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The Town of Orange is vibrant and dynamic, with many businesses and volunteers who make it a fantastic place to live, work and visit. We hope this first-ever guide to the town, published by The Orange Times in collaboration with the Valley Publishing Company, will help you discover all that Orange has to offer. The guide includes a who’s who in town government, listings of clubs and services, and information about the various businesses in and around Orange.

The Town of Orange is very proud of the municipal programs and amenities offered to our residents. My staff is committed to providing knowledgeable and friendly service to all those who visit our facilities. Our school system remains steadfast in its mission to ensure that all children achieve academic excellence in a safe and supportive environment in order for them to become life-long learners. The Town of Orange’s economic future is bright, with new businesses being developed alone the Boston Post Road as well as Edison Road.

I encourage everyone to visit the town website at www.orange-ct.org to keep apprised of current town events and happenings. You can also subscribe to receive electronic notifications regarding town announcements, calendar events, meeting agendas or employment opportunities.

I would like to conclude by thanking our local businesses who helped make this guide viable. Their advertising dollars also aid the Give Something Back Foundation in providing college scholarships and mentoring to those facing economic hardship and other adversities. Without the support from these businesses, this publication would not have been achievable.

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Orange: A Modern Town With Historic Character

By Brandon T. Bisceglia

The area now known as Orange was originally settled by the Paugussett group of the Algonquian people. The Paugussetts inhabited much of Connecticut’s shoreline from near present-day Bridgeport to West Haven. The earliest white settlers called the area that included Orange Wepawaug, a Native American word meaning “small crossing place.”

According to Mary R. Woodruff’s “History of Orange, North Milford, Connecticut, 1639-1949,” the Paugussett had several substantial settlements in the area of Orange, including a fort and a burial ground at Turkey Hill.

The land that would become Orange was settled as part of Milford by European colonists and incorporated in 1639. That year the Rev. Peter Prudden purchased the land for six coats, ten blankets, one kettle, twelve hatchets, twelve hoes, two dozen knives and a dozen small mirrors.

As the central part of Milford became more populated, settlers continued to move to more rural sections, including “North Milford.” They slowly displaced the natives, though there are records of individuals who continued to live in the Turkey Hill section into the early 1800s.

One of the first areas settled in Orange, just north of where the Boston Post Road now runs, was known as Bryan’s Farms, named after the family of English settlers who moved there in the early 1700s. The Bryan-Andrew House, a historical museum-home on the National Register of Historic Places built around 1750, is maintained by the Orange Historical Society.

Colonial Milford, like all of Connecticut at the time, was defined by deeply religious “Puritan” institutions, centered around the Congregational Church.

By the early 1800s, Orange had become sufficiently populated and distinct from Milford that its residents requested political separation. In 1810, the Orange Congregational Church was built on Orange Center Road in the center of town, giving residents an alternative to traveling the long distances to attend services in Milford. In 1822, the Connecticut General Assembly granted Orange its own charter.

The town was named after William III of England, Prince of Orange. William III was seen as a hero of sorts in Connecticut, having succeeded James II after his defeat in the Glorious Revolution of 1688. James II was infamous for appointing Sir Edmond Andros as governor of New England. Connecticut had been the most politically independent of the colonies, and the appointment led to the famous “Charter Oak incident,” in which colonists hid the colonial charter from Andros’ attempts to seize it.

Throughout its history, Orange has largely retained its rural character. In the nineteenth century, the town included an eastern section abutting New Haven along the Boston Post Road. That area urbanized faster than the rest of the town, though, and in 1921 broke off into what is now West Haven.

The other major road that runs through Orange is Route 34, once known as the Derby Turnpike because it connected the city of Derby with New Haven. It was built over a path originally used by the Native Americans. It was a toll road through most of the 1800s, with the toll house located in the Orange portion of the route.

Orange received a train station in 1871 when the New Haven and Derby Railroad ran through it. In the early 1900s, a trolley service also connected the two cities, running directly through Orange.

Today, the Metro-North Railroad passes through Orange; the town has petitioned for a stop for years, though none has been built.

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Orange was a location for the permanent deployment of Nike missiles for the defense of greater New Haven during the Cold War. The former site is now home to the 103rd Air Control Squadron, part of the Connecticut Air National Guard.

Orange’s 17.2 square miles are bordered by the Housatonic River to the west; Derby to the northwest; Woodbridge to the north; New Haven to the northeast; West Haven to the east; and Milford to the south.

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, 13,956 people live in the town. The town was 94.08 percent White, 0.79 percent Black or African American, 0.08 percent Native American, 3.84 percent Asian, 0.01 percent Pacific Islander, 0.32 percent from other races, and 0.88 percent from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino peo-

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The Orange Conservation Commission. From left: Cindy Ruggeri, Donna Wesoloski, Deb Satonick, Robert McCorkle

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ple of any race were 1.44 percent of the population. The median age was 43 years, and females made up slightly more than half the population.

The estimated median household income in 2016 was $112,351, significantly above the median household income in Connecticut as a whole. More than 95 percent of the population had at least a high school degree; 57.6 percent had a bachelor’s or higher; and 29.6 percent had a graduate or professional degree.

Orange runs under a selectman system of government, with a first selectman as the chair of a six-member board of selectmen. The current first selectman is James Zeoli.

The town’s budget, which in 2018-2019 was $69,885,168, is proposed in April by the Board of Finance and voted on in May via a town-wide referendum. Orange’s mill rate is currently 32.38.

The budget is split in three parts: town administration; the Orange Public Schools budget, which covers students through sixth grade; and Orange’s portion of the Amity Regional District No. 5 budget, which covers children in middle school through high school and is divided proportionally between Orange, Bethany and Woodbridge. The Amity budget is voted on by residents as a separate item from the town and public school budgets.

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Assessor’s Office
Tax Assessor:
Mark Branchesi
Assistant to Assessor:
Lawrence Patterson
Clerk – Assessor’s Office:
Kelly Kearney

The Assessor’s office, located in Town Hall, is responsible for discovering, listing and valuing all real property, business personal property and motor vehicles located within the town every Oct. 1.

The Assessor’s office also administers various state and local benefit programs for elderly, disabled homeowners, as well as veterans and legally blind residents.

The Assessor’s office is open Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Building Department
Building Official:
Lucian A. DiMeo
Secretary: Tracy Benedetto

Before a building permit is issued, approval from these departments may be necessary and submitted to the Building Department, located in Town Hall: Fire Marshal’s Office (excluding residential single-family homes); Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Commission; Town Plan and Zoning Commission; Town Sanitarian; Town Engineer; Water Pollution Control Authority.

Fee for all permits is as follows: $30.26 for the first thousand dollars; $10.26 for each additional thousand dollars; $50 for each Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Approval.

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The Building Department is open Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Community Services
Director of Community Services: Joan Cretella
Admin Assistant & Transportation Coordinator: Kimberly Callahan

The Community Services Department, located at High Plains Community Center, is responsible for planning, providing and coordinating social services for Orange residents of all ages. Community Services Department includes Senior Services, Outreach/Municipal Agent Services, Special Needs Services, Transportation Services, Behavioral Health Services through Bridges Health Care, Food Bank and Fuel Assistance, Elderly Nutrition Program, Volunteer Opportunities for residents of all ages.

Every year Community Services organizes a gift-giving event for our resident families and elderly in need. The identities of our recipients are kept confidential for their privacy. Community Services asks Orange residents to adopt one of our families/elderly residents or to donate whatever they can.

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. Also requested are grocery gift cards for perishable items and decorated food baskets, containers, boxes, bags, etc. for residents to help them with their food needs.

Community Services is open Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Community Assistance Fund
The Community Assistance Fund may be used to assist residents including, but not limited to, emergency fuel assistance, holiday gift and food baskets, groceries, and financial assistance on a special case by case basis. Fund distribution approval is dependent on funding availability at the time of request.

Eligibility Requirements: Must be a verified resident of Orange; applicants must present supporting documentation to verify income as well as a signed personal statement of need; to be considered eligible, total household income should not exceed 60% of the State of Connecticut median income for a household with a member age 60 or older, disabled, or age 6 or less. All other household income should not exceed 200% of the federal poverty line.

Community Emergency Response Team
The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program helps train and equip citizens to be prepared to help themselves and their neighbors in the event of a disaster, crisis, or common emergency.

The Orange CERT course is taught in town by a trained team of professional first responders who have completed a course conducted by the State Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Training for CERT instructors include disaster preparedness and psychology, fire suppression, advanced first aid and medical operations, search and rescue, the characteristics of biological, Continued on Page 42
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nuclear, chemical, and incendiary events, and team organization and deployment.

Emergency Management
Director, Emergency Management: Fred Palmer
Deputy Director, Emergency Management: Faustino (Tino) Russo

The Emergency Management Department, formally the Civil Preparedness Department, is responsible for ensuring to the best of their ability the safety of the residents of the town of Orange, and continuity of services after a disaster. Both the Emergency Management Director and Deputy Director serve the town on a volunteer basis. Their duties include:

1. Coordinate the Town’s response to all emergency conditions and potential incidents which would require a multi-agency response, including but not limited to severe weather, threats from natural hazards and disasters, power and other service outages, explosions, acts of terrorism and other emergency conditions and incidents which affect public health and safety.

2. Monitor potential emergency conditions and potential incidents which may require a multi-agency response.

3. Coordinate and implement training programs for public safety and health, including emergency response drills, to prepare for emergency conditions and potential incidents that may require a multi-agency response.

4. Prepare plans for responding to emergency conditions and potential incidents, including but not limited to the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) for the implementation of emergency orders as may approved by the Town’s Chief Executive to protect public safety and facilitate the rapid response and mobilization of agencies and resources.

5. Make recommendations to the Town’s CEO concerning the town’s emergency response capabilities and the Town’s capacity to address potential emergency conditions and incidents.

6. Increase public awareness as to the appropriate responses by members of the public to emergency conditions and potential incidents to increase the population’s level of preparedness and the town’s overall resilience in times of emergency.

7. Operate an emergency operations center (EOC) to assist the town in managing emergency conditions and potential incidents that may require a multi-agency response.

8. Hold regular and frequent meetings of the Emergency Management Advisory Council (EMAC) composed of designated representatives from emergency response departments that have a direct or support role in the town’s management of emergency conditions and incidents.

9. Acquire funding; federal, state, or otherwise, for emergency management, including but not limited to disaster relief and civil defense, and assist other agencies in obtaining such funding.

10. Coordinate with all town agencies to ensure that all agencies develop and implement emergency response plans consistent with the LEOP.

11. Coordinate with the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) and other governmental bodies to effectuate the purposes of the department.

12. Coordinate and chair the Emergency Management Advisory Council (EMAC).

13. Coordinate recruitment and development of volunteer support of the LEOP, provide support and oversight of the Orange Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Emergency Management Advisory Council
The Emergency Management Advisory Council (EMAC) meets monthly to review incidents that have occurred, as well as prepare for those that have not. A review of each department that plays a vital part in the safety for Orange residents as well as provide continuity after an emergency event and their plan is conducted to ensure all departments work together towards a common goal. The EMAC is comprised of the following members: Director of Emergency Management; Deputy Director of Emergency Management; Police Chief; Fire Chief; Fire Marshal; Facilities Director, Orange Board of Education; Town Health Director; Orange Visiting Nurses Association; Community Services Director; Town Sanitarian; Public Works Director/Crew Chief; Community Emergency Response Team Leader; Board of Health Chairman; Air National Guard; Director of Operations, American Medical Response; American Red Cross; and Emergency Management Logistics personnel.

In addition to the members of the EMAC, others are invited as guests to provide insight to assist in ensuring a smooth transition to normal status.

Environmental Health Division
Town Sanitarian: Brian Slugoski
Assistant Sanitarian: Lori Romick

The Environmental Health Division collects fees for permits and licenses and oversees environmental health issues, including: subsurface sewage disposal systems; food service establishments; daycares, group homes and schools; cosmetology, massage, and tattoo establishments; lead poisoning prevention; private drinking water wells; temporary food service events; home heating oil fuel tanks; and tickborne diseases.

Family Counseling
Orange Family Counseling is a town funded service of Orange Community Services. The services are administered through a contract with Bridges Health Care located in Milford. Behavioral health services are available to Orange residents, children, and families. Counseling services are available for children and families which include individual counseling, drug and alcohol services, special support and self-help groups.

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Finance Department
Director of Finance and Administration:
John M. Cifarelli
Assistant Finance Director:
Audrey Geer
Accounts Payable Clerk:
Karin Lewis
Payroll Clerk: Leda Keeney

The Finance Department, located in Town Hall, is responsible for recording and reporting on the financial activities of the town and ensuring that all financial transactions are conducted and recorded in accordance with applicable laws, generally accepted accounting principles and town policies. The following are some of the duties performed in completing the department’s responsibilities: approving all invoices and contracts prior to payment; approving and issuing purchase orders; development of the annual town budget; disbursing employee payroll funds; disbursing funds for payments to suppliers; maintaining detailed account records by fund for all town departments, including budgeted and actual revenues and budgeted and actual expenditures.

The Finance Department is open Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Fire Marshal’s Office
Fire Marshal:
Timothy P. Smith
Deputy Fire Marshal:
James Vincent
Fire Inspector:
Michael Knight
Administrative Assistant:
Beverly Appley

The staff of the Orange Fire Marshal’s Office consists of a full-time fire marshal, a full-time deputy fire marshal, two part-time fire inspectors, and a part-time administrative assistant. The staff is charged with performing various duties, many of which are mandated by the Connecticut General Statutes. These duties include inspection of all properties, with the exception of one and two-family homes. The fire marshal is required to perform investigations as they pertain to the cause and origin of fires that occur in the Town of Orange. The staff is mandated to issue permits for hazardous operations, which include but are not limited to the installation of permanent propane tanks and piping, heating fuel storage tanks, gasoline and diesel fuel storage tanks, blasting permits, and commercial fireworks displays. In addition to these mandated functions, the fire marshal’s office staff offers public fire prevention education programs to all who request a presentation.

All uniformed personnel attend many hours of training each year. Training courses include the latest fire safety code theories, building construction procedures, fire investigation courses, fire protection systems, and many other subjects. The courses attended are in various locations throughout the state, as well as courses that have been offered at the National Fire Academy in Emmittsburg, MD. Fire marshals, deputy fire marshals, and fire inspectors are required to maintain a minimum of 30 hours of training in the field of fire prevention, hazardous materials operations and processes, and proper fire investigation procedures per year to maintain certification through the State of Connecticut Department of Public Safety.

In addition to attending many courses throughout the year, both Fire Marshal Smith and Deputy Fire Marshal Vincent are certified through the Connecticut State Fire Academy as Fire Service Instructors. As such, the fire marshal and his deputy develop and deliver fire prevention and fire suppression programs to many of the fire departments in New Haven and Fairfield counties.

Health Department
Director of Health:
Amir Mohammad MD, MPH
The function of the Orange Health Department, located at 605A Orange Center Road, is to provide for the protection of health and the promotion of human comfort and well-being of town residents. To accomplish this task, the department is organized into two

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The Orange Volunteer Fire Department is incorporated fire departments in the State of Connecticut. Active members are on-call to serve the community on a 24-hour/ seven-day basis, dispatching.

The Orange Senior Center, located at High Plains Community Center, is committed to promoting independence, creativity, sound physical and emotional health, and life-long learning for persons over the age of 55. The center provides opportunities for education, cultural development, socialization, and community services. Non-residents are welcome to join for an annual fee.

The Orange Senior Center offers a lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.–noon. A $3 donation is suggested for persons 60 years and over. To register call before 1 p.m. the day before 203-891-4765. There no meals available Saturday or Sunday.

The Orange Senior Center is open Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Orange Visiting Nurses Association
Director: Lisa Pimenta, RN
The Orange Visiting Nurses Association, founded in 1937, is an “official” agency of the Town of Orange. Prior to 1987, it was known as the Orange Public Health Nursing Service. It is licensed by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health as a full-service Home Health Agency and is certified by Medicare and Medicaid. The OVNA is a member of the Connecticut Association for Home Health Care. The agency provides comprehensive home health care services as well as health promotion, health education and school health programs to the residents of Orange.

The OVNA provides skilled nursing; physical, occupational and speech therapy; medical social services; and home health aides to the homebound residents of Orange, Milford, West Haven and Woodbridge. Nutritional counseling is also available, which will be provided by a registered dietitian.

School health services are provided to the Orange elementary schools.

Blood pressure screenings are offered on the third Thursday of every month at the OVNA office in the Clark Building at 605A Orange Center Road, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. This offers residents an opportunity to have their blood pressure monitored or to receive information and/or counseling on health-related matters. These sessions are conducted by a registered nurse and/or a licensed practical nurse; screenings are free and no appointment is necessary. In addition, “Health Chats” are being held throughout the year at the Orange Senior Center. Check their bulletin for dates and times.

The OVNA also conducts flu vaccination clinics in the fall. The OVNA has health information on a variety of topics and staff members are available to speak before community groups.

The School Health Program for the Town’s four elementary schools is also under the direction of the OVNA. A registered nurse is assigned full-time to each of these schools. Amy Wargo, RN is the School Nurse Supervisor for each of the four elementary schools in the Town of Orange.

The OVNA is open Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. An emergency on-call nurse is available 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

Orange Volunteer Fire Association, Inc.
Fire Chief: Vaughan Dumas
Deputy Chief: Charles Sherwood
Assistant Chief: Mike Esposito
Assistant Chief: Dan Johnson
The Orange Volunteer Fire Department is one of the few remaining all-volunteer incorporated fire departments in the State of Connecticut. Active members are on-call to serve the community on a 24-hour/ seven-day basis, dispatching.

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from two stations: Station 1 at 625 Orange Center Road and Station 2 at 355 Boston Post Road. During 2009, the OVFD firefighters responded to 460 alarms with an average arrival time of less than five minutes.

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The Orange Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. is always looking for new members. To join, you must be 18 years of age, reside in Orange or the neighboring towns and cities of Milford, West Haven, Woodbridge or Derby, pass a physical exam, have a valid Connecticut driver’s license and a high school diploma or equivalent.

Orange Volunteer Fire Association Auxiliary
The Orange Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary provides non-firefighting support to the department, including fundraising, social functions and/or rehab. The auxiliary was formed in 1995 and currently has 25 members. Meetings are held nine times per year at Station 1. One of those meetings is the Annual Dinner meeting, held at the restaurant of members’ choice. Meetings are held the third Monday of the month starting at 7:30 p.m.

Most of what the auxiliary does is fundraising. It has five major fundraisers: February is the Pancake Supper; June is the Pancake Breakfast; there is a pie sale at the annual carnival, and December is the Holiday Bake Sale at Treat Farm and Santa’s Helper. The auxiliary occasionally bakes or hosts an event for the Fire Department, such as at the Memorial Day Parade.

If you are interested in joining the auxiliary, please feel free to come to any meeting. Should you decide to join, annual dues are $5 and there is a $5 application fee made payable to OVFD Aux.

Outreach Worker/ Municipal Agent
Elderly Outreach Service Worker: Denise Stein
The Outreach Worker/Municipal Agent provides information, referrals, support and follow-up to Orange residents who are in need of assistance. Emphasis is directed toward problem solving, navigating systems, needs assessments, and assisting in securing benefits for Orange residents. The outreach worker is available for in-office appointments, home visits, as well as family conferences.

The Outreach Worker office hours are Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Office, Pool & Fitness Center
Director: Dan Lynch
Assistant Director:
Scott Bendell
Part-Time Staff:
Stephanie Middleton
Administrative Secretary:
Lynn Plaskowitz
Maintenance Supervisor:
Chris Small
Grounds Crew Chief:
Bob Stankye
Aquatics Supervisor:
Susan von Rabenstein
Parks & Recreation oversees a range of activities for adults and children, including sports leagues, story times for pre-school children, day and vacation camps, and the town pool, located at the High

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The Parks & Recreation Office is open Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Plan & Zoning Department
Zoning Administrator & Enforcement Officer: Paul Dinice
Administrative Assistant: Tammy Trantales
The Zoning Office is open Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

The Plan & Zoning Department enforces Orange’s zoning regulations, keeps records on the plan of conservation and development, issues certificates of zoning compliance, and collects fees for site plans, special permits and other development-related matters.

Police Department
Chief of Police: Robert Gagne
Assistant Chief of Police: Max Martins
Administrative Lieutenant: Heather LaRock
Administrative Assistant: Kathy Gulia
The Orange Police Department, located at 314 Lambert Road, has four divisions: Administration, Patrol, Investigative and Records. The department enforces local and state laws in the town of Orange, distributes police reports, collects traffic tickets, provides fingerprinting services for Orange residents or people being hired by the Town of Orange, responds to emergencies and collects anonymous tips related to crimes. The department processes the following permits: pistol permits, firearms discharge, consumption of alcohol on town property, vendors, peddlers, raffles, bazaars, massage establishments, masseurs/masseuses, adult-oriented businesses, and purchase of precious metals/stones.

Public Works
Town Engineer: Robert H. Brinton, P.E.
Public Works Office Manager: Sylvie Napoli
Public Works Secretary: Ann Denny
Services provided by the Public Works Department, located at Town Hall, include: AP and AR for all Town required services for bridges, buildings, roads, sewers, updated town maps, and tree warden services. The department also provides assistance to all other town departments; curbside residential recycling; engineering; evictions; hazardous waste disposal; highway and town building maintenance; reservations for High Plains Community Center use; sewer maintenance for commercial/industrial areas; special permits; storm drainage; and trash removal for municipal buildings. The Public Works Department oversees the Orange Transfer Station.

The Orange Transfer Station is free to all town residents. The transfer station is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Recycling
Orange offers multiple ways for residents to recycle. Many recyclables can go in the blue residential bins. There is also recycling at the town Transfer Station. The Orange Recycling Committee is dedicated to increasing recycling options.

Residential recycling pick-up is weekly, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. See map for which streets are on which day. Pick-up may be early in the day, so put your bin out the night before if desired. Face the bin towards the street as you see your neighbors have it.

Registar of Voters
Democrat Registrar: Janice Casey
Republican Registrar: Frederick Kendrick
The Registrar of Voters Office, located at Town Hall, is responsible for handling voter registrations and administering elections in the town. To apply for registration you must be a US citizens, live at the address you state as residence, be at least 18 years old on or before the next election, and not be convicted of a felony. Mail-in voter registration cards may be picked up at the Registrar of Voters Office, Town Clerk’s Office, Department of Motor Vehicles, libraries and “certain public assistance and social agencies” and from the Secretary of State’s office.

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Office is open Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Payments are accepted Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

**Tax Collector**
Tax Collector: Sandra D. Pierson

The tax collector is an elected position. The Tax Collector’s Office, located in Town Hall, is responsible for the billing and collection of taxes that comprise the majority of the town’s operating revenue. The office operates under the authority of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Taxes collected include real estate, business/personal property taxes and motor vehicle taxes.

Tax bills are scheduled to be mailed the last week in June, with the first installment due July 1. The final day to pay without interest or penalty will be August 1.

The Tax Collector office hours are Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

**Town Clerk**
Town Clerk: Patrick B. O’Sullivan II
Assistant Town Clerk: Mary Jane Whalen

The office of Town Clerk, located in Town Hall, provides many very important functions for the citizens of Orange. The Town Clerk is empowered and governed by the Connecticut State Statutes. The Town Clerk is elected to serve the public responsibly, act as an information center, maintain open accessibility, integrity and impartiality and act as a conduit and bridge between local and state government and the individual.

Areas of responsibility include: issuing and recording marriage licenses; record all records pertaining to births and deaths; publishing all legal notices; printing all appropriate election, primary and referendum material; certifying lists and party enrolled lists of electors; administering oaths to elected and appointed officials; registration of local government officials and notification to the Secretary of State; recording and maintaining town meetings and town records; commissions and committees filed schedule of agendas and minutes of meetings; conveyance of tax forms of all real estate sales; dog licenses and registration; reporting election and referendum results; responsibility for the town seal used on legal documents; maintaining records for liquor licenses; recording all notaries; and compliance with state records retention regulations.

The Town Clerk also provides and maintains an appropriate recording system for all documents regarding land within the Town of Orange for landowners, attorneys, title searchers, government agencies and the general public, and provides and maintains a system of survey maps as prescribed by state law.

The Town Clerk’s office hours are Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Recording hours are Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

**Town Hall**
Town Hall is located at 617 Orange Center Road. Town Hall is open Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

**Tracy Bunch**
Clerical Assistant/
Tracy Bunch Leader (a.m.): Marie Romano

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Transportation
Admin Assistant & Transportation Coordinator: Kimberly Callahan
The Town of Orange provides a transportation service for senior/handicapped residents. Residents who are eligible can apply by contacting the Transportation Coordinator. This service runs Monday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Tracey Bunch until 8:30 a.m.) and Tuesday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Twenty-four to forty-eight hours’ notice is required to schedule a ride. The program transports to Orange, Milford, West Haven, East Haven, New Haven, North Haven, Hamden, Derby, Shelton, Stratford, and additional local areas by request on a case by case basis. Suggested donations are $2 to Senior Center, $4 within Orange and $6 outside of Orange, all round-trip. Health Aides ride free.

The Transportation Office hours are Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Treasury Department
Town Treasurer: Arthur B. Williams III
Treasury Clerk: Mary Gagel
The Treasury Department, located in Town Hall, is responsible for the safekeeping and investing of all town funds, and the general accounting functions for the General Fund, Enterprise Funds, Internal Service Funds, and Special Purpose Funds. General duties include: deposits of all town funds; bank reconciliations; recording of all general and adjusting journal entries; maintenance of general ledger for all funds; projection of cash flow requirements and cash position planning; preparation of all federal and state payroll and labor related tax returns; and timely filing of payroll tax deposits.

The Treasury Department is open Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Youth Services
Youth Services Coordinator: Jessica Simone
Orange Youth Services, located at High Plains Community Center, promotes positive development in children and youth in grades K-12. Youth Services coordinates, plans, develops, and implements opportunities to enhance child development.

Orange Youth Services Job Bank matches pre-screened students, ages 13-16, to be employed by area residents to do a variety of jobs such as yard work, garden help, raking, snow shoveling, small painting, party helper, mother’s helper & more. For further information, call John at 203-891-4785.

Youth Services awards two $500 scholarships to two Orange students graduating from high school who will be going on to college. The grants are given to students who have shown excellence in academic achievement and participation in extra-curricula activities. A panel of respected, local residents decides on who the recipients will be.

The E-Parenting program provides speakers to present on a wide variety of important parenting related topics such as social media, home alone, bullying, basic child development and others. Sessions take place in the High Plains Community Center cafeteria and are recorded by Orange Government Access Television for airing on the OGAT public access station.

Youth Services offers volunteer opportunities to assist students in community service.

Youth Services is open Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
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In the Beginning

By Priscilla Searles

In 2022 Orange will celebrate its two hundredth birthday. Get ready to party, because it's bound to be a memorable event.

Orange, before incorporation, was part of Milford and was referred to as North Milford. Wishing to be separated from Milford, the town’s "official" founding occurred in May 1822, when a petition was presented to the General Assembly by members of both the North Milford (now Orange) and West Haven communities to be incorporated as a separate town. The first “official” day for the newly incorporated Town of Orange was May 28, 1822.

A committee was formed to find an appropriate name for the new town. Apparently there were no hard feelings concerning England because they looked across the pond to English monarch William of Orange for inspiration. They chose to honor him for the support he had given to the Connecticut colony in 1687. The official Town of Orange seal is, in fact, William of Orange’s coat of arms.

Orange’s earliest history can be traced back to the Rev. Peter Prudden and his company, who founded Milford (originally known as Wapawaug) in 1639. The group had been part of the Colony of New Haven but soon realized they needed their own settlement. Land for the new settlement was purchased from Ansantawae, a Paugussett Indian chief, reportedly for “six coats, ten blankets, one kettle, twelve hatchets, twelve hoes, two dozen knives, and a dozen small looking-glasses.” The sale also included a promise to protect the tribe from the Mohawks. The tribe’s village was located along the banks of the Wapawaug River, 10 miles west of New Haven. It took another five purchases to acquire the needed land. What is now Orange was simply a sparsely populated section located at the northern and eastern end of the new settlement.

One of the first areas to be settled in what would become Orange was a 208-acre site purchased by Richard Bryan, Jr., son of one of the founders of Milford. Located north of the original colony and later named North Milford, Bryan’s Farms was bound by the present day Orange Center Road, Old Tavern Road, Porter Lane and Lambert Road.

Life revolved around the church. In addition to social events, the church was where town meetings and court were held. North Milford residents had to travel four miles to Milford center to attend church services. In an attempt to avoid the difficult weekly trek, a 30-foot by 36-foot meetinghouse was constructed in 1792 at the north end of what is now the Town Green. But a meetinghouse didn’t solve the problem of a minister. The group was granted a minister for six Sundays. By 1796 it had been increased to twelve, hardly ideal.

It was clear to the North Milford residents that they needed independence. There was no idea of separation of church and state. Any group wishing to start a new church needed the permission of the Connecticut General Assembly. To understand
how complicated the situation was one has to know the law at that time. In 1725 the official church denomination of the Connecticut colony (the only allowable denomination) was an organization known as Congregationalism. This remained law until 1818, when a new state constitution was adopted.

On May 8, 1804, the town fathers petitioned the General Assembly in Hartford to form an Ecclesiastical Society. On February 24, 1805, Erastus Scranton, a Yale Divinity School student from Madison, began preaching.

Located in the south-eastern portion of Orange, West Haven remained part of Orange until 1921 when it was officially separated by act of the Connecticut General Assembly.

Today approximately 14,000 residents occupy Orange’s 17.2 square miles.

Orange’s original town seal was the crest of William of Orange.

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The Case Memorial Library director is Kathy Giotsas.

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To get a Case Memorial Library card, you must be a resident of Orange. If you live elsewhere in Connecticut you can use your up-to-date hometown public library card to borrow materials from the Case Memorial Library after completing a simple registration process.

To get a card, show a picture identification and proof of Orange residence. Your picture identification should be valid and include your current home address. Examples of acceptable picture identification include: a driver’s license or state identification; passport; military identification; resident alien card (green card); or student identification.

If your picture identification does not have your current address, please also bring one of the items listed below. The item needs to have your name and current address and should be dated within the past 60 days: a lease agreement for your home; utility bill; printed checks with your current address on them (no starter checks); pay check or stub; an Orange property tax bill or receipt; change of address order confirmation from the United States Postal Service; or business or legal correspondence with a mechanically generated address label.

To get your child a library card, you, as a parent or legal guardian, will need to show a picture identification and prove your current address. There is no age requirement for a child to get a library card; however, the child must be present to receive one.

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Most items borrowed from the Case Memorial Library can be returned to any public library in Connecticut. Items will be shipped back to the Case Memorial Library through Connecticar, a statewide delivery system. Items received through Connecticar will be checked in on the date they were returned by the borrower, as indicated on the return slip. Express books and express DVDs must be returned directly to the Case Memorial Library and are clearly marked as such. Express materials that are returned to any other library through the Connecticar system will accrue overdue fines until the items are received at the Case Memorial Library.

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As part of its service to the community, the Case Memorial Library provides study rooms for use by individuals and small groups and meeting rooms for use by not-for-profit groups and local government agencies. For-profit groups may use the meeting rooms for a fee.

The library provides space for discussion and study in two small study rooms that seat six people or less. Sign up for study rooms is available on a first-come, first-served basis during regular library hours. Rooms are available for one hour, though additional time may be granted if no other patrons are waiting.

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The Meeting Room is the perfect space for film screenings, lectures, and more. Located on the second floor of the library, the Meeting Room can accommodate many different seating arrangements for up to 75 people (150 standing). Amenities include WiFi access, a large screen and ceiling mounted projector, a DVD/BluRay player, microphones, a piano, and a podium.

The Conference Room is ideal for a more intimate group meeting or presentation. The room features four tables in a conference-style configuration with seating for up to 16 people. The room holds up to 24 additional chairs to accommodate presentations. The Conference Room is located on the second floor of the library. Amenities include WiFi access.

Reservations for the Meeting Room and Conference Room may be made for the current month, plus three months in advance. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with priority given to Library programs, library-affiliated groups, not-for-profit organizations, local government agencies, and for-profit groups, in that order. Reservations are not accepted for the Study Rooms.

All meetings must be free and open to the public. With the exception of books and other resources sold at library-sponsored activities, no products or services may be advertised, sold, or solicited. Groups may not advertise that meetings are sponsored, co-sponsored or approved by the library unless written permission is previously given by the Library Director. The Case Memorial Library will not provide storage of materials for any group. Alcoholic beverages may not be served or consumed on library property.

The Case Memorial Library has 22 computers available for public use. Public computers are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Sessions may be limited to 30 minutes in times of high demand.

The 16 public computers on the first floor of the Library are available for adults and students in grade seven or above. To use a public computer in the main computer area you only need to sign in on the registration sheet at the Circulation Desk.

The six public computers in the Children’s Department are available for children through sixth grade and their caregivers. Children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult when using the computers.

All public computers offer: Microsoft Office 2013 including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher; Mozilla Firefox, Internet Explorer, and Google Chrome for web browsing; and access to Ancestry.com and other premium Library subscriptions. Headphones must be used to listen to audio. A patron may bring their own headphones to use at the library. Computer files can be saved on a USB Flash drive or a CD.

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If you’re planning a visit to one of the museums, parks or zoos in the area, take advantage of the library’s collection of museum passes which offer free or discounted admission to 20 of the most popular cultural destinations in Connecticut and beyond. Many of the library’s museum passes are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Check out a museum pass using your library card and present the pass when you visit the museum to receive free or discounted admission. Passes can be checked out by any Connecticut library cardholder for a two-day period. Only one pass may be checked out per family at any given time. Passes may not be placed on reserve, but available passes can be held for up to one hour by calling the Circulation Desk. To inquire about availability, please check the library catalog by clicking the links on the website or calling the Circulation Desk at 203-891-2170.
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The Orange Public Schools serve approximately 1,200 students in grades K-6. The district’s facilities include Mary L. Tracy School which houses a full-day kindergarten and a pre-school program for approximately 166 students. Mary L. Tracy School in 1910 and opened as Orange Center School, a place that would instill a love of learning for future generations. Additions were made to the building in 1925 and in 1949, and on Nov. 18, 1956, the school was renamed to honor Mary L. Tracy in appreciation for her years of devoted service to the children of Orange as a teacher and principal. In 1989, the restored school was re-dedicated as an Early Childhood Center to meet the demands of a growing town and the educational needs of its children.

Mary L. Tracy School truly serves as “The Gateway to the Orange School System” because almost all of the town’s children begin their educational journey through its doors. The MLT Early Childhood Center offers a high-quality pre-school and extended day kindergarten program for Orange residents. It is here that students and their families first experience the hallmarks for which the Orange Elementary School System has always been known: a child-centered approach, academic excellence, and a strong partnership with parents and the community.

Built in 1969, The Peck Place School is a neighborhood school with approximately 350 students in grades one through six. The building has a distinctive architectural design which places the multimedia center as its focal point and hub of activity. Its central location makes it readily accessible to all students.

There are over 60 caring staff members who work together to create an energetic, academic learning environment. The staff has been fully trained and has implemented Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. Students and staff have fully embraced P.A.W.S, which stands for practice kindness, act responsibly, work and play safely, and strive for success.

Besides being instructed in the core areas of reading, writing, mathematics, social studies and science, students are also enriched in the areas of art, music, technology, physical education and Spanish. There are also opportunities for enrichment in the LEAP program or in band or orchestra. In addition, The Peck Place students have yearly experiences through cultural assemblies and service projects led by our Student Ambassa-
Turkey Hill School

Rich in history and tradition, Turkey Hill School was built in 1964 and serves approximately 294 students in grades one through six. The idyllic setting at THS is symbolic of the significant core values that are the premise for the school's mission; one that fosters caring, responsibility and respect for others. An active Student Council organizes and engages students in numerous community service projects and the Project Wisdom Character Education program contributes to the positive culture within the school.

Leadership and decision-making is a primary component of the school's collaborative culture. All members of the school community are invited to play a role in determining the direction of the school and in understanding the impetus for change by serving on leadership teams and committees. The Child Study Team, Crisis/Safety Intervention Team, Grade Level Data Teams, and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports Team work hand in hand to move THS forward.

Students at Turkey Hill School are challenged with a curriculum requiring high

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dors that help promote tolerance, empathy, and to connect the school to the community at large.

Nestled into a quiet residential neighborhood, overlooking a sparkling pond, Race Brook School, built in 1959, is an integral part of the landscape and the community. Serving as a magnet for educational and social activity, it is a place where students, educators, parents, community leaders, and professionals share their interests and talents. The school’s common goal is to provide 361 children with academic experiences and challenges in the context of becoming responsible, respectful, and contributing members of society.

Currently, there are 73 highly-qualified educators and support staff focused on student learning in grades 1 through 6. Curriculum is on a continuous cycle of updates and revisions through teacher input and review of state frameworks and research literature. Foreign language instruction begins in first grade, emphasizing the Spanish culture, as well as linguistics. The arts, technology and media classes work together to support the content areas, building bridges of understanding and expanding the arenas of self-expression.

Through its student council, a 2005 NAESP Honor Award Winner, Race Brook provides opportunities for appropriate student empowerment. Pupils are involved in numerous social service projects, as well as initiatives that affect their environment and the way the school functions. A district-wide emphasis on character education fosters lessons in pro-social behaviors and student participation in regularly scheduled class meetings and assemblies. Several cross-grade level learning partnerships are in place, advancing the students’ skills in collaboration and providing opportunities for older students to teach and model for their younger cohorts.

Although Turkey Hill School is in close proximity to the Yale New Haven area and reaps the benefits from the resources the city offers, it is securely tucked away in a serene setting in historic Orange. It is not uncommon for visitors to the school to have to slow down on the winding driveway to allow a family of deer or a flock of wild turkeys to cross from the pond area to the wide-open fields before retreating into the woodlands. It’s the playgrounds that lead one to the realization that the property houses an elementary school.

Denise Arterbery, Turkey Hill School Principal

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expectations for them to be actively engaged in their learning. In child-centered classrooms, teachers utilize a workshop instructional approach, helping children become readers and writers who enjoy and value literacy. The math programs help students to deepen their mathematical understanding by presenting concepts in the context of real-life problem-solving situations. The science program promotes active learning through an experiential and inquiry-based approach. Foreign Language begins in first grade in Orange and focuses on Spanish culture and linguistics. The arts, technology and media work collaboratively to support the content areas and enrich, while physical education classes provide a well-rounded program of fitness and wellness.

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The primary roles of the Board are to formulate goals that will advance its educational philosophy, as well as to establish policies that provide a blueprint for the school administration to follow. In addition, the Board reviews and approves curriculum; works collaboratively with the superintendent and business administrator to set forth and approve an annual spending plan; selects, supports, and evaluates the Superintendent of Schools; acts as a hearing panel on such issues as termination and expulsion; builds public support and understanding of public education; and keeps informed about the impact of state and federal legislation as it impacts local decision making.

The board is organized into standing committees. The chairperson serves as an ex-officio member of each committee. The five standing committees are: Buildings & Grounds & Safety & Security; Long Range Planning; Finance & Operations; Personnel/Policy/Transportation; and Curriculum/Instruction.

The Board of Education abides by policies and administrative regulations that comprise a comprehensive Policy Manual. The policies and regulations are updated regularly and provide guidance and direction so members are able to make informed decisions.

Amity Regional District No. 5
Amity Middle School – Orange: 100 Ohman Ave., 203-392-3200
Principal: Kathy Burke

Amity Regional High School: 25 Newton Rd., Woodbridge, 203-397-4830
Principal: Anna Mahon

Amity Regional District No. 5 is comprised of students from Orange, Bethany and Woodbridge. The district includes two middle schools – Amity Middle School Orange and Amity Middle School Bethany – and Amity Regional High School.

The mission of Amity Middle Schools is to provide a safe, healthy and caring environment that maximizes the social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth of the young adolescent.

Character Education is thriving at Amity Middle School in Orange. The school’s teams integrate character traits, activities and discussions into the curriculum. Presenters from organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League, Milford Rape Crisis Center, and Mothers Against Drunk Driving work with stu-
For the past few years the school has been implementing the Jackie’s Nine character education program. The characteristics of Jackie’s Nine include Courage, Integrity, Determination, Citizenship, Commitment, Teamwork, Persistence, Justice and Excellence. Taking all nine characteristics by which Jackie Robinson lived and tried to instill in others, students participate in pep rallies, learn from speakers on special challenges, and enjoy a BMX Stunt Show among other presentations, videos and a multitude of other activities that are motivational, inspirational and fun. Teachers have been very enthusiastic in developing a “bag of tricks,” and multiple strategies relative to the character theme.

Discipline is handled carefully where teachers and administrators have a conversation with the student(s) and arrive at plans for changes in behaviors and solutions together. We love seeing students changing their own behaviors and understanding for themselves how it feels to “do the right thing.” Creating positive relationships with students is where “it” all begins. The “it” is the rapport, mutual respect and understanding for each other and others.

The mission of Amity Regional High School is to create an inclusive community that affirms the contributions, strengths, and talents of all of its members. School staff bears a responsibility to themselves and to the school community to develop in all students the skills and the desire necessary to become contributing members of a just society.

To accomplish this mission, the school is committed to developing creative skills and critical thinking in all of its students through the following learning expectations:

- **Students will demonstrate the ability to effectively read a range of texts with varying complexity;**
- **Students will produce and distribute a variety of writing designed to entertain, inform, or argue, as well build and present knowledge derived from research;**
- **Students will speak and listen effectively in order to comprehend ideas and information, collaborate, and present knowledge and ideas to a variety of audiences;**
- **Students will demonstrate a command of language convention through effective use of language in writing and speaking, and through the acquisition and use of domain-specific and academic vocabulary;**
- **Students will make sense of problems and persevere when solving them;**
- **Students will use appropriate tools strategically to solve problems;**
- **Students will respect the rights, property and opinions of others;**
- **Students will regularly give to others unselfishly and be considerate and kind to all; students will be aware of, and concerned for, the feelings of others and deal with others in a kind and sympathetic manner;**
- **Students will demonstrate an ability and commitment to work collaboratively with others; students will exhibit personal integrity and...**

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Ethical decision-making; students will demonstrate social responsibility for the school environment by recognizing the impact of their decisions on others and themselves; students will participate in meaningful activities within the school community and students will demonstrate an awareness of their global responsibility to others and the environment.

Amity Regional School District No. 5 has joined the Connecticut Green LEAF Schools program. Connecticut Green LEAF Schools is a program of Connecticut Departments of Education, Energy and Environmental Protection, Administrative Services, and Public Health, in collaboration with more than thirty-five environmental and educational partners.

Amity Regional District No. 5 also has a continuing education department that offers seasonal courses for adults.

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The Amity Board of Education is made up of representatives from the three district towns of Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge and oversees district functions. It includes the following sub-committees: the ACES Committee; the Ad Hoc School Safety Committee; the Ad Hoc Shared Services Committee; the Curriculum Committee; the Facilities Committee; the Finance Committee; the Micro Grid Committee; the Personnel Committee; and the Policy Committee.
Day Camp
High Plains Community Center offers day camp throughout the summer for boys and girls from kindergarten through sixth grade. Campers will be grouped, by age, in a well-supervised environment and participate in a variety of activities that challenge the mind and body as new friendships are built. There are many special activities throughout the summer such as entertainers, pizza parties, cookouts, field trips and many other surprises.

Travelin’ Teens Camp
The Travelin’ Teens camp travels away from High Plains Community Center in search of adventure every day. Campers are in well-supervised, safe and structured environments. Where have they been in the past? Yankee Stadium, Citi Field, Six Flags, Medival Times, Madame Tussauds, Huck Finn Adventures, as well as laser tagging, zip lining, paint balling, tubing and the beach. The Travelin’ Teens program is open to boys and girls who are entering seventh grade through those who are entering tenth grade in September.

Summer Fun Sportz Camp
These camps will be filled with a variety of different sports. They offer the children the chance to be athletic while encouraging sportsmanship, friendly competition, team work and listening skills. Qualified instructors and educators will be there every step of the way, as the children gain confidence and self-esteem. This program is for kids in kindergarten to sixth grade. Kids will be grouped by age and ability.

April Vacation Camp
April Vacation Camp is offered for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade during the week of April vacation.

Adult Open Basketball
This is an open gym at the High Plains Community Center with pickup games on Thursday nights. Teams are created weekly, based on attendance. Space is limited.

Adult Yoga
Yoga will help improve flexibility and range of motion, increase strength without the use of weights, release stress and tension in the physical body and mind, leave you with an overall sense of relaxation and well-being. Almost anyone is capable of practicing some degree of yoga. Participants are required to bring a yoga mat. Yoga is held at the High Plains Community Center gym and costs $75 for residents, $85 for non-residents.

Youth Karate
This class is for students ages 3 to 12 to build confidence, focus, discipline, and self-control. Students will also increase their coordination, strength, and flexibility while having fun. This dynamic and energetic program benefits children in a number of ways. They will engage in various Martial Arts techniques and activities, while learning important skills. The class is held in the High Plains Community Center gym and Room 15.

Youth Basketball League
This is a competitive league that includes all levels of ability for boys and girls, age 7 to 13. The players are evaluated by the Park and Recreation basketball supervisors at

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the placement clinic. Teams are drafted by the coaches using evaluations and practice schedule availability to create the league. Players’ league is determined by age as of Dec. 31 of the calendar year. Age brackets may be cancelled due to low enrollment.

**Floor Hockey**

Here’s an excellent chance for your child to master their floor hockey skills and hang out with their friends. Each class starts with some ball handling drills to warm up the players. Then players are divided into teams and play a game with a taste of competition. The games are held in the High Plains Community Center gym.

**Fun Sportz**

Lil’ Sportz is the perfect way to introduce your toddler to a variety of sports. Sports teach socialization, listening skills, and teamwork. The program is for ages 3, 4 and 5, boys and girls.

**Fun Sportz Hoops Clinic**

This introductory basketball session is specifically designed to help your child learn basketball skills in a friendly, non-competitive atmosphere. The program is for boys and girls ages 4 through 7.

**Nerfkins**

Nerfkins is a class for energetic 3 to 5-year-olds. Using Nerf balls and other soft equipment, children will be introduced to different sports while learning basic ball handling skills and developing hand-eye coordination. They will play and develop skills in basketball, soccer, baseball and other gym games. Parents must stay in the gym during the class.

**Soccer Tikes**

Soccer Tikes is a physical development program for children between the ages of 3 and 6. This program uses a variety of fun games to delight and engage kids in physical activity. It stresses a noncompetitive environment and promotes fun above all else. Fun and skill development activities are mixed in with small-sided games.

**Storytime Creations**

Storytime Creations involves creative arts and crafts projects and edible creations. Each week will be a different story with projects that follow the theme of the book. Parent participation is required for this class. This program is for kids ages 3 through 5.

**Toddler Playgroup**

The Toddler Playgroup is an unstructured play area at High Plains Community Center where little ones can enjoy an environment made just for them and is intended for kids ages 6 months to 4 years. The facility features two rooms with supplies for arts and crafts projects, imaginative play, games, ride-on toys, and much more. There is a child-size bathroom and a changing station located in the playroom area. There will also be special events and parties throughout the season. On holidays and during vacation camps the Toddler Playgroup will be closed.

**Little Dragons Karate**

This class is for students to build confidence, focus, discipline, and self-control. Students will also increase their coordination, strength and flexibility while having fun. This energetic program benefits children in so many ways. They will engage in various martial art techniques while learning important skills. It is for kids ages 3 to 5.

**Pee Wee Tennis**

Lessons will be held at the High Plains Community Center tennis courts. If you have any specific questions, please call 203-640-1724, or check out the instructor website at fairfield-countytennis.net.

**Mommy and Me Yoga**

For children 6 months to 5...
years. Held in the High Plains Community Center Senior Lounge.

Toddler Yoga
For children 3 to 6 years old. Held in the High Plains Community Center Senior Lounge.

Whatchamacallit
A whole new adventure at Orange Park and Recreation. Kids participate in organized, but imaginative games and activities for fun and exercise. Sneakers are required and a healthy mid-class snack will be included. Held in the High Plains Community Center gym.

Lifeguarding Certification
All interested students must take a pre-course swim test before being allowed to enroll in the class. Upon successful completion, participants may enroll in the class. There is no refund for cancellation of the class by the student. They may enroll in a future class with the credit. To schedule an appointment for the swim test, call Sue at 203-891-4794. The class includes training for water rescue, first aid and CPR, disease transmission prevention and the use of an automated external defibrillator along with legal issues, supervision techniques and management skills needed to be an effective lifeguard. Participants must be 15 years old by the course completion date.

Lifeguard Challenge
Certificate about to expire? This is the class to re-certify your expiring (or recently expired) certificate. The Lifeguard Challenge Course includes standard first aid and professional CPR so you will be ready for work upon successful completion. To pass, you must successfully demonstrate the required critical lifeguard skills with minimal instruction, correctly demonstrate all required Professional Rescuer CPR skills with minimal instruction and score 80% or better on the written exams. Contact Sue, 203-891-4794, to register.

CPR for the Professional Rescuer
The CPR for the Professional Rescuer challenge course is for those participants who have had previous CPR instruction and their certification is about to expire or has recently expired. Participants must demonstrate all practical skills and score 80% or better on the written test with little or no instruction. All participants must have a pocket mask. Pocket masks must be ordered in advance. Call to schedule a class. Classes start at 5 p.m. and a pocket mask is $12.

Adult Child or Infant CPR
This class offers CPR for all ages to any family member who would like to learn the necessary steps in responding to a serious emergency. Since finding a sitter can be difficult and expensive, please feel free to bring your infant with you to the class, if necessary. Infant CPR is for any child under 1 year old. Call to schedule a class at 203-891-4794. There’s no fee unless you need Red Cross certification. The cost is $30.

Swim Lessons
Swim lessons are offered at the High Plains Community Center pool. Classes may not be available based on enrollment. You may contact the Parks and Recreation office to check availability, but participants cannot register over the phone. Proper placement is very important. Your child should be challenged, but not overwhelmed. If they are unable to complete the skills, they will be moved to the lower level, if space allows. If there is no opening, a credit
**Parks and Nature Trails**

**High Plains Community Center**
- 525 Orange Center Rd.
- 2 Picnic pavilions
- 2 Soccer fields
- 2 Tennis courts
- 3 Softball fields
- Disc golf course
- Fitness center
- Gymnasium
- Indoor pool
- Paul Ode Nature Trail
- Toddler playgroup
- Walking track

**Camp Cedarcrest**
- 886 Mapledale Rd
- Nature trails
- Cabins
- Dining hall with kitchen
- Picnic pavilions
- Sports fields

**Fred Wolfe Park**
- 300 Hollow Rd.
- 4 Soccer fields (reserved for league play only)
- Nature trail

**Peck Place School**
- 500 Peck Ln.
- 2 Tennis courts
- Soccer field
- Softball field

**Mary L. Tracy School**
- 650 Schoolhouse Ln.
- 2 Softball fields
- Children’s playground

**Old Tavern Road Park**
- 110 Old Tavern Rd.
- 8 Baseball/softball fields (reserved for league play only)
- Fishing pond

will be issued for a future registration, but classes will not be overloaded, and for the safety of the entire class, they will not be allowed to stay in the upper level. The levels include infant/toddler, preschool, beginner 1, beginner 2, advanced beginner and swim team development.

**Housatonic Overlook at Tucker’s Ridge**
- 671 Cedar Grove
- Nature trails

A view of the Housatonic River from Tucker’s Ridge nature trail.
An American flag flies from Orange Volunteer Fire Department ladder truck 37.

The Orange town sign outside Town Hall.

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Rabbi: Shea Hecht
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Chabad of Orange/Woodbridge is located at 261 Derby Ave. The phone number is 203-795-7095.

Chinmaya Saraswati Ashram & Devi Temple
Temple and Ashram Priest: Sri Hanuman Prasad
The purpose of Chinmaya Mission is to provide to individuals, from any background, the wisdom of Vedanta and practical means for spiritual growth and happiness, enabling them to become positive contributors to society.

Chinmaya Mission follows the Vedic teacher-student tradition (guru-shishya parampara) and makes available the ageless wisdom of Advaita Vedanta, the knowledge of universal oneness, providing the tools to realize the wisdom in one’s life.

Vedanta, the essential core of Hinduism, is the universal science of life, relevant to all people of all backgrounds and faiths. Vedanta inspires seekers to understand their own faith better. Thus, although Chinmaya Mission is a Hindu organization, it does not seek to convert other religious practitioners.

The temple is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on weekends from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Chinmaya Saraswati Ashram & Devi Temple is located at 393 Derby Ave. The phone number is 203-701-9117.

Congregation Or Shalom
Rabbi: Alvin Wainhaus
Congregation Or Shalom is an egalitarian Conservative synagogue, drawn to tradition, while aspiring to innovation. Our membership, which resides in the Greater New Haven area and beyond, comprises a spectrum of ages, political orientations and levels of observance, including many interfaith families.

At Congregation Or Shalom you’ll truly find open hearts at our Services, our Hebrew School, Youth Group, Educational events, Healing Circle, Men’s Club, Sisterhood, and our Social Action Committee.

Minyan services are Sunday at 9 a.m., Monday at 7:30 a.m. and Thursday at 7:30 a.m. There is a healing circle on Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. Shabbat services are on Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Congregation Or Shalom is located at 205 Old Grassy Hill Rd. The phone number is 203-799-2341.

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
Missional Priest-in-Charge: Rev. William J. Cavanaugh
The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is located at 680 Racebrook Rd.

Services Rite II Holy Eucharist are at 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.

The church’s phone number is 203-795-6577.
Harbor Light Baptist Church
Pastor: Dale Schwarz
Since 2000, HLBC has been a beacon in the community, sharing Christ’s love and message of hope to all who will listen.

Malls are trendy. Churches should feel timeless. With the forceful current of consistent change sweeping over every part of our lives, people have the need to connect with something enduring and firm. We believe Christ designed the church to fulfill that need by representing an eternal kingdom and ageless truth with no need to imitate the culture. We want you to know there’s still a church that feels like a church. It won’t feel like a rock concert, comedy club or motivational seminar. It’s not old-fashioned, as in fifty years ago. It is timeless, as in two thousand years ago.

Harbor Light Baptist Church holds 10 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible classes on Sundays. It has an 11 a.m. morning service and children’s services and a 2:30 p.m. afternoon service. It hosts a Wednesday prayer and Bible study at 7 p.m., and a 10 a.m. soul winning on Saturdays.

Harbor Light Baptist Church is located at 380 Boston Post Rd. The church’s phone number is 203-795-0570.

Holy Infant Church
Pastor: Rev. Norman Brockett
Holy Infant Church is a Catholic church located at 450 Racebrook Rd.

Mass is Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m. and Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. There is Saturday vigil for Sunday at 4 p.m.

The church’s phone number is 203-799-2379.

New Haven Islamic Center
Imam:
Sheikh Ahmad Hemaya
In 1978, a group of University of New Haven students bought a house to use as a prayer area. In the late 1980s, more students and some local Muslims started praying at the house in congregation. In 1990, the Masjid was remodeled and enlarged to meet the needs of the Muslims. By the late 1990s, the community was formally acknowledged and established. Since then, it has grown tremendously. Throughout the years, as the community grew, our organization strived to meet their needs.

The New Haven Islamic Center is located at 254 Bull Hill Ln. The phone number is 203-933-5799.

Orange Congregational Church
Senior Minister:
Rev. James Latimer
The Orange Congregational Church belongs to the United Church of Christ, but is part of the heritage of the Puritans and Pilgrims who emerged out of the 16th century Protestant Reformation in England. Congregationalists, as they were known in the 1700s and 1800s in America, who lived in North Milford (now Orange) traveled four miles each way to Milford Center to worship. This was especially difficult in the winter and early spring.

In 1792 the first meetinghouse was erected in North Milford, located at the north end of what is today the Orange town green. On May 8, 1804 the town fathers petitioned the General Assembly in Hartford to form an Ecclesiastical Society. This was the first step in establishing a Congregational church in colonial and early 19th century New England. The Society was established December 3, 1804 and was charged with the financial and property interests of the church.

On February 24, 1805, Erastus Scranton, a Yale Divinity School student from Madison, began preaching. He was or-

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Simons ordained in June and became the church’s first minister. Services are 8 a.m. in the chapel from September to June, at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary from September to June, and at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary in July and August.

Orange Congregational Church is located at 205 Meetinghouse Ln. The church’s phone number is 203-795-9749.

Our Lady of Sorrows Traditional Chapel
Our Lady of Sorrows is a traditional Catholic chapel. Our Lady of Sorrows is located at 378 Spring St. The phone number is 203-795-5076.

St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church
Proistamenos: Rev. Peter J. Orfanakos
The Orthodox Church today, numbering over 250 million worldwide, is a communion of self-governing Churches, each administratively independent of the other, but united by a common faith and spirituality. Their underlying unity is based on identity of doctrines, sacramental life and worship, which distinguishes Orthodox Christianity. All recognize the spiritual preeminence of the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople who is acknowledged as primus inter pares, first among equals. All share full communion with one another. The living tradition of the Church and the principles of concord and harmony are expressed through the common mind of the universal episcopate as the need arises. In all other matters, the internal life of each independent Church is administered by the bishops of that particular Church. Following the ancient principle of Christ's Church, the laity share equally in the responsibility for the preservation and propagation of the Christian faith and Church.

Orthros (Matins) is at 8:45 a.m. on Sundays and 9 a.m. on weekdays. Divine Liturgy is at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays and at 10 a.m. on weekdays. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays. Fellowship is at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays.

St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church is located at 480 Racebrook Rd. The phone number is 203-795-1347.

Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven
Rabbi: Michael Farbman
Temple Emanuel is a growing and vibrant Reform synagogue that is warm and welcoming. We pride ourselves on being a participatory, diverse, non-judgmental, and intellectually stimulating congregation, serving the greater New Haven Jewish community.

Kabbalat Shabbat service is on Fridays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven is located at 150 Derby Ave. The phone number is 203-397-3000.

Zion Lutheran Church
Firmly rooted in the Holy Scriptures and committed to the Christian faith as taught by the ancient ecumenical creeds and the 16th-century Lutheran Confessions, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is a little outpost of Christ's Holy Church – a local gathering of people from many different backgrounds who have been reconciled to God and joined to one another and to all Christians everywhere as one family in Christ Jesus.

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m., with holy communion the first and third Sunday of the month. Sunday school and adult Bible study are at 9:30 a.m. There is Saturday worship at 5 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of the month.

Zion Lutheran Church is located at 780 Grassy Hill Rd. The phone number is 203-795-3916.
Orange Clubs and Organizations

**Adult Tennis**
203-640-1727  
Website: fairfieldcountytennis.com  
Hard work, but tons of fun. Beginner/advanced beginner games are Wednesdays, May 1 to May 29 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. They take place at the High Plains Community Center tennis courts. The cost is $110 for residents and $120 for non-residents.

**American Legion Post 127**
203-799-2822  
Commander: Lewis Merritt  
The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation’s largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in local communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to fellow servicemembers and veterans.

**Amity Lacrosse Association**  
President: John Coughlin  
Website: amityyouthlacrosse.org  
AYL strives to teach and support the game of lacrosse in an environment of safety, respect and fun. The program supports boys in first through eighth grades living in Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge. The season runs in the spring from mid-March to mid-June. AYL is a member of the Connecticut-New York Lacrosse Association (CONNY), an organizing body for youth lacrosse in Connecticut and New York.

**Amity Pop Warner**  
President: Jeccica Cebulski  
Website: amitypopwarner.com  
Southern Connecticut Pop Warner (SCPW) is a non-profit football and cheer league that consists of 17 cities and towns from Fairfield, Hartford and New Haven counties, with over 4,000 participants. SCPW is one of the eight leagues that formulate the New England Region for Pop Warner.

**Amity Regional Aquatic Club**  
Head Coach: Mike O’Brien  
Assistant Head Coach: Matthew Pohlman  
Development Coaches: Eric Holden, Kevin Dickson, Brittany Hicks  
Website: teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=ctarac  
The Orange Town Pool at the High Plains Community Center is home to the Amity Regional Aquatic Club. It is a U.S.S. Age Group, competitive swim team available for children ages 6-20.

**Amity Soccer Club**  
President: Bill Hoffman, 203-671-0281  
Website: amitysoccerclub.org  
The Amity Soccer Club is a joint program run by representatives of the Connecticut Soccer Association (OSA) and Woodbridge Soccer Club (WSC) to offer developmental and competitive/travel soccer for players from the Orange, Woodbridge and Bethany communities. The collective effort of OSA and WSC has resulted in us being able to field more teams and provide every child the appropriate environment in which to continue learning and playing this great game.

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**Co-ed Adult Volleyball League**
Contact: Dan Lynch, 203-891-4790  
Volleyball is a fall/winter program. Get yourself out on Tuesday evenings for some

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Garden Club of Orange
203-795-4266
President: Linda Bradford
The Garden Club of Orange is a group of people interested in gardening and flowers. Members range from the professional to the novice. The club is a member of the FGCCT, NEGC and NEC.

Men’s Basketball League
Contact: Dan Lynch, 203-891-4790
All teams from the previous season are invited back and any new teams will be considered on a first come, first served basis. All teams must have 80% Orange residents to be eligible.

Men’s Softball League
If you have a team interested in joining the league, please call Dan Lynch at 203-891-4790 for details on the Men’s Softball League.

Arts and Culture Council
Website: facebook.com/Orange.ACC
The mission of the Orange Arts and Culture Council is to promote continuing artistic and cultural expression of all kinds. It regularly hosts events and activities around town.

Orange Chamber of Commerce
203-795-3328
Website: orangetchamber.com
Incorporated in 1962, the Orange Chamber’s primary function is to support its members’ business objectives through ongoing communications, informational events and networking opportunities. The chamber assists its members in establishing meaningful and productive relationships with other members of the business community, with town government and with regulatory boards. It implements programs to increase community awareness of its member businesses and in turn encourage member participation in chamber and town events.

The chamber’s mission is to provide programs and activities for the education, interaction, growth and support of the business community in the Greater Orange area.

Orange Community Women
Contact: Donna Wesolowski – donnaweso@optimum.net
Orange Community Women is a chapter of Connecticut Junior Women, Inc. It seeks to unite the women of Orange and surrounding areas by participating in community service and providing enrichment, leadership and social interaction. Its charitable and community projects include awarding scholarships to Amity students, donating children’s books to the library, collecting for veterans, organizing activities for the Tracy Bunch, visiting and working with the seniors at Silverbrook Estates, donating holiday food baskets and gift cards to Orange Community Services, supporting Relay for Life and partnerships with Days for Girls, Manes and Motions Therapeutic Riding Center and Female Soldiers/Forgotten Heroes.

OCW meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 at High Plains Community Center. New members are always welcome.

Orange Country Fair
203-430-6044
Website: orangecountryfair.com
Co-chairs: Karen McCausland and Kevin Monck
The Orange Country Fair
was an annual event that ran from 1898 to 1912 and was resurrected in 1975. It has been running continuously in September at the High Plains Community Center Fairgrounds since. Popular events include tractor pulls, the pancake breakfast, animal encounters, live music, local food and historic demonstrations.

**Orange Democratic Town Committee**
203-626-1755
Chair: Jody Barstein Dietch
Website: orangectdems.org

The Orange Democratic Town Committee is a group of Orange residents who work to elect Democrats.

**Orange Historical Society**
203-795-3106
President: Ginny Reinhard
Website: orangehistory.org

Founded in 1964, the Orange Historical Society strives to collect and preserve those items of history that pertain to the settlement of Orange as well as the surrounding area.

In addition to protecting the history and the future of the Town of Orange, the society maintains the Stone-Otis House, a restored 1830s homestead, The Academy, which was built in 1878 and now serves as a museum housing the Mary Rebecca Woodruff Research Center, and the Bryan-Andrew House, a 1740 residence built by one of the earliest Orange families in the area then known as Bryan’s Farms. The Stone-Otis House and Bryan-Andrew House are open by appointment. The Academy and antique shop is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Orange Economic Development Corporation**
203-891-1045
Website: orangeedc.com

The Orange Economic Development Corporation (OEDC) is a private, not-for-profit organization, designed to administer the economic development initiatives of the Town of Orange. The OEDC maintains a strong relationship with the Town of Orange, local realtors, State of Connecticut agencies and various other groups designed to foster business development and encourage economic growth.

**Orange Lions Club**
President: Pat Sanders Romano
Website: orangectlions.org

The Orange Lions Club International Foundation supports the efforts of Lions clubs “and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.” The Orange Lions Club (club number 8996) was founded in 1952. It meets on the second and fourth Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Chip’s in Orange.

**Orange Little League**
President: Mike Visnic
Coaching Coordinator: Chris Wetmore
Website: orangectlittleleague.com

Orange Little League organizes and schedules hardball and softball in town.

**Orange Players**
Co-Presidents: TJ Chila and Cyndi Consoli
Website: orangeplayers.net

The Orange Players is a community theater group that practices and performs in Orange. Since its inception in 1974, the Orange Players continues to bring together its devotion for the performing arts and to the community. This powerful combination affords the ability to draw from many resources to bring quality performances to the stage, and allows seasoned and unseasoned theater lovers an opportunity to participate in a wide range of performance genres, both on the stage and behind the scenes.

**Orange Recycling Committee**
Chair: Mitch Goldblatt
Website: orangerecycles.com

The ORC is a team of volunteers who are passionate about helping the town and the planet. It aims to increase and simplify recycling options for Orange residents, and continually share tips and info. Meetings are open to the public at High Plains Community Center, usually the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m.

**Orange Republican Town Committee**
203-214-7008
Chair: Pio Imperati
Website: orangectrepublicans.com

The ORTC represents the Republican Party in Orange and works to get members of the party elected.

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Orange Soccer Association
President: Tom Pisano, 203-877-2058
Website: orange.cjsalive.org/home.php
Orange Soccer Association oversees the recreation and travel teams for the town.

Rotary Club of Orange
President: Roger S. Tausig, rotarycluboforange.org
The mission of Rotary International is to “provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.”
The Rotary Club of Orange (district 7980) was founded in 1968. It meets on the first and third Fridays of the month for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and on the second and fifth Fridays of the month at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast. It holds an after-hours social on the fourth Friday of each month.

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