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Pat O'Sullivan, Bicentennial chair, Kevin Margenau, and Lynn Plaskowitz from Park and Rec

## Items Being Collected For New Time Capsule

Fifty years ago, as part of the Town's Sesquicentennial celebration, a time capsule was buried on the Orange Green. The location of the capsule was kept a secret until a few days before the Orange Country Fair. Dug up and

then moved to the Orange Country Fair grounds, it was opened by Kevin Margenau, chair of the Capsule Project.

Greeted by a terrible smell, inches

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## Zoners Hesitantly Allow Dispensary, Nix Winery Plans

BY BETTINA THIEL  
ORANGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Orange Plan and Zoning Commission, at its September 20 meeting, did away with a moratorium it had adopted about a year ago on allowing cannabis establishments in town, thereby allowing an applicant to submit a site plan. At the same meeting the commissioners, after lengthy discussion, denied an application by Stappa Vinyard owners to increase outdoor seating capacity.

The petition to amend the zoning regulations in favor of allowing a marijuana dispensary was brought forward by Southern CT Wellness and Healing LLC (SCWH), which is currently a medical marijuana facility operating on New Haven Avenue in Milford. Attorney Marjorie F. Shansky represented the applicant.

She said her client is interested in moving her business to the former TD Bank building at 175 Boston Post Road, a building that has been vacant for a couple of years. She assured the commission that the proposed use was in line with what is allowed in that zone under the town's regulations, as well as being in line with the Plan of Conservation and Development.

Although currently purely a medical marijuana dispensary – which provides marijuana only to medical patients with tightly regulated conditions – SCWH would apply for a license to sell recreational marijuana as well, she said. They plan to use the drive-up window, but also have a retail space.

Commission Chairman Oscar Parente agreed to the wording, though

hesitantly. "It's a good commercial use," he said during deliberation. He admitted that initially he had not been in favor of the proposal, but changed his mind as he learned more about it. "It has all the security controls we were looking for," he said. In the end, tongue in cheek, he found himself "52% in favor" of it.

The vote, 3-1, with one abstention, reflected the hesitancy of the commission. There was no public input during the hearing.

Commissioner Kevin Cornell said the state gave the towns discretion as to whether they wanted to participate and allow cannabis sales or not. "I don't feel the compelling need to make it any easier to get to recreational use in our town," he said, adding people are going some distance now, and they will continue to do so.

Commissioner Paul Kaplan did not agree. He called it "just another commercial use," and pointed out that the cannabis retail industry "hasn't rolled out as quickly as expected."

Town Attorney Vincent Marino called it "a great opportunity for the Town of Orange" in terms of tax revenue. Although it isn't part of the zoner's purview, this could be a successful new business, which can generate almost a million dollars in tax revenue. He clarified that the tax revenue, according to state law, can only be spent on drug education and similar purposes. It would allow the town to pay for the DARE class and other youth programs. Attorney Shansky added

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that the income can also be used for streetscape improvements where the business is located.

She assured the commission that with the site and distance requirements in place – like liquor stores, a cannabis retail establishment cannot be located within a certain distance of schools or churches – there will not be a proliferation of cannabis establishments in town.

What the zoners approved so far is the regulation to allow this use in the C1 commercial district, by special use permit. The applicant will now have to submit a formal application and site plan for its specific location.

Even if a cannabis retail store may be available in the near future for Orange shoppers, bear in mind that the town does not allow smoking or otherwise consuming cannabis on public properties.

Stappa Vineyard: After lengthy deliberation, the Orange Plan and Zoning Commission denied the application put forth by the owners of Stappa Vineyard on Route 34 to increase outdoor dining opportunities, adding some 30 parking spaces, widening the driveway and adding some outdoor lighting.

The vineyard opened about two years ago as a farmstand/winery. It restored the agricultural use to the 10-acre property, with a building for wine tasting and office space. It offers charcuterie boxes with meats and cheese, but no prepared food.

Commissioner Judy Smith said the winery came in as a farm stand/winery, with very limited commercial use. “We were very cognizant of where it was – it’s due to their success that they probably need to expand.”

Attorney Joe Porto, who represented the applicant, added that the state has since passed legislation that “recognizes that the public wants outdoor dining space.”

Chairman Parente argued against it. “This is not really outdoor dining space – it is not a restaurant.” He brought up

the special standards for farm stands/winery that specifically spell out that special events have to take place entirely in the tasting room. Even for restaurants, any outdoor seating “shall not exceed 10% of indoor seating,” he said. That would allow the vineyard no more than 10 outdoor seats.

Attorney Porto brought up that the winery has been a good neighbor. “The property will be kept clean from litter, there is a fence around the property,” he said. The plans call for additional vegetative buffers to where the neighboring properties are. No food or drink preparation is taking place on the outside, and there is ample parking. “We’re suggesting a total of 21 tables, removed far from neighboring property.” He added that the 10% regulation leads to a bit of an absurd result given that it’s on a 10-acre property, not a bar in a strip mall.

“It’s not absurd, because it’s in a residential zone,” Parente shot back.

Commissioner Tom Torrenti also was skeptical. “This could become a run-away freight train in my mind,” he said.

Porto pointed out that the commission had received 14 letters in support of the proposal. However, it also received a letter signed by some 30 neighbors of the vineyard, whose properties either abut or are close to the winery, and the neighbors asked the commission to deny the application.

Attorney Owen Weaver was one of the co-signers of that letter and addressed the commission. He said his property abuts the vineyard, which is indeed a beautiful space. “Let’s call it what it is,” he said. “An outdoor wine bar.” He said people are walking right up to his property line, and on weekends in particular it can get loud. “From March to November it’s a party in my backyard,” he said.

Weaver said he has three kids under the age of 5 and people on the other side of the fence are sometimes using inappropriate language. “I am not opposed to the vineyard,” he said. But, “I am very concerned with the intensification.”

# Shredding Day and Recycling Event


On Saturday, October 8, 2022, the Orange Recycling Committee will hold another “Shredding Day” which will include Document Shredding AND Mattresses & Box Springs Collection AND Clothing, and Household Goods Collection, ALL at High Plains Community Center from 9AM to 12PM.

Paper and personal document shredding will be conducted by Orange business Affordable Solutions, LLC, and is for residential files only and is not intended for businesses. This service is generously funded by the Rotary Club of Orange. Residents may show their appreciation by donating to the Orange Rotary Scholarship Fund,

where Rotarians will be on hand to collect donations.

Mattresses and box springs will again be collected by the Mattress Recycling Council’s “Bye Bye Mattress” team. Residents may bring items to the event and workers will load them into the collection truck. Alternatively, volunteers from the Orange Lions Club will again pick up items from residential homes, for a donation of \$10 per item. Anyone interested in this service should contact Ken Lenz at 203-795-3906. Items must be outside and dry or in a garage for easy access, as vol-

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Friends of the Library – An Afternoon with Connecticut Songwriter, Meredith Rose, Saturday, October 29, 2:00pm, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road offering a mix of original music and favorites from the 60s to the present. Use your judgement regarding masking.


Friends of the Library – Book Sale, Saturday, November 5, 10am-2pm, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, best sellers, non-fiction, and children’s books along with CDs and DVDs will be available for purchase at bargain prices. Wear a mask and bring a bag to carry your purchases home.

Friends of the Library – Program of classic blues music featuring “Ramblin Dan” Stevens, Saturday, November 19, 2:00pm, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road. Reservations required, online at [www.case-memoriamlibrary.org](http://www.case-memoriamlibrary.org) or 203-891-2170. Please consider wearing a mask.

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Menucci ~ Moore Wed

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December 16   Holiday Issue .....	December 9

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FROM OUR READERS

Amity Should Continue  
The Practice of  
Returning Surplus  
Funds to Taxpayers

Recently, the Amity Board of Education and the Superintendent of schools determined that they would no longer return surplus, unspent funds to the three towns which would ultimately benefit the taxpayers who supplied the funds. There was an agreement in place for many years that surplus funds would be returned to the three towns. However Amity has decided that based upon a vague, ambiguous state statute that uses the word shall instead of must, the money should be retained by the school district for use at their discretion. Over the past 10 years or so we are talking about millions of dollars that were returned to the taxpayers to lower their taxes. As much as 2-3 million dollars has been refunded in one year. Amity no longer feels that is proper and that the surplus should be retained by the district and used as they see fit. That will never benefit the taxpayers, even if they use it to offset the next year’s budget when the budget can be manipulated to appear as if it is fiscally prudent. The towns that provided these multi million dollar surpluses should have the control of the funds. As one prominent town official said, “Amity is just plain greedy.”

The Amity Finance Committee met on September 12 for it’s regular meeting and I announced my resignation from the committee. The AFC has been in existence since 2002 and I have been a member and Vice Chairman for those 20 years. The committee was formed to assure taxpayers that the three member towns would have representatives on the committee to have a direct view and involvement in Amity’s finances. That ultimately allowed for passage of the budget after 18 failed referendums. Recently the committee has been rendered disregarded since whenever we vote no on

an item, the full board disagrees and passes the item. I am not willing to devote countless hours to the AFC and be treated with no respect.  
*Matthew T. Giglietti, Chairman Woodbridge Board of Finance*

Family Appreciates  
Community Help  
after House Fire

We would like to thank the Orange community for your overwhelming show of support for our family. Recently, we suffered a fire at our home, rendering it uninhabitable. Thankfully, no one, including our cats, was injured as we were all able to escape. Notwithstanding the quick response of the Orange Fire Department, Derby Fire Department and Woodbridge Fire Department (it was a three-alarm fire), we will be unable to return to our home for many months. Your support through a GoFundMe account, well wishes, donations of clothing, food, furniture and other necessities will help us get through this difficult time. We feel very fortunate to live in such a caring community.  
*The Stenson Family*

Counting My Blessings

Recently there has been a great deal of negativity regarding the removal and disposal of the old Firelite sign. Having grown up in town, like so many of you, I fondly remember riding my bike for a cone at Dip Top, or crossing the street to Firelite for candy at Race Brook Pharmacy or a cookie at Wolfe’s Bakery. Often my friends and I would stare longingly into the cookie case until we were offered a free one. These are treasured memories that bring a smile to my face, as I reflect on my good fortune to have spent most of my life here in Orange.  
While I understand many feel nostalgic about the Firelite sign, I think the blame and anger that has been

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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

From the Amity Board of Education

By Paul Davis, Amity BOE Chair

# Amity Board of Education By-Law Policy 9020

The Amity Regional School District No. 5 Board of Education recognizes that communication is a continuous two-way process. The Board believes that it is important to keep the public informed about educational programs and, in turn, that the community should have the opportunity to provide input. Communication will be a concurrent responsibility of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent of Schools will work with the members of the Board of Education to conduct an active and comprehensive program throughout the school district and community for the prompt dissemination of information about decisions made at all Board meetings. Releases to the press and brief summaries of Board meeting actions prepared for distribution to staff members, parents/guardians, and community are regarded as appropriate media of information for meeting the requirements of this by-law. Press releases relative to Board of Education action shall be released only by the Board Chairperson or the delegated agent of the Board.

## Amity Arms School Security Personnel

After a carefully considered and deliberate 3-year process, the Amity Regional School District will be transitioning some existing and qualified school security staff to armed school security officers. The addition of at least 1 armed school security officer in each of our school buildings was a goal of the Ad Hoc Amity School Security Committee. The armed school security officer is not intended to replace the members of law enforcement who currently serve as School Resource Officers (SROs), but rather, to enhance safety in our schools during times when SROs and other law enforcement officials are not able to be in our school buildings. In addition to securing entry to the school, school security staff assist at arrival and dismissal, monitor security cameras, hallways, and bathrooms, supervise the cafeteria and parking lot, and assist in other non-instruction settings and events.

In 2013, the Connecticut General Assembly passed legislation allowing boards of education to employ retired police officers to provide school security services. These police officers must have retired in good standing from a local or the state police department and

are required to participate annually in firearms training and training specific to the duties of a school security officer.

In spring 2019, the Amity Regional Board of Education provided the funding necessary to add armed school security officers to each of our schools. Concurrently, the Board Policy Committee developed both a policy and regulation on the requirements, duties, and use of both armed and unarmed school security officers. Modeled from those developed by the Newtown Board of Education, both the policy and regulation were reviewed not only by the Board of Education, but also the Board's legal counsel and our Bethany-Orange-Woodbridge law enforcement agencies. The policy was passed in October 2020; the regulation has been modified and adjusted throughout summer 2022.

Beginning on October 1, 2022, the Amity Regional School District will have at minimum, one armed school security officer in each of our school buildings. Students are likely to know most of the armed guards, as several of our existing security staff met the statutory requirements to transition to the role of armed security guard.

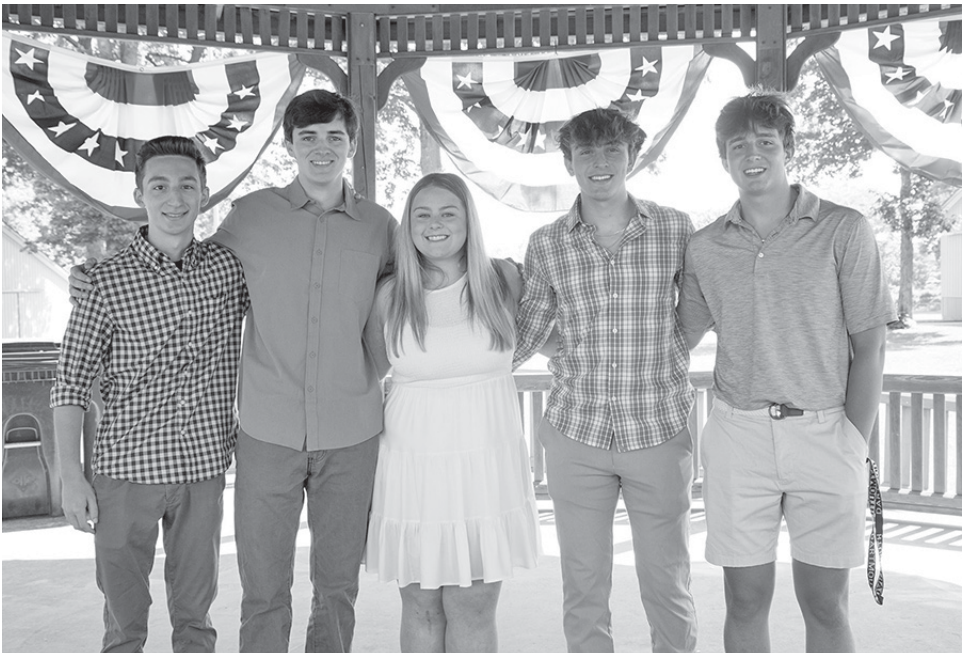
## Senior Parking Lot Painting

In what is anticipated to become a new Senior Year tradition, members of the Class of 2023 had the opportunity to design and paint their parking spaces in the senior parking lot this year. Designs had to be submitted to administration in advance to ensure there was nothing inappropriate. In addition to the standard parking fee, seniors who wished to paint their parking spot paid an additional \$20 – a fundraising activity for the Class of 2023. The level of creativity and talent in the parking space artwork is remarkable, and we invite the community to visit the parking lot outside of school hours to see our students' creativity first-hand.

## Middle School Digital Media Elective

As a result of the support from the community for the 2022-2023 Amity Board of Education Budget, a new Digital Media Communications elective has been added to the course offerings at both Amity middle schools.

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Scholarship winners: Ryan Cohutt, Nolan Young, Katelyn Losty, Liam Tassiello and Colby O'Connor

# Orange Scholarship Fund Winners Off to College

The Orange Scholarship Fund Association awarded its scholarships on June 2<sup>nd</sup> in a ceremony at the gazebo at High Plains.

This year's recipients are Ryan Cohutt who is attending UConn, Nolan Young, Sacred Heart University, Kate-

lyn Losty, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and Liam Tassiello, Dartmouth College. Colby O'Connor who is attending the University of Michigan also received a scholarship from the Orange Lions Club at the ceremony.

# Students of STEM Offers Free STEM Tutoring

The next generation will be defined by technology. Over 3.5 million STEM-related jobs will be unfilled by 2025. Surprisingly, few elementary schools have adopted any formal tech education, and only 50% of high schools even offer a Computer Science class. Aarav Patel, a Junior at Amity Regional High School, has set out to fix this. He started Students of STEM, a 501(c)(3) non-profit that connects kids with knowledgeable high school STEM tutors for free.

Aarav Patel found his passion for coding early on. Eventually, after navigating between a maze of videos and websites, Aarav learned to code in Python. However, he feels a lot of time and effort could have been saved if there was more guidance available. Aarav believes that a more streamlined and well-guided learning process can help more people break into the STEM world.

Now in high school, Aarav sees that much has remained the same over the past years. Despite more kids wanting to code, there is little support for them to take the necessary steps. At the moment, students can either enroll in a pricey online class or struggle through a process of self-learning, creating an inherent barrier against

students, specifically from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Aarav wants to help provide guidance so students can enjoy a more streamlined and enjoyable learning experience. So, he decided to start Students of STEM, a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to providing free high-quality education in coding, math, and problem-solving. After launching in the summer, he and a group of 12 other volunteers were able to host numerous online classes in the Greater New Haven area.

With school starting up again, Students of STEM hopes to expand to other regions and school districts throughout the US. The organization has received a Google Ad Grant which it hopes to use to market their services. They hope more people can take advantage of their services so more kids of all backgrounds can learn the analytical skills of the future.

To register your child for a class, please go to <https://studentsofstem.org>. Additionally, if you would like to support Students of STEM's mission, please spread the word. By letting more people know about this opportunity, we can make a difference and help more kids pursue their passion in STEM!



# ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



## Turkey Hill School Track Ribbon Cutting

Turkey Hill School (THS) students, staff and parents joined Dr. Arterbery and Dr. Scarpetti to kickoff the 2022-2023 school year's theme of Together Achieving Goals

with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the brand new THS Track! Special guest USA Hockey's Strauss Mann spoke to the students about goal-setting from his experience on the US

Olympic team. The new track was a long-term goal for THS that was reached through generous participation in PTO fundraisers within the THS community.

Students demonstrated tremendous school spirit and excitement with a celebratory lap and are thrilled to have a new track that will be used for years to come.

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Students who take this course have the opportunity to engage in podcasting, blogging, short film creation, and video editing. The course provides another elective choice to students – adding to existing electives of band, chorus, and Mandarin. The addition of this particular course was based on a review of elective choices offered at other middle schools and to introduce some of the Career Technical Education (CTE) offerings provided at Amity Regional High School. Interest and enrollment in the course is strong.

### Convocation and Professional Learning

Amity's Convocation and Professional Learning Days took place on August 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Over the two days of professional learning, the offering of topics provided teachers with new ways to enhance instructional practice in their classrooms. Mr. Sebastian Little provided a keynote message on the end of the day on August 25<sup>th</sup>. A Cheshire High School and Yale graduate, Mr. Little's presentation on "The Great Reset" aligned with the Convocation theme of Reset, Reboot, and Recharge. He will return in January to work with faculty and students.

### AMSB Fall Musical

For the AMSB 2022 Spartan Play-

ers fall production, students will be performing Matilda. Show dates will be November 11 – 13, 2022 at Amity Middle School Bethany.

### Annual Student Assessment

At the September meeting, Amity Board members received a brief summary of the spring 2022 state assessment results. Amity Regional High School was top performing on the SAT when compared to similar CT school districts. Results of the middle school assessments showed Amity students performed comparably in English and math. This September, students in the middle schools took the annual STAR reading and math assessment. Data from the assessment will be reviewed at the district and building levels to identify areas of strength and opportunities for growth. On October 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be a focused assessment day for ARHS students – 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the PSAT 8/9; 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the PSAT, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the PSAT/NMSQT. Seniors will have an excused day and will be encouraged to schedule college visits, complete the college applications, or update resumes and job applications.

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## STUDENT NEWS

### Achievements

#### James Madison University Welcomes Class Of 2026

Harrisonburg, VA - James Madison University is excited to welcome the class of 2026 to campus this month. The incoming freshman class represents an accomplished, diverse group of individuals who hail from 38 states, the District of Columbia and 17 countries around the world. The following students enrolled from Orange are: Greta Pedenski whose selected major is independent scholars; and Brynn Weirsmann whose selected major is media arts and design.

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

Manchester, NH - Jasmine Buynovsky of Orange has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2022 Dean's List. The summer terms run from May to August. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following Orange students on being named to the Summer 2022 President's List:

Johan Carboni and Anthony Giampa. The summer terms run from May to August. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

#### Graduations Hobart and William Smith Colleges

MaryKatherine Martino of Orange, CT received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Media & Society and EmilyRose Martino of Orange, CT received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Media & Society during the 2022 Commencement Ceremonies of Hobart and William Smith Colleges, held on Sunday, May 22. MaryKatherine and EmilyRose Martino are the children of Edward and Kellie Martino.

#### University of Rhode Island

Kingston, RI - The University of Rhode Island celebrated more than 4,000 of its newest alumni during the University's 136<sup>th</sup> Commencement. Close to 3,600 undergraduate degrees and more than 800 graduate degrees were conveyed to students during the ceremonies which took place May 20-22, 2022. Those from Orange who graduated are: Alexa Rose DeGennaro and Timothy Quinn Gnidula.



OPINION

Amity Votes Not to Return \$1.5 Million Surplus to Towns

MAJOR IMPLICATIONS FOR TOWN REVENUE & ACTUAL BUDGET NEED

BY JIM LEAHY, VICE-CHAIRMAN ORANGE BOARD OF FINANCE

**Author Note:** The goal of balancing Town needs with taxpayer affordability is a challenging one. In my view, one of the requirements of being a member of the Orange Board of Finance (OBOF) is to inform the public. In fact, I consider this an obligation of this elected position. What we are talking about is the spending of millions of dollars of hard-earned money of the people who reside in the Town.

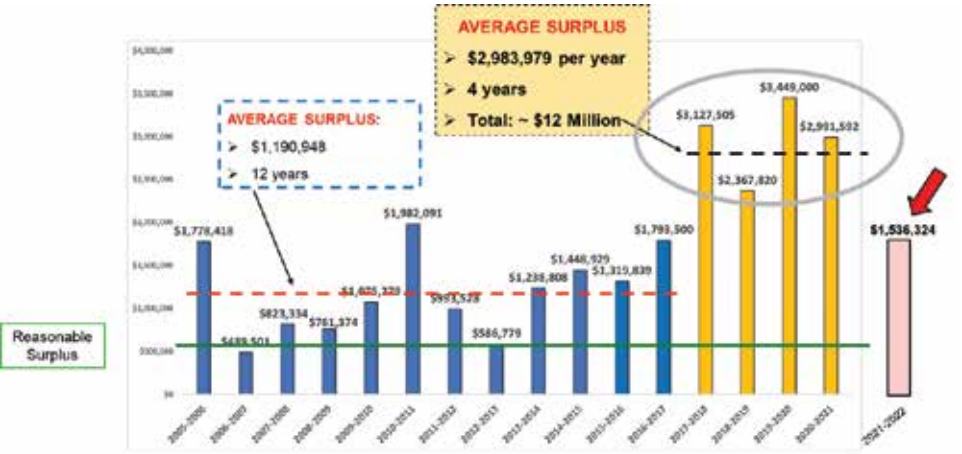
Being a member of the OBOF requires not only monthly review of the budget expenditures but analyses of a significant volume of data. The job also requires a questioning perspective of funding requests, with a keen awareness of the difference between “wants” and “needs.” This method not only applies to the Town budget but also to the budgets of both Amity and Orange schools, which take up a major portion of our resources.

Over the years, one way to achieve that balance of needs and affordability is to communicate a message of “Doing More with Less,” to set a culture by which we strive to operate. In my view, this approach is consistent both with the Town’s heritage and with what we all do in our personal lives.

In this article, I will summarize and share recent events and learnings at Amity focusing on 3 major items: (1) Share the amount of the Amity FY 21-22 Surplus; (2) Examine the current FY 22-23 Amity budget in light of the Surplus; and (3) Summarize recent events & decisions related to the Amity FY 21-22 surplus and identify immediate implications.

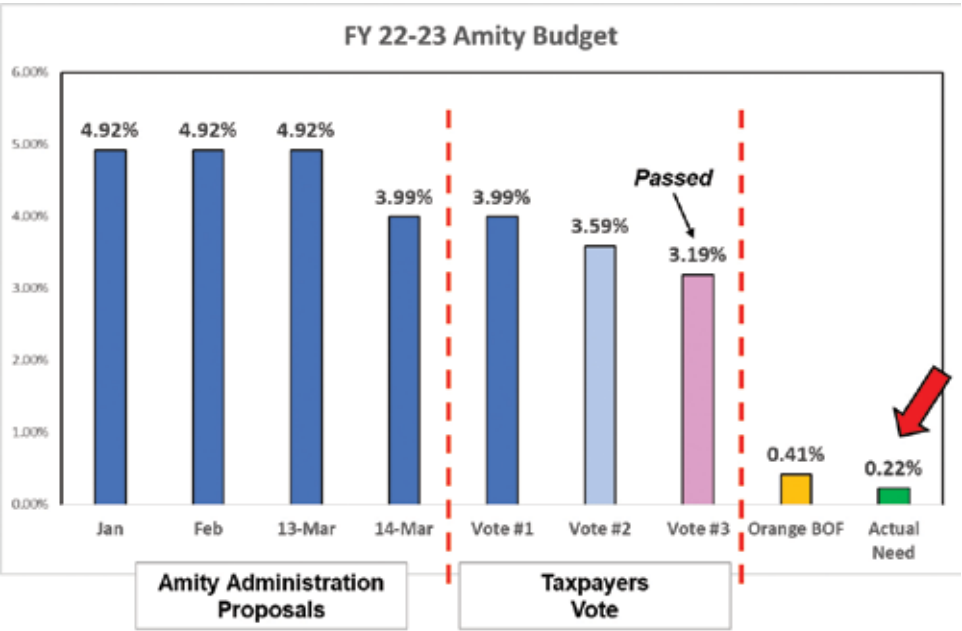
1. Amity FY 21-22 Surplus AMOUNT

At recent Amity Finance Committee (AFC) meetings, I was able to confirm that the surplus for FY 21-22 was \$1,536,324.



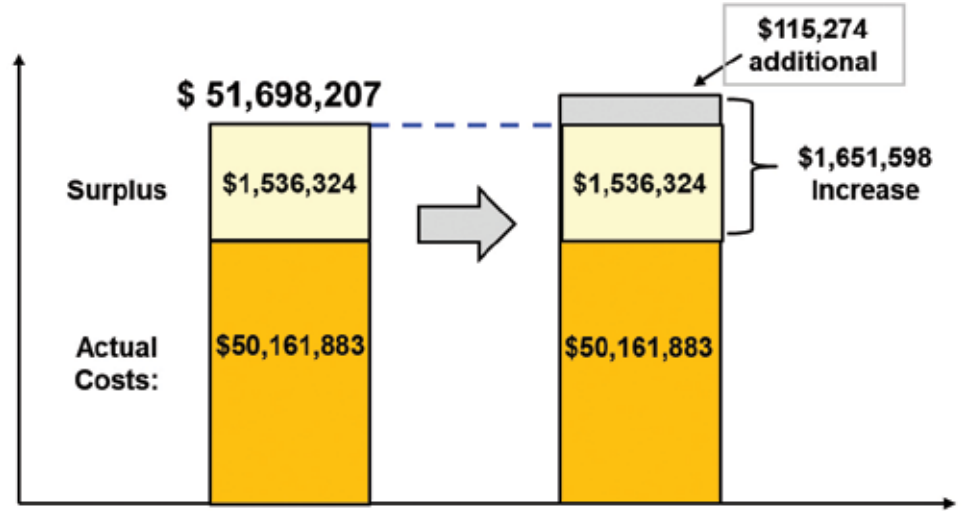
2. Examining the new FY 22-23 Amity BUDGET

It is always a best practice to base future year budget increases on the actual amount spent in the prior year. Moffett, long-time OBOF member, put it this way: “Budgeting should be based on ACTUALS because – as seen by the Amity surpluses – the prior year’s budget is inflated to begin with.”



	Increase/(Dec)
SALARIES	793,202
BENEFITS	448,419
PURCHASED SERVICES	476,122
DEBT SERVICE	31,881
SUPPLIES (INCLUDING UTILITIES)	(60,141)
EQUIPMENT	32,204
IMPROVEMENTS / CONTINGENCY	(96,500)
DUES AND FEES	26,411
TOTAL EXPENDITURES increase	1,651,598

Now we have the Actual surplus data for FY 21-22, \$1,536,324. In addition, at the September meeting, the Amity Administration confirmed their needed increases totaled \$1,651,598 across 8 major expense categories for the current FY 22-23.



As visualized in the accompanying graphic, a sizable amount (93%) of Amity’s budget need for FY 22-23 can come directly from the surplus embedded in the FY 21-22 budget. That amount of \$1,536,324 is already there in FY 22-23 budget to begin with.

This fact means NEARLY ALL of the Increase spending for needed services to educate Amity students – for which a budget is prepared – would be covered by the funds in the budget that were surplus in FY 21-22. Therefore, **only \$115,274 of additional funding is required** to satisfy ALL of Amity’s actual increased needs for FY 22-23. This increase would be a modest 0.22% increase from FY 21-22.

Of note, this Actual Need of 0.22% for Amity’s Budget increase is far lower than all FY 22-23 budgets proposed, discussed, and voted on this year. In fact, the **bi-partisan Orange BOF unanimously voted** to support a 0.41% increase for Amity that turns out to be reasonably accurate, if anything a little overstated.

3. Recent Events & Decisions related to the FY 21-22 Amity Surplus

In August, Amity Finance Committee voted unanimously (with 2 abstentions) to use \$516,982 of FY 21-22 surplus funds (1% of the budget) to support the Amity capital reserve fund. However, the Amity BOE rejected this unanimous vote of the AFC and voted to use \$929,175 of FY 21-22 surplus funds (~ 1.8% of the budget) to support the capital reserve fund.

Also, Superintendent Byers announced that she made a recent request to lawyers about regional school systems and budget surpluses. These attorneys had indicated -- citing an obscure CT State statute -- that Amity “shall” not return surplus money to the taxpayers of Member Towns that funded the Amity budget.

Matt Giglietti, Vice Chairman of the AFC and Chairman of the Board of Finance in Woodbridge then contacted four attorneys who chuckled at the word “shall” because the word “shall” is not binding. Consequently, this finding led him to conduct an Internet search on the words “Shall” and Must” and the major distinctions between the two words: “Shall” is so corrupted by misuse that it has no firm meaning while “must” denotes a requirement or obligation.

Mr. Giglietti stated further that in particular one of the attorneys said “he would have no problem defending Amity if they decided to continue the precedent and return money to the towns.”

Then based on the State statute and the recommendation of Superintendent, **Amity BOE decided to RETAIN ALL funds from the FY 21-22 surplus, and**

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May 8, 2022

Dear Amity Community:

- In 2020-2021, we budgeted for a full school year, yet operated in a hybrid model for most of the year due to the COVID pandemic. Teachers aligned purchases with the hybrid model and many accounts saw a decrease in spending as classes did not operate on a full scale. Fall and winter sports were not at full operation, reducing costs for transportation, officials, and supplies. Unexpected revenues were received when the federal government approved multiple rounds of ESSER funding and when the special education grant funding was higher than expected. **The monies in the budget that were not spent were returned to the towns.**
- In 2019-2020, we budgeted for a full school year, and closed our doors in March 2020. Athletics and field trips were cancelled, supplies were not purchased, substitutes were not needed, and salaries, payroll taxes, and the medical account were all significantly under budget as notal school operations ceased. **The monies in the budget that were not spent were returned to the towns.**
- In 2018-2019, the establishment of suitable programs for students with disabilities within the Amity Regional School District allowed a return of students from more expensive outplacements, resulting in a savings to the budget. Higher revenues were realized from favorable interest rates and a higher special education grant reimbursement. **The monies in the budget that were not spent were returned to the towns.**

The District, over the past five years, has returned 80% of the unspent funds to the towns.

So, in what may be a major surprise to many taxpayers, Amity Leadership has decided to return NO Surplus Money from FY 21-22 to the Towns. This decision is all the more challenging to understand after years & years of Amity championing its “no big deal” approach to surpluses since “we give the money back to the Towns.”

Further, many taxpayers may recall a document dated Sunday May 8, 2022, five days after the first referendum failed with 64% voting against. This 2-page unsigned document on Amity letterhead was widely posted on social media & reiterated a casual attitude about budget surpluses, stating three times in bulleted paragraphs “the monies in the budget that were not spent were returned to the towns.” And then concluded – in a one sentence bolded paragraph – **“The District, over the last 5 years, has returned 80% of the unspent funds to the Towns.”**

Finally, there are two immediate implications from these recent events:

**Implication #1 CARRY-OVER Funds.** The \$1,536,324 surplus in the Amity FY 21-22 budget results in a \$607,149 “carry-over” of money (surplus of \$1,536,324 less \$929,175 allocated to the capital reserve fund that the ABOE voted for, over-ruling the AFC vote as noted earlier).

**Implication #2 ORANGE REVENUE SHORTFALL of \$700,000:** For the current FY 22-23, Orange budgeted \$700,000 in revenue from an anticipated large Amity surplus and receiving 50% share of that surplus to support the Town FY-22-23 operating budget. An Amity surplus of \$1,536,324 occurred as estimated; but now Amity Leadership decided not to return any surplus funds to the Towns. Therefore, Orange now has a “\$700,000 shortfall” in its current FY 22-23 budget.

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cast is far from productive. With or without that sign, Orange is and has always been a wonderful place to live, raise a family, and be part of a loving community. It is true that much in the world has changed and Orange

is not exempt from that, however, I believe it is still a great blessing to be able to call this town home. If you’ve lost that feeling, I hope you’ll find your way back to it or find your way to another place which offers you what you once felt.  
Nancy Bencivengo

DID YOU KNOW?

What’s the difference between a Living Will and a Do Not Resuscitate Order? Often, they are confused.

A Living Will:

Comes into play only if you are in a “persistent vegetative state” or the “final stage of a terminal illness” and are being kept alive by a “mechanical device.”

- A Living Will tells the world whether you want to be kept alive in those specific circumstances. The choice is yours.
- A Living Will also authorizes others to communicate your wishes if you are not able to do so.
- A Living Will can be prepared by an attorney, or any other knowledgeable third party.

A Do Not Resuscitate Order:

Can come into play even if you are not in a “persistent vegetative state,” the “final stage of a terminal illness,” or being kept alive by a “mechanical device.”

- A Do Not Resuscitate Order (commonly called “DNR”) means you don’t want the application of efforts to resuscitate you using methods such as CPR, chest compression, defibrillation, mouth to mouth or mouth to mask, ventilator or any similar medical procedure.
- A DNR order can only be authorized by a physician. You, or someone authorized to act on your behalf, of course, must approve the DNR order, in writing.

Example 1:

You are in reasonably good health and have a heart attack at home. You have a Living Will. Some type of resuscitation is required to keep you alive; it will be administered.

Example 2:

You are in extremely poor health, have lost lots of your mental acuity, and have been in and out of hospitals for many serious medical conditions over the past few years. You have a heart attack at home. You have a Living Will. Some type of resuscitation is required to keep you alive; it will be administered.

Example 3:

Same facts as example 2 except you also have a DNR order. You will not be resuscitated.

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## ARTS & LEISURE



### An Afternoon with Connecticut Songwriter

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library will showcase the Meredith Rose Duo, featuring singer/songwriter Meredith Rose, playing rhythm guitar along with her husband, lead guitarist and back-up vocalist, Dave Wanik, on Saturday, October 29 at 2:00pm in the Meeting Room.

With Meredith’s tender vocals, accompanied by electric and acoustical guitars, the Duo offer a mix of original music and favorites from the 60s to the present. Meredith has been composing original music for over ten years, performing in the U.S. and international venues. Her

4-track EP titled “Sow” was nominated by the Connecticut Music Awards for Best Singer/Songwriter. She also received honorable mention in the John Lennon Songwriting Competition. The Duo has recently set down family roots along the Connecticut shoreline and enjoy performing gigs at local venues.

To enjoy some folk and pop music, come with your friends to join this entertaining Friends’ Program on Saturday, October 29 at 2:00pm. Please register at [www.casememoriallibrary.org](http://www.casememoriallibrary.org) or phone 203.891.2170. Please use your judgment regarding masking.

### Chasing The Blues

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library will feature Ramblin’ Dan Stevens performing a program of classic blues music on Saturday, November 19, at 2:00pm.

Besides playing traditional guitar, Dan offers a unique style of “Bottle-neck” slide playing on a homemade three-stringed “Cigar Box Guitar” and one-stringed “Diddly Bow”. These bare-bone vintage instruments were first made by blues musicians in the South who had limited income, but were handy enough to put together common items, such as washers, screws and cigar boxes to make instruments. Continuing the craft, Dan makes these guitars and even has a guitar made with a 1953 Rambler hubcap.

Inspired by Woody Guthrie’s book, “Bound for Glory” and the lure of the open road, Dan spent his youthful days,



with his guitar, hitchhiking and hopping trains across the U.S., eventually logging 100,000 miles and earning his moniker, “Ramblin” Dan. Come to get transported by blues music played on traditional and vintage guitars by veteran bluesman and raconteur, Ramblin’ Dan on Saturday, November 19.

Reservations are required and may be made online at [www.casememoriallibrary.org](http://www.casememoriallibrary.org) or by phone 203-891-2170. Prior to attending, please consider wearing a mask.

## LOCAL BUSINESS

### Wendy Barry Affiliates with Coldwell Banker Realty

Coldwell Banker Realty in Connecticut is pleased to announce that Milford resident Wendy Barry has affiliated with the Orange office. As an affiliated real estate agent, Wendy will provide residential real estate services in New Haven County as well as the surrounding communities. She brings with her 10+ years of experience in the real estate industry, both commercial and residential.

“We are thrilled that Wendy has joined our amazing Coldwell Banker family. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our team” said Aileen DeFeo, Branch Vice President of the Woodbridge and Orange offices. “It’s our #1 market share, technology, senior leadership, and great agents that attracted Wendy to join us, and she is going to make a great team even better!”

“I work to help members of my community build their dreams! My goals are to ensure homeowners get their properties in front of the most buyers possible in order to get the best deal; for my clients to feel safe, confident, and taken care of; and ultimately to serve my clients through all of their life stages. It is my honor to be in partnership with my clients in one of the most important decision-making processes of their lives. This is an honor that I take seriously and work diligently to earn.”

Wendy is a wife and mother of 3 and has enjoyed raising her family in the Milford/Orange area for the last 21 years. She grew up right next door in Stratford, so she is intimately familiar with the area. Wendy is an active member of the Milford Arts



Wendy Barry

Council and is an Orange Rotarian and loves volunteering with the Purple Pantry Boxes, a local food bank that serves Milford and the surrounding towns. As an active member of these warm, welcoming communities, she can tell you that your choice to live here is one of the best decisions you will ever make!

Wendy Barry can be reached at 203.913.2923 or at [wendy@wbarry-realtor.com](mailto:wendy@wbarry-realtor.com). Welcome!

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# HISTORY CORNER

## A Story Continued...



BY GINNY REINHARD

So, I was asked recently if I was running my stories over again, since one of them was indeed a rewrite of one of my more successful ones. I immediately answered no, not at all because I have written 16 years' worth of stories, all original BUT there is a subject that crosses decades, in fact over 100 years old that is an ongoing tale of lives we know nothing about.

Now, with this in mind, I am going to tell you some of the stories for those folks "living" in this town that you might not have heard about before... are you ready? History is a very precious commodity in our lives. Something we can learn from for help in our future but more than likely, as in my life, something to understand and embrace as lives that built us up and lives we need to cherish.

One such person was Ansantawae, the sachem of the Paugussett Native Americans. His circumstances led him to accept the help of the white men, Peter Prudden, Richard Bryan and others, because they had a mutual need... survival. Without his acceptance of the Milford Colony for protection against the marauding Mohawks, their quiet village of hunters and gatherers could have been destroyed. Without this mutual friendship, the land we know as Bryan's Farms, now Orange might not exist.

So, we put him on our list of souls to appreciate. Moving on. Within four years, the Milford Colony thrived, with the help of????? Yup, Ansantawae. The settlers were able to build dwellings, mostly lean-to type, organize a church and the grist mill, built by William Fowler which was busily engaged in converting the harvests into useable commodities. When a storm destroyed the mill, the town realized its worth and voted to repair it. Since the gristmill in New Haven had burned to the ground in 1662, the farmers brought their grain to Fowler's. Stand up Mr. Fowler.

Richard Bryan comes into our "play" when he was granted a plot of land for a warehouse where Factory Lane

is located in 1650. Believe it or not, it was once named Bryan's Lane but... progress you know...change the name, who cares about the history. Here the Bryan families conducted business on the high seas, launching ship after ship to faraway ports, bringing back needed and not so needed items to add to the community so far from their homeland. I know you are wondering what was not needed...to some, it would have been the rum, don't ya know.

Speaking of names, some of these vessels had cute names such as the Seafflower, the Sarah Ann as well as the 20-ton schooner, Nancy. Oh, let's

not forget Betsey. All of these ships were built in Milford numbering more than forty. We almost had the name North Milford in 1822, but you know that story already. We can't forget the story of Mistress Merwin, who on that fateful day in 1777, upon seeing a foraging group

of British soldiers head up the hill off Pond Point, ran from her kitchen, with her baby under her arm and a copper pot in her hand, beating the kettle to sound the alarm, that? yes...The British are coming. For her "trouble" the sailors helped themselves to whatever they could find in her home plus they destroyed her furniture, broke what glass windows she had and poured molasses on her bed linens. This was in retaliation for the fact that all the livestock had been driven into hiding on previous days, today known as Calf Pen Meadow school.

Now, all of these fine folk are thought to be buried in one of the Milford cemeteries and there is some thought that behind the home, where Peter Prudden lived there was a burial ground and Milford is fighting not to have it demolished...history destroyed again? I don't think they will stop fighting that fight. Milford has a wonderful collection of homes in one of its three Historic Districts. Alas, some of the old are still with us.

We now jump into our North Milford history where Richard Bryan, with his connection to Ansantawae, buys a considerable amount of acreage with his family name, of course. About 1665, the sachem and most of his tribe moved to the ridge at Turkey

Hill overlooking the Housatonic River. He died soon after but some of the tribe remained for over 100 years. One such family was named Hatchett with Molly being the one folks remembered being very tall, powerful with piercing, black eyes and long black hair over her shoulders.

Molly always wore a white blanket shawl, a man's hat and she carried a cane or a hatchet. She, like most of the natives in our area, was a basket maker and with most of her tribe gone moved to Kent where she joined the Scatacook Federation of which Aunty Icy, our Orange Native was a member... her story is in our archives too. Molly was often called Magawiska and her fondness for uncupe as she called it, was rum. She died almost 100 years old.

By 1720, Bryan's Farms was bustling and the colony of Milford were bursting at the seams so out they came...Clark, Treat. Nettleton, Hine, Alling, Pardee, Stone, Andrew, Lambert, Woodruff, Fowler, Grant and more...north they came to settle here in what became Orange in 1822. Although, these families and more had moved to the north, they still had to attend church in Milford. On a sunny day, a trip to their old home was nice but in the cold, wet and dreary days, nadda. In 1792 they erected a modest meeting house and were granted 6 Sundays, but by 1804 with many denials, they succeeded in having their own parish, complete with a burial ground.

Whereas these names are printed in Mary Woodruff's History of Orange-North Milford, they can be found on the headstones in the cemetery, headstones that tell the history of North Milford, the history of its peo-



ple and what did I say about history? A precious commodity? Isaac Treat was an interesting and shrewd gentleman who in Yankee fashion answered the request for his 100-foot tree, a tree to be used as the ridge pole of the church. This Mr. Isaac Treat, and there were two or three at the time, was not a church member so he held the tree hostage with the request that Colonel Potter, who lived north of the property, cut off his queue, a form of hair style often seen in photos of Revolutionary men.

Since he was not enthusiastic about the church, he thought it a safe bet to make this request but it is just possible that the Colonel needed an excuse to cut off the reminder of the war and so he went and did it. The tree came down. Isaac was not the only name associated with the church history. Samuel Prudden left us a message about the bell, a bell that not only rang for church on Sunday but for those who died, nine strokes for a man, seven for a woman, five for a baby boy and three for a girl. Mr. Prudden's headstone reads: "Oft as the bell with solemn toll, speaks the departure of a soul, let each one ask himself, am I prepared should I be called to die?"

There is a small, headstone bearing the name of the first person to be buried in the cemetery, a 4-month-old boy. There are Treats aplenty surrounded by all of the names I have mentioned above and many more from our history...names we should not forget and to that end, the staff of the Orange Historical Society is cleaning the headstones with care and guidance from professionals and will lead a tour of 15 or more of them in mid-October. There are tales to tell, mysteries to solve and history aplenty. It appears that the only history modern society does not change are the cemeteries but maybe someday, they will go too.

We will make sure that the date will be given ample advertising so you can join us as we walk among our historical neighbors...Treat, Clark, Andrew, Grant, Stone, Prudden, Woodruff, and more.





# TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

From the Fire Marshal



## Fire Prevention Week – October 9–15

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15, 2022. Since 1922, this event has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls. It is an opportunity to alert and educate the public as to the importance of fire safety and each citizen's role in fire prevention. Originally, it was a one-day event celebrated on October 9, 1911 on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire by the group known today as the International Fire Marshals Association. It is held to commemorate firefighters and to advance fire prevention awareness. The observance was extended to a week in a proclamation by President Calvin Coolidge in 1922 and is the longest running public health and safety event on record. Every President of the United States, since 1925, has signed a proclamation declaring a national observance during this week. The 2022 theme is "Fire Won't Wait, Plan Your Escape". Home fires continue to pose a threat. The place where people feel safest is actually the most deadly as 74% of all U.S. fires occur in homes. Homes burn faster and hotter than previously and one may have as little as two minutes from the time an alarm sounds to escape safely.

Smoke alarms save lives. The chance of dying in a home fire is cut nearly in half by having a functioning smoke alarm. The majority of fires occur at night and many believe that they will be awakened by the smell of smoke. However, poisonous gases and smoke can numb the senses and cause a deeper sleep. An alarm can alert occupants to the presence of a fire and allow for an escape. Install smoke alarms on every level and in every sleeping room. Test the alarms each month and change the batteries when daylight savings time occurs.

Each family should have a home escape plan. This includes properly installed and maintained smoke alarms, two ways out of each room, doors and windows that open easily, a meeting place a safe distance outside the home and a designated person to aid children, older adults and those with disabilities to awaken and leave the home, closing doors as they leave. The plan should be practiced regularly during the day and at night so everyone knows what to do. Then, in case of smoke, go low and get

out fast. Never go back for people, pets or possessions. Call 911 from a cell or neighbor's phone. When away from home and inside a building, look for exits. Immediately leave the area, if an alarm system sounds.

In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, Orange Fire Marshal James Vincent has announced that the 2022 Connecticut Fire Prevention Poster Contest, a statewide competition for fourth and fifth graders has begun. The contest is a cooperative effort of elementary school teachers and the sponsors: Connecticut Fire Marshals Association, Office of The State Fire Marshal, Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association, Connecticut Board of Education, Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection and Connecticut FAIR Plan (representing the insurance industry). The theme is "Fire Prevention - Everyone/Everyday". A winning poster will be chosen from each county and that student will receive a cash award of \$150.00. Posters will be exhibited in locations throughout Connecticut, including the State Capitol. From these, one poster will be chosen to be reproduced and distributed as Connecticut's 2023 Fire Prevention Poster. The statewide winner will be awarded an additional \$750.00 and his or her school will receive \$500.00. A luncheon, where the state winner is announced, will be held for county winners, parents, teachers, principals, local fire marshals and other guests. Fire safety education is important as a means of preventing injuries, death and economic loss. The contest brings awareness to children, who are a valuable link in the chain of communication; taking information home to the family and suggesting ways to reduce damage and prevent fires. The Orange Fire Marshal's Office would like to thank the students, administrators and teachers from the Peck Place, Race Brook and Turkey Hill schools for their support and participation.

For any questions regarding fire safety, assistance with changing batteries in existing smoke or carbon monoxide alarms, or help when installing a battery powered detector, please contact the Orange Fire Marshal's Office at 203-891-4711 Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or visit the website at [www.orangefiremarshal.com](http://www.orangefiremarshal.com).

### "Shredding Day" From Page 2

unteers will not enter homes.

The Orange Community Women will be collecting clothing and household goods under the upper pavilion. Clothing, shoes, accessories, sheets, blankets, towels, stuffed animals, and other household textiles should be bagged. Toys, dishes, small appliances, sporting goods, household décor, DVDs, CDs, tapes, and knick-knacks should be boxed with books boxed separately.

**WHEN and WHERE:** October 8, 2022, 9:00am-Noon at High Plains Community Center on Orange

Center Road.

### BRING:

Personal tax papers, bills, receipts, statements, and documents that contain personal, financial and/or medical information;

Mattresses and box springs. Exclusions: mattresses from futons, sofa-beds or waterbeds; mattresses with bed bugs; wet, damaged or excessively soiled mattresses; sleeping bags or mattress pads/toppers;

Clothing, shoes, purses, accessories; blankets, curtains, sheets, towels and other household textiles; housewares, dishes, small appliances, home decor; toys, sporting goods, stuffed animals.

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



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

3rd	Zoning Board of Appeals .....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Country Fair Cmte .....	7:30 pm	Exhibit Hall
4th	Economic Development Comm .....	5:30 pm	Town Hall
5th	Conservation Comm .....	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Town Plan & Zoning Comm .....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
6th	OGAT .....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
10th	Board of Health .....	7:00 pm	HPCC
11th	Traffic Authority .....	4:30 pm	Police Dept.
	Board of Police Comm .....	4:30 pm	Police Dept.
	Inland Wetlands Comm .....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
12th	Board of Selectmen .....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
13th	Elderly Housing Liaison Cmte .....	12 noon	Silverbrook Estates
	Community Services .....	7:00 pm	HPCC
17th	Family Counseling Advisory Council .....	9:00 am	HPCC
	Amity Board of Education .....	6:30 pm	Bethany
	Board of Finance .....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Orange Board of Education .....	7:00 pm	Mary L. Tracy
18th	Town Plan & Zoning Comm .....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
19th	Recycling Cmte .....	7:00 pm	HPCC
20th	Library Comm .....	7:00 pm	Case Mem Library
24th	Youth Services .....	7:30 pm	HPCC
25th	Historic District Comm .....	7:30 pm	HPCC
26th	Park & Recreation Comm .....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
27th	Water Pollution Control Authority .....	6:00 pm	Town Hall



# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



6<sup>th</sup> grade Cadette troop with their families



Junior Troop 60247



Photos courtesy Pack 922

## Girl Scout News in Orange

It is September and a new year full of fun and adventure is starting. You can email [Sahrtr09@gmail.com](mailto:Sahrtr09@gmail.com) or visit [GSOFACT.org](http://GSOFACT.org) for more information.

For girls already involved, a “Bridging” is a ceremony honoring and celebrating their graduation to the next Girl Scout level. The bridging is an important transition in a Girl Scout’s life as she becomes aware of her achievements and can get excited for the new opportunities she will be able to experience.

We had two troops be able to bridge this past week in our town. Troop 60247 had 14 girl scouts move up from

Brownie girl scouts to Juniors. The ceremony was fun as well as sentimental with a flag ceremony, poem reading by troop leader Missy Parniawski, and the girl scouts crossing a physical bridge to receive their new green vests.

Older Girl scout troop 60274 moved up to Cadette level in a ceremony in the High Plains gymnasium with a symbolic ceremony that included crossing the bridge and receiving a silver key that acknowledges their next big step which will include working towards their Silver Award, the Second highest award of Girl Scouts of the USA.

Great job to all.

## Pack 922 September News

It has been an active start to the scouting year for Pack 922. At the Orange Country Fair, the Troop helped raise the flag and entertained guests at the Scouting Booth. Pack 922 has also been around town selling popcorn. We will be at Tractor Supply October 1 and 15 and at the High Plains Community Center during Election Day.

Those interested in scouting can still join. Scouting is open to all children grades K-5.

For more information, contact our Cubmaster at [cubmaster@orangecubscouts.com](mailto:cubmaster@orangecubscouts.com) or visit our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/CubScout-Pack922> and our NEW website <https://orangecubscouts.com/>.



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# FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

**BY DENNIS MARSH**

**Medicare Seminars**

It is that time of the year when Medicare plans need to be decided upon. We have several seminars coming up that you can attend:

- 10/4.....ABC’s of Medicare;
- 10/17.....Aetna;
- 11/7.....Anthem;
- 11/22.....United Health;
- 12/1.....United Health.

**Hiking Group**

Marianne and Judy will lead us in a 2 mile-ish, 1 hour walk every Thursday at 9am from July-September or 10am from October-December. Meet at the location of the hike.

**October 6:** Maltby Lakes Route 34, West Haven, gate unlocked from 8:45-9am;

**October 13:** Race Brook Tract, 839 Racebrook Road, Orange;

**October 20:** Witek Park, Sentinel Hill Road, Derby;

**October 27:** Alice Newton Memorial Trail, Meeting House Lane, Woodbridge, Park between the Church & Library.

**Adult Coloring**

Join us for Adult Coloring on October 3 at 12:30pm in the café. Fun and relaxing, for all.

**Arts & Crafts with Suzanne**

Join us for a fun-filled class project with Suzanne as she leads Arts & Crafts on Monday, October 17 at 12:30pm. Pre-registration is required.

Call 203-891-4784 to sign up.

**Monitor My Health**

Join the Monitor My Health Lifestyle Care Program to eat, shop, and cook healthy, get physically active, reduce stress, get support, cope with triggers, stabilize blood pressure, and achieve a healthy weight. Receive structured support from certified Lifestyle Coaches, Fitness Trainers, and Registered Dietitians. The program is valued at \$1,500, but provided at no cost to all 60+ years and older as it is sponsored by the Agency on Aging of South Central CT. Start Date: Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am. To register, you can either call (800) 945-9479, email [kate@monitormyhealth.org](mailto:kate@monitormyhealth.org) or go to our Website at [www.monitormyhealth.org/register](http://www.monitormyhealth.org/register).

**Book Club**

The book club meets the last Friday of the month at 2:00pm. The next meeting will be in the senior lounge on October 28. October’s book is “The Woman at 72 Derry Lane” by Carmel Harrington.

**Movie of the Month**

Join us October 14, at 1:00pm for Hocus Pocus. A curious youngster moves to Salem, where he struggles to fit in before awakening a trio of diabolical witches that were executed in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Call 203-891-4784 to register.

**Cabaret – Music of Frank & Dean**

Join us on October 4 when we celebrate the Music of Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. Jack Lynn returns as Dean Martin and this time he will bring his friend Steve Kazlauskas to perform Frank Sinatra songs. Call to reserve a seat. Coffee and dessert at 1:30pm, Frank & Dean from 2-3:00pm.

**Stories of the Rich & Famous**

Join us on October 17 at 2:30 when former Limousine driver, Rob Palermo tells us his experiences while driving the rich & famous. Call to reserve a seat 203-891-4784.

**Introduction to Computers**

Join us for Introduction to Computers on Wednesdays at 5:00pm in the computer room with Josh starting October 5. \$20 for a 4-week class. Stop by the office to sign up.

**Beginner Pickleball with Mary**

Join us for Beginner Pickleball with Mary on Fridays, in the HPCC Tennis Courts from 8:00am. 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, & Doy-

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

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

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

**Trips**

**Hudson Valley “Garlic Festival & Hudson River Foliage Cruise”**

- **October 2:** Located between the picturesque Catskill Mountains and the mighty Hudson River in historic Saugerties New York. Enjoy everything garlic! Cost is \$139pp with transportation (some walking).

**Oktoberfest @ Krucker’s**

- **October 13:** Enjoy a full day of entertainment, food, fun, music, and dancing. This lovely resort features the genuine spirit of an Oktoberfest. Welcome reception of coffee, tea, buttermilk scones, pancakes & apple cider. Lunch: barley soup, applesauce, choice of sauerbraten with red cabbage or sliced pork loin with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, Brussels sprouts, carrots, apple strudel & vanilla ice cream. At 4:00pm, enjoy a bratwurst sandwich & cucumber salad. Cost is \$126pp with transportation (some walking).

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**“Time Capsule” From Page 1**

of water in the bottom the capsule and a lot of soggy letters and photos, Margenau spent the next two days spreading out the contents in an attempt to dry them. Fortunately, most of the contents were saved. Only the items at the bottom of the capsule were lost.

Displayed at the Fair, some of the most creative items were submitted by Orange grade school students and included drawings of every description. One of the most unusual items was an eighteenth century dress, worn by the contributor to the Sesquicentennial ball. There were dozens of letters, many addressed to children by mothers, and numerous photos of loved ones.

Priscilla Searles, town historian, has been collecting items for the new capsule for months. “I’ve contacted numerous civic organizations but if I have missed one, I hope the organization will contact me. The schools have contributed year books but I’m hoping to get more from the students. The new capsule will also include menus from some of the Orange restaurants and information of some of the town’s oldest businesses.”

If you wish to contribute something to the 2022 time capsule, please contact Priscilla Searles at 203-397-1465 or drop your contribution off at the first selectman’s office. Every effort will be made to place all contributions in the capsule as space permits. Time is of the essence, so don’t wait too long.

“Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.” — GEORGE ELIOT



# CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

Visit our website [casememoriallibrary.org](http://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 Monday, October 10 in observance of Columbus 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](http://casememoriallibrary.org/events).

### Events For Children

#### Lapsit Storytime

Tuesday, October 11 & 25, 10:30 a.m.

Little ones and their caregivers are invited to explore books, sing songs, and practice interactive nursery rhymes with Ms. Angela! Registration is required.

**Toddler Storytime**  
Wednesday, October 12  
& 26, 10:30 a.m.

Get the wiggles out with Ms. Angela! Stories, music, dancing, and more fill this high-energy storytime for toddlers and their grownups. Registration is required.

**Preschool Storytime**  
Monday, October 17 & 24, 10:30 a.m.

Music, movement, and literacy for our preschool friends! Join us as we get ready for the school years. There will be a craft after the storytime session. Registration is required.

**Toddler Take & Make: Feed the Monster**  
Pickup dates: October 3-8  
Supply glue. Registration is required. For toddlers and their grownups.

Create a fun toy for your toddler that will entertain them while they practice fine motor skills! Turn an oatmeal canister into a feedable monster with a mouth and a see-through stomach. Registration is required.

**Preschool Take & Make: Fuzzy Monsters**  
Pickup dates: October 11-17  
For children ages 3-5.

Take a monster, give them a face, and then add some fuzzy decorations! Participants will need to supply glue and crayons. Registration is required.

**Children's Take & Make: Pinecone Mummies**  
Pickup dates: October 17-22  
For children in grades 1-3.

Make a Halloween decoration with



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a pinecone, felt, and googly eyes! Participants will need to

**Tween Reads: Fantastic Fantasy**  
Pickup dates: October 24-30  
For tweens in grades 4-6.

Get in the Halloween spirit with a book of fantasy, as scary (or not) as you like! We'll check you out a book based on your interests, and you'll get to keep some goodies inside the bag. Registration is required.

**Events For Teens & Adults Take & Make Craft Kit: Morse Code Bracelets**  
Pickup dates: October 3-8  
For adults and teens in grades 7-12.

Use Morse code to personalize a beaded bracelet with a name, inspirational word, or secret code! Registration is required.

**Take & Make Kit: Halloween Treat Bags**  
Pickup dates: October 11-17  
For adults to craft for their little ones.

Create a Halloween tote bag for the child in your life. Choose your design and pick up your kit to make your project at home or book an appointment to use the Library's new Cricut Easy Press to complete your iron-on transfer. Please note this craft is intended to be completed by an adult for a child. Registration is required.

**Mystery Book Discussion Group**  
Thursday, October 13, 1 p.m.

Join librarian Samantha Jasulavic for a discussion of *The Maid* by Jean Nina Prose. This program will be held in the Meeting Room at the Library. Registration is required.

**Cricut Class: Haunted House Lanterns**  
Wednesday, October 12, 3 p.m.  
For adults and teens in grades 7-12.

The library has a new Cricut machine! Learn to use our Cricut Maker 3 and complete your own haunted house lantern to take home. Space is limited.

Registration is required.

**Book Boxes**  
October pickup dates: Oct 17-22  
November pickup dates: Nov 21-28  
For adults and teens in grades 7-12.

Our free monthly book box service! Each month that you register you will pick up a box containing two books selected by our librarians based on your reading preferences for you to borrow as well as some treats and other surprises for you to keep. Space is limited. Registration is required and begins on the first of the month for each box.

**Murder Mystery Kit**  
Pickup dates: October 17-22  
For adults and teens in grades 7-12.

It's the library's 100-year celebration and everyone is having fun and enjoying each other's company until a scream echoes throughout the building. A death has just occurred. Can you

discern which suspects are telling the truth and which are hiding something? And is that something murder?! Take home this murder mystery kit and find out! Registration is required.

**Teen Halloween Treasure Hunt**  
Saturday, October 22, 2 p.m.  
For teens in grades 7-12.

Teams will solve riddles that lead to the next clue in our Halloween-themed library treasure hunt for teens. Solve spooky puzzles that will lead to our Halloween candy bar! If you don't have a team don't worry - we will pair you up! Registration is required.

**Oscar Film: King Richard**  
Monday, October 24, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 26, 1 p.m.

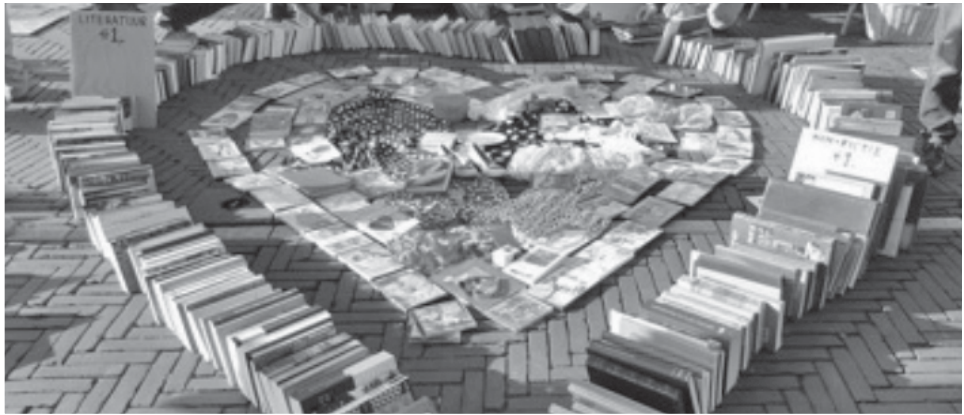
A look at how tennis superstars Venus and Serena Williams became who they are after the coaching from their father Richard Williams. 2 hr. 24 min. PG-13. Registration is required.

**The Bookcase: Evening Discussion Group**  
Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m.

Join Bookcase leader Toby Zabinski for a Zoom discussion of *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick. This program will be held via Zoom. Registration is required.

**Oscar Film: Belfast**  
Monday, November 14, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, November 16, 1 p.m.

A young boy and his working-class Belfast family experience the tumultuous late 1960s. 1 hr. 38 min. PG-13. Registration is required.



## Library Friends' "We Love Books" Sale

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, November 5, 10:00-2:00pm in the library basement. An assortment of best sellers, non-fiction, and children's books along with CDs and DVDs will be available for purchase at bargain prices.

Come browse the gently used "new" arrivals. Stock up on gifts for the holidays and good reads for the coming Winter months. Please wear masks

and bring bags to carry your bargain books home.

The Friends are grateful for continued support from the community. Proceeds from sales are used by the Friends to provide a variety of entertainment and cultural programs for community enjoyment. Gently used book donations are always encouraged and welcomed to replenish the supply for future sales.



# DEATH NOTICES

## Antonios I. Amoratis

Antonios Ioannis Amoratis, 89, of Milford, beloved husband of Vasiliki (Giannis) Amoratis, passed away on September 17, 2022. Born on September 16, 1933 in Andros, Greece, he was the son of the late Ioannis and Marianthe (Daniolos) Amoratis.

In addition to his beloved wife, Antonios is survived by his children, Harikleia "Lea" (Nick) Loussides, and Iakovos "Mike" Amoratis; his grandchildren, George and Angeliki Lousides and Nicholas Amoratis; his great grandsons, Jason John and Antonios Joseph Amoratis; and his large extended family. Antonios was predeceased by his son, Ioannis A. Amoratis.

A Funeral Service was held September 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church on Racebrook Road in Orange. Entombment followed at Beavertdale Memorial Park, 90 Pine Rock Avenue, New Haven, CT. Memorial donations may be made to St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church Building Fund, 480 Racebrook Road, Orange, CT 06477. To leave online condolences, please visit our website at [codywhitefuneralservice.com](http://codywhitefuneralservice.com)

## Dennis A Murray

Dennis A. Murray, 60, of Orange, beloved husband of Beth (Maurer) Murray, passed away on August 30, 2022. Born on May 3, 1962 in Bridgeport, CT, he was the son of Mary Jane (McManus) Murray and the late William Murray.

He was a graduate of Milford High School. He worked at, and later became part owner of, Maurer Metalcraft, Inc. and Valley Tool & Mfg., Inc., and retired in December of 2016. He loved working in the manufacturing field and often said he was luckier than most because he was able to do something he loved and excelled at it. Dennis enjoyed gardening, a love that was passed down from his father, and recently found a new interest in wood working. His greatest love, however, were his kids and grandkids.

Dennis is survived by six children in his blended family: Dennis T. Murray and wife Natalie, Lauren (Murray) Wlodarski and husband Mathew, Courtney Murray, Amber

(Mason) Hickey and husband James, Alyssa Cretella and fiancé Robert Calahan, and Stephen Cretella. He is also survived by his eight grandchildren that were his entire world: Anneliese, Emma, Greyson, Charlie, James, Brogan, Violet and Jack. Dennis is survived by five siblings, Karen (Murray) Nemeth and husband Donald, William Murray Jr and wife Dawn, Michael Murray and wife Lauren, Colleen Zaccarelli (Murray) and husband Wayne, Kathleen Kilian (Murray) and husband Craig. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Arrangements were in the capable hands of the Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad St., Milford, CT. A Funeral Service took place on September 6<sup>th</sup> at the funeral home. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association at [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org). To leave online condolences, please visit our website at [www.codywhitefuneralservice.com](http://www.codywhitefuneralservice.com).

## Goldie Radin Dash

December 20, 1927 –  
September 21, 2022

Goldie Radin Dash passed peacefully, family at her side. Her unwavering devotion to her family will be greatly missed.

Born in New York, Goldie and her siblings grew up in Portland, Connecticut with their parents Sol and Rivka Paley. Goldie married Morris Radin, and together raised five children in New Haven. For 25 years, Goldie was a welcoming presence at the registration desk at Gateway Community Technical College. Goldie later met and married Murray Dash. For many years, they wintered in Florida.

Goldie is survived by her husband, Murray, and her five children, Howard (Kathryn); Barry (Rosalind); Shelley Heins (Thomas); Robert (Gina); and Alan (Rachel). She was the grandmother of twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren of whom she was very proud. She is survived by her siblings, Pearl Perloff and Hyime Paley. Goldie was preceded in death by siblings Sidney, Jean, David, Ralph and Sarah.


A graveside service was held on September 28 at B'nai Jacob Memorial Park, 200 Wintergreen Avenue in New Haven, Connecticut. Shiva was observed that day from 6-9 PM at 378 Longmeadow Drive in Orange.

Congregations of Orange Collaborative is a new collaboration of eight houses of worship in Orange to "Help Others Together."


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## HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

# The First Church of Christ Welcomes You To Our Worship Services

**Interim Minister**

The Rev. Susan Murtha is the Interim Minister at FCCW and has made quite an impact. Worship has been filled with God's Holy Spirit in music and prayer, in God's Word and sacrament. Plan a visit to see what is "happening." You can also read about her on our website. We are honored to have such an extraordinary individual here with us at First Church!

**"Remember the Ala Mode"**

We are excited to announce that FCCW, in collaboration with the Woodbridge Road Race and the Woodbridge Garden Club Plant Sale, will be holding its Pie ala Mode event again this year on Saturday, October 1, from 10 am – 1 pm. Come and join us on the church green for seasonal delights, like fresh cider and warm apple pie ala mode (\$3), and a free scoop of ice cream for all children. We will also be having a face painting event for the children.

**Boy Scout Troop #907**

Activity in scouting is year-round, for troop 907 that is no exception. During our annual week of summer camp, the troop again formed a joint contingent with Troop 600 from Hamden and provisional scouts attending camp without their home troop. Youth leadership worked together to form patrols, participate in camp-wide activities from archery to nature jeopardy to canoe races, ultimately gaining the highest accolade of the week, super troop. They also worked on skill badges, boating, fishing and enjoying fellowship at campfires. The high point of the week was the opportunity to welcome Ben Rickel, into the highest honor in scouting, our newest Eagle Scout.

On the weekend of September 16-19, the troop enjoyed great weather for the Bicycle Campout on Block Island. The troop laid out two loops on the island, one 7.5 miles and the other 8.5 miles. These included the

Abrams Animal Farm, the Southeast Lighthouse, Mohegan Bluffs, Painted Rock, Rodman's Hollow, Dead Eye Dick's, the town beach, Great Salt Pond and the North Lighthouse. All scouts exhibited camaraderie and support for each other.

The troop will be supporting the October 1 "Remember the a la mode" in front of the Parish House. The troop is also very appreciative of the church Men's Fellowship recently donating a volleyball net to the troop, thanks! Also, thanks to church parishioners who recently helped with purchasing chrysanthemums, the troop fall fundraiser.

Scouting is an ongoing adventure that you cannot predict what you will experience just around the corner or down the next trail. Troop 907 is an active outdoor unit that is planning more adventures this fall and winter including canoeing on the Connecticut River.

If you are interested in joining the ride, the troop meets Thursday evenings at First Church of Christ Parish House, rear entrance, 7:00-8:30 pm or 'contact us' on our website <http://www.troop907.org>.

**Sanctuary Décor Restoration**

The John Canning Company has completed the Phase One sanctuary restoration. Please attend a Sunday service and see the restored ceiling, rosette, cornices, and the north wall. The new décor is glorious.

**Music at First Church**

The music committee is pleased to announce that even though Nenad Ivovic's time at Yale has come to an end, he very much wants to continue in his position with us as Director of Instrumental Music. He will be studying...

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# HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS



## Document Shredding Event at Temple Beth Sholom

**Date:** Sunday, October 23, 2022  
**Time:** 9am-12pm  
**Location:** Temple Beth Sholom, 1809 Whitney Avenue, Hamden (in the parking lot)  
**Cost:** Small Copy Boxes (18 x 12 x 12 inches or smaller) - \$10 per box  
Large Banker Boxes (18 x 18 x 24 inches or larger) - \$20 per box  
**Also Available:**  
› Hard Drive Destruction & Computer Recycling - \$20 each  
› CRT Computer Monitors - \$20 each  
› Hard Drive Only - \$10 each

All items should be in a box that can easily be picked up. Paper items only. No trash bags, paper bags, etc. No trash or non-paper items. No CDs, X-Rays, etc. Paper clips and staples CAN be shredded.

On-site shredding truck provided by Affordable Solutions, LLC. Payment via cash or credit card.

Questions? Email fundraising@tbshamden.com.

Temple Beth Sholom is an egalitarian conservative synagogue with over 350 member families and singles from the Greater New Haven community.



Submitted by Troop Committee Chair and Chartered Organization Representative, Rich Forselius

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ying to get his Doctor of Music at the City University of New York. Over this summer he has been performing many concerts throughout Europe. Nenad is now back playing for the Sunday morning worship services.

### Weekly Bible Study

Bible Study meets at the Parish House each Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. All are invited!

### Zoom Option

The option to attend Sunday Service via Zoom continues to be available. To receive an invite, please email the office or log on to our website and add your name to our church email list. All people in the community are welcome in person or via Zoom.

\*If you would like assistance gaining access to Sunday Services, please call us by Friday morning, at 203-389-2119, or email us at office@uccw.org.

### Office Hours



The Church office in the Parish House is open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Join the FCCW Choir!

New members are always welcome. Join us for rehearsals each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

### Pre-school space is available

Pre-school/day care space is available in the Parish House at 5 Meeting-house Lane. Three rooms, 1,200 sq. ft., and an outside fenced playground.

### For More Information

Visit our website at [www.uccw.org](http://www.uccw.org) for resources such as our calendar of events, monthly newsletter, ministry and volunteer opportunities, photo galleries, scout info, and much more! Follow us on Facebook and stay up to date with parish happenings, including memorials and baptism announcements. Feel free to email us or call the office with all your questions. We are happy to hear from you!

## Events at Chabad of Orange-Woodbridge

### Yom Kippur at Chabad of Orange-Woodbridge

No Membership, No Affiliation, No Tickets. RSVP Requested, Donations Appreciated.

This Year, join a meaningful and inspiring High Holiday service, in a warm, safe and welcoming atmosphere.

You may see yourself as unaffiliated, Reform, Conservative, or Orthodox. At Chabad we see you as Jewish. No Labels. No differences. Chabad is home for every kind of Jew.

Our services are refreshingly casual and easy to follow. The English-Hebrew annotated prayerbook, along with song and commentary, make everyone an active participant.

So you're invited! We have night & day services. To see the full schedule - [www.chabadow.org/highholidayschabad](http://www.chabadow.org/highholidayschabad).

### Family Apple Picking

Spend your morning together with other young families from the community. This is open to all, feel free to bring grandparents/cousins/neighbors!

#### Sunday October 2

- › 10 am - 12pm
- › @ Norton Brother Farm
- › 466 Academy Rd, Cheshire, CT 06410
- › \$5.00 per person \$20 max per family
- › Hay ride! Apple picking! Picnic lunch!
- › [www.chabadow.org/apple](http://www.chabadow.org/apple)

### Deli on Derby Pop Up & Sukkot Family Festival!

We are bringing back the good memories and delicious Deli on Derby for a Sukkot Pop Up. Indulge in a delicious corn beef or pastrami sandwich on rye. Or how about a fresh bowl of chicken soup? All these and more will be available at the Deli on Derby Pop up on October 13 at 5:00 pm @ Chabad. Life size inflatables! Live Music! Sukkah! Free entry. Food for sale. [www.chabadow.org/deli](http://www.chabadow.org/deli)

### Simchat Torah with Chabad

Monday, October 17

Services 7:00 followed by Lavish Kiddush & Hakafot

### New and Exciting Bat Mitzvah Club

Geared to Bat Mitzvah aged girls (5-7<sup>th</sup> graders). Our club meets once a month on Mondays. This club is all about sharing experiences, friendship and fun with other girls on their Bat Mitzvah journey. Each meeting will include discussion-based learning, activities, crafts & food! The Bat Mitzvah Club is the best gift you can give to your daughter during this sensitive and beautiful time in their life.

\*The Bat Mitzvah Club is designed as a supplemental enrichment program independent of any Bat Mitzvah Ceremony. For more information - Riki 202-404-4997-

### Fresh off the Press Kids After School Enrichment Program

Geared to kids ages 5-7  
There are 2 ten-week sessions  
The program meets on Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 with an optional early drop off and late pickup + dinner (transportation from school available upon request).

The curriculum includes visual arts, steam, experiential learning, holidays, culture & music. At the CKids After School Enrichment Program Judaism comes alive in an experience your kids won't want to miss. For more information - Riki 202-404-4997, [www.chabadow.org/afterschool](http://www.chabadow.org/afterschool).

### Jewish Birthday Program

Birthdays are super special and always fun to celebrate – here's a way to add some more meaning & fun to your child's birthday! Sign up (completely FREE) to join the CKids Jewish Birthday Club and your child will receive an exciting birthday package delivered to your doorstep right around the time of their Jewish Birthday! It's that easy! To sign up [www.chabadow.org/birthday](http://www.chabadow.org/birthday).





# HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS



## Orange Congregational Church

Orange Congregational Church invites you to join us for worship Sundays at 10 a.m. in our Sanctuary on the corner of 205 Meeting House Lane and Orange Center Road. You can also view our livestreamed services online at our "Orange Congregational Church, UCC" YouTube page.

Church school takes place in-person during worship, and fellowship and coffee hour follows afterward. Both our Senior Choir and Handbell Choir have begun meeting again for practices and are singing during worship. We also have a crib room for babies and toddlers on Sunday mornings. Our in-person youth group meets periodically for different events and prepares for an annual mission trip in June.

For adults, we offer the following programs on Zoom: a weekly evening "Praying the Bible" group, a weekly afternoon "Art of Scripture" group, a monthly "Virtual Book Club", and

a monthly "Community Reflection" group. We are also excited to announce the return of our Music on the Green concert series! There will be four concerts for the 2022-23 series, the first taking place on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. with the Ekklesia Ballet performing. Other concert dates and more information can be found on the "Music" page of our church website.

Please visit [orangecongregationchurch.org](http://orangecongregationchurch.org) for more information on our worship, faith formation, and music programming. The church office can be reached at 203-795-9749 and is open weekdays from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, which means we welcome all people into the full life and leadership of the church regardless of race, class, ability, gender identity, sexual orientation, or family type. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

## Outdoor Rosary

The Holy Infant Church Women's Guild is holding an outdoor Rosary on Saturday, October 15 at 10 am in front of the church at 450 Racebrook Road. Please meet at the Virgin Mary statue and bring a chair. If it rains, it will be held inside the church.

A Family Pizza Night will be held on Sunday, October 16 from 4 to 6 pm. Amici's Pizza Truck will be catering. It is \$25 for adults, \$15 for children 6 - 12, children under 5 free. It includes all you can eat pizza, stuffed breads, salad, pasta, cherry and lemon

ice, Foxon Park soda, water. Amici's pizza chef Aerin Zavory is a renowned chef who, in 2018, appeared on the TV show "Chopped" and came in first on the competition. This past June she competed on "Beat Bobby Flay," and went up against the Iron Chef himself, and again she emerged the winner. She has worked under James Beard Award and Michelin Star recipients and continues to perfect the art of Italian cooking. Tickets are available at the church Rectory, 203-799-2379. No tickets will be sold at the door.



### ATTENTION CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES, AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP!

Send us your organizations events listings and items of interest. We will publish them for free.

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## Congregation Beth El – Keser Israel Events

### Yom Kippur

Tickets for Yom Kippur services can be purchased from the BEKI office; email [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org) or call (203) 389-2108 x114. Active-duty military, police personnel, and full-time students may enter for free with valid official ID; however, advance arrangements are required.

### Children's Programs

On November 4, 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, all led by parent volunteers, meet in person each Saturday morning.

### In Person and Online

BEKI offers in-person services twice daily, led by Rabbi Eric Woodward and congregants. Details at [beki.org](http://beki.org). Weekday services also are on Zoom. To request the Zoom link, email [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org).

### Healing Service



Rabbi Woodward will lead a Kabbalat Shabbat healing service on Friday, November 18, and on the third Friday of each month.

### Two Sukkah Parties

The annual Sukkah Hop (a progressive party around Westville) will be October 10 (rain date October 15). Details at [beki.org](http://beki.org).

BEKI Apizza will be Wednesday, October 12 in the sukkah (inside in case of rain). Vegan and gluten free pies will

be available. Reservations are due by October 6, \$10/adults, \$5/child under 12, \$30 maximum/household.

### Elm City Kallah

On Saturday, October 29, Dr. Rachel Korazim will speak at BEKI as part of the week-end Kallah. Her topic is the Miz-rachi (Sephardic) voice in Israeli lit-

erature. Through such poets as Balfour Hakak, Shimon Adaf, and Roni Somek, she will explore the long journey of Jews from Moslem countries from early marginalization to empowerment.

Dr. Korazim teaches at such well known learning centers as Pardes and the Shalom Hartman Institute. A graduate of Haifa University with a PhD in Jewish education, she has created a global community of learners who study Israeli poetry online. Details at [beki.org](http://beki.org).

Dr. Korazim will also speak on October 28 at Westville Synagogue and October 30 at Congregation B'nai Jacob. Elm City Kallah is made possible by a generous grant from the James M. Shure Educational Fund.

### Current Exhibition

BEKI's galleries are filled with a second installation of pre-1950 ancestor photographs and mini-biographies that portray the diverse ethnic backgrounds of members. The exhibition is open to the public by appointment; email [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org) or call 203.389.2108 x 114.

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

## Temple Emanuel: High Holy Day Schedule 2022/5783

**SHABBAT SHUVAH, KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE** – Friday, September 30 at 7:30 pm

**KOL NIDREI** (Erev Yom Kippur) – Tuesday, October 4 at 8 pm

**YOM KIPPUR MORNING** – Wednesday, October 5 at 10 am

**YOM KIPPUR CHILDREN'S SERVICE** – Wednesday, October 5 at 9:45 am For children in pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

**MINCHA** – Wednesday, October 5

at 4:45 pm  
**YIZKOR, NEILA and HAVDALAH** – Wednesday, October 5 5:45 pm

Sukkot and Simchat Torah details can be found on the TE website

For more information about services and celebrations at Temple Emanuel or purchase tickets for High Holy Days, please go to the TE website, [www.tegnh.org](http://www.tegnh.org) or call the office at 203-397-3000. Temple Emanuel is located at 150 Derby Avenue in Orange.

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