of lumens. A standard 100-watt bulb produces around 1,600 lumens. Security lights should range from 700 to 1,300 lumens for optimal brightness. Other lights needn't be so bright.

Furthermore, ensure that any fixtures that are being used are safety-rated for outdoors. Wet-rated fixtures are designed to withstand direct exposure to outdoor elements, advises the design experts at Schoolhouse, a lighting and lifestyle goods company. Damp-rated fixtures are built for outdoor locations protected from harsh weather. Look for the product details or work with an electrician to choose the right lighting choices.

Lighting can transform outdoors spaces for the better.



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### LOCATIONS TO PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets are available now at Knight's, 286 Boston Post Road; Orange Town Hall, 617 Orange Center Road; People's Bank, 653 Orange Center Road; and Chip's Restaurant, 321 Boston Post Road

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Top left: Nancy Becque won first place for her "Amiable Ambiance" table setting (Photo by Margherita Lisi); Top right: Flora the Cow watches over the exhibit; Middle: "An Anniversary Salute" featured a low-profile design of orange blooms (Photo by Bettina Thiel). Bottom: Patti Logioco, Nancy Becque, Diane Geary and First Selectman Jim Zeoli greet visitors to the juried flower show at High Plains Community Center (Photo by Margherita Lisi)

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the horticulture division, which featured the most beautiful specimen found in the different areas of Orange; and the other division being devoted to the art of floral designs. The arrangements, with dramatic flair, were set upon pedestals, some higher, some lower. The theme of the functional table for two was "Amiable Ambiance" and featured a flowering center piece

#### in addition to the table setting.

The flower show was under the direction of Gail Nixon, Lana Ho and Linda Bradford, and all members worked many hours to make this happen, said Margherita Lisi. Judges from the Federated Garden Clubs of CT came from all over the state to judge the entries, both in design and horticulture. After they had awarded their ribbons, the show opened to the general public.









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