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United Way Of Milford Celebrates 60 Years

by Joseph Weathered
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The United Way of Milford recently celebrated their 60th year in business, serving the Milford area through their reach over 20 local non-profit agencies along with their own endeavors.

"We are an umbrella organization for 20 local non-profit agencies,

such as the Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Salvation Army, Bridges Healthcare, the Beth-El Center amongst others," said President and CEO Gary Johnson. "We raise money and we distribute the money based on an allocation process to these 20 groups. We also operate some programs on our own, such as the diaper drive."

Along with raising and distributing money to local non-profits, the United Way also has an emergency fund set up to help families get through the month if they are struggling to pay bills and utilities, as well as a prescription drug program that lowers the cost of medicine, regardless of whether the participant has insurance.

Johnson, who has been with the United Way for 39 years, has seen both the United Way and Milford itself evolve during his tenure. The company started in Milford sharing a space with the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce. They moved to a spot on New Haven Avenue across from where

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Pumpkins On The Pier At Walnut Beach



The Boys & Girls Club hosted the eighth annual Pumpkins on the Pier Saturday, Oct. 6 at Milford's Walnut Beach. (Photo by Lexi Crocco.)



Orange First Selectman's Race: What Are The Most Pressing Issues Facing Seniors In Orange And What Would You Propose To Address Them?

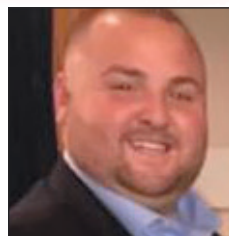


**JAMES
ZEOLI (R)**

In the coming years, one of the biggest problems that will face Orange seniors will be the increased pressure put on local property taxes because of the failure of the Democratic Governor and legislature to adopt a state budget.

Many of our seniors are on fixed incomes and want to age in place in the home where they have lived for decades. The Democrat's failure to adopt a budget exposes Orange to over two million dollars in state budget

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**ALEX
DEANGELO**

Over the course of the last few months, I have had the privilege of talking to the wonderful senior citizens of Orange. Listening to them has made me realize that we are not in a good place regarding our senior citizens and their needs.

Our seniors are feeling neglected, and they feel strongly that their voice is being ignored, which will not continue when I'm elected for first selectmen. We need to address their concerns regarding

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**MARGARET
NOVICKI (D)**

Here's the good news: We are all living longer, healthier lives. In virtually every country in the world, seniors are increasing in number, making up a growing share of the population.

Orange has the greatest proportion of senior residents in New Haven County and also ranks among the towns with the highest percentage of seniors in the state. Our town benefits greatly by retaining our seniors – they are active, civic-minded and generous with

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News & Events

Milford P&Z Approves Apartment Complex

by Brandon T. Bisceglia

Milford Correspondent

In the end, it came down to simple logic. It was simple logic that led the Milford Planning and Zoning Board on Oct. 2 to approve by a vote of 6-2 a proposal for a 342-unit apartment complex with an affordable housing component at 553 West Ave.

And it was simple logic, according to Board member John L. Grant, Jr., that drove him to add a condition to the approval that the percentage of affordable housing in the complex be increased from 30 percent to 40 percent.

The proposal, first pitched to the P&Z in mid-August, called for two buildings, each attached to multi-story parking garages. 125 apartments would be one-bedroom, 198 would be two-bedroom, and 19 would have three bedrooms.

Michael and Lawrence Grillo are the contract purchasers for the 57.3-acre property, owned by Kingdom Life Church. The property is part of the Design Office 25 zone (DO-25).

Housing is not supposed to be built in the DO-25 zone, but the Grillo proposal circumvents such restrictions by adding the affordable housing. The state's affordable housing laws, known as 8-30g, allow developers to build housing in areas prohibited by local zoning laws.

Zoning boards are rarely able to stop such projects, because the burden is on the local board to demonstrate that the project would be harmful to the town.

State law requires 10 percent of a town's housing stock to be considered affordable to be exempt from the rule.

Milford doesn't meet that requirement. "We're very short of what's required,"

said Grant. "More units will get us to the threshold faster."

Grant reasoned that the Grillo development, with the additional affordable units, would subtract from future proposals.

"Hopefully this takes away from other projects, and keeps projects out of the single-family home sections," he said.

In addition to the increase in affordable units, Grant also tacked several other conditions onto his motion for approval.

They would require the developers to install a traffic light at each of the I-95 ramps on Schoolhouse Road; install sidewalks on the side of the property facing West Avenue; meet all requirements set by City Engineer Gregory Pidluski; and conduct an analysis to meet certain floodplain regulations.

Grant was one of two Republicans who voted for the project along with all the Democrats. Richard Varrone and Thomas Panzella opposed the motion; Board Chair Scott Marlow recused himself because of his membership at Kingdom Life Church.

Prior to the vote, Varrone voiced his disdain for the apartments. "I think this project is the wrong project for Milford and the wrong project for the area," he said, to applause from the audience.

Local opposition to the proposal has been fierce, especially among residents of the Gloria Commons condominiums, which sits across the street from the site.

After the vote, Frank Ellison, who had testified against the project at several previous meetings, angrily shouted at the board, "Who are you listening to...shame on you."



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News & Events

Milford Arts Council Celebrates Completion Of Grants, New Exhibits



The Milford Arts Council celebrated renovations and a project called "Good to Great," funded by State bonds and local business matches. It also hosted a special exhibit, "The Collected Work of George Amato; A Retrospective" (Photo by Io Escu)

Youth & Education

Test Prep:

Choosing Colleges Financially



JAMES MARONEY

For many families, one of the most stressful aspects of the college selection process is understanding what school is the best financial choice. The sticker price of a college education can be steep and scary. On the other hand, college is an investment. So how

do you evaluate what is best for you and your student? There are several different criteria to keep in mind; it's not just about choosing the cheapest out-of-pocket school.

No matter what your financial circumstances are, you must always apply for financial aid. One strange upside of the overall high cost of a college education is that many people actually qualify for financial aid, even if they aren't expecting to. Depending on what colleges your student is applying to, you may need to complete the College Board's CSS/Profile financial aid form. Unfortunately, the goal of this form is to disqualify families from getting aid, so it's a good idea to consult a professional to avoid expensive mistakes.

Is someone other than a student's parents or guardians interested in helping out with paying for college expenses? If they are not gifting large sums to reduce their taxable estate, then that money should be given to the parents or guardians, who can then use it to pay the

bill. Otherwise, colleges will count this as a "resource" which can reduce a student's financial aid package. If they would benefit from gifting the money to reduce their taxable estate, then it is better for the givers to wait until after the student graduates from college. Then they can help pay off the student loans without affecting their need-based aid package.

You won't know in advance how much aid your student will be offered, but you can still start learning what the different offers might look like and how to best evaluate them. Some aid packages might seem huge at first, but if you look closer you will see that they are based on loans that your student must pay back someday. Some aid may come in scholarships, work-study programs, or in fellowships. Make sure that you are considering the reality of each of these when comparing aid packages.

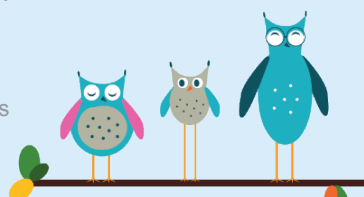
One consideration many parents overlook is the overall value of the education a school offers. Private colleges often have higher graduation rates and other benefits, such as lower student-to-faculty ratios, that make them a better investment even if the sticker price is higher. Making sure a school has the programs and support to help your student succeed is an important part of comparing the cost of an education at each school.

James Maroney is the chair of the Financial Aid Working Group of the State Planning Commission for Higher Education and the owner of First Choice College Placement in Milford.

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Opinion & Editorial

In The House:

Executive Order



STATE REP. (R-114)

THEMIS KLARIDES

Connecticut stands alone among all states when it comes to financial budgets. It does not have one. More than three months into the fiscal year our towns and cities are operating under their own local tax and spending plans approved during the spring, and the governor's executive order that doles out state assistance.

That executive order is about to be felt locally in the immediate future and, depending on how much a municipality relies on money coming from Hartford, that pain could be acute. If no budget is approved, 85 towns in the state will receive no first quarter Education Cost Sharing grants this month, and another 54 towns and cities will get between 10 and 60 percent of what they anticipated, under the governor's plan.

The Republican-crafted budget that did not raise sales, income or property taxes drew Democratic support and was approved in September. Although it was vetoed by Gov. Malloy it would have preserved school funding in all towns and cities. But we cannot look backward. Over the last weeks Republican and Democratic leaders have been meeting behind closed doors negotiating the details of a potential solution to the state's ongoing impasse that threatens to turn into a full-blow fiscal crisis if no agreement is reached.

It is unfortunate that both sides and the Governor could not have resolved the issues that separate us on time. Now, the scramble to put together a workable, balanced budget is complicated by the calendar and the previously agreed upon SEBAC union contracts that restrict any additional savings that could be realized by state bargaining units. The challenge is to come up with a plan that eliminates the \$3.5 billion deficit.

Towns and cities need the resources that they have been counting on from the state. State taxpayers need to know how what happens in Hartford over the coming weeks will affect them. Connecticut needs a budget.

Help With Heat



STATE REP. (D-118)

KIM ROSE

As the nights and days turn colder and we bid a fond farewell to the warm weather, it is time to start thinking about the months ahead and making sure the heat stays on. If you are eligible for home heating assistance, The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program is here to help you and your family.

Even as we struggle with budget negotiations, I am pleased that we prioritized funding for the state's home heating assistance program and approved it earlier last month during a joint hearing of the legislature's Appropriations, Human Services and Energy & Technology Committees.

Utilities often pose some of the most difficult financial strains on households. For many, this assistance has had a big impact on their heating needs for many winter seasons; it is a program that works and that helps people directly. As we speak about possibly cutting some statewide programs, I believe this is one that we should continue to support.

Basic Benefit awards are determined based on income, household size, vulnerability (e.g. families with children or seniors) and liquid assets. Vulnerable households and households with the lowest incomes receive more help.

The Department of Social Services and the Community Action Agencies will work in conjunction with local governments, private human services providers and the General Assembly to assist Connecticut residents who are eligible in maximizing potential energy assistance options. Those seeking heating assistance should call 2-1-1 or visit www.ct.gov/staywarm.

Budget Update



STATE REP. (R-117)

CHARLES FERRARO

I wish that this month I could report that a bipartisan state budget was put in place that protects our communities from the draconian cuts the governor wants to make. But, unfortunately, our governor decided to veto the bipartisan budget that passed both the House and Senate and move forward with slashing education funding to 85 communities throughout the state

including Milford and Orange.

The best thing for the residents of this state would be if the governor's veto was overridden and we restore a bipartisan budget that makes structural changes and provides a fair education funding formula. Earlier this month, the Speaker of the House tried to throw a fast pitch by lawmakers and called for an override session with a 24-hour notice, preventing even Democrats that supported the bipartisan budget from being there.

To keep our budget alive and to gather more override support from across the aisle we did not make a motion to hold a vote for an override. If an override vote moved forward, the bipartisan budget would have been killed, and we would have been back to square one. As long as we're in special session, we can resuscitate our budget through a motion to reconsider.

With the only budget that had the votes to pass the legislature still on the table, our leadership is working tirelessly with Democrats to find more common ground. Bipartisan talks have not been exhausted, and we are close to getting the votes we need to override the governor's veto.

We are fighting for our cities and towns and the hard-working people of Connecticut. Democrat leadership needs to stop playing games while our towns suffer under the governor's executive order. Connecticut is the last state to adopt a state budget, and we can't afford to be last in another category.

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Celebrate Manufacturing



STATE REP. (R-119)

PAM STANESKI

"Connecticut. Dream It. Do It. Manufacturing Month" is celebrated during the month of October.

Now in its fifth year, Manufacturing Month is a statewide initiative to promote manufacturing, to educate Connecticut

residents about the pathways to a rewarding career in manufacturing and to highlight the need for a talented and skilled workforce to help our manufacturers succeed in a global market.

As part of understanding how manufacturing has evolved, I spent some time at Platt Technical High School, the Housatonic Advanced Manufacturing Center, and one of our local manufacturing companies in Milford/Orange, Bead Industries. I am excited to have had the opportunity to be part of the celebration of those who choose to work in manufacturing.

Understanding the industry is important to setting policies and passing legislation. We

want manufacturing to thrive; it provides stable, highly skilled, and high-paying jobs. The demand for qualified instructors at our Technical High Schools is high, and this year legislation was passed that would help recruit qualified instructors who have occupational expertise. We are also rolling the Technical High School System out from under the State Department of Education so that it can respond more quickly to industry changes.

Connecticut is home to seven Advanced Manufacturing Centers housed within our Community College system. These are 10-month programs that graduate approximately 500 students a year, with a 98 percent placement in industry following graduation. According to the state Department of Labor, manufacturing in Connecticut employs about 160,000 people, and this program is a vital pipeline to these jobs.

My visit with Bead Industries was the capstone to seeing how this all fits together. The day they hosted my visit, they also had a group of high-school students in to tour the facility. We talked about how manufacturing has evolved and I, along

with the students, were most impressed with the cutting edge use of machines, the skills of the personnel and the commitment of the company to continue to train those who work for them. One role that they, and many other manufacturers, find hard to fill is tool-and-die making. It is not as sexy as programming a machine, but they stressed that it is vital to the operation of the company. They are working closely with our Technical High Schools and Advanced Manufacturing Centers to make this need known, and part of the legislation that was mentioned above allows for our schools to enter into cooperative arrangements with employers to provide classes for their employees.

The intent of this new legislation is to create a more sustainable Technical High School System, which will in turn better assist small manufacturers across the state by producing a more qualified workforce. Many manufacturers support the proposal as a first step to re-energizing Connecticut's manufacturing sector.

Let's get this Connecticut manufacturing engine humming at warp speed.

Two Upcoming First Selectman Debates

The first debate, hosted by the Orange Chamber of Commerce will be held on October 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the Grassy Hill Country Club, located on 411 Clark Lane in Orange. The second debate is sponsored by the Men's Club of Congregation Or Shalom and will take place on October 29 at 10:00a.m. at the Congregation Or Shalom, located at 205 Old Grassy Hill Road in Orange.

This year there are three candidates running for the First Selectman's office: the incumbent Republican, Jim Zeoli, who has held the position for 12 years, the Democratic challenger, Margaret Novicki, recently retired from a 22-year career with the United Nations and Alex DeAngelo, a 24 year old Orange native and recent SCSU graduate.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Recycling Tips



Plastic recycling is now available at the Orange Transfer Station and stores statewide! Put in designated bins: plastic shopping & produce bags, baggies, zip-top storage, box liners (cereal, crackers, etc.), snacks & pre-packaged food wrappers, dry cleaning bags, newspaper & magazine bags, and bubble wrap. Grocery stores, department and big box stores such as Kohl's, Shop-Rite, Whole Foods, Lowe's, Best Buy, Target and more have large recycling bins easily accessible. More tips & info on website bit.ly/OrangeRecycling and Facebook bit.ly/ORC-Facebook.

News & Events

Letters To The Editor:

Former Selectman Endorses Novicki

To the Editor,

I have lived in Orange for 52 years. I raised my family here, served on the Board of Selectman and been very involved in the town I love.

There is one issue that has bothered me. In the last 12 years, all we have heard is the needs of seniors yet nothing changes. Every debate, every election, the question comes up, what do our seniors need? Yet nothing has changed. Actually, services have been cut. The van's hours were cut, the library, that offers many services to seniors, has had its hours and resources cut. So, the talk is there but the walk is not.

After 12 years, we still do not have a plan in place to help our seniors stay in the town we love. Many of

us do not have \$500,000 or more for a condominium on Derby Avenue. We need affordable apartments that our seniors can move into and still be independent. We want to be able to live in this town, to continue to contribute and to continue to help our town officials grow Orange into a town that welcomes everyone.

I believe Margaret Novicki has the vision to help our seniors. That is why I am supporting Margaret Novicki for First Selectman and I encourage you to as well. 12 years is enough for one person to serve, let alone one party. It's time for change. It's time for Margaret Novicki.

Joe Blake
Former Selectman, Town of Orange

Orange Lions Comedy Night A Roaring Success

by Marianne Miller

Special to The Orange Times

The Orange Lions Club held its annual comedy night Oct. 14th at St. Barbara's Church Social Hall. This event featured a buffet dinner prepared by Lions volunteers under the direction of Redi Costandini, chef-owner of Andini's Restaurant in Orange. Many thanks go to Ron and Laurie Ruotolo, the co-chairs of the event, along with the many Lions who volunteered their time, made raffle baskets and sold tickets.

The Lions District Governor, Shakut Khan, visited our club at its Sept. 25 meeting at Chip's Restaurant. He discussed many new projects during his term in office. They include supporting diabetes programs, protecting the environment, and supporting cures for childhood cancers. Global teams for preventing hunger, aiding vision, and aiding diabetes extend Lions reach to a hundred million people around the globe.

Lion Lea Turner has been appointed as the Orange Lions Club's International Foundation coordinator. Her first project is to raise funds for the eradication of measles in the few countries in which it still causes suffering. Her goal is to garner contributions from



every Lions Club member.

Under chairperson Betty Hadlock our Club will again be conducting eye screenings of preschoolers and kindergarteners throughout Orange. There is no charge for the screenings, and any preschooler with an abnormal screening will be referred to a professional for follow up.

On Saturday, Oct. 21 our Lions Club in partnership with Anthem-Blue Cross employees will refurbish the exterior of the Beth El Homeless Shelter in Milford, and serve lunch to its residents. Thanks to Lion George Lesko for coordinating this service event.

The Orange Lions will host our annual Senior and Community Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 26. Call Orange Community Services to make your reservation.

This year the Lions Club will have new project for picking up and recycling Christmas trees. The event is the brainchild of our club president, Fred Turner. Lions will pick up trees curbside for a fee of \$15 each on Jan. 6 and 13, and transport them to a central location for shredding. Residents can be put on the pickup list by calling (203) 389-4688.

For further information about any of our projects or fundraisers, or if interested in joining our lions club, please contact Marianne Miller at (203) 795-3906.

Orange Economic Development Donates \$1,000 To Orange Rotary Club



From Left to Right: Rotary Members Mike Richetelli, Maria La Viola OEDC Executive Director Annemarie Sliby and Rotary President Bob Sigler (Photo by Diane Eger)

Due to the success of the Orange Economic Development's Annual Golf Tournament, the Orange Economic Development Corporation (OEDC) was able to donate \$1000 to Orange Rotary.

In accepting the check from OEDC Executive Director

Annemarie Sliby, Orange Rotary President Bob Sigler said "the Rotary Club of Orange thanks the OEDC for sharing their Golf Tournament proceeds to benefit the Youth Services Program of the Orange Rotary.

Orange Rotary to Honor Veterans

By Roger Tausig

We at the Rotary Club of Orange recognize that many of our veterans do not receive the recognition they deserve for the service and sacrifice they made for their country. For the past several years, under the leadership of Mr. Don Lewis, himself a veteran, Rotary Club of Orange has instituted an annual event to pay tribute to these heroes

who gave of themselves selflessly to defend our great country.

On November 3rd, ROC will host a dinner event at Grassy Hill Country Club to pay tribute to any area veterans who are able and wish to attend. Admission to the event is \$40 per person, but complementary for any former service member, regardless of whether they were deployed to a theater of combat or not. In the true spirit of Rotary, club members are personally contributing to defray the admission fees for veterans by sponsoring one or more directly.

Last year's event was extremely successful when measured by the number of veterans that attended, representing the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. Having only recently joined Rotary myself, it was my first time attending and it is hard to put into words, the feeling that I got sitting with these

valiant former service members and experiencing first-hand the commitment they had to defending their country and the camaraderie and brotherhood that they felt with their fellow veterans. As part of the evening's proceedings, we will have various speakers and presentations by dignitaries and veterans alike.

This event is not a fundraiser for Rotary Club of Orange. It is held purely for the purpose of celebrating our veterans. One of our challenges in holding this event is reaching veterans to make them aware of it, which again, is free of charge for them to attend. We are truly passionate about having as many vets as possible be part of this celebration of their service and sacrifice. So, if you are reading this and know of any veterans, we encourage you to make them aware of this important and meaningful evening of celebration and recognition.

The event is open to the public and will be held on November 3, 2017 at 6:30 at the Grassy Hill Country Club, 441 Clark Lane, Orange, CT 06477. For additional information or to make reservations, contact Don Lewis at (203) 795-4586 or donsharkfin@optonline.net.



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Arts & Entertainment

"Nature is a haunted house – but Art – is a house that tries to be haunted!" Emily Dickinson

by Patricia Miller

ORANGE ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL announces a new adult division of the annual photo contest. The children's division, "Picture This" deadline was Sept. 29. The adult division, "Fill the Frame" has a deadline for submission of Oct. 30. More information about each division can be obtained by calling Lexi Crocco at 203-642-4527 (Adult) or Liz Gesler at 203-795-5133 (Children).

THE ORANGE PLAYERS presents "Acting UP," a program of previously unpublished short one-act plays on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3 and 4 at High Plains Community Center. This is the second year for the one-act play festival. The performances last summer were so well attended that extra tables had to be set up. This year it was extended to two nights. Playwrights from all over the Northeast submitted works and ten were chosen. Selected authors include Elaine Alexander (Car Talk), Kay Bullard (Bonnie and Clude at the 7-11), Peter Charney (Math and the Moon), Hal Corley (Contemplata Allis Tradere), Susan Goodell (Baking Soda), Betsy MacGuire (The Nightcap), John Mehm (Mirror on the Wall), Steven Myerson (The 'L' Word) and David Ortoleva (A Play on Words). Directors include Ann Baker, Patt Brotschul, Noah Golden, Jeanette Harris, Patrique Hurd, Pat Miller, Jess Rodi, Gina Tracy and Phil Tremble. It's an impressive array of authors, directors, actors and crew. Join the OP for an evening of comedy and drama! Tickets are at the OP Box Office at 475-327-7547 or online at Brown Bag tickets through the website orangeplayers.net

THE ORANGE PLAYERS general meeting will be held at High Plains Community Center on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 8 p.m. There will be a short business meeting before the program, which is titled "Renaissance Fair-Transition." The program will be given by Patt Brotschul, former OP President, and actress, director and long-time member of the Orange Players. Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited and is welcome to attend! Come join the group; it's fun, rewarding and part of our community.

ART RECEPTION AT PAM HIRTH BOUTIQUE (1652 Litchfield Turnpike, Woodbridge) on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. will open an exhibit of the artwork of local artist Beth Pite, an Orange native. She works in pastels, using vibrant colors and motifs. Her Cuba Series, work based on her travel there, will be featured. Beth captures the pulse of life in street scenes with buildings, cars and people as she does in her New York Series, which will also be part of the installation. Wine and cheese will be served and all are invited to attend.

NEW HAVEN SYMPHONY (501 Crescent Street, New Haven) presents *Guys and Dolls* in Concert on Friday, Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. and at Lyman Hall on the campus of Southern Connecticut State University. NHSO will present a potpourri of sound and performance in the series this year. Part of the NHSO's vision is to present commissions, performances, and educational programs in many different venues, featuring music from many different and diverse backgrounds. Lyman Hall is a new venue for NHSO, with comfortable seating, good views and good acoustics. This concert celebrates the traditional American musical with Frank Loesser's *Guys and Dolls*, featuring guest vocalists and the orchestra live on stage. Maestro Boughton will lead the company in this celebrated comedy about rolling the dice and falling in love under the bright lights of Broadway. Guest vocalists include Megan Osterhaus, Alia Hodge, Steve Venezuela, Curt Olds, Charles Widmer, Brian Cheney

and Orange's own Gary Harger (who plays Harry the Horse and Arvide Abernathy). Come see and hear this concert. Support the NHSO and our own local artist, Gary Harger. For tickets call 203-865-0832 or go to www.NewHavenSymphony.org.

THE ORANGE ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL will once again collaborate with The Orange Foundation, one of their generous

Saturday, Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. at the MAC. The show will feature Tori Scott, a New York-based performer in an evening of music and comedy. She was named Time Out New York's Top 10 cabaret artist and has performed her solo shows at Joe's Pub, 54 Below, The Laurie Beechman, the Metropolitan Room, and every gay bar on the Eastern Seaboard. She is a graduate of the Boston Conservatory.

Elm City Consort performing. For the full list of performances, go to music.tickets.yale.edu.

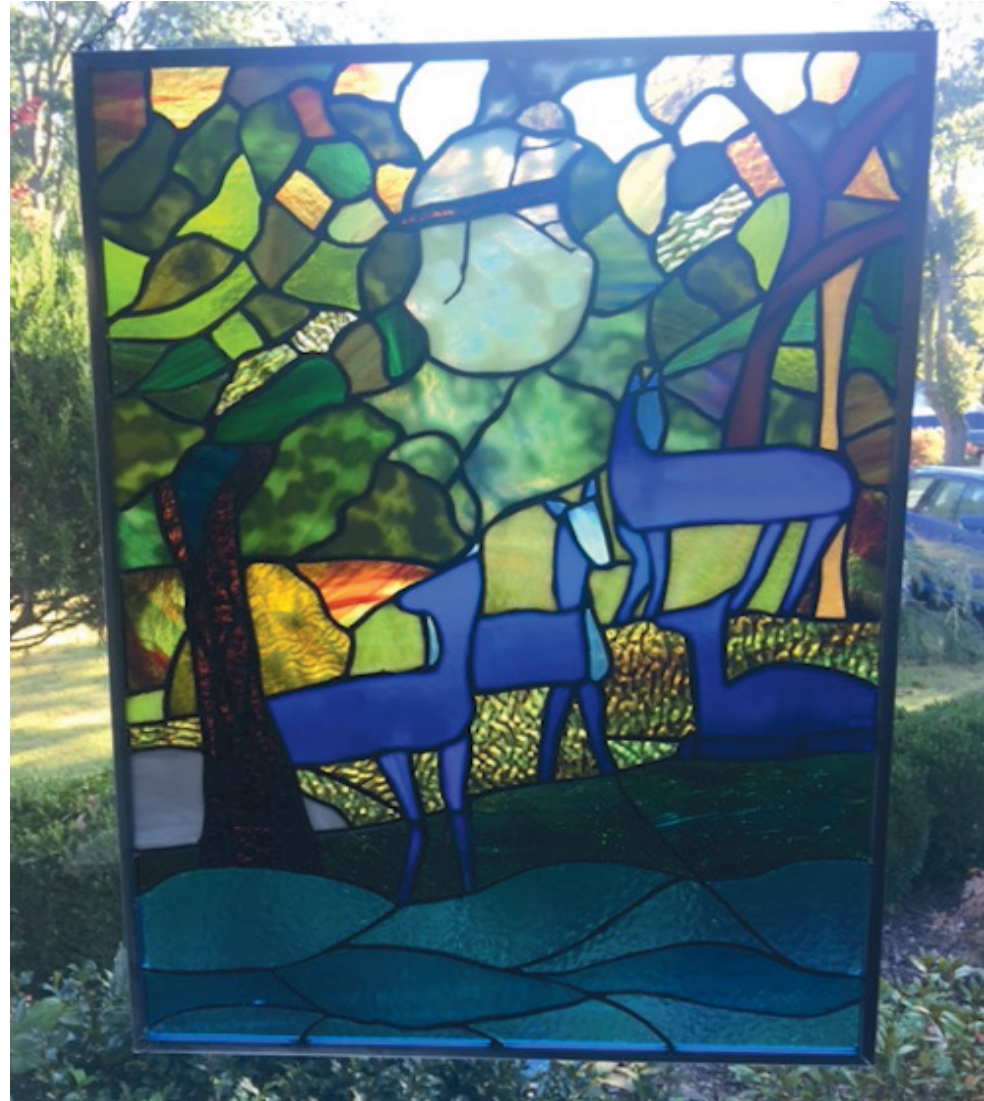
2ND ANNUAL NEW HAVEN CHALK ART FESTIVAL (66 Broadway, New Haven) takes place on Saturday, Oct. 21 from noon to 4 p.m. There will be face painting, a magician, live jazz, and prizes. The grand prize will be \$1000 gift certificate to be used at Hull's Art Supply & Framing. Retailers and restaurants will also have special offerings available. There is no cost to enter. Register online at theshopsat Yale.com/chalkart. View elaborate works of art by more than 70 artists. Rain date is Oct. 33.

NEW HAVEN NOIR, a new collection of stories, launched recently at The Institute Library, the venerable New Haven library founded in 1826. The newly published book is the latest in the Noir Short Story Collection Series of The Ellery Queen Press. Amy Bloom, a Connecticut resident and well-known author/lecturer at Yale, is the editor. She says, "If noir is about corruption, absurdity, anxiety, the nightmarish bureaucracy... New Haven is a noir town." She says in the introduction that New Haven is more than just Yale and Pepe's, and that even though it's a noir town, it manages to have heart - something that noir usually does not. In this collection, each story takes place in a specific New Haven location—Union Station, Chapel Street, Dwight Street, Wooster Square. Writers include Michael Cunningham, Roxana Robinson, Stephen I. Carter, Alice Mattison, John Crowley, Hirsh Sawney, and others. The Institute Library has hosted many famous personages over the years, including Frederick Douglass, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Anna E. Dickinson. Abraham Lincoln was also invited to speak in town by an Institute member. The Institute has a long history of supporting the written word. For more information on New Haven Noir, visit akashicbooks.com/catalog/new-haven-noir.

YALE CENTER FOR BRITISH ART (1080 Chapel Street, New Haven) presents Exploring Artism: A Program for Families, on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is a free program for families who have children ages 5-12 on the autism spectrum. Families learn to look and to respond to artwork in the museum's galleries. Preregistration is required. E-mail yca.education@yale.edu or call 203-432-2858 with your name, number and a good time to call. A museum educational staff member will get back to you.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS include: **CREEPERUM** (41R Mame Street, Hamden) is a new addition to Halloween activities. It's reputed to be New England's premiere haunted attraction, with secrets for young and old. Owned by Milford resident Angelus Perez, Creeperum features a sinister collection of creepy, fantastic and horrificoddities from around the world to grab you and drag you into the darkness. It is a highly interactive experience—similar to walking through a horror movie. It runs until Oct. 31. For more information, email info@creeperum.com or go to creeperum.com.

Have an event, a comment or an idea? Send to patmiller605@sbcglobal.net



Stained glass piece by Radhika Malholtra, one of the artists exhibiting at the Art In the Library exhibit at the Case Memorial Library in Orange

sponsors, in providing a bus to the Oct. 20 NHSO concert. To secure a seat on the bus, call 203-397-8915. They are grateful to their collaborating sponsors, but in order to continue to provide this valuable service to Orange residents, they need other businesses, organizations or individuals to help. Contact the above number if you, or someone you know, can help support the "Hop on the Bus" program.

GALLERY AT TOWN HALL (517 Orange Center Road, Orange) continues the showing of the work of Priscilla Searles, a local photographer, through the month of October. The gallery is open during regular Town Hall hours Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ART IN THE LIBRARY continues the showing of the works of Radhiko Malholtra, who works in glass, oils and pastels; Inge Weber, who works in oils, watercolor and pencil; and Susan Zelanakas, who works in watercolors and acrylics. The November show will feature the work of the watercolor students of Audrey Galer. The gallery, on the second floor of the Case Memorial Library, is open for viewing the artwork during regular library hours (noon to 8 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday). The shows are sponsored and juried by the Art in the Library Committee.

THE MILFORD ARTS COUNCIL (40 Railroad Avenue, Milford), in association with Pantochino Productions, Inc., announces the next show of their third season of the Nite Spot Series of cabaret entertainment, on

Doors open at 7:15 p.m. For tickets, call 203-878-6647.

PANTOCHINO PRODUCTIONS (40 Railroad Avenue, Milford) presents *How To Be A Good Witch*, another of their "ridiculously entertaining" original children's musicals, from Oct. 20 to 29. In this production, a magical book is opened, with wizardly witchcraft resulting. The musical follows an adorable witch who tries to turn good to all things Halloween. For tickets and information, call 203-878-6647 or visit pantochino.com.

SHUBERT THEATER (247 College Street, New Haven) Upcoming shows at the Shubert include: *Girls Night Out: The Musical* on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. and *The Sound of Music* on Wednesday, Nov. 8 to 12. Call for performance times. The famous comedy troupe The Second City will appear on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 6:10 p.m., and the free Family Fun Day will be on Sunday, October 29 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For tickets and more information about any of these events, call the box office at 203-562-5666 or 888-736-2663.

YALE SCHOOL OF MUSIC (Sprague Hall, College and Wall Streets, New Haven) has upcoming concerts, including The Horowitz Piano Series on Oct. 31 at 7:30 p.m., featuring Angela Hewitt performing Bach's *Goldberg Variations*; Yale Philharmonia on Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m., with Peter Oundjian conducting the world premiere of his English Symphony; Fall Opera Scenes on Nov. 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m., at the Morse Recital Hall at Sprague Hall College and Wall Streets, New Haven; and Yale Choral Artists on Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m., presenting Christ Church, with the

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Arts & Entertainment

The Book Club:

A Breath Of Canadian Air

Alice Munro, *Alice Munro's Best*, McClelland & Stewart, 2006

When Fiona shows signs of dementia, her husband, Grant, brings her to a nursing home. But house rules prevent him from visiting for the first month after which she has forgotten him and fallen in love with Aubrey, a temporary patient. To make matters worse, when Marian, Aubrey's wife, reclaims him, Fiona becomes desolate. Marian can't afford to keep him at the nursing home. Grant must find a solution that matches his charm and Marian's need. Sex will become a bargaining chip.

This story, *The Bear Went Over the Mountain*, is my favorite in the collection *Alice Munro's Best Stories*. Munro is Canada's only Nobel Laureate in Literature. It is a prize richly deserved after a lifetime of fiction that has raised the bar for short story writers. Her genius is the creation of female characters, with turbulent, but usually suppressed, emotional lives. Most of her stories are set in southwestern Ontario. She has created a space called Sowesto, a literary kingdom equivalent to Faulkner's Yoknapatawpha or Thomas Hardy's Wessex. This was a hard-scrabble region populated by Anglican stock with strict codes of humility, patience and reticence, judgement and guilt mongering. As a father in the story *The Moons of Jupiter* says to his ambitious daughter, "Fame must be striven for, then apologized for."

Class anxieties fill the lives of these characters. In *The Beggar Maid*, Rose has



PETER HECHTMAN

won a scholarship to the university and there has the fortune to have the heir to a department store Empire fall in love with her. His visit to her family home becomes her moment of truth. Everything her family does to impress the young man leaves Rose profoundly ashamed of her origins. Yet she flares up with defensiveness when he ventures any critical remarks on the subject

In *Vandals*, Liza has been gifted by Bea, an affluent local lady, with tuition for college but she cannot find a place for herself among her privileged fellow students. Much later, Bea asks Liza and her husband to check on her house while she is away. Much to his astonishment, Liza completely trashes the place. "What did she do to you?" he asks. "She sent me to college," Liza replies.

Munro's women acknowledge their sexual desires but do not hold their men in much esteem. The cynical protagonist of *The Albanian Virgin* declares "What nonsense it is to suppose one man so different from another when all that life really boils down to is getting a decent cup of coffee and room to stretch out in?" while a disillusioned heroine of *Differently*, recalling all her affairs, says "Trouble began, perhaps, as soon as they said that they loved each other - Why did they do that - It seemed to be demanded, that was all."

Munro's acerbic stories are a good antidote

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ROTARY CLUB OF ORANGE VETERANS APPRECIATION DINNER

The Rotary Club of Orange will again this November invite Veterans to be their guests at a wonderful dinner being held at Grassy Hill Country Club, 441 Clark Lane in Orange, starting at 6:30 p.m. on November 3, 2017.

Members of the community are encouraged to also attend to show their appreciation to our Veterans. Tickets for the event are \$40 and that includes: Appetizer, Salad, Entrée selections of Prime Rib, Breast Of Chicken Francaise, baked Stuffed Filet of Sole. Also Penne a la Vodka, Vegetables and Dessert.

Our Veterans deserve an evening where the public can come and say thanks for your service.

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Hygge Anyone?

The weather in New England in recent weeks has made us vacillate between wearing shorts and donning heavy sweatshirts. However, we do know that we are headed in the direction of cold, gloomy, dark days in the not too distant future. To that I say, boo-hoo! Before we sink into possible seasonal affective disorder, why don't we use the cliché of "making lemons into lemonade" and try to live the hygge lifestyle.

Hygge, pronounced hoe-gah, is practiced by the happiest people in the world - most



TEDRA SCHNEIDER

notably, the Danes. It is said that the Danish people in particular have come up with a lifestyle that makes the long, cold days with little natural daylight during winter months into a cozy, welcoming and comforting time of the year. Sounds like a plan to me. Let's explore some of the ways of achieving this environment.

Picture the warmth of a wood floor, with a big, soft area rug over it, dim electrical lighting (but the use of lots of candles within and around the perimeter), good food, good company, a glass of wine or a cup of hot cocoa. It involves a small, cozy area in which people sit in close proximity. There is often a sofa,

rocking chairs, or regular chairs with lots of quilts or throws to keep the group warm and comfy. A small table may be in the middle of this grouping as well as small platters of food. Smells of simmering apple cider, mulled spices and fruit pie baking in the oven begin to permeate the air. These mingle with the smell and sound of crackling wood from that magnificent roaring fire in the fireplace.

Many of our homes have large living and family rooms, but this lifestyle is adaptable. You don't even need to have Scandinavian furniture. You can take a small table, such as a card table. Put small dishes of food for nibbling on it and place it in front of the fireplace, with candles on the mantel. Then just pull a few chairs around. Don't forget

to dim the lights and – more importantly – don't forget the bottle of wine or hot drinks.

Now there's only one element missing. It's called conversation. A time to have deep discussions, schmooze or "chew the fat." It is a time to relax. It is a time to connect. In this scene, we do not see family members sitting around staring down at their cell phones. Oh no! Let the stress of the day peel away and listen to one another. The setting will encourage closeness and connection.

Let us say thank you to the Scandinavians. Let us raise our glasses and say "Skaal."

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The Garden Spot:

The Wonder Of Fall

Do you prefer to say Fall or Autumn? I generally say Fall, since it's when the leaves begin to change color and then fall here in New England and the garden clean up begins.

Why do the leaves change color? The primary reason is that as the days get shorter and the nights get longer, the chlorophyll, which is essential for photosynthesis and is responsible for the green color in leaves starts to break down. Once the chlorophyll



PAT DRAY

is gone, two other chemicals called carotenoids and anthocyanins that are present in the leaf are then "unmasked" and show their colors. These chemicals, combined with the temperature and amount of moisture, effect how brilliant the colors of the leaves will be.

Once the leaves start falling, the work begins. Whenever I see people "bagging" their leaves and taking them to the dump (or, in some towns, left at the curb for pickup) I always think, "What a waste of work, good mulch

and future compost". Instead, of bagging and raking, use the leaves as free mulch for your flower beds. Just be sure to chop them up with the lawn mower before putting them on the beds. This will ensure that they break down into compost quickly. As the leaves decompose they release the nutrients potassium, nitrogen, and phosphorus which are represented on commercial fertilizers as NPK. Nitrogen is used by plants for lots of leaf growth and good green color. Phosphorous is used by plants to help form new roots, make seeds, fruit and flowers and to help fight disease. Potassium helps plants

make strong stems and keep growing fast. The only caveat is that if you have any plants that are obviously diseased, rather than mulch them for next year, take them out and dispose of them—but not in your compost pile where they will spread infection.

So, let the leaves "fall where they may, and enjoy the beauty of them and the free nutrients!

Pat Dray is a past president of the Orange Garden Club.

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Real Talk: You Ask, A Pro Answers

Are You Really Committed To Selling?

I know that Real Estate is such a popular topic. People dabble, they consider, they ponder moving and selling, but when it really comes down to doing it you need to make up your mind for sure! The finances you plan on, the profit you think you will make, must have flexibility. How will you know? It's not an easy answer. Your real estate agent does not have a crystal bowl either, so, all you can both do is take the statistics, the circumstances of your own unique property, and the season, and put together an energy plan to get the job done.



BARBARA LEHRER

In today's times the market is going into winter mode, the economy shows property owners moving south and it will snow in a few short months! Take all this into consideration and get real! This information is not meant to be a negative, but to enlighten those ready to take the plunge that this is a serious business. The same way you, as a seller are anxious to get a profit, is the same way that the buyer does not want to worry that he is overpaying. How does this figure really get determined? I think it is the synergy between the homeowner and the agent. Attacking an inspection issue could be one preventative measure to get the accurate price you are looking for.

A pre-home inspection, an inspection the seller pays for before marketing, is one way to get a handle on issues that can be repaired before marketing. These costs can become major issues with the buyers, when the seller

can prevent panic by doing the work before market time. An inspection available to the potential client shows this buyer that the seller intends to be upfront about the value they know they are offering. When you know that your roof, septic, and furnace have been deliberately checked and cared for and are in good shape and the electrical, attic, well water and drainage issues have been checked, the buyer client feels trust and confidence in offering an amount that equals fair trade. With the unknown, a buyer writes an offer that is lower than the seller wants because they are afraid of what is down the line, a check list of minor items, as we all know most of our homes are older.

An older home does not necessarily mean a home that needs work! Most homeowners pride themselves in keeping up with the issues that keep their homes breathing, keep them alive, and extend their property values. I always say, "All homes require at least \$ 5,000 a year in upgrades! This could mean a new basement room renovation, garage doors, porch windows, all the little incidentals! Go to the Big E, you will see some major suggestions on home improvements! LOL

A home is worth what it is worth to the buyer! This traditional quote is a realtor's way of telling the homeowner that the buyers decide the market, they see all the properties for sale, become educated buyers, then decide who is giving them the most value for their dollar. So, Mr. Seller, when we say take the statistics into account, this means, "How much has the last home like yours sold for recently?" This list has many variables. These addresses have different driveways, locations, backyards, etc., they just have

same square footage and style, and maybe they also have newer kitchens and baths. Some circumstances are those issues of street location, topography, neighbors ' home conditions around your home. Those unique things that make your home worth a little more or a little less than that comparative statistic.

Lastly, I suggest seasons as relative to the market. Do not get me wrong, I have sold homes on New Year's Eve, and there are always buyers out there, but the majority of those homes sold in order to buy your home,

(because a large portion of the transactions are selling to buy), happen easier when there is no snow on the ground.

If you need more information on these issues, email Barbara.Lehrer@cbmoves.com.

\$8 Million Land Sale To Yale



Michael Richetelli, President and Designated Broker of Colonial Properties, Inc., is pleased to announce the completion of the following land sale in West Haven.

Fred A. Messore, Senior Vice President at Colonial Properties, Inc., represented the Seller, Acorn Technology Campus, LLC, in the sale of 117 acres of land, made up of 22 individual parcels, located at 600 Derby Avenue in West Haven for \$8,000,000. Messore was quoted as

saying this is believed to be the largest assemblage of land ever sold in New Haven County. The Buyer was Yale New Haven Health Services Corp., represented by Sean Duffy and Jay Hruska of Cushman & Wakefield. According to Vincent P. Petriani, Yale's Senior Vice President for Public Affairs, "the goal is to build a central warehouse and distribution facility for medical supplies that can serve the entire health care system."



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News & Events

Community Services Department To Host Gift Giving Event

Every year the Community Services Department for the Town of Orange organizes a gift-giving event for our Resident Families and Elderly in Orange who are in need. The identities of our recipients are kept confidential for their privacy. We are asking Orange residents to adopt one of our families/elderly residents or to donate whatever they can to help us out this year.

The families that participate are asked to send us wish lists from their children to help our sponsors with ideas for gift giving, whether it's a toy, clothing, and a book or gift card. We also request grocery gift cards for perishable items and decorated food baskets, containers, boxes, bags, etc. for our recipients to help them with their food needs.

We will have cutoff dates of November 17th for Thanksgiving and December 15th for Christmas; these are for delivering your donations to our office.

If you would rather send a monetary donation you can donate to the Community Assistance Fund which covers all programs we have in our department.

Send your check to The Town of Orange Community Services Department at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT 06477.

Checks are Payable to: "Treasurer Town of Orange".

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Milford Police Department Annual Police Auction

The Milford Police Department's "Annual Police Auction" will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017 beginning at 10:00 am. At 9:00 am, auction attendees will have an opportunity to preview the items being auctioned off that day.

Numerous bicycles of various shapes & sizes and other miscellaneous items will be

sold to the highest bidder in as is condition. This year's volunteer auctioneer will be Patricia Francis.

The event will be held "rain or shine" at the rear of the Milford Police Department at 430 Boston Post Rd, Milford, Connecticut.

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From Left to Right: Milford Chamber Executive Director Gary Mullin, Eric Cropper, OD, John Loucopoulos, OD, Milford Mayor Ben Blake, Lorraine Fedyna, OD, Howard Gottlieb, OD (Photo by Samantha Perrelli)

Milford Financial Opens Home Office



Milford Financial opened an office at 440 Wheelers Farms Road. From Left to Right: Founding Partners Brian Bach and Scott Jacob, Milford Mayor Ben Blake, Alderman Ellen Russel Beatty and Milford Chamber Executive Director Gary Mullin (Photo by Milford Financial)

Restaurant News



Chain restaurant Carrabbas, located in the Connecticut Post Mall closed on Sunday, October 1.

In commenting on the closing of the restaurant, CT Post Marketing director Kelly Frantz said “Connecticut Post Mall has valued its relationship with Carrabba’s. We are committed to providing our shoppers with outstanding restaurant choices and have been exploring dining options that will enhance our customers’ experience when visiting the center. If you have questions regarding Carrabba’s, we encourage you to please contact the corporate office directly.”

Carrabbas is owned by Tampa, Florida based company Blooming Brands, Inc.

When asked about the closing of the Milford location, Director of Media & Community Relations Elizabeth Watts said in a statement “Closing a restaurant is never easy. The decision was made based on business circumstances and was not a reflection on the employees or the management team at the Milford location. We’ve offered as many employees as possible the opportunity to transfer to open positions at a nearby sister restaurant. Anyone who did not transfer received a severance package.”

In other restaurant news, Rustica is set to open as this issue goes to press. And watch for the opening of Kimberly Restaurant in Milford.

Your Finances:

The Pitfalls of Windfalls

If you suddenly receive a large sum of money, are you prepared to handle it? Windfalls happen to people all the time, sometimes from unexpected sources.

The most exciting (and least likely) example is winning a large lottery jackpot. But there are many other ways to reap a financial bonanza, including by inheriting a substantial amount of money from your parents or other relatives. Other sources are employment bonuses, the sale of a business or home, large legal settlements, and insurance settlements.



ERIC TASHLEIN

Sometimes when people come into “sudden money” they lose their bearings and succumb to euphoria, temptation, and stress brought on by greedy friends and relatives, none of which is conducive to sound money management.

Should you find yourself on the receiving end of some monetary good fortune, whether for \$1 million or \$100 million, your first step is to stay calm and take your time. Then:

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prevail when you succumb to temptation and put a down payment on a yacht. Plus having a full team avoids relying on one advisor.

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Becoming debt-free is a wonderful way to simplify your life and make it possible to enjoy your luck without worry. Pay off your current debts and avoid taking on new debt. Owing money drains both your finances and your enjoyment of life.

Invest sensibly.

Your team will put together a diversified investment portfolio designed with your goals and needs in mind. Friends and strangers who push you to invest in exciting stocks do not have your best interests in mind, even if they think they do. Of course, if you would enjoy speculating in the stock market, you can set aside a certain amount of money for that purpose. Just understand that money is probably history.

Splurge – to a point.

Once everything is in place and you have achieved some level of calm and perspective, go ahead and enjoy your good fortune. Give money to those friends and relatives whom you wish to favor. Buy new clothes and a new car, and plan a big vacation. Just don’t go overboard. Stay within the limits of the financial plan you devised with your team of financial advisors, and don’t get carried away.

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Lifestyle

On Your Mind:

Hypnosis Can Help With School Anxiety

It's only a month or so into the school year and I'm seeing a lot of kids with anxiety related to school. The anxious ages range from 8 years old to college age. Although the level of development is different the anxiety is really the same. School is stressful in so many ways, but bullying and social pressures seem to be the focus with my clients.



FERN TAUSIG

I have written about anxiety so often because it is one of the biggest areas of concern I seem to deal with. Adults and children alike are suffering unnecessarily from anxiety.

Learning how to deal with anxiety and to take control of those thoughts that are creating those feelings, is a very valuable

resource. Anxiety can become a habit and once the new habits related to using personal resources are formed, anxiety becomes a thing of the past. It is possible to rewire the brain so the old thought patterns are weakened.

College kids are dealing with the stress of academic work while trying to balance a social life. It seems so normal and most

adults see this as a very normal adjustment but some kids don't feel equipped with the social skills they need and feel overwhelmed by the stress. Those who are most anxious find that it is from a pattern of anxious feelings that they have had for a long time. Anxiety is about something real that happened a long time ago. It's the familiar

feelings they get from past experiences that they call anxiety. It should not be dismissed because it gets worse if it isn't dealt with. Medication may mask the symptoms but cannot fix the anxiety like hypnosis can.

Stress is different from anxiety but often feels similar. Stress is annoying but anxiety is debilitating. Stress management is something kids aren't taught in every school. It was part of the health curriculum when I taught in Stratford but it can be even more effective when adults learn the ways to manage stress.

There are a variety of ways to immediately neutralize anxious or stressful feelings. The first is always to learn to breathe deeply and slowly to first shut off the adrenaline.

Adrenaline creates unnecessary feelings of discomfort as your unconscious is trying to alert you to danger that it perceives. Anxiety

lives primarily on one side of the brain. It is a repeated brain pattern like the hamster on the wheel. The first step is to realize you can control the thoughts even though they feel out of control at the moment. One of the easiest ways to stimulate the other side of the brain is simply passing an object between your hands back and forth while focusing on the anxious feelings. The anxious feeling will lose power and begin to diminish.

There are a variety of Neurolinguistic Programming techniques that can eliminate the stress and anxiety that overwhelm our kids. Parents should learn first and then share the information with their children!

Fern is a certified hypnotist, lifecoach and health educator. She can be reached at www.myhealinghypnosis.com.

Insuring Your Future:

How Do I Know If I Am Paying Too Much For Senior Health Insurance?

Answer: You don't unless you shop around! The cost for insurance plans that help with the expenses that Medicare A & B do not cover as well as prescription drugs can vary greatly. To help determine whether you are in the right plan both for coverage and cost, you should consider the following:

- How often do you see a medical provider and which type i.e. primary care physician or specialists?
- How often and what type of testing do you have each year and is it just lab work or diagnostic radiology (MRI, CAT scans, etc.)?
- How many and what type of prescription medications do you take? Each insurance plan has a "formulary" that classifies drugs by tiers and that determines the cost. Not all formularies are the same so it is important to compare formularies especially if taking name brand prescriptions.
- Check your doctors to make sure they accept the plan – especially the primary care physician.
- Will you spend part of the year in another state and want to be able to see a physician for other than urgent needs? If so, then choose a plan that allows you to go out

of network paying a slightly higher copay.

- Do you have a medical condition for which you are being treated out of state i.e. New York or Massachusetts?

These are a few of the points to consider.



TRISH PEARSON

Next, add up your anticipated out of pocket costs based on the above and add in the various premiums to determine your estimated total expense for the year. This will point to which plan is the best fit. Other than premium, all the rest are estimates based on current medical conditions and health. Next, consider the "what ifs" to make sure you are comfortable with the potential financial

liability if something more complex were to occur. I often advise my clients when they switch to a less expensive plan to take the money they are saving and put a portion aside to cover the "just in case" costs such as a 3 or 4 day hospital stay. In this case, you are covered even if there is a financial surprise BUT if nothing unexpected occurs, you still have that money at the end of the year. The monthly premium is a guaranteed expense that can't be recovered.

There are various routes to accomplishing the above depending on how much time

you are willing to spend. You can read and compare all the material that you receive in the mail from various companies, attend separate presentations that are offered by different insurance companies and then compile and compare OR you can choose one stop shopping with an independent insurance agent.

We will take your information and match you with the right plan at the best price. Remember, insurance agents are paid by the insurance companies with which they are associated NOT by the client. Also, the compensation varies very little between

companies so it should not influence their recommendation.

For many of us time is our most valuable resource, so consider working with an agent who is certified in senior insurance programs and save time and money!

Trish Pearson is a licensed independent insurance agent and certified long term care specialist. Contact her at 203-640-5969 or trish-pearson281@gmail.com.

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Rescue Us



By Fred Dray

Woodbridge Animal Control has three, domestic short hair kittens ready for new lives. Sylvester, black with white markings, Sal, white with black markings, and Brandy, all black, range in age from 3 to 6 months. The youngsters are curious, playful and

carefree, just what you would expect. They have been raised together and now it's time for them to go their separate ways. Sylvester, Sal, Brandy and other cats and dogs are available for adoption at Woodbridge Animal Control. The shelter is located at 135 Bradley Road and can be reached by phone at 203 389-5991.

Lifestyle

Travel Matters:

Travelling the Caribbean Post-Hurricanes

It's fall, and many of you are considering where to go this winter and wondering where is it safe to go after hurricanes Irma and Maria. Whether you plan to visit a resort or book a Caribbean cruise, you are probably curious about the recovery process.



KAREN QUINN-PANZER

Most islands are either open for business or plan to be by Thanksgiving. More than 40 Caribbean islands visited by cruise ships are fully operational and already welcoming cruise ships full of passengers. Included are places that saw some damage from the September hurricanes but have recovered. Most of the Caribbean ports were not impacted at all by the storms. It's business as usual in Jamaica, Belize and Cozumel in the Western Caribbean, and Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao in the Southern Caribbean, and Dominican Republic, Antigua and St. Kitts in the Eastern Caribbean.

Make no mistake: Puerto Rico is in the middle of a humanitarian crisis. Ninety-five percent of the U.S. territory remains without electricity, and 53 percent lacks access to potable water. For other Caribbean islands impacted by hurricanes Irma and Maria, the story is more hopeful. Most would tell you they're open for business. And if they're not quite yet, they plan to be soon.

Here's a rundown on those that were most heavily impacted.

Cruise ships began returning to Key West in the Florida Keys on Sept. 24, but the destination officially "reopened" for tourism the first weekend of October with hurricane recovery continuing. The Ernest Hemingway

Home & Museum, Harry S. Truman Little White House, Old Town Trolley Tours, Audubon House & Garden, and the Key West Aquarium are all fine and open for business.

In St. Maarten/St. Martin, the government estimates the airport will not be back at full operational capacity for another 35 weeks, but will be able to function much sooner than that. There is no official date for commercial flights to begin. Resorts on both sides of the island estimate being open from April 2018 to autumn of 2018.

The Turks and Caicos islands are making a strong recovery. As of Sept. 23, Providenciales International Airport and Grand Turk International Airport were back to full operation. Many hotels and resorts on the main tourist island of Providenciales are already welcoming guests, with many others setting opening dates that run through the end of the year.

In the U.S. Virgin Islands, Governor Kenneth Mapp reported that the Cyril E. King International Airport on St. Thomas opened to commercial flights as planned on Sept. 29, with both American Airlines and Delta Air Lines operating services to the mainland United States. Power and water restoration is progressing. Late October is a likely target date for cruise ships to return to St. Thomas and St. Croix. Resorts are planning openings starting Oct. 10 through the end of the year.

Go to the Caribbean and continue visiting these islands. They depend on your tourism!

Karen Quinn-Panzer is the owner of Dream Vacations Quinn Panzer Travel. She can be reached at kpanzer@dreamvacations.com

Here's To Your Health:

Love – An Ingredient For The Heart

Loving relationships are a necessary ingredient in the recipe for good health. Studies have shown those who have meaningful, committed, loving relationships actually live longer, healthier lives compared to those who are in stressful, abusive or non-supportive relationships. Having loving, supportive relationships has proven to lower the risk of angina and reduce cardiovascular disease. Now, I'm not suggesting anyone take extreme measures especially in marital relationships if there is stress or a rift so please do not take my words to extreme ok? There is also healing and power in forgiveness. I have always liked the saying that forgiveness is a gift you give to yourself. I believe that most relationships with good communication manage to find happiness and peace.



MICHELE TENNEY

Did you know that bitterness actually rots your bones and causes hardness of the heart? Resentfulness robs you of peace that produce healthy and happy hormones? Stress and grief are also large contributors to sickness and disease. Let's face it, our emotions are directly related to the health and wellness of our bodies. We are a three dimensional being. We are a spirit that has a soul that lives in a body and they all need to be in good condition to be whole and healthy.

We should make a point to value one another and pay close attention to nurturing our relationships, feeding them if you will.

We need to lift each other up not tear each other down. Grab a hold of the hand of someone you know is struggling; invite them over for coffee and a chat or dinner and a movie. Spending time with those we love is important in the good times, especially the bad times and even in the times we may not necessarily agree with their decisions. Take the time to really sit down and have meaningful conversations with one another.

We might consider unplugging ourselves for several hours in the day. Take a look at the time we spend checking social media, shop online and read things that simply don't enrich us.

We might decide to go for a walk or hike and invite some friends along. Or send a handwritten note to someone you love who may live far away. There are lots of things we can do if we'd just take the time to slow down a bit and do them.

For those of you who are single, the support of family and friends is vital to your health and keeps you positive and hopeful. Especially as we age, friends and a strong social life can help you ward off depression, exercise your self-esteem muscle and perhaps provide support in times of need. It's important for us to stay connected in some way, shape or form. I've always felt the quality of friendship is more important than the quantity.

Michele O'Brien-Tenney is a personal trainer and nutritionist. She can be reached at 203-668-2969

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Retired And Rejuvenated:

I love this time of year! turning beautiful, brilliant colors. The clouds are fluffy and soft against the deep blue sky. The sun feels warm upon my face. The breeze is light and refreshing. Pumpkins and mums abound everywhere, as well as the sound of crackling leaves beneath my feet. Hiking in the woods is glorious this time of year. With no humidity, it is wonderful to play tennis outdoors. It is a great time of year to visit local wineries, go for drives in the country or walks along the beach. I try not to think about the impending cold and blustery wind to come or be sad about saying goodbye to swimming in the outdoor



JOANNE
BYRNE

The trees are pool and attending outdoor concerts. With all this renewed energy, it is a great time of year to start new projects, take a class, clean out closets, read a book, or take a trip. The only negative feature of this time of year, and this year in particular, is the number of hurricanes and tropical storms that have besieged our neighbors in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean. Amidst all of the horrific natural disasters plaguing so many communities, we can seek some refuge in nature. I find that thinking about the connections we have to nature gives us a needed perspective, and provides an opportunity to learn how to balance the pressures of the day with the natural cycle of life.

When I was much younger, I remember

seeing a box turtle making his way across the street. He was about the size of a large grapefruit, and moved so slowly across the pavement. Fearing for his safety, I grabbed him by the top shell, which he did not like at all.

After momentarily closing himself within his shell, he decided to take action and began protesting his capture by thrashing all four legs and feet and stretching back his wrinkled neck with the intent, I suppose, of biting me. Unable to make contact, his final act of offense was to let forth a stream of pee, which my bare leg felt within a second. Now it was my move. Without any retribution in mind, I walked my new pal to a wooded lot down the block, ensuring his safety. He sauntered off, safe and probably satisfied that he showed me not to mess with him!

The lesson in all this is that some good deeds are initially rebuffed, but we must persevere despite the rejection to accomplish a necessary goal. Negativity should never dissuade the motivation for doing good work.

I wish you all an awesome autumn. Let's learn the lessons of nature to protect our resources, preserve valuable environments, and persevere despite the challenges we face. We all have the opportunity and obligation to be change agents. Support causes you believe in and act knowing that every day gives us a new chance to make a difference.

Joanne Byrne served as Senior Services Coordinator for the Town of Orange. She is now actively and happily retired. Email her at joannebyrne41@gmail.com to share your thoughts on retirement.

OVNA Flu Clinic Schedule

The Orange Visiting Nurse Association has announced the following flu clinics. Clinics marked HPCC are at High Plains Community Center and ones at OVNA are at their office at 605 Orange Center Road. The clinics are:

- Oct 19; 4-7, OVNA;
- Oct 26; 12-4, HPCC;
- Nov 7, 8-10, HPCC;
- Nov 7, 1-3 ,Mary L Tracy;
- Nov 7, 6-8, HPCC;

Please wear short sleeve shirt bring insurance card. OVNA does not accept United Healthcare insurance. No appointment necessary. High dose vaccines will be available.

Orange Resident Celebrates 101st Birthday

Orange resident Helen Len Koziel recently celebrated her 101st birthday with family and friends. Helen attributes her longevity to many things that add up to FAITH, FAMILY and FRIENDS.

She is very active in soul, mind and body. She faithfully volunteers at the Beth El Soup Kitchen in Milford, believing it is everyone's birth privilege to care for others in need whenever possible. Helen also enjoys taking water exercise classes at the Milford Woodruff YMCA, swimming at the Orange Town Pool at High Plains Community Center, and playing games on her computer. Helen is a voracious reader and can often be found at the Orange Library borrowing everything from new releases to favorite novels from times past; each book a "treasure" to Helen.

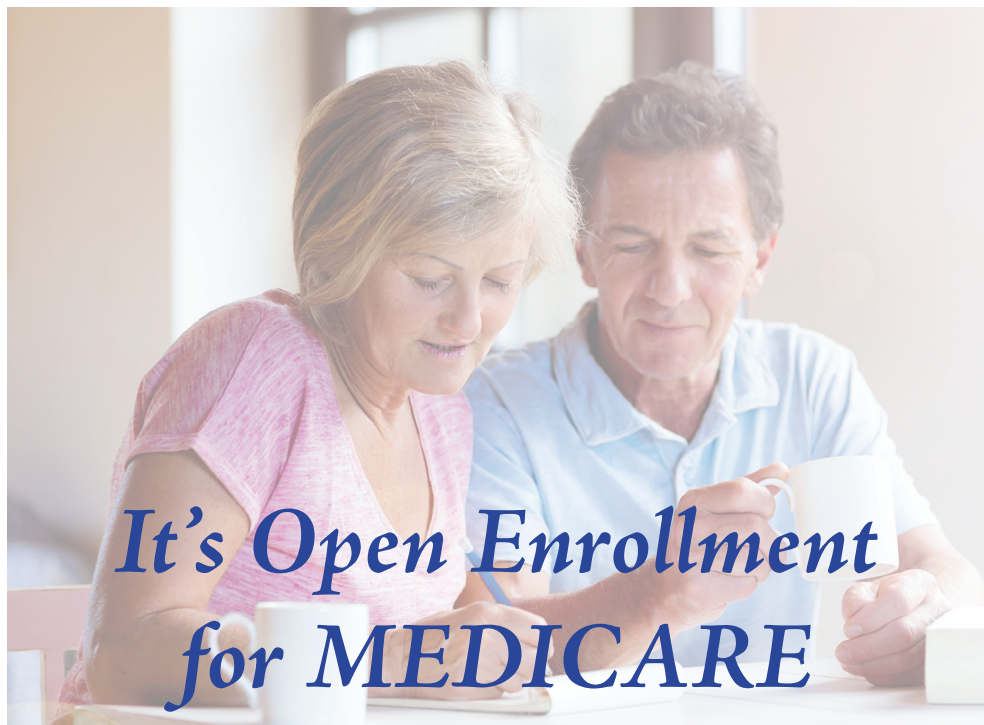
Helen, adored matriarch of her family, was the guest of honor at a birthday dinner party hosted by her children, Joe and Joan Koziel



Helen Len Koziel (Photo by Lexi Crocco)

and Vin and Barbara Schmidt. Other celebrations in her honor were hosted and attended by the Milford YMCA members, her buddies at the Orange Pool and Fitness Center, her long-time friends "The Lollies" and the Beth El staff and the "Soup Chic" Volunteers. Helen also celebrated this birthday by visiting Europe with family members, comprising three generations of Helen's family.

Visits to the churches in Poland where Helen's mother and father were baptized were the main highlights of her vacation.



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TOWN OF ORANGE SET TO VOTE ON PROPOSED CHARTER REVISIONS ON NOVEMBER 7th

Proposed amendments are published as follows:

CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE

Revised Charter Adopted at November 3, 1970 State Election
Effective November 12, 1971 and in part with respect
to November 2, 1971 Municipal Election

Further Revised Charter Adopted at November 3, 1992
State Election,

Effective December 3, 1992

Article I

Incorporation and General Powers

Section 1.1. Incorporation:

All the inhabitants dwelling within the territorial limits of the Town of Orange, as heretofore constituted, shall continue to be a body of politic and corporate under the name of the "The Town of Orange", hereinafter called the Town, and as such shall have perpetual succession and shall hold and exercise all powers and privileges heretofore exercised by the Town and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter, the additional powers and privileges herein conferred and all powers and privileges conferred upon municipalities under the general laws of the State of Connecticut.

Section 1.2. Rights and Obligations:

All property, both real and personal, all rights of action and rights of every description and all liens vested or inchoate in the Town as of the effective date of this Charter are continued in the Town, and the Town shall continue to be liable for all debts and obligations of every kind for which the Town shall be liable on said date. Nothing herein shall be construed to affect the right of the Town to collect any assessment, charge, debt, or lien. If any contract has been entered into by the Town prior to the effective date of this Charter or any bond or undertaking has been given by or in favor of the Town which contains provisions that the same may be enforced by a commission, board, officer or agency therein named, which is abolished by the provisions of this Charter, such contracts, bonds, or undertakings shall be in no manner impaired but shall continue in full force and effect. The powers conferred and the duties imposed with reference to the same upon any such commission, board, officer or agency shall, except as otherwise provided in this Charter, thereafter be exercised and discharged by the First Selectman.

Section 1.3. General Grant of Powers:

In addition to all powers granted to towns under the ~~constitution~~ Constitution and ~~general~~ General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, the Town shall have all powers specifically granted by this Charter and all powers fairly implied in or incident to the powers expressly granted and all other powers incident to the management of the property, government and affairs of the Town, including the power to enter into contracts with the United States or any federal agency, the State of Connecticut or any political subdivision thereof for services and the use of facilities, the exercise of which is not expressly forbidden by the Constitution and General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, and to accept grants from such governmental and private agencies. The enumeration of particular powers in this and any other Article of this Charter shall not be construed as limiting this general grant of power but shall be considered as an addition thereto.

Article II

The Town Meeting

Section 2.1. The Town Meeting:

Annual and Special Meetings. An annual Town Meeting shall be held for the consideration of the budget and for the consideration of other town business properly before it. It may be adjourned from time to time. Special Town Meetings for the consideration of items properly before them may be called by the Selectmen and shall be called by them within twenty-one (21) days after receipt of a petition signed by not less than 5% of the qualified electors on the latest official lists of the Registrars of Voters of the Town, filed with the Town Clerk.

Section 2.2. Notice of Town Meetings:

Notice of each Town Meeting, whether the Annual or a Special Meeting, shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the General Statutes or any ordinance thereon.

Section 2.3. Quorum:

A quorum, for the purposes of a Town Meeting, shall consist of ~~100~~ the number of qualified electors or taxpayers present.

Section 2.4. Moderator:

Any Town Meeting shall be presided over by the Town Meeting Moderator, or in his absence by a Deputy Town Meeting Moderator, who shall be appointed and have the powers as hereinafter provided.

Section 2.5. Conduct of the Town Meeting:

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of the Town Meetings.

Section 2.6. When Action by Town Meetings Required:

- (a) The annual budget, any resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds or notes or other borrowing of less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) except notes in anticipation of taxes to be paid within the fiscal year in which issued, any sale of real estate of the Town or any interest therein and any purchase of real estate or interest therein with a value of ~~one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00)~~ five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) or more, shall become effective only after it has been adopted or approved at a Town Meeting by a majority vote of persons qualified to vote at Town Meetings, present and voting at such meeting. The Town Meeting shall not act upon any proposal for the sale or purchase of such real estate or any interest therein, or the issuance of such bonds or notes or other borrowing except upon the recommendation and after approval of the Board of Selectmen.
- (b) After the same has been approved by the Board of Selectmen, any resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds or notes of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) or more, shall be placed on the call of a Town Meeting; and after completion of other business and after reasonable discussion on such appropriation or resolution, the Moderator of such meeting shall

adjourn the meeting to reconvene not less than seven (7) nor more than fourteen (14) days thereafter as provided in Section 7.7 of the General Statutes, as amended, and such resolution shall become effective only after it has been submitted to the persons qualified to vote in such meeting for a "yes" or "no" vote on the voting machines. The voting machine ballot labels shall be provided by the Town Clerk. At the closing of the polls the Moderator shall cause the vote to be counted; and any such resolution shall, if approved by a majority of those voting thereon, be deemed to be a vote of the Town Meeting.

- (c) 1. The vote on any annual budget recommendation on the call of any Town Meeting shall, ~~if the Selectmen by majority vote so determine and/or if requested at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to such meeting by a petition signed by not less than two hundred (200) qualified electors on the latest official lists of the Registrars of Voters of the Town filed with the Town Clerk,~~ be submitted to a vote on the voting machines in accordance with Section 2.6 (b) above and, if approved by a majority of those voting thereon, shall be deemed to be a vote of the Town Meeting. ~~In the event that a petition signed by not less than two hundred (200) qualified electors has caused a vote on an annual budget to be taken by a vote on the voting machines and that annual budget recommendation has been defeated by a "no" vote, any subsequent vote on a recommendation for an annual budget for the same fiscal year shall be submitted to a vote on the voting machines in accordance with Section 2.6 (b) above without the necessity for the filing of an additional petition.~~
- (c) 2. Any other item or items on the call of any Town Meeting shall, if the Selectmen by majority vote so determine and/or if requested at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to such meeting by a petition signed by not less than 5% of the qualified electors on the latest official lists of the Registrars of Voters of the Town filed with the Town Clerk, be submitted to a vote on the voting machines in accordance with Section 2.6 (b) above and, if approved by a majority of those voting thereon, shall be deemed to be a vote of the Town Meeting.
- (d) In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 5.20 of this Charter, the Town Meeting is empowered and may be required to elect members of the Board of Education, Regional District 5.

Article III

Board of Selectmen

Section 3.1. Board of Selectmen:

There shall be a Board of Selectmen consisting of the First Selectman and five Selectmen, all of whom shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

Section 3.2. General Powers and Duties:

Except as otherwise specifically provided by this Charter, the Board of Selectmen shall have all the powers and duties conferred upon it by the ~~constitution~~ Constitution, General Statutes and Special Acts of the State upon Boards of Selectmen.

The Legislative power of the Town shall be vested in the Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Selectmen shall be the legislative body of the Town with residual legislative authority as to all matters except those matters specifically enumerated and vested in the Town Meeting by this Charter.

Subject to the provisions of this Article III, the legislative power of said board shall include but shall not be limited to the following powers: to enact, amend or repeal ordinances not inconsistent with this Charter or the General Statutes of the State; to create or abolish, by ordinance, boards, commissions, departments, agencies and offices; to contract for services and the use of facilities of the United States or of any federal agency, the State of Connecticut or any political subdivision thereof, or by agreement join with any such political subdivision to provide services and facilities, and to fix the charges, if any, to be made for services rendered by the Town or for the execution of powers vested in the Town as provided in Article I of this Charter.

Section 3.3.

The Board of Selectmen shall meet at least once in each month, unless any such monthly meeting shall be waived by a unanimous vote of all the Selectmen. Additionally, the Board of Selectmen shall meet at the call of the First Selectman or at the call of four (4) members of the Board of Selectmen acting together, at such time and place as is stated in the call to transact such business as shall be before it. A majority of members of the Board of Selectmen shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

Section 3.4. Public Hearing on and Publication of Ordinances:

At least one public hearing shall be held by the Selectmen before any ordinance shall be passed. Notice of the hearing shall be given at least ten (10) days in advance by publication in a newspaper having a circulation in the Town and by posting a notice in a public place.

The enactment of an ordinance shall require the vote of a majority of the entire Board of Selectmen. On the advice of Town Counsel, minor or perfecting amendments may be made in a proposed ordinance without further public hearing. Every ordinance, after passage, shall be filed with the Town Clerk, and recorded, compiled and ~~published by him as hereinafter set forth~~ properly indexed. Within ten days after passage, notice of the passage of the ordinance ~~ordinances~~ shall be published once ~~in their entirety~~ in a newspaper having circulation within the Town. Every ordinance, unless it shall specify a later

date, shall become effective on the twenty-first (21st) day after such publication of the notice of passage, except as otherwise provided in Section 3.5 herein.

Section 3.5. Petition of Overrule of Action of Selectmen:

All ordinances, except emergency ordinances adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.7 herein, shall be subject to overrule by referendum as follows: If within twenty (20) days after the publication of any such ordinance, a petition is filed conforming to the requirements of Section 7-9 of the General Statutes, as amended, and signed by not less than 5% of the electors of the Town, as determined from the latest official lists of the Registrars of Voters as filed with the Town Clerk, requesting reference of the ordinance to a referendum, the effective date of such ordinance shall be suspended and the Selectmen shall fix the time and place of such referendum which shall be within forty-five (45) days after the filing of the petition, and notice thereof shall be given in the manner provided by law for the calling of a referendum. Said enactment shall take effect unless a majority of those voting in the referendum shall have voted to overrule said enactment, provided however, that if the referendum is held at other than a regular election, said majority to overrule must equal at least 15% of those entitled to vote. No steps to enforce said enactment shall be taken until the time for filing said petition has passed, or, if such a petition has been filed until after the referendum has been held and said enactment has been upheld.

Section 3.6. Petition for Enactment of Ordinances:

- (a) Subject to the provisions of Article II, Section 2.6, not less than 5% of the electors of the Town, as determined from the latest official lists of the Registrars of Voters, may at any time petition over their personal signatures for the enactment of any proposed lawful ordinance by filing such petition, including the complete text of such ordinance, with the Town Clerk. At least one public hearing shall be held by the Selectmen on the proposed ordinance, notice of which shall be given at least ten (10) days in advance by publication in a newspaper having a circulation in the Town and by posting a notice in a public place. The Selectmen shall call a referendum, to be held after the hearing and in any event not later than forty-five (45) days from the date of the filing of the petition, unless prior to such referendum such ordinance shall be enacted by the Selectmen. The call for such referendum shall state the proposed ordinance in full and shall provide for a "yes" or "no" vote as to its enactment. If a majority of the persons voting at such referendum shall vote "yes", then such ordinance shall take effect on the tenth day thereafter without further action of the Selectmen, provided however, that if the referendum is held at other than a regular election, said majority shall equal at least 15% of those entitled to vote.
- (b) Any such proposed ordinance shall be examined by the Town Counsel before being submitted to the referendum. The Town Counsel is authorized to correct the form of such ordinance for the purpose of avoiding repetitions, illegalities and unconstitutional provisions, and to assure accuracy in its text and references and clearness and preciseness in its phraseology, but may not materially change its meaning and effect.

Section 3.7. Emergency Ordinances:

An ordinance stated to be a public emergency measure and stating the facts constituting such public emergency may be passed by the Board of Selectmen without public hearing or notice and shall become effective immediately upon publication as required in Section 3.4 of this Article.

Every such emergency ordinance including any amendments thereto, shall automatically stand repealed at the termination of the sixty-first (61st) day following the effective date of said ordinance.

Section 3.8. Review of Appointments:

The Board of Selectmen shall review all appointments made by the First Selectman to appointive office or boards, commissions or agencies, or to fill vacancies on elected or appointive boards, commissions, agencies and offices, in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of this Charter. Such appointments shall automatically become effective unless disapproved by resolution of the Board of Selectmen within ten (10) days after presentation by the First Selectman.

Section 3.9.

The Board of Selectmen may require such information from, or joint meetings with, any Town officers or agencies as it may find necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities placed upon it.

Section 3.10. Secretary-Clerk to the Board:

The Board of Selectmen may, by a majority vote, appoint an individual as Secretary-Clerk to the Board to serve at its pleasure. He shall be paid a salary to be fixed by the Board within the amount budgeted therefor. He shall keep the records of the Board of Selectmen, shall attend all meetings of the Board and of such other boards and commissions of the Town as he may be directed so to do by the Board. He shall assist the First Selectman in carrying out his executive governmental functions in such manner as the First Selectman shall direct.

Section 3.11. Annual Audit:

The Board of Selectmen shall annually designate an independent certified public accountant or firm of independent certified public accountants to audit the books and accounts of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Chapter III (one hundred eleven) of the General Statutes, as amended.

Article IV

The First Selectman

Section 4.1. First Selectman:

The First Selectman shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Selectmen but this office shall not deprive him of his vote on any question.

The First Selectman shall be recognized as the official head of the Town for all ceremonial purposes, for military purposes and for the purpose of receiving civil process.

Section 4.2. General Powers and Duties:

The First Selectman shall be the Chief Executive Officer and the agent of the Town, and except as otherwise specifically provided by this Charter, any power given or duty imposed by the General Statutes on the Chief Executive of any town shall be vested in and exercised by him.

In addition to the powers and duties prescribed by the General Statutes, he shall administer all the offices and agencies in charge of persons appointed by him and shall supervise and direct the same. He shall be responsible for all purchasing done in the name of the Town, except for purchases of the Board of Education. The First Selectman shall cause to be kept full and complete records of the doings of his office, and it shall be his duty to make periodic reports to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance, to keep or cause to be kept complete books of account showing separately an account of each item of appropriation made each year and all disbursements made which are chargeable against each such appropriation so that at all times there may be available in the office of the Selectman the continuing current status of all appropriations and disbursements charged thereto, to cause to be kept such other books of account as municipalities are required by statute to keep, and to exercise such other powers and duties as may be imposed upon him by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Meeting. Neither the Town Meeting nor the Board of Selectmen shall diminish by ordinance, vote or otherwise, the powers and duties of the First Selectman except those powers and duties imposed on him by direction of the Selectmen under the provisions of this ~~charter~~ Charter.

The First Selectman shall be an ex officio member of all Boards and Commissions with vote only on the Board of Selectmen, but he shall not attend executive sessions of ~~boards—Boards~~ and ~~commissions—Commissions~~ in circumstances where his attendance would be unlawful.

Section 4.3. Succession to Office:

- (a) During the absence or disability of the First Selectman, the remaining members of the Board of Selectmen shall choose one of their members of the same political party as that of the First Selectman to be Acting First Selectman who shall carry out all of the duties of the First Selectman.
- (b) In the case of the death or other removal from office of the First Selectman, the remaining members of the Board of Selectmen shall within thirty (30) days by resolution appoint one of their members of the same party to fill the vacancy.

Section 4.4. Appointments:

The First Selectman shall appoint all appointive officers and shall fill by appointment all vacancies on appointed or elective boards, commissions, agencies, and offices except as other procedures are specifically provided in this Charter or amendments, and/or are made mandatory by ~~general—General~~ ~~statutes~~ Statutes. All such appointments shall be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen and shall become effective unless disapproved by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the provisions of Article III of this Charter.

In exercising the power herein conferred to fill vacancies with respect to elective offices or membership upon elective boards or commissions, the First Selectman shall make an interim appointment for the unexpired portion of the term, or until the next biennial town election, whichever shall be sooner; provided that when the persons vacating the office shall have been elected as a member of a political party, such vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of a member of the same political party.

Article V

Elected Boards and Commissions

Section 5.1. Town Plan and Zoning Commission:

There shall be a Town Plan and Zoning Commission consisting of five members who shall be electors of the Town. Said Commission shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations of a zoning commission established under Chapter 124 of the General Statutes and of a planning commission established under Chapter 126 of the General Statutes as either of said chapters is presently or may hereafter be amended, both of which chapters the Town hereby adopts.

Section 5.2.

The members of the Town Plan and Zoning Commission, on the day following the date of the adoption of this Charter, shall continue as such members for the respective terms for which they have been elected. Section I of Special Act 115 of the 1969 General Assembly shall be given effect with respect to the expiration of terms to the extent that it is not inconsistent with this Section 5.2.

~~There shall be elected at the municipal election of 2019, three members, including the deferred term. The two members elected with terms commencing in November of 2019 shall be elected for a term of four years. The one member elected to the deferred term commencing in November 2020 shall be elected for a term of three years. There shall be two members elected at the municipal election of 2021, both of whom shall be elected for a term of four years. Thereafter, at each biennial election, there shall be elected three members and then two members for terms of four years to succeed those members whose terms expire. Beginning with the biennial election held in November 2020, there shall no longer be a deferred term. There shall be elected at the municipal election of 1971 three members for a term of four years, the term of one of whom shall commence in 1972. At the municipal election in 1973 two members shall be elected to serve for a term of four years.—~~

~~Alternately thereafter, at each biennial election, there shall be elected three members and then two for terms of four years to succeed those members whose terms expire.~~

Section 5.3.

Said Commission may appoint a zoning enforcement officer with such compensation as may be fixed by it within the amount budgeted therefor.

Section 5.4.

Alternates to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission shall be chosen in accordance with the provisions of Section 8-lb of the General Statutes.

Section 5.10. Board of Education:

There shall be a Board of Education consisting of ten members. Except as otherwise specifically provided by this Charter, the Board of Education shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations set forth in the General Statutes with respect to boards of education as the same may, from time to time, be amended.

Section 5.11.

The members of the Board of Education in office on the day following the date of the adoption of this Charter shall continue as such members for the respective terms for which they or the persons they are succeeding in office have been elected. There shall be four members elected at the municipal election of 1971, two of whom shall be elected for a term of two years and two of whom shall be elected for a term of four years. One of the two members elected in 1971 for four two year terms shall be a minority party member and one of the two members elected in 1971 for four year terms shall be a minority party member. Thereafter at each biennial election there shall be elected five members who shall hold office for a term of four years to succeed those whose terms expire.

Section 5.12.

The Board of Education shall, to the fullest extent reasonable, make available to the Park and Recreation Commission property owned by the Town for current or future educational purposes, but not currently used for such purposes, in order to provide the maximum park and recreational facilities for the townspeople, consistent with the budget of the Park and Recreation Commission.

Section 5.20. Board of Education, Regional District 5:

So long as the Town is a member of Regional School District 5, members representing the Town shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Statutes.

The elected representatives of the Town on said Board at the date of the adoption of this Charter shall continue to be members of said Board for the terms for which they were elected.

Section 5.30. Board of Finance:

There shall be a Board of Finance consisting of six members. Said Board shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations specified in the General Statutes with respect to boards of finance as the same may, from time to time, be amended.

Section 5.31.

Those members of the Board of Finance in office on the day following the adoption of this Charter shall continue to be members thereof for the respective terms for which they shall have been elected.

There shall be elected at the municipal election of 1971, two members, one of whom shall be elected for a term of four years and one of whom shall be elected for a term of two years. Thereafter at each biennial election three members shall be elected for a term of four years to succeed those whose terms expire.

Section 5.40. Other Elected Boards:

There shall be such other elected boards as may be required by General Statutes or applicable Special Acts enacted after the Effective Date of this Charter or as may be created by appropriate amendment of this Charter, such Boards to consist of such numbers of members and to be elected in the manner prescribed in the General ~~statutes-Statutes~~ or in the applicable Special Act requiring their creation or in the amendment to this Charter creating such Board. In the absence of a specification of number, any such Board shall consist of five members. In the absence of a specified method of election, such Board shall be elected at the Town Election next after its creation in such manner that three members are elected for a four year term and two members are elected for a two year term. Alternately thereafter at each biennial election there shall be elected three members and then two members for terms of four years to succeed those members whose terms expire.

Section 5.50. Use of Committees by Boards or Commissions:

While all official action of any board or commission must be taken by the requisite vote of such board or commission, one or more committees may be appointed by any board or commission under the chairmanship of one of its members to study and make recommendations with respect to such of the duties of such board or commission as may be assigned to any such committee.

Article VI

Appointed Boards and Commissions

Section 6.1. Board of Zoning Appeals:

There shall be a Board of Zoning Appeals consisting of five regular members and three alternate members. Said Board shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations of a Board of Zoning Appeals established under Chapter 124 of the General Statutes as said chapter is presently or may hereafter be amended and such powers, duties and responsibilities and subject to such restrictions and limitations as may, from time to time, be prescribed by the Orange Zoning Ordinance.

Section 6.10 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

(formerly Board of Tax Review)

There shall be a Board of Tax Review consisting of five members. Said Board shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations specified in the General Statutes with respect to boards of tax review as the same may, from time to time, be amended.

Section 6.1.1.

Those members of the Board of Tax Review in office on the day following the adoption of the Charter Amendment of 1992 shall continue as such members for the respective terms for which they have been appointed. Upon the effective date of said Charter Amendment, the First Selectman shall appoint, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, one member to serve a term which shall expire on December 2, 1993 and one member who shall serve a term to expire on December 7, 1995. As each term expires, the First Selectman shall appoint, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, a member for each such vacancy thus created for a term of four years.

Section 6.2.

Those members of the Board of Zoning Appeals and alternates in office on the day following the adoption of this Charter shall continue to be members thereof for the respective terms for which they shall have been elected. As each such term expires the First Selectman shall appoint, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, a member for each such vacancy thus created for a term of four years.

Section 6.20. Board of Police Commissioners:

There shall be a Board of Police Commissioners consisting of five members. The Board of Police Commissioners shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations specified in the General Statutes with respect to boards of police commissioners as the same may, from time to time, be amended.

Section 6.21.

Those members of the Board of Police Commissioners in office on the day following the date of the adoption of this Charter shall continue as such members for the respective terms for which they have been elected. Thereafter, as each such term expires, the First Selectman shall appoint, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, a member for each such vacancy thus created for a term of four years.

Section 6.30. Safety Commission:

There shall be a Safety Commission consisting of the Chief of Police, the Superintendent of Schools, the Building Inspector, the Town Director of Civil Defense, the Fire Marshal and such other additional members, not in excess of five such additional members, representative of Town agencies, as the First Selectman shall, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, from time to time, appoint.

Section 6.31.

It shall be the duty of the Safety Commission to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the adoption of ordinances or the taking of other appropriate Town action to assure the continued safety of the townspeople.

Section 6.32.

It shall be the duty of the Safety Commission to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the elimination of hazards to safety as the same may exist in the Town. The Board of Selectmen is empowered to negotiate with the owner of any such hazard for its elimination. Failing the successful completion of any such negotiation, the Board of Selectmen shall take such action as it, with the advice of Town Counsel, deems appropriate to eliminate such hazard.

Section 6.40. ~~Economic Development Commission~~~~Development and Industrial Commission:~~

There shall be an ~~Economic Development~~ ~~Development and Industrial~~ Commission consisting of five members. Such Commission organized under the provisions of Section 7-136 of the General Statutes heretofore and herein adopted by the Town shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations specified in the General Statutes with respect to development and industrial commissions as the same may, from time to time, be amended. In addition to such powers, duties and responsibilities, said Commission shall:

- (1) Make such recommendations, from time to time, as it deems appropriate to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission with respect to possible amendments to the Comprehensive Town Plan or to the zoning regulations as they affect industrial development.
- (2) Confer with similar commissions of abutting towns in order to make recommendations with respect to the development of adequate roads, utility services and industrial sewage disposal in a manner consistent with that of other towns.
- (3) Foster and promote orderly commercial and industrial development in the Town and work with other Town agencies toward such ends.

Section 6.41.

Those members of the ~~Development and Industrial~~ ~~commission~~ ~~Economic Development Commission~~ in office on the day following the adoption of this Charter shall continue to be members thereof for the respective terms for which they were appointed. As each such term expires the First Selectman shall appoint, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, a member for each vacancy thus created for a term of four years.

Section 6.50. Park and Recreation Commission

There shall be a Park and Recreation ~~commission~~ **Commission** consisting of nine members. Said Commission shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations specified in the General Statutes with respect to municipal park commissions, as said statutes have heretofore been or may hereafter be amended. In addition to such powers, duties and responsibilities, said Commission shall:

- (1) Have jurisdiction over and have the responsibility for maintaining such properties as are assigned to its jurisdiction by ordinance.
- (2) Have such jurisdiction over and responsibility for the maintenance of properties temporarily transferred to its jurisdiction by the Board of Education or other boards of the Town as shall be provided by arrangements with such other boards.
- (3) Provide a program of recreational activity and engage such personnel in the furtherance thereof within the limitations of the Commission's budget.

Section 6.51.

Those members of the Park and Recreation Commission in office on the day following the adoption of this Charter shall continue as such members for the respective terms for which they have been appointed. The First Selectman shall appoint, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, four additional members for a term of four years.

Thereafter as each such term expires, the First Selectman shall appoint, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, a member for each vacancy for a term of two years.

Section 6.60. Conservation Commission:

There shall be a Conservation Commission consisting of seven members for the development and conservation of natural resources, including water resources, within the territorial limits of the Town.

Said Commission shall have all the powers, possess all of the rights and may engage in any of the activities enumerated in Section 7-131 (a) of the General Statutes.

Section 6.61.

Those members of the Conservation Commission in office on the day following the date of the adoption of this Charter shall continue as such members for the respective terms for which they have been appointed. Thereafter as each such term expires, the First Selectman shall appoint, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, a member for each vacancy so created for a term of four years.

Section 6.70. Sewer Commission:

There shall be a Sewer Commission consisting of five members. Said Commission shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations specified in the General Statutes with respect to sewer authorities or commissions as said statutes have heretofore been or may hereafter be amended.

Section 6.71.

Those members of the Sewer Commission in office on the day following the date of the adoption of this Charter shall continue as such members for the respective terms for which they have been appointed. Thereafter as each such term expires, the First Selectman shall appoint, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, a member for each vacancy so created for a term of four years.

Section 6.80. Board of Ethics:

There shall be a Board of Ethics consisting of five members, no more than a bare majority of whom may be members of the same political party. They shall act on matters concerning ethical standards for public service, including conflict of interest, with such powers, duties and responsibilities as shall be determined by ordinance to be enacted by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 6.81.

Initially three members of said Board shall be appointed for a term of two years, no more than two of whom shall be from the same political party and two members of said Board shall be appointed for a term of four years, no more than one of whom shall be from the same political party.

As each such term expires, the First Selectman shall appoint, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, a member for each vacancy thus created for a term of four years.

Section 6.82.

All actions of said Board pursuant to the legal authority with which it is empowered shall be effective only upon the vote of at least one more than a bare majority, which number shall also constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 6.90. Other Appointed Boards:

There shall be such other appointed boards as may be required by General Statutes or applicable Special Acts enacted after the effective date of this Charter or as may be created by appropriate amendment of this Charter or by appropriate action of the Board of Selectmen, such Boards to consist of such number of members and to be appointed in the manner prescribed in the General Statutes or in the applicable Special Act requiring their creation or in the amendment to the Charter or the action of the Legislative Authority creating such Board. In the absence of a specification of such number, any such Board shall consist of five members. In the absence of a specified method of appointment, any such Board shall be appointed by the First Selectman except as otherwise prescribed by the General Statutes or applicable Special Acts

enacted after the Effective Date of this Charter or by appropriate amendments of this Charter, for terms of four years established and maintained at staggered biennial intervals wherever possible.

Article VII

Coordination of Activities of Town Agencies

Section 7.1.

It shall be the duty of the First Selectman and the Board of Selectmen to provide leadership in the formulation of plans to assure continued progress in the development of the Town.

Section 7.2.

Each Town agent, board and commission shall file with the First Selectman, not later than August 1st in each year, a report briefly stating its activities during the fiscal year just completed and submitting recommendations for appropriate action on matters within the province of such agency. Such reports, or an appropriate digest thereof, shall be presented in the Annual Report of the Town to the Townspeople.

Article VIII

Elected Officers

Section 8.1.

There shall be the following officers of the Town who, except as otherwise specifically provided by this Charter, shall be elected as specified in the General Statutes:

- (a) First Selectman;
- (b) Five other Selectmen;
- (c) Town Clerk;
- (d) Collector of Taxes;
- (e) Registrar of Voters
- (f) Seven Constables or such lesser number as the Town, by ordinance, may provide;
- (g) Such numbers of Justices of the Peace as equal one-third the number of jurors to which the Town is entitled or such lesser number as the Town, by ordinance, may provide;
- (h) Such other elected officers as may be required by General Statutes or applicable Special Acts or ordinances enacted after the effective date of this Charter.

Section 8.2.

~~Commencing with the regular Town election of November 2019, and at each regular Town election quadrennially thereafter, the electors shall elect the Town officers-Officers described in Section 8.1 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (f)-through 8.1 (g), except. Commencing with the regular State Election, and at each regular State election quadrennially thereafter, -Justices of the Peace and Registrars of Voters shall be elected -biennially at each Town Election. Town officersOfficers, elected pursuant to Section 8.1 (h), shall be elected biennially quadrennially at each Town Election unless otherwise provided in the General Statutes or Special Act creating the office. Justices of the Peace and Registrars of Voters shall be elected biennially in even numbered years at State Elections.~~

Section 8.3.

The selectmen described in Sections 8.1 (a) and 8.1 (b) shall constitute the Board of Selectmen and the votes cast for the unsuccessful candidate for First Selectman shall be counted as votes cast for him as a member of said Board, provided no elector may be a candidate for both the office of First Selectman and that of Selectman and provided if an elector receives write-in votes for both office of First Selectman and that of Selectman, the Moderator may count either the votes which were written in for him for the office of First Selectman or those which were written in for him for the office of Selectman, whichever is more advantageous to such elector but not both.

Section 8.4.

If this Charter be adopted at a Town Election, the Town officers elected during such Town Election shall hold office for the terms for which they were elected and the Justices of the Peace and Registrars of Voters in office on the date this Charter is adopted shall continue to hold such offices for the respective terms to which they shall have been elected. If this Charter be adopted at a State or Special Election, the Town officers holding the respective offices at the date of the adoption of this Charter shall continue to hold such offices for the respective terms to which they shall have been elected.

Section 8.5.

In addition to the Town officers prescribed in Section 8.1 (h), the Town shall participate in the election of a Judge of Probate for the Probate District which includes the Town, such election to be held in the manner prescribed by law for the election of such Judge of Probate. In the event that the Town becomes part of a Probate District different from the Probate District of which it is a part on the date of the adoption of this Charter, the Town shall participate in the election of Judge of Probate for such new district in the manner prescribed in the Special Act creating such new district.

Section 8.6.

No person who is not an elector of the Town may be an elected officer or member of an elected Town board or commission.

Section 8.7.

Elected Town officers shall have such assistants as are approved by the Board of Selectmen, provided that the compensation of any such assistants by the

Town shall only be within the budgetary limits prescribed by the Board of Finance for such assistants. In the case of the Assistant Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector, an appropriate oath for the faithful performance of his or her duty shall be administered and a record of the administration of such oath included in the records of the Town Clerk.

Section 8.8. Compensation:

- (a) The compensation, if any, of an elected or appointed Town officer, or of a member of an elected or appointed Town board or commission, shall be established by the Board of Finance through the regular budget procedures subject, in the case of the Board of Tax Review, to the provisions of Section 12-121 of the General Statutes, Revision of 1958. Said elected or appointed officers and said members, except the Constables and Justices of the Peace, shall be compensated, if at all, only on a salaried basis.
- (b) The necessary expenses of an elected or appointed Town officer, or of a member of an elected or appointed Town board or commission, actually incurred in the promotion of his duties, shall be paid by the Town, within the limits prescribed in the budget by the Board of Finance upon the requisition of such officer or the Chairman of such board in writing, upon the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Section 8.9. Duties

Elected Town officers shall have such powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to such restrictions and limitations as are prescribed in the General Statutes, in appropriate ~~special~~ Special Acts or in this Charter with respect to the offices held.

Article IX Appointed Officers

Section 9.1.

There shall be the following appointed officers of the Town:

- (a) Assessor;
- (b) Building Inspector;
- (c) ~~Director of Civil Defense;~~ Emergency Management Director;
- (d) Director - Public Works Department;
- (e) Fire Marshal;
- (f) ~~Fire Warden and such number of Deputy Fire Wardens as the Legislative authority may from time to time authorize;~~ Finance Director;
- (g) Director - Health Department;
- (h) Town Counsel;
- (i) Town Meeting Moderator;
- (j) Town Meeting Deputy Moderators;
- (k) Town Treasurer who shall be Agent of Town Deposit Fund; and,
- (l) Such other appointed Town officers whose office is created by an amendment to the Charter or by appropriate action of the Legislative Authority.

Section 9.2.

Such of the appointed officers listed in Section 9.1 as hold any of the said offices on the date of the adoption of the Charter shall continue to hold said offices for the period for which they shall have been elected or appointed.

Section 9.3.

Appointed Town officers shall have such powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to such restrictions and limitations as are prescribed with respect to such offices, in the General Statutes, in appropriate Special Acts, in this Charter, in the ordinances or other action of the Legislative Authority or in appropriate directions, from time to time, from the First Selectman, the Board of Selectmen and the respective supervisors of such officers.

Section 9.4.

In the performance of their duties, appointed Town officers may engage such assistants as are approved by the Board of Selectmen and by the supervisor of any such appointed Town officer, provided that the compensation of any such assistant to be paid by the Town shall be within the budgetary limits prescribed by the Board of Finance.

Section 9.5. Appointment:

All appointed officers of the Town shall be appointed by the First Selectman subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 4.4 of this Charter.

Section 9.6. Term of Office:

Except as otherwise specifically provided, all appointive officers shall hold office for a term of two years and shall take office 30 days after the biennial Town Election in the year in which their terms expire.

Section 9.10. Director - Department of Health:

In addition to other duties prescribed by law, the Director shall supervise the activities of the Sanitation Inspector, the Superintendent of the Town Dump and, with the cooperation of the Orange Public Health Nursing Service, the

activities of the Town Nurses. The Health Director shall further supervise the periodic inspection of all establishments in the Town which provide food, drinks or lodging on a commercial basis and all trailer parks.

Section 9.20. Director - Department of Public Works:

There shall be a Department of Public Works which through its Director shall have supervision and control of the maintenance of all Town owned structures, except such structures as are under the Park and Recreation commission, and the planning, surveying, constructing and reconstructing, altering, paving, repairing, maintaining, cleaning, lighting, inspecting; and to the extent applicable, the operation of highways, sidewalks and curbs, sewers, disposal facilities, public and private drains, Town buildings and other public improvements; the preservation, care, removal of trees within the highways and public places; all engineering work of the Town, and the collection and disposal of garbage, rubbish and ashes, to the extent that the Board of Selectmen shall determine that these functions and activities are within the responsibilities of the Town and this Department. The Director and the Department shall also undertake such additional responsibilities and projects as may, from time to time, be reasonable-prescribed by the Board of Selectmen. The efforts of the Department shall be coordinated by the Director with those of the Town Plan and Zoning Commission under such rules and regulations as may be adopted with the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Any provision of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, the Public Works Department shall have the responsibility for construction and maintenance of parks and grounds used for park and recreation purposes belonging to the Town and of buildings, structures, apparatus and equipment used in connection therewith, to the extent and for the period requested by the Park and Recreation Commission and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Any provision of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, the Public Works Department may maintain and care for school buildings and grounds, but only if and to the extent and for the period requested by the Board of Education and approved by the Board of Selectmen, and the cost of such service shall be charged against the Board of Education appropriation. The Director - Department of Public Works may appoint and may remove with the approval of the First Selectman and subject to the provisions of this Charter and such rules and regulations as shall have been adopted for the operation of his Department, a Supervisor of Roads, a Town Engineer, a Supervisor of the Town Dump, a Tree Warden and such deputies, assistants, and employees as he may deem necessary and shall prescribe their duties provided such personnel shall be within the budgetary limits fixed by the Board of Finance for such Department.

Nothing contained herein shall preclude the filling of two or more of the above positions by the same person, including the Director of the Department of Public Works, provided such joint appointments shall have been approved by the First Selectman.

Section 9.30. Town Counsel:

The Town Counsel shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until his successor has qualified. In addition to any other duties properly prescribed, the Town Counsel shall:

- (a) Review in advance of all Town Meetings the matters to be presented as-at such meetings and consult with the Town Meeting Moderator and the Board of Selectmen, as necessary, to assure the orderly disposition of the business of the meeting.
- (b) Prepare all ordinances proposed by any Town officer, board or commission, at the request of the First Selectman.
- (c) Review all ordinances to be acted upon and, if time and the proponents thereof permit, redraft the same, if necessary, in appropriate ordinance language.
- (d) Be the legal advisor to all Town officers, boards, commissions or agencies in all matters affecting the Town and attend all Town Meetings, and the Annual Budget Hearing, and, at the request of the First Selectman, attend periodic meetings of the Board of Selectmen and such other meetings or hearings as may be reasonably required.
- (e) Give opinions on such matters as are submitted to him for opinion by the First Selectman or, with the approval of the First Selectman, by any other Town Officers or by the Chairman of any other Town Board or Commission.

Section 9.40. Town Meeting Moderator and Deputy Town Meeting Moderators:

There shall be a Town Meeting Moderator and Deputy Town Meeting Moderators, each to serve for a term of two years or until their successors have qualified. It shall be the duty of the Town Meeting Moderator, or in the event of his absence or inability to act, a Deputy Town Meeting Moderator, to preside over all Town Meetings. They shall consult, in advance of each Town Meeting with Town Counsel, the First Selectman, the Board of Selectmen or such other persons as they deem appropriate to facilitate the orderly disposition of the business of the Meeting.

Section 9.50. Town Assessor:

There shall be a Town Assessor who shall have such powers, duties, responsibilities and shall be subject to such restrictions and limitations as are by law prescribed for such officers.

Section 9.60. Town Treasurer:

There shall be a Town Treasurer who shall serve for a term of two years. He shall have such powers, duties, responsibilities and shall be subject to such restrictions and limitations as are by law prescribed for such officers. The Town Treasurer shall, in addition, be the Agent of the Town Deposit Fund.

Section 9.70. Town Building Inspector:

There shall be a Town Building Inspector who shall have such powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to such restrictions and limitations as are by law prescribed for such officers.

Section 9.80. Fire Marshal:

There shall be a Fire Marshal and Fire Wardens of the Town who shall have such powers and duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to such restrictions and limitations as are by law prescribed for such officers.

Article X

Definitions and General

Section 10.1. Definitions:

Unless the context otherwise clearly requires, the following terms, when used in this Charter, shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Annual Election" means, in the odd-numbered years, the Town Election and means, in the even-numbered years, the State Election as defined in the General Statutes.
- (b) "Board" means any board, commission or agency of the Town.
- (c) "Charter" means this Charter, as the same may be supplemented or amended from time to time.
- (d) "Commission" means any board, commission or agency of the Town.
- (e) "Fiscal Year" means the period from July 1st in one year through June 30th in the next year or such different period as the Town, by appropriate action, may, from time to time, determine.
- (f) "General Statutes" means the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, and any reference thereto, or to any provision or provisions thereof, shall mean and include any supplements or amendments thereto.
- (g) "Home Rule Law" means Chapter 99 of the General Statutes;
- (h) "Legislative Body" means a combination of the Town Meeting and the Board of Selectmen as defined in Section 7-193 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town Meeting possessing the legislative authority only to the extent specifically set forth in this Charter.
- (i) "Meeting" of any body includes any adjourned session thereof.
- (j) "Municipal Election" means Town Election.
- (k) "Special Act" means a Special Act enacted by the General Assembly of Connecticut.
- (l) "Term" of the Town Clerk and Justices of the Peace shall commence on the First Monday of January following their respective elections, or as otherwise provided by statute. The term of the Registrar of Voters shall commence on the Wednesday following the first Monday of January following his or her election, or as otherwise provided by statute. Unless otherwise provided by General Statutes, this Charter or in the ordinance hereafter adopted creating an office or board, the term of elected officers and agents and the members of all elected boards and commissions shall commence on the ~~tenth day~~ first Monday of December following the date of their respective election; the term of appointed officers and agents and of members of appointed boards and commissions shall commence on the date prescribed by the appointing authority.
- (m) "Town" means the Town of Orange.
- (n) "Town Election" means the election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years.
- (o) "Town Meeting" means, when used in this Charter, the Annual or a Special Meeting of the electors of the Town for the purpose specifically set forth in this Charter. "Town Meeting" as used in the Connecticut General Statutes shall be deemed to refer to the legislative body of the Town and shall be construed to mean the Board of Selectmen except in relation to the purposes or powers of the Town Meeting as set forth in this Charter.
- (p) The masculine pronoun, wherever used shall include the feminine pronoun.

Section 10.2. Conduct of Meetings:

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of meetings of all boards and commissions.

Section 10.3. Minority Representation:

The maximum numbers of members of all boards, commissions, committees or similar bodies who may be members of the same political party shall be as provided in the General Statutes, except for the membership of the Board of Ethics which shall be as provided for in Article VI, Section 6.80 of this Charter.

Section 10.4. Computation of Time:

In computing the period of time of any notice under this Charter, the day on which the notice is given and any Sunday and any legal holiday shall be included, but the day on which the matter is to occur shall be excluded. The same principle shall govern other computations of time for purposes hereof.

Section 10.5. Terms of Office:

All elected and appointed officers and members of boards and commissions shall hold office until their successors have been chosen and qualified.

Except as otherwise specifically required by the General Statutes, applicable Special Acts or by the provisions of this Charter, the terms of appointment to appointive boards and commissions shall, wherever possible, be established and maintained at staggered biennial intervals.

Section 10.6. Oaths of Office:

All elected and appointed officers and members of boards, agencies or commissions of the Town shall swear or affirm the faithful performance of their duties, a record of the administration of which oaths shall be filed with the Town Clerk.

Oaths may be administered by all persons so authorized by Section 1-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The form of such oaths shall be as follows:

You solemnly swear that you will faithfully discharge, according to law, your duties as _____ to the best of your ability; so help you God.

Section 10.7. Amendment:

This Charter may be amended in the manner prescribed by the General Statutes.

Section 10.8 Rules of Construction and Saving Clause:

- (a) This Charter is intended to avail, make use of and exercise the full home rule powers of the Town under the Home Rule Law, and any other statute now in effect or hereafter enacted and any other home rule powers thereof under the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, under the common law, or otherwise.
- (b) Nothing herein contained shall be construed as intended to conflict with, or be inconsistent with, any general statute of the State of Connecticut expressing any substantial public policy of the State. It shall be construed as an assertion of the Town's full power and authority to prescribe its organic law for the administration of its local affairs.
- (c) If any provision of this Charter shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Charter nor the context in which such provision so held invalid may appear, except to the extent that an entire section may be inseparably connected in meaning and effect with the provision to which such holding shall directly apply.
- (d) All ordinances, resolutions and legislative actions of the Town in effect as of the effective date of this Charter shall continue in full force and effect except to the extent they may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.

Article XI

Effective Date of Charter and Transition

Section 11.1 (a). Effective Date:

This Charter shall take effect on the tenth day following the date of the municipal election of November, 1971, that is November 12, 1971, except that the provisions of Article V concerning Elected Boards and Article VIII concerning Elected Officers shall become effective with respect to the municipal election of November, 1971.

Section 11.1 (b). Effective Date of Charter Revision:

Any provisions contained in the Charter Amendment of 1992 shall take effect the thirtieth day following the date of the State Election of November 3, 1992, that is on December 3, 1992.

Section 11.1 (c). Effective Date of Charter Revision:

Any provisions contained in the Charter Amendment of 2017 shall take effect the first day of January 2018.

Section 11.2. Special Acts:

The following special acts applicable to the Town remain unaffected by this Charter:

- (a) Resolution of the Assembly incorporating the Town of Woodbridge, Records of the State of Connecticut, Volume 5, Page 304.
- (b) Special Act passed October, 1804, I Special Acts 550, incorporating the Society of North Milford.
- (c) Resolution of the Assembly, May, 1822, incorporating the Town of Orange, II Special Acts 1173.
- (d) Special Act passed May, 1836, II Special Acts 1174, amending the Resolution of May, 1822 with respect to the location of Town Meetings.
- (e) Special Act approved April 3, 1884, IX Special Acts 1020, relative to the division line between Derby and Orange.
- (f) Special Act approved June 24, 1921, XVIII Special Acts 1067, dividing the Town of Orange and creating the Town of West Haven.
- (g) Special Act approved April 26, 1933, XXI Special Acts 884, relative to the licensing of certain concessions by the Selectmen.

- (h) Special Act approved May 28, 1935, XXII Special Acts 202, relative to the use of highways in the Town.
- (i) Special Act approved June 29, 1951, XXVI Special Acts 146, relative to the division between Derby and Orange.
- (j) Special Act approved May 7, 1953, XXVI Special Acts 771, validating certain action in establishing Regional School District Number 5.
- (j) Special Act approved April 5, 1933, XXI Special Acts 800, relative to the admission of electors.
- (k) Special Act approved May 1, 1943, XXIV Special Acts 134, and Special Act approved July 22, 1945, XXIV Special Acts 652, relative to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission.

Section 11.3.

The following Special Acts are no longer applicable:

- (a) Special Act passed May 1823, II Special Acts 1174, relative to the support of the poor formerly residing in New Haven.
- (b) Special Act passed in 1848, IV Special Acts 1256, relative to the division line between New Haven and Orange.
- (c) Special Act approved March 31, 1887, X Special Acts 578, relative to the division line between New Haven and Orange.
- (d) Special Act approved August 1, 1911 XVI Special Acts 386, relative to bond issues by school districts now part of West Haven.
- (e) Special Act approved March 24, 1915, XVII Special Acts, 58, relative to rules and regulations now pertinent to West Haven.
- (f) Special Act approved May 10, 1917, XVII Special Acts, 995, relative to the terms of certain Town officers now pertinent to West Haven.
- (g) Special Act approved May 21, 1925, XIX Special Acts, 778, relative to the issuance of bonds by Center School District.
- (h) Special Act approved June 18, 1929, XX Special Acts 983, authorizing the Board of Selectmen to establish building lines and conferring other powers on said board.
- (i) Special Act approved June 18, 1929, XX Special Acts 989;
Special Act approved April 4, 1935, XXII Special Acts 74;
Special Act approved June 20, 1939, XXIII Special Acts 635;
Special Act approved June 24, 1941, XXIII Special Acts 1107;
Special Act approved July 9, 1947, XXV Special Acts 606;
Special Act approved June 7, 1957, XXVIII Special Acts 780; all relative to the Town Court of Orange.

- (l) Special Act approved June 14, 1961, XXX Special Acts 154, relative to the establishment of a funded pension and retirement plan.
- (m) Special Act approved May 22, 1969, XXXIV Special Acts 100, concerning the terms of certain elective offices, except to the extent set forth in Section 5.2 of this Charter.

(Note:)Special acts which are now effective as stated in Charter Section 11.2 subparagraphs (a), (b), (c), (e), and (i) are not here published in full as the only provisions thereof now effective deal with boundaries of present Town of Orange. The act referred to in sub-paragraph (d) is not here published in full as it merely repeals a section of a former act relative to location of town meetings. The act referred to in sub-paragraph (j) is not here published in full as it merely validates certain procedural acts of the Town.

Parts of the present boundaries of the present Town of Orange date back to Colonial days and were established pursuant to acts of the Colonial court. Other parts were created by the following acts of the legislature:

- (1) Act Incorporating the Town of Woodbridge. (January Session, General Assembly 1784), Records of State of Connecticut, Volume V, Pages 304-305.
- (2) Act Incorporating The Society of North Milford (October 1804), Special Acts, Volume 1, page 550.
- (3) Act incorporating original Town of Orange (May 1822), Special Acts, Volume 1 Page 1173.
- (4) Act Changing Boundary Line between Town of Derby and Orange. (April 3, 1984), Special Acts, Volume 9, page 1020.
- (5) See also Judgment of Superior Court dated October 1, 1924 in action entitled, "Town of West Haven vs. Town of Orange" recorded in Orange Land Records, Volume 141, pages 266-270.
- (6) Act relative to division line between Derby and Orange, June 29, 1951, Special Act Volume XXVI, page 146.

Referendum Questions

1. Shall the Charter be amended to increase the terms of the First Selectman, Board of Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters and Constables from a two year term to a four year term, with terms to commence on the first Monday of December, or as otherwise provided by state statute, effective January 1, 2018?
2. Shall the Charter be amended to change the term of the Town Planning and Zoning Commission deferred position so that beginning with the 2023 biennial election, three members shall have concurrent four year terms?
3. Shall the Charter be amended to modify the definition of "quorum of qualified electors or taxpayers at a town meeting" from "100" to "those present"?
4. Shall the Charter be amended to modify the need for town meeting action for the purchase and sale of real estate of the Town or any interest therein for properties or interests with a value of \$500,000 or greater?
5. Shall the Charter be amended to require that all votes concerning the annual budget be sent to referendum?
6. Shall the Charter be amended to delete the requirement that all ordinances be published in their entirety following passage and only require a publication of a notice of passage?
7. Shall the Charter be amended to correct typographical and grammatical errors, to delete outdated references and update other references?

On Your Mind:

Skills And Knowledge Benefit The Community

Lifelong Orange resident Robert Sigler understands how sharing skills and knowledge can benefit the community.

A graduate of the Amity System, he went on to get his degree in Mechanical Engineering from Northeastern University and an MBA from University of New Haven, then began working at a New Haven-based manufacturing company. He remained with that company for 45 years, retiring as Director of Engineering in 2012.

As Sigler neared retirement, he began to consider what he would like to do when he no longer had the responsibility of a career. "I felt it was important to have a plan," said Sigler.

As he developed that plan, Sigler took stock of what was important to him. His wife Nancy, along with their daughter and her children were high on that list and while spending time with them was certainly a priority, he knew there would be more to give in the next phase of his life.

Past experience with volunteering at the Orange Congregational Church had developed a spirit of service in Sigler, and he added more of that to his plan. "Giving back



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to the community was definitely on my list of things to do," said Sigler.

Sigler considered how he would go about becoming more involved in serving the community. He would go on to expand his role at the Orange Congregational Church, volunteering with his wife at the annual Strawberry Festival and sitting on both the Board of Deacons and the Board of Trustees. He also began an ongoing initiative, meeting with a group of like-minded individuals weekly for breakfast at Chip's, then heading to the church to perform needed maintenance. With these projects, Sigler is able to harness his engineering knowledge and experience to benefit his parish. As Sigler explains, "These jobs are a lot of work but we work together and the fellowship is enjoyable."

In 2012, Sigler was invited to join the town's Senior Leadership Program which is run through the Orange Senior Center. In this program, volunteers learn about the workings of the town and state. "Each group is tasked to have a project; something of value to the town of Orange," Sigler said and proudly describes his group's project, "We created maps of the open space in town, along with hiking trails. The Conservation Commission actually still uses these maps!"

While looking at other volunteer opportunities, Sigler realized that being a member of a service organization would open up other avenues for giving back. He was introduced to Orange Rotary Club, a

chapter of Rotary International, and felt it was right for him. "It is just the kind of organization that fit into my retirement goal of giving back to others. In fact, the



Robert Sigler (Photo by Nancy Sigler)

motto of Rotary International is 'Service Above Self,'" said Sigler.

Sigler became very involved in the club and its initiatives. He's participated in service projects such as providing winter coats for children in need, Amber Alert registration at the Orange Country Fair, running a veterans'

appreciation dinner, and participating with FISH, which works with the CT Food Bank, among many other initiatives. He has also been part of the club's leadership track, and is currently the organization's president.

Sigler's commitment to serving the community benefits so many. In words of advice to anyone interested in becoming involved in volunteering, he explains what helped him. "You have to put yourself out there. Organizations are a great place to start, rather than trying to figure it out on your own, plus there is a social aspect as well." He smiles and says "It's very satisfying and rewarding to know you've helped others."



Heroes Among Us:

A Distinguished Service Career Despite SNAFUs

Bill Wallace knows about the ways and whys of serving your country in the armed forces.

In the fall of 1941, he was a scholarship student at Yale. There he enrolled in a program that made him a PFC in the Marine Corps Reserves with a commitment to boot camp and officer training after graduation.

He had completed seven semesters by June 1943 and was unsure whether he would immediately be called up to active duty or be free to finish his senior year. A few weeks later, when he was working a summer job at a Pittsburgh steel mill, he received orders to head to Parris Island in South Carolina for basic training. A week before he was to leave, a steel ring fell and smashed his heel. Hobbling with a cane, he managed to squeeze on a crowded troop train that took him to boot camp.

When he went to the platoon sergeant to show his superior why he couldn't actively participate in the training, the sergeant berated him for being "a mama's boy." After a chaplain heard Bill's story and saw that the heel had become infected, Bill found himself in the hospital for the next six weeks. Once his wound finally healed, he completed boot camp and went on to Quantico, Virginia for marine officer training. Bill then got his commission.

He got orders in March 1944 to go into a radar training program requiring stints at Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Bill soon learned the program was intended for electrical engineers. At

Yale he had been studying business, not engineering. Nonetheless his superiors wouldn't change his orders, and he spent the next four months trying to keep up in courses intended as a review for engineers.

Despite Bill's efforts, his test scores made it clear he couldn't pass the qualifying exam. His orders were amended: he was sent to another radar training program in Tampa, Florida. Even though he lost two weeks of classes when he was hospitalized with mononucleosis, he completed the program and was given a radar squadron assignment. He was ordered to San Diego to join a radar squadron scheduled to go to the Pacific.

He would have preferred infantry. Bill's captain, formerly in infantry combat, realized Bill was not a good fit for radar and got him a place in a Camp Pendleton, California school on teaching military subjects. It was June 1945. The bombs were dropped on Japan two months later. He was assigned as a replacement military police officer in Guam. He resumed reserve status a year later and returned to the U.S.

In the interim, he had decided to change his career plans and re-enroll at Yale under the GI Bill as an engineering student. He had to scabble together enough money to stay in school, but he graduated in February 1949. From there he went for two weeks of reserve

training at Camp LeJeune in North Carolina, and was then assigned to the Marine Second

combatants. Bill and other reservists back in the U.S.



Bill Wallace (Photo by Lexi Crocco)

Division.

Meanwhile he had married his wife, Virginia Crotta, a West Haven resident he had met when both worked at the Faculty Club.

The couple headed to Detroit where Bill had been accepted into a two-year training program at Ford Motor Company. He went from reserve stand-by to the organized reserves. Fate again intervened: in June 1950, he read about fighting breaking out in Korea, and he sensed his own plans would again need to give way to military duty.

Although the U.S. had several divisions in Japan and Okinawa, these troops had been acting as occupational forces. They lacked combat experience, yet had to fight experienced North Korean and Chinese

were quickly ordered to Camp Pendleton and sent overseas. Bill was finally made an infantry officer. By the end of 1950, he was part of the U.S. fighting forces in Korea. He took part in what became known as the "Battle of the Reservoir" in North Korea and as one of the great battles of the Marine Corps. Bill, a captain by April 1951, was finally on the front lines as the second commander of a rifle squadron.

He was wounded a month later when an 81-mm mortar blew up in a nearby tree. Pieces of it lodged in his neck, shoulder and knee. He was helicoptered to a military hospital in Japan where he remained for two months. By the time he was discharged, he had been given command of a company. He was returned to the U.S. in 1951 and promoted to the rank of major in the Marine Reserves. He served in the Reserves until he retired in 1960. He had lived up to his patriotic duty in sickness and in health.

After returning to work at Ford Motor Company, Bill went on to positions at Whirlpool and Winchester Western. He later retired from his career as a self-employed consultant.

News & Events

Obituaries

Juliette Elaine Winfield Downes Arena

Juliette Elaine Winfield Downes Arena, 91, of Orange passed away at home surrounded by her loving family on Wednesday September 27, 2017.

She was born in Bridgeport, August 20, 1926, daughter of the late Francis L. Winfield and Julia McQuillan Winfield. She was the loving mother of

and being loved by everybody who knew him. A loving husband, stepfather, brother, uncle, and step-grandfather, Mr. Braccio is survived by his loving wife Katherine Twigg Braccio, stepchildren Casey, Morgan, Ben and Noah Johnson all of Milford, sisters Mary Fanzutti and her husband Robert of Naugatuck, Joyce Bonadies and her husband Art

enjoyed swimming, and spending time with friends and family, especially her nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews, who will all miss her "heart of gold," steadfast love, ready smile, upbeat outlook on life, and caring spirit.

Dave's family wishes to thank the many friends and caregivers who helped increasingly in recent years, with a special thank you to Nomusa Sikhosana, his constant aide and companion.

Perry Perkins

Perry C. Perkins, age 74, of St. Petersburg, FL, formerly of Milford, passed away on September 27, 2017 in Florida. He was born on January 19, 1943 in Milford to the late Frank and Genevieve Ellison Perkins. He proudly served in the US Marines and before retiring, was employed as a welder for the Boilermakers Union #237. Mr. Perkins is survived by his brother Frank Perkins of Milford, sisters Dianne Beckech and her husband Ronald of Florida, Sally Perkins and Beverly Perkins both of Milford and several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he is predeceased by his brothers Cleveland, Wayne and Alan Perkins.

Peter John Riccio

Peter John Riccio of Orange, formerly of West Haven, passed away suddenly on October 6, 2017 in Yale New Haven Hospital. He was born in New Haven, March 5, 1927, son of the late Clemente and Ausilia Acampora Riccio. He was the devoted husband of Justine "Jessie" D'Attoma Riccio. He was the proud father of his 3 loving children, Peter (Sydney) Riccio of California, David Riccio of West Haven, Paula (Chris) Vallie of Orange. Peter "Poppie" was a proud grandfather of Alyssa (JJ) VanAman, Alexa Vallie, Tyler Vallie, Kristin Riccio, Rachel Riccio, David Riccio and great-grandson, Jayden. Dear brother of the late Gabriel, Clement, Joseph, James, Anthony and sisters Carmel Acampora, Maggie Cappella, Ceil Starkweather, and Josephine Armellin. He was survived by many loving nieces and nephews. He joined the Merchant Marines in search of his brother Gabriel, who was in combat in the Philippines during World War II. He later proudly served in the Army in the Korean War. Peter worked for Sperry and Barnes, Knudsen, Sealtest and Marcus Dairies. He later worked for Hy's Livery Service until his retirement in 1991. He spent many years coaching the Annex Little League Baseball and West Haven Midget Football. Peter's purest joy was spending time with his grandchildren and family. Christmas Eve was his favorite time to be together. He lived a happy life and was loved by all. We will miss him dearly.

Anthony M. Romano, Sr.

Anthony M. Romano Sr., 69, of Milford, passed away on October 3, 2017. He was born on December 30, 1947, in Derby, Connecticut and relocated to Milford. He was son of the late Joseph and Florence Marra Romano, and brother to the late Alfred, Jim, Joe, and John, as well as Raymond, his only living sibling. In his youth, Tony served as an altar boy at Holy Rosary Church. He graduated from Milford High School and attended Sacred Heart University, as well as the University of Cincinnati, where he received a BBA in finance. Tony earned his Juris Doctorate from University of Louisville. Tony played an integral role in his family's renowned business, Mama Romano 6 Son's Bakery and Foods. He also had 30 years of experience in entertainment, finance, and software development. He was a member of the Milford Chamber of Commerce and active in the Milford community. He also sat on the board of The Boys and Girls Village of Connecticut. He is survived by Sharon Carlson Romano, the love of his life for 50 years, and his four children, who were his pride and joy: Marcella Romano; Jennifer Bayles; Anthony Romano II; and Christy Rooney. He also has eight beloved grandchildren: Dominic, Christopher, Coel; Penelope, Luna, Anthony, Luca, and Isabella.

Pamela Ann Rosinus

Pamela Ann Rosinus, a White Plains, NY resident and former longtime Milford, CT resident, died October 4, 2017 at the age of 73.

She was born January 22, 1944 in Baltimore, MD.

Pamela worked at the Milford Hospital for several years. During her time there, she entered an essay contest and won the Healthcare Hero Award. She was also an enthusiastic member of the Milford Yacht Club along with her mother, Harriet Rosinus.

Pamela is survived by her sister, Alison Brown of Sarasota, FL, a brother, Ted Armstrong of White Plains, NY and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a brother, Ned Rosinus.

William J. Dooley, Sr.

William J. Dooley, Sr., 91, of Elim Park, Cheshire, previously of Milford for 60 years, beloved husband of the late Jean Thibault Dooley, passed away peacefully on October 6, 2017. Born on April 26, 1926 in Bridgeport, he was the son of the late William and Margaret Dooley Fortin.

William served in the US Navy during WW II serving in the Pacific theatre aboard the USS Dauphin APA 97. He was a member of St. Mary Parish, St. Mary Holy Name Society, the Knights of Columbus and was a mentor for Junior Achievement. He retired as a purchasing manager for Allison Abrasives of Shelton after serving 37 years with the company. Among his many attributes, he is best known for his genuine kindness, sense of humor and love of his family.

William was predeceased by his brother James Dooley. William is survived by his children, Katherine (Thomas) Golembeski, Patricia (Kenneth) Beckley, William (Kathleen) Dooley, and Joseph (Valerie) Dooley; grandchildren, Thomas (Kelly) Golembeski, Karen (David) Dimitriou, Kenneth (Jennifer) Beckley, Elizabeth (James) Rumbaugh, Sarah (Eric) Griffin, Meghan (Ralph) Davidson-Palmer, Erin, William, Christopher and Emily Dooley; great-grandchildren, Hannah, Jackson and Cayden Griffin, Kevin Beckley, Madeline and Josephine Dimitriou, Miles and Oliver Rumbaugh and many loving nieces and nephews.

Thomas J. Iadarola Sr.,

Thomas J. Iadarola Sr., 75 of Milford died suddenly Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at his home. He was the son of the late Lucille Pospur Iadarola. He is survived by his sons Thomas J. Iadarola Jr., Stephen A. Iadarola and his grandchildren Christopher Iadarola, Corie Iadarola and Marissa Adams Iadarola. Also survived by several nieces and nephews.

David J. Maier

J. David Maier, aged 89, of Milford, CT passed away peacefully at home on October 7, 2017. Loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, teacher, coach, Master Gardener, author, and natural leader, Dave was born on March 22, 1928 in Chicago, IL. He was the son of Leonard C. and Helen (Sweet) Maier, grew up in LaGrange, IL, and moved with his family to Milford, CT when he was 13. Dave attended Milford High School as a freshman, where he met the love of his life, Anne Beach. He graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1945 and from Williams College in 1948. Dave and Anne were married in 1949 and lived in Manlius, NY where he taught at The Manlius School, a respected military academy for boys. During this time, Dave received a Masters' Degree from Syracuse University. In 1953, they moved back to Milford and Dave worked for a short time for his father and uncle at Ward Maier & Co. He quickly went back to teaching and had a long career teaching English, first at Amity Regional High School in the 1950's and then at New Canaan High School. In the 1970's, Dave went into school administration, including time spent as Assistant and then Interim Superintendent of Schools in New Canaan. In retirement, Dave studied landscape architecture, became a certified Master Gardener, was an early proponent of organic gardening methods (which included many hundreds of trips to a nearby horse barn to collect super valuable soil fertilizer), and enjoyed golf, tennis, and walking. Anne and Dave spent many winters in Fort Myers, Florida where they volunteered for ECHO, a Christian-based global organization that equips people with agricultural resources and skills to reduce hunger and improve the lives of the poor. Up until the day before he died, vegetables and fruits from Dave's garden were harvested, packaged, and brought to the Orange Congregational Church each Sunday, where donations were collected and sent along to ECHO.

Dave is survived by his sons J. David Maier, Jr. (Tina) of Lewisburg, PA, Timothy R. Maier (Brigitte) of Norwalk, CT, Steven B. Maier (Priscilla Bremser) of Middlebury, VT and Peter C. Maier (Charlotte) of Huntington, CT, as well as eight grandchildren (Allison, Kristin, Eric, Carly, William, Jeffrey, Brian, Christine), and five great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Anne, his parents, his brother, Leonard C. Maier, Jr. of Fayetteville, NY, and by his beloved dog Ruthie.



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"Show me the manner in which a nation cares for its dead and I will measure with mathematical exactness the tender mercies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land and their loyalty to high ideals." – William Ewart Gladstone, Former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

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Audrey Downes Geer and mother in law of Timothy Geer of Orange and cherished grandmother of her beloved grandson, Patrick William Geer.

Elaine also is survived by her brother Francis E. (Anne) Winfield of San Diego, CA. She was preceded in death by her husband of 18 years, William F. Downes in 1974, and her husband of 25 years, Richard F. Arena in 2000. She was also predeceased by her sister Jane Winfield Danaher and her brothers, David V. Winfield, Thomas W. Winfield and Ronald V. Winfield.

For 22 years she was Finance Manager for the Town of Orange Visiting Nurse Association. After retirement she was a dedicated volunteer for many years, most notably as an IRS-AARP income tax preparer for the City of West Haven Senior Center. Also she had assisted the Town of Orange VNA at their blood pressure clinics for many years.

She will be missed by her loving extended family and many friends.

Helen Baggish

Helen Baggish, 94, of Milford, beloved wife of the late Paul Baggish, passed away peacefully on October 11, 2017. Born on April 24, 1923 in New Haven, she was the daughter of the late Bronslaus and Victoria Kulenski. Helen loved nature and the beach. She enjoyed taking walks at Walnut Beach as well as dancing at the concerts held at Fowler Field. She will be dearly missed. Helen is survived by her daughter, Sharon Sivek and her husband Michael; grandchildren, Scott and Erick Sivek; and siblings, Wanda Mangrum and Alfred Kulenski. She was predeceased by her brothers, Stanley, Edward, and Charles Kulenski; and sister, Genevieve Kulenski.

Michael James Braccio

Michael James Braccio, age 50, a lifelong Milford resident, passed away on October 1, 2017. He was born on May 27, 1967 to the late Eugene Braccio of Connecticut and Ann C. Kennedy of Florida. He was employed as a carpenter for the Carpenters Union Local 210. He will be remembered for his funny and witty personality, his devotion and talent for carpentry, being a very hard worker, dedication and love for his family, his extreme generosity, being an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan, for preserving with every challenge in his life

of Port St. Lucie, FL, step-granddaughter Isabella Johnson, mother-in-law Lucy Ceresa, brother-in-law Sonny Twigg, multiple nieces and nephews and his beloved dog Chloe. Beside his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers Anthony and Gene Braccio and sister Ann Braccio.

Barbara Chmielewski

Barbara Jean (Lawlor) Chmielewski, age 70, of Milford, beloved wife of 48 years to Henry J. Chmielewski, died on October 9, 2017 surrounded by her family. She was born in Bridgeport on July 15, 1947 to the late John and Alice Lawlor. Barbara graduated in 1965 from Notre Dame High School in Bridgeport and worked as a customer representative for Scott Insurance in Stratford for many years. She was a Milford Hospital Auxiliary volunteer for over ten years and volunteered making clothing for underprivileged African Children. She was also a member of the Women Redefining Retirement in Milford. Barbara loved to tap dance and square dance through the Milford Adult education program and enjoyed doing yoga classes at the Milford Senior Center. Survivors include her daughter, Leah Whitney, her grandchildren who lovingly called her "Nana," Michael and Jessica Whitney all of Milford and her great-grandson, who was the apple of her eye, Danny Whitney, two brothers: John Lawlor (Debbi) of Boca Raton, FL, and Brian Lawlor (Mary) of New Canaan and several nieces and nephews. Barbara was predeceased by her brother, Richard Lawlor.

Cynthia E. Cooper

Cynthia E. Cooper, age 54, loving wife of 29 years to Paul S. Cooper of Milford, passed away on October 6, 2017 at Milford Hospital. She was born in New Haven on January 19, 1963 to the late Robert and Dorothy Hamilton Warren. Along with her husband Paul, she is survived by her brothers; Steven Warren of Doylestown PA, and James Warren (Jane) of Hamden. She was predeceased by her brother Ronald Warren. Additional survivors are her nephew James (Maria) Warren and their children Isabella and Jacob, niece Kim (Eric) Sauter and their children Victoria and Eric Jr., and nieces Nicole Warren, and Haley Warren. Cynthia was a longtime Milford resident, having lived there for over 50 years. She worked as a phone operator for Home Depot and Lowe's. In her free time she

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Why Girl Scouting Works

by Mary Barneby

CEO, Girl Scouts of Connecticut

For more than 100 years, Girl Scouts has been the best leadership experience for girls, period.

Girl Scouting offers many outdoor adventures for its members. In addition to providing summer camp and troop camping opportunities, we just introduced 23 new STEM and outdoor badges to build outdoor and adventure skills, boost girl engagement in STEM, and encourage girls to challenge themselves in areas where they are underrepresented.

The issue of whether Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts offers more experience is actually much less important than why it is essential for others to learn and experience activities with other girls: there is still a critical need for single-gender learning experiences for girls in America today.

Single-gender learning offers girls the opportunity to fail in fields they might not feel comfortable experiencing in the presence of boys, who the girls might view as the natural "leaders" in those fields. Single-gender girl

experiences require that a girl (or girls) be the editor of the school paper, the student council president, the chair of the science or mathematics club. The girls realize they are able to have a seat at the table and are thereby more confident, self-assured, and ready to compete in the real world.

When Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouting in 1912, she wanted to create a global movement that would make the world better for girls. Her goal was to "level the playing field" so girls could get outside and ride horses, play basketball, and even wear pants. Sadly, the "playing field" is still not level and gender equality in many areas of the workforce still doesn't exist. Girls begin to shy away from math and other STEM disciplines as early as middle school.

The need for female leadership has never been clearer or more urgent than it is today—and only Girl Scouts has the expertise to give girls and young women the tools they need for success.

Girl Scouts works. We're committed to preparing the next generation of women leaders, and we're here to stay.

Scouting's Future With Boys And Girls

by Jeffery Cap

Cub Scout/Boy Scout Leader

The Boy Scouts of America made the historic decision to allow girls in scouting, which will change scouting from being mostly a boy and father/mother association to more of a family association.

As a leader of a Cub Scout pack, I have always included scouts' sisters and parents when hosting various events, such as pinewood derby, overnight camping trips, and hiking. I believe the Girl Scouts will lose a few girls, but I believe both organizations can continue to stay alive. This may also lead to losing some scouts in the BSA, as not everyone has the same views.

Now that I am also a leader for a Boy Scout unit, I see sisters watch their brothers being dropped off at camping events. Some comment that they wish they could stay and participate. I have had several mothers and

fathers over the last two years come to me and ask if girls can join, or if they will ever be accepted to scouting so that they can camp and hike on trails as well. I ask them why they don't do that with Girl Scouts, and the response is often that they want their children to be together and share activities together. With more families involved with school events, sports, church and now scouting today, it's much easier for parents to drop off both kids at the same location. Scouting does a great job at making sure every leader is properly trained and has youth protection training. My hope is that this change positively impacts the youth.

The leaders are positive role models and do their best to teach the youths positive living skills, no matter the gender. I believe everyone should have equal scouting experiences in today's world.

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the current Beth-El Center stands, and relocated several more times until landing on their current location in May 2008 in a building that was once a part of the old Milford Academy.

“There are certain groups that have been with us since the beginning: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts joined us in 1957 when we started, as was Bridges, which was known as the family and child guidance clinic then,” said Johnson. “The Salvation Army, Red Cross—a lot of the national agencies were with us from the beginning.”

At the time, a large part of the funding for the United Way came from the manufacturing sector of the city, with large companies leading a workplace campaign in which donations were obtained from payroll deductions from employees in factories. These payroll deductions, along with corporate gifts, sustained the early era of the United Way. Johnson cited the manufacturing sector’s donations as “our lifeblood” for the time.

As time went on and some companies and factories began to close, the United Way diverted its attention to the service industry, which according to Johnson has become more prevalent in recent years.

“I think everyone has gotten savvier towards obtaining funding because in some areas funding has gotten tighter and in some areas funding has dried up,” said Johnson. “You talk about state grants, federal grant money; they have had to streamline more and tighten things up.”

The United Way has also had to adapt to a societal change in the area. Johnson commented that “as far as issues, I would say mental health issues and substance abuse

issues have changed. We’ve been hearing about how the opioid epidemic has grown in the last few years. That’s been a big change as far as the services we support.”

Along with long-time partner Bridges Healthcare, the United Way has welcomed the Milford Prevention Council in the last few years to educate the public about the dangers of substance abuse and tools for prevention.

When asked to provide his personal highlights and memories over his 39 years, Johnson modestly recounted that when the United Way first started, the goal was to raise \$100,000. This year, the goal is \$900,000.

“One event that really stands out to me was our first \$1 million-dollar campaign in 1987, said Johnson. “Two women were leading our organization at the time. One was Susan Cody, who was the chairman of our board at the time; and Jody Culmone, who was an insurance salesperson and our campaign chair. They helped raise \$1 million dollars for the first time. At our kickoff that year our special kickoff speaker was Sally Jesse Raphael, who was broadcasting her show from WTNH in New Haven at the time.”

According to Johnson, the United Way of Milford has “probably raised between \$35 and \$50 million dollars that we’ve put back into the community over the 60 years we’ve been in business.” While the organization remains a leader in distributing money to those in need, Johnson points out that the needs are always increasing, especially in tough economic times.

“When you donate, you are supporting 20 local agencies,” said Johnson. “When you donate, all of the money stays here in Milford, going towards our friends, neighbors and relatives who are also in need.”



NBC Connecticut’s Heidi Voight and United Way President and CEO Gary Johnson at the United Way Kickoff Event on September 27 (Photo by Joseph Weathered)



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cuts. As a result, Orange residents, including our seniors, will be left to fund this shortfall.

Based on my own experience with my parents, I have personal knowledge about the hardships facing our seniors. These include financial hardships, healthcare concerns, and a loss of independence. Protecting our seniors from the potential consequences of such uncertainties continues to be a top priority of my administration.

After I was first elected, my administration reviewed all of the available senior tax abatement programs and enhanced these programs to provide as many opportunities for senior and veteran property tax relief that the law permits.

Over the last few years, my administration sought and obtained a \$3 million grant to address the needed renovations to Silverbook Senior Housing. This facility provides great services to its residents and provides families

with options for senior family members. We continue to explore opportunities for age restricted housing to meet the demands of an expanding aging population.

Orange remains desirable to our seniors because of the great quality of life that we all share. Programs for our seniors include elderly outreach services, transportation services, exercise programs, classes, trips and more.

Maintaining strong fiscal policies will allow us to continue to improve our town's services for all residents. We are making improvements to our community center with minimal impact on taxes. I will continue to propose reasonable town budgets that maintain a steady tax base so that we continue to meet the needs of our entire population.

I ask for your continued supported and vote on November 7th so that we can continue moving Orange forward.

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affordable, assisted living facilities, and much needed upgrades to the senior citizen center. They have been ignored for far too long, and we need to take action to help the back bone of Orange feel included once more.

Open forums for suggestions, as well as an email address that the citizens can utilize and send their concerns to, would help ensure that their voices don't go unheard. We have had both Republican and Democratic leadership over many years, and instead of coming together as one, the parties continue to fight one another rather than focusing on the good of Orange, regardless of political standpoints.

We are focused on what each party can do for our town as a whole, but a constant disconnect with the town leadership and the community members hinders this. I am focused on keeping our community members informed, and I will ensure that their input

is heard so that the town can be driven on constant success and strong leadership, stemming from the general public.

Our state is on the decline with budget problems and leadership issues, but I will do whatever is necessary to make sure that our town is able to overcome these obstacles, which starts by ensuring our working-class heroes, who have built this town from the ground up, are included and heard from.

New independent leadership that takes orders and advice from the community members it serves is something that can't come from either the Republican or the Democratic Party.

If you want to see positive change for a rapid changing future, vote Alex DeAngelo November 7th 2017

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their volunteer time. But is our town properly serving them? Are we looking to the future when their numbers will only increase (and we ourselves will join their ranks) and planning accordingly? I don't think so.

In speaking with many seniors, their biggest concern is residing in housing that they can afford. Many want to stay in their homes, but worry whether they can do so when on a fixed income and facing rising property taxes, the spiraling cost of maintenance and little public transportation. If they need to sell their home, can they afford to stay in Orange? Other than a few senior apartments and condos, the only options are very costly or located out of town.

All Orange residents contribute to the town's facilities and services through their taxes. Frankly, I don't think our seniors are getting their money's worth. We have been "fixing" our Senior Center at High Plains

Community Center for over eight years. Yet other area towns like Milford, Madison and Guilford have attractive, functional community centers that put ours to shame. One of my first priorities will be to seek funding to upgrade HPCC to the same standard as our schools, sports fields and library.

Orange seniors need not only better facilities, but expanded services. We need a holistic and proactive team approach to the challenges seniors face that addresses transportation, health care, home safety and social concerns. As First Selectman, I will prioritize a robust system of services and facilitate the development of affordable housing or assisted living options for seniors. Our seniors deserve much better than what they are currently receiving and I will make sure they get it.

Get In Touch Foundation's 13th Annual 'Pretty In Pink' Brunch



Attendees gathered at the Get in Touch Foundation's "Pretty in Pink" brunch on October 18 at the Great River Golf Club (Photo by Joseph Weathered)

The Get in Touch Foundation held their 13th Annual "Pretty In Pink" Brunch Oct. 8 at the Great River Golf Club in Milford. The event was attended by 190 people and was hosted by NBC Connecticut's Heidi Voight.

This year, Get In Touch honored two women with the "Woman of Strength" Award. Andrea Torre, currently working as the resident hairdresser at the Smilow Cancer Hospital, received the Survivor Award and Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist Diane Erdos received the Healing Team Award.

Get in Touch also debuted a third award, the "Hope Lives" award which went to Harry Garafalo, Owner and President of Garafalo

Markets, LLC. The award is presented to an individual or group that helps the Foundation continue doing the work they do.

Attendees were also treated to a brunch, a silent auction and the chance to purchase a Limited Edition GUESS Watch, which were made to support the Get In Touch Foundation, with 100% of the watch sales the the brunch going to Get In Touch. Get in Touch President Betsy Nilan closed out the event by detailing the accomplishments of the organization over the last year, as well as the plan for the future, which included a preview of the Foundation's new website for the first time.

'Party In The Stacks' Set For Oct 21

On Saturday, Oct 21 from 7pm to 10pm, the Milford Library will be in costume, transformed into an enchanted forest for the Party in the Stacks! Presented by the Friends of the Milford Library, Legendary DJ Brian Smith will guide the festivities. The fundraiser promises a treasure hunt designed by renowned author and New York Times puzzler Eric Berlin, music provided by The DJ Company, delectable food catered by Christopher Martins and

a costume contest. People can bid on 40 lots of silent auction items, including a South African safari for two or four. Online bidding has already started and will be available until noon on October 20 with final bidding at the Party itself.

Party in the Stacks! will be held at the Milford Library on Saturday, October 21 from 7pm to 10 pm. A limited number of tickets, which are \$50, are available on the library's website or at the circulation desk.

For More On Party In The Stacks, Including Pictures, Visit www.TheOrangeTimes.com



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