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Racism Forum Held In Orange

By Brandon T. Bisceglia

The Town of Orange held a forum on declaring racism a public health crisis on Oct. 7 at High Plains Community Center.

The forum was a concession to repeated requests that Democratic Town Committee Chair Jody Dietrich had brought before the Board of Selectmen throughout the summer asking that body to consider an ordinance recognizing racism as a public health crisis. The BOS declined to directly take up the ordinance, citing the need to hear from more of the community.

Numerous municipalities in Connecticut have already passed such

declarations, including Simsbury, Bloomfield, Bridgeport, Colchester, Easton, Glastonbury, Hamden, Hartford, Manchester, Middletown, New Britain, New Haven, New London, South Windsor, West Hartford, Windham and Windsor.

These ordinances generally require municipalities to take measures to eliminate disparities causing health issues under guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

First Selectman Jim Zeoli, who chaired the forum, has said he is open to the possibility of passing an ordinance but has

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Milford P&Z Rejects Mall Apartments

By Brandon T. Bisceglia

The Milford Planning and Zoning Board voted 5-3 on Oct. 6 against a proposed zone change that would have allowed the construction of a 300-unit apartment building on the property where the CT Post Mall is located.

The property's owner, Centennial Real Estate, had requested the change as a measure to diversify the property and shore up lost

revenue from flagging brick-and-mortar sales.

Milford's Director of Economic and Community Development Julie Nash had criticized the proposal during a Sept. 15 public hearing, saying the plan lacked a cohesive long-term vision and should have considered other uses, including university extensions, co-working spaces or corporate headquarters.

Centennial founder and CEO Steven Levin had argued, though, that the residential units

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Orange TJ Maxx To Move

The Orange T.J. Maxx store located on the Boston Post Road will be closing its doors in late winter for an anticipated move to the

vacant storefront in the nearby plaza that includes Trader Joe's on the same stretch of road, according to store personnel.

US House Candidates Debate



Democratic US Rep. Rosa DeLauro debated Republican challenger Margaret Streicker and Green Party challenger Justin Paglino (not pictured) Oct. 22 at the Jewish Community Center in Woodbridge. Photos by Steve Cooper.

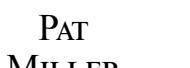
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News & Events

Mall Apartments (Continued From 1)

were only the first piece of a larger plan to save the mall, which he said generates \$200 million in gross sales per year.

"Our vision is to re-imagine this mall, this property, while it continues to be a vibrant, relevant, amenity for the community of Milford," Levin said. "This mall doesn't have to die."

Malls across the country have been closing for years as online sales have eaten into the profits of more traditional retail. The losses have only accelerated during the coronavirus pandemic, as stores have been forced to temporarily close and customers have been wary of in-person shopping.

The CT Post Mall has seen its share of major closures in recent years – notably Sears, which once anchored one end of the mall, and JC Penny. There have been some recent entrants, too, including Dave & Busters in 2018.

Milford is not alone among towns whose malls are changing. The Trumbull Planning & Zoning Commission in October approved a plan for 260 apartments at the site of the Westfield Trumbull Mall.

But the Milford proposal had mixed reactions and some vocal opponents, including Mayor Ben Blake.

P&Z Chairman Jim Quish said he was voting against the zone change because he wanted to see "an application with a completed master plan and a timeline, with potentially developers for the residential." He added he worried that the city might end up with apartments in a commercial zone that weren't viable.

Levin, however, countered that it would be nearly impossible to meet those suggestions without the zone change.

The mall is Milford's largest taxpayer, accounting for about \$3.8 million each year – an amount that Levin warned would continue to fall if nothing is done. The apartments would have raised that tax contribution to \$5.1 million.

Racism Forum (Continued From 1)

otherwise been noncommittal.

Due to coronavirus restrictions, only 25 people were allowed in the room at a time. Nevertheless, several members of the community did come up to voice their

opinions, most expressing their agreement that racism – in some capacity – has negative effects on the community. A few were unclear about how the ordinance would translate into concrete actions.

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Chamber of Commerce and Milford Living.

The full list of awardees can be found at milford-orangetimes.com.

Orange Student Makes Dean's List

Orange resident Kevin Nusdeo from Orange has been named to the spring 2020 dean's list at Syracuse University in New York. Nusdeo was also named to The

Athletic Directors Honor Roll and the ACC Academic Honor Roll. Nusdeo plays football at Syracuse University. His are Michael and Mary Nusdeo from Orange.

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Letter to the people of Orange:

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- LOU ABATE



Kimra Pierre.

Kimra Pierre has joined the Milford office of Pearce Real Estate as a residential sales associate.

"We are excited to welcome Kimra into our Pearce Real Estate family and look forward to her having a very successful career with us," said Barbara L. Pearce, the company's chair and CEO. "Kimra's desire to expand into Connecticut shows she understands the dynamics of the current market and is now well-positioned to assist

her New York Metro clients transition into residence in Connecticut."

Pierre has been a resident of Pleasantville, New York for the past 12 years.

Pierre received a bachelor's degree in business management and marketing from the College of Westchester and studied at the New York Institute of Art and Design

with a focus on interior design and home staging. She is a member of the Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors, the National Association of Realtors, the New York Association of Realtors, the Hudson Gateway Multiple Listing Service, the New Haven Middlesex Association of Realtors and SmartMLS.

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Jessica Scandiffio.

Coldwell Banker Realty in Connecticut has announced that Jessica Scandiffio, formerly of Real Living Real Estate, has affiliated with the Coldwell Banker Realty office in Orange. Additionally, Coldwell has added Donna Cheng, formerly of William Raveis Realty, to its Woodbridge office. As an affiliated real estate agent, Scandiffio will provide residential real estate services in New Haven County and surrounding communities.

"Jessica's passion for real estate, excellent customer service skills and attention to detail perfectly align with the standard of excellence upheld by Coldwell Banker Realty," said Aileen DeFeo, branch vice president of the Woodbridge and Orange offices. "We are looking forward to watching Jessica grow her existing business using the tools and technology Coldwell Banker offers its agents."

"Working in the 'corporate world' for the past 30 years, I've learned to be persistent while maintaining my personal integrity," Scandiffio said. "I've learned to listen to the questions and concerns of my customers while also working alongside with them to accomplish our business goal. In 2017, I

decided to pursue my passion of real estate. Since then, I've been very successful in closing the sale/purchase of many homes in the New Haven County area. I love being part of my client's dream to seek and purchase their dream home. I realize the many challenges that arise in buying/selling a home. My ultimate goal is to ensure this process is successful and produces minimal stress to my clients. I look forward to working with you."

"Donna's passion for real estate and dedication to her clients perfectly align with the standard of excellence upheld by Coldwell Banker Realty," said DeFeo said of Cheng. "We are looking forward to watching Donna grow her existing business in new and strategic ways."

Born and raised in Beijing, China, Cheng obtained her bachelor of arts degree in Beijing and subsequently moved to the US to pursue a masters degree in 1986. She received her master's in business and economics and worked as an international marketing director in a large chemical company for over 14 years before entering the real estate business in 2002.

Scandiffio and Cheng are both members of the National Association of Realtors, the Connecticut Association of Realtors and the New Haven and Middlesex Board of Realtors.



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Opinion & Editorial

Special Session Covered Much



STATE REP. (R-114)
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The special legislative session that was recently concluded likely ended legislative business for 2020. What a year. Essentially, the Capitol was shut down in mid-March due to the COVID-19 virus and only two sessions took place after that.

However, our offices continue to serve constituents – in fact, staff has never been busier responding to important calls for help and connecting people to vital state services.

In the most recent special session the House and then the Senate enacted bills on a variety of subjects. But the reality is they probably all could have waited until the regular session of the General Assembly convenes in January. Acting on legislation just weeks before the election is not the most thoughtful way to go about crafting important bills.

The bills we passed, generally along bipartisan lines, included changes in the way electrical rates are established and a \$500 million school construction package as part of state bonding. Changes in the way polluted property is bought and sold was also on the agenda and another will make it easier to tabulate absentee ballots.

The list was whittled down from the initial intent by the majority party to take up more than two dozen proposals. Luckily for taxpayers that did not happen.

While I am not running for election this November for the first time in more than two decades, I will remain engaged in public service. What that entails I am not sure, but I look forward to where the next steps take me. I have thoroughly enjoyed my years of service both locally and in Hartford and am thankful for the opportunity on these pages to exchange ideas and receive feedback from readers on a regular basis.

Commentary:

Socialism The Gift That Keeps On Taking



THOMAS P.
HURLEY

The Encyclopedia Britannica defines socialism as the “social and economic doctrine that calls for public rather than private ownership or control of property and natural resources.” According to the socialist view, society as a whole “should own or at least control property for the benefit of all its members.”

You can tell a socialist quite easily in how they deal with private property concerns. Indeed, this is probably the most defining attribute of the socialist. Socialist politicians, because they do not truly believe in the private ownership rights of the citizenry, fail to adequately address foreseeable violent outbreaks occurring when (typically extreme leftist) hooligans begin “breaking and entering,” theft and arson. These are crimes against personal property. Portland, Minneapolis, New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, DC come to mind.

To the socialist, these are not as significant a concern as the social cause which these illegal activities hide behind. Personal wealth comes under attack as this is the antithesis of state control. You may hear liberal politicians such as Joe

Beth-El's Response Efforts During COVID

By Jennifer Paradis

As we reflect on how COVID-19 has impacted our community, especially those who are less fortunate, and examine predictions of what's to come, we know that the majority of our response efforts lie ahead of us. Currently, Connecticut is experiencing a statewide reduction in homeless shelter bed capacity as facilities have changed to maintain social distancing. The impact of this is a scary combination in the face of an impending potential eviction crisis, high unemployment and increased barriers for those who were already cost-burdened and at risk of homelessness.

It's projected that the greater New Haven region could be down a third of the shelter beds previously available for individuals and families pre-COVID. Current shelter admissions are staying longer due to the increased time it takes to complete tasks, like obtain copies of vital documents, find employment and/or locate affordable housing.

These are projections prior to the consideration of cold weather and the need to increase shelter bed access during winter months. We anticipate the wake of COVID-19 will increase the demand and necessity for emergency shelter. At this time, nearly all clients seeking shelter are added to waitlists.

While communities initially shut down in response to COVID-19, the Beth-El Center increased our shelter, case management and food programs in response to the greater need for food and housing. We knew immediately that as an emergency shelter provider we had to expand access to services while maintaining the safety and security of our residents and guests.

The alternative to completely closing our congregate shelter was to decentralize and disperse our space in order to maintain all Centers for Disease Control guidelines. Beth-El Center used allocated hotel rooms to shelter those experiencing unsheltered homelessness in our community. We knew that permanent housing was the only true solution to stabilizing those who were

vulnerable. As of today, we have transitioned more than 42 individuals and families to stable housing, a test to prepare us for what is to come.

To begin to understand the economic impact of COVID-19 on the community, you must focus on who is accessing emergency services (such as soup kitchens) to make ends meet. Our continued service of two meals per day (at an increased rate of 70 percent) throughout COVID-19 has granted us witness to many new faces, including Milford families and emergency responders, plus significant increases to our unsheltered homeless population. Although we never ask, many guests reported recent unemployment, the declining health or sudden death of the primary earner in their family or the increased expenses of having their families at home during quarantine as reasons for needing emergency food support. Too often, emergency food is the canary in the coal mine, showing the fragility of our social fabric.

Unfortunately, the crisis of COVID-19 does not negate the homeless crisis already wreaking havoc in our communities. We were already combating an increase in unsheltered homelessness due to the opioid epidemic and an affordable housing deficit that leaves one of every two families without affordable housing.

What is the answer to this seemingly impossible task at hand? It is to use every tool we have to safely and sustainably help folks out of our systems in order to make room for those to come. It is to prevent homelessness when we can through diversion efforts and to call on leadership to see beyond the misleading relief of an eviction or utility moratorium. It is to engage those who are unsheltered by using multi-disciplinary teams that address the individual holistically, supporting their need for emergency shelter as well as their physical and mental health. It is to do so at the capacity needed to prevent months of emergency shelter waitlists. Ultimately, it is to take this on as a community, toughened by COVID-19 and committed to lastly change.

Jennifer Paradis is the executive director of the Beth-El Center in Milford.

Letters to the Editor:

Editor's Note: Letters are arranged alphabetically by author.

Restaurant Owner Apologizes

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to humbly apologize to the town of Orange for taking my frustrations on the whole town for delaying my inspections that would have allowed me to reopen my restaurant sooner than eight months. I accidentally saw an email from one of the main officials that said, “Obviously, I’m in no hurry to inspect Abate’s Pizza.” I just couldn’t understand that comment when I employed many people from this town, who were anxiously waiting to return to work, and I would like to thank some of these inspectors who went out of their way to help me reopen. Those people deserve all of my respect and gratitude and I will be forever grateful to these individuals.

Lou Abate
Abate's Pizza
Orange

Anderson an Outstanding Colleague

To the Editor:

I have had the privilege of serving with Bryan Anderson on the Milford Board of Alderman. I am witness to his effective leadership on several key issues affecting constituents such as transportation, infrastructure, housing and the environment. Bryan is an opinion leader and influencer among his peers, the community and the people he serves. His constituents have benefitted from his ability to listen and to act accordingly with results driven actions that have become the hallmark of his reputation.

Bryan understands strong financial management as an active participant in Milford's fiscal stability from his position on the Board of Alderman. He also understands the connection of important local issues to the wellbeing of the state. As an example, Bryan will embed advocacy for the environment based on a thoughtful understanding that clean air and water are irreplaceable to the health, prosperity and economic vitality of the state.

I consider Bryan Anderson to be an *Continued on page 7*

taxes, local and state taxes to come up with your true tax rate.

Individual rights to property ownership and income are considered an impediment to grandiose governmental programs. And the real crime here is that many times these programs have the best of intentions. There are always good reasons to spend other peoples' money. Social programs typically redistribute income from one

group to another and usually grow and grow and grow.

Germany and the Soviet Union in the 1930s were governmental forms of socialism that took personal property for state ownership or controlling interest. It was ostensibly for the benefit of the citizenry. Socialism has eventually failed every time it has been tried. Don't vote it in.

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outstanding colleague. He is intelligent, well informed, conscientious and determined. His election to Hartford is a natural progression from effective local leadership to governing on challenging state issues. I can't think of a better person to serve the people of the 119th Congressional District than Bryan Anderson. Make certain to cast your vote on Nov. 3.

Ellen Russell Beatty
Milford

Welander Silent**To the Editor:**

In Connecticut right now, one very serious challenge our communities face is the threat of forced school regionalization. Hartford politicians have used events of the last few months including the pandemic of COVID-19 to advocate for schools to be regionalized based on their probate court district lines. This poses a significant threat to the Amity school system and our other fine local schools as it would dissolve our great school district that has already regionalized. The intent of this proposal is clear, the goal is to wrest control from communities, towns, and school boards that are tied to parents and students, and instead grant sweeping power to paternalistic bureaucrats in Hartford to make decisions for them.

Democrat Mary Welander has remained silent on this issue, as she also has on other vital issues concerning public education in the state of Connecticut, including the utilization of resource officers in our public schools. Welander's silence raises concerns on how responsive she would be to her constituents were she to be elected. The residents of these towns who are concerned about maintaining their influence over the education their children receive deserve to know how Welander stands on such an important issue. Welander's seeming inability to take a solid stance on issues expands beyond education and she has been unable to clarify to Connecticut voters if she would support the radical policy of defunding the police either.

Sixty percent of businesses have closed in Connecticut due to the recent pandemic; this has greatly impacted small businesses, their owners, and employees. Despite the importance of this toward our local economy and the numerous local residents whose livelihood depends upon these businesses reopening, Mary Welander has offered no opinions on these matters.

Welander's opponent, Dan DeBarba, has been candid on his feelings about the issues. He supports continuing the use of school resource officers and while he understands there are advantages to school districts collaborating, he supports educational decisions to be made locally, by communities most impacted, not by distant authorities in Hartford with minimal ties to the community as a whole. DeBarba supports public safety by opposing the defunding of the police and believes that smarter solutions exist to build a more just and equitable Connecticut. DeBarba is a small business owner and carries the endorsement of the NFIB, who are confident that he will be friendly to our small businesses and help them through these trying times.

If Welander wants to earn the support of her prospective constituents she must be more open on such issues. As of now, we know where DeBarba stands, while Welander obfuscates her positions to the voters and appears to stand for very little, and would likely be yet another rubber stamp for power elites in Hartford at the expense of our local community.

Deb Brutsche
Orange

Know Where the Candidates Stand**To the Editor:**

In August, the Environmental Concerns Coalition in partnership with the Milford Library saw the need to have the eight candidates who are running for the Senate and the House in Hartford to have a platform to present themselves and tell their views, as future legislators, on environmental issues that would relate to us in Milford. We did much to make it bipartisan, but even after getting all the candidates to agree to the date for Sept. 13, much later, we heard from one by one that the Republicans could not come.

We tried a second time, thinking maybe doing it virtually via Zoom would work. The invitation went out, but quickly their response was returned as no, not by them, but by John Draap, the chair of the local Republican Party.

The Democrats, James Maroney, Frank Smith, Toni Sutton and Bryan Anderson were willing, but it was finally apparent that these Republican candidates did not deem the environment important enough to even give a yea or nay. This goes for Mike Southworth and Erik Smith. I knew Kathy Kennedy had some interest as she was on the Environment Committee, but in his words from a constituent meeting at Athena Diner, Charles Ferraro does not believe that climate change has been caused by humans and was against teaching it in the schools.

It is very important that the voters know where their candidate stands on environmental issues.

Ann Berman
Environmental Concerns Coalition
Member
Milford

Women Against Southworth**To the Editor:**

Enough is enough! The persistent misogynistic attitude of Mike Southworth disqualifies him to be a state senator. In case you missed it, he has sent sexist and ageist comments about the late great Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg. He shared a meme of Justice Ginsberg that commented, "Abraham Lincoln grabbed my ass in 1862." These insulting words demonstrate what he thinks about women. It shows a lack of judgement and respect for 50 percent of the people in the 14th Senate District.

Sadly, this is not the only time he is posted something of this nature. In fact, he has on four other occasions called women things like "pig," "bitch" and other horrible or disgusting words that I will not write here. He has also written that one woman needed a slap! What makes this worse is that he has endorsements from other Republicans. To me this means not only does Southworth condone disrespecting women but that many others in the party do as well. We cannot go backwards and voting to elect him is just that going back to a time when women were seen as objects and less than equal to men.

I had to write this letter to the editor as I cannot stand still and let this unacceptable behavior go unchecked. Women across Milford, Orange, Woodbridge and West Haven need to stand up and say enough is enough. Please vote to keep Southworth out of office.

Halina Chodz
Milford

MPC Thankful to Community**To the Editor:**

As we wind down 2020, I feel the need to thank some special people who have assisted

me and the Milford Performance Center to help normalize life through the power of music during the pandemic. Almost everyone I know here in Connecticut and across the country has been touched in some degree by COVID.

Once we partnered with the CT Post Mall and the Town of Orange we were able to navigate the difficult logistics of making the outdoor drive-in events safe and fun. The Orange team, First Selectman Jim Zeoli, Dan Lynch, Vaughn Dumas, Ray Laplante, Chris Small, Jaime Vincent and Max Martins, were very involved in pre-show prep and insightful advice.

A big thank you goes out to our health departments: Tim Noia, Deepa Joseph, Amir Mohamed and Brian Sugloski in Orange. It is with their guidance that we put the important finishing touches on how to run the events. Another thank you to Susan Bysiewicz, David Lehman and Tommy Hyde for their guidance from the state level.

The CT Post Mall, under the guidance of Ken Sterba and his property management and security staff, went out of their way to help us including restriping Covid safe pods on the parking lot. Another spoke in the wheel was Eagle Container in Orange who helped with our stage construction.

While it is my hope to be back inside in the spring, I believe it is safe to say – from feedback from everyone involved – that we are prepared to be back outside if that is what is needed. We also know what we would do to enhance the experience, including concessions and food trucks.

I would like to end with a thank you to all of the patrons who came out to try something different and help make this work. It was this support that enabled us to make donations to the Beth-El Center in Milford and the Orange Volunteer Fire Department.

Steve Cooper
Milford Performing Arts Center

Stand Up to Murphy**To the Editor:**

US Sen. Chris Murphy has introduced legislation into the US Senate seeking to defund federal support for school resource officers. A school resource officer is a police officer assigned to work in collaboration with school administrators to provide a safe environment for students and staff.

For the past eight years, Sen. Murphy has gone across Connecticut making promises of support for school resource officers and other trained professionals under the jurisdiction of local police departments. Now, Sen. Murphy claims that eliminating school resource officers is a step towards eliminating systematic racism. Sen. Murphy is simply playing politics. This is an issue about the safety of our children, not racism, and Sen. Murphy's bill will only weaken protection for our children.

Since state funding for local education is much greater than the federal funding, we must ensure that our state senators and representatives will stand up to Sen. Murphy's politics and commit to not defund school resource officers.

Dan DeBarba, the Republican candidate for state representative, understands the purpose of school resource officers. DeBarba has strongly opposed Sen. Murphy's proposal. DeBarba wrote on Facebook, "These officers are there for one reason: To Protect Children. I believe that the residents of Woodbridge, Orange and Derby have a much better sense than Chris Murphy does of what is good for our children."

It is important for Mary Welander, the Democrat candidate for state representative, to take a position on this issue. Will she stand up to Chris Murphy like Dan DeBarba has? Will she put politics aside and make the same commitment that Dan DeBarba has already

made? The voters of Derby, Orange and Woodbridge need to know.

Christopher Daddio
Orange

Southworth a Public Servant**To the Editor:**

While many people are talking about the presidential election, our local elections here in Connecticut often go ignored. 2020 is an important year for our state and that is why I am writing to tell you about Mike Southworth, an incredibly passionate and dedicated public servant running to represent us in the state Senate.

As a firefighter and EMS member for nearly 20 years, he has fought to protect and keep our community safe. Now he's running on a platform of making Connecticut more affordable and renewing the spirit of bipartisanship that has been so lost in politics. Unlike his opponent who has voted with party leadership on nearly every major piece of legislation, Mike is pledging to cross party lines to pass important legislation that will repair infrastructure, bring high paying jobs back to our state and prepare Connecticut for future pandemics. Crucially, Mike will bring people together and put their interests ahead of politics. On policing, he would bring community leaders and police unions together instead of dividing them as James Maroney has. Mike will also continue to support legislation like the "Take Back Our Grid" Act, which holds state utility companies accountable. Now more than ever, we need people with first-hand experience fighting this virus in our state senate.

As a lifelong resident of Milford, I hope you'll join me in voting for Mike Southworth to be our next state Senator in the 14th District.

Sue Dibiase
Milford

Democrats Have Your Back**To the Editor:**

As longtime resident of Orange, member of the Orange Democratic Town Committee and currently serving as its chair, I am so impressed with the Democratic candidates we have for this election. We have seen what the Republicans have done to our nation. They have sat quietly by while Donald Trump insults, lies and bullies anyone who disagrees with him. Even our local Republican leaders have not said one word about the lies this man continues to spew every day. The current Republican representatives have voted against climate change initiatives, against paid family leave, and they voted for the bond package which cut \$16,000 from Orange for two years. In the state Senate race, they have put up a candidate who has made multiple social media posts degrading women. And they don't speak out against that. Their silence is deafening.

This is not who Orange wants representing us. We want people of integrity and people who understand our lives. Who understand the challenges we face and have the heart and forward thinking to help us meet and overcome those challenges.

State Sen. James Maroney has already proven that he understands what the constituents of Milford, Orange and West Haven are facing. He has been communicating with us since the pandemic began with information to help us cope. He is out in the community and offers his support regularly.

Our candidates for state representative, Mary Welander, Bryan Anderson and Tony Sutton all have long records of volunteering in their communities, of reaching out to help their neighbors, and understanding the challenges we face every day. They are people who you want to sit down and have a cup of coffee and

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be comfortable having a frank discussion on the issues that affect you. They are independent thinkers who aren't tied to towing a party line.

If you want honest leaders who care about your lives and truly want to work to improve it, I encourage you to vote for James Maroney for state senator and the state representative for your neighborhood, Mary Welander, Bryan Anderson, or Tony Sutton. They have your back.

Jody Dietch
Chair, Orange Democratic Town Committee

Welander Has "Done" for You

To the Editor:

When electing someone to represent you, shouldn't you ask yourself, "What have you done for me lately?"

Themis Klarides's recent "column" in the New Haven Register, which was really a letter to the editor, touts Dan DeBarba's resume. Despite his titles, what did he actually accomplish for people versus corporations? His allegiances are where the Republican Party is, corporate America over the people of America.

You have a clear choice in this election. Mary Welander has already "done" for you. Mary has been looking out for the residents of Orange and Connecticut as a Board of Education member, town volunteer and member of Sandy Hook Promise. Mary Welander puts our interests first, not the corporate dollar. She volunteers and is running for the right reasons – not for accolades and ego but to help people. I urge you to make the right choice for Orange, Derby and Woodbridge as well as the future of the state of Connecticut and vote for Mary Welander, state Representative 114th District.

Jeff Dietch
Orange

Anderson an Advocate

To the Editor:

While you may not be aware, the cogs in the wheels in Milford have been churning in your favor thanks to our former alderman and current candidate for Connecticut state representative, District 119, Bryan Anderson. Bryan has been one of the most instrumental advocates for Milford residents, not just within the 5th District but for all districts. Quietly yet effectively he addresses our concerns, takes them

to the people who are tasked with taking action and follows through holding those stakeholders accountable. He fights for the little guy.

Over the years I have had the pleasure of working with Bryan to address neighborhood issues. I have seen the results of his due diligence and his personal passion in achieving action in a way that is distinctly Bryan. I trust his judgement and the personal way Bryan takes on and executes the challenges to protect the charm of our beautiful city.

I believe, if elected to be our state representative, Bryan will bring these same skill sets and passions for protecting Milford and now, Orange all the way to the Capitol.

Donna Dutko
Milford

Welander Committed to Orange

To the Editor:

Please join me in supporting Mary Welander for state Representative of the 114th District in the upcoming election.

Mary is a passionate advocate for families. She knows the importance of keeping our schools safe, vibrant learning communities. Mary understands the importance of the DARE program in our elementary schools and fully supports the role the resource officers play in making positive connections with our young people.

She will work also hard to ensure that all of our citizens have access to the healthcare they need.

Mary is committed to our town – we need her in Hartford.

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, vote for Mary Welander.

Betty Hadlock
Orange Board of Education
Orange

Proud to Split Vote

To the Editor:

I want to share a recent experience my family had with state Sen. James Maroney and state Rep. Kathy Kennedy. My daughter reached out to Rep. Kennedy and Sen. Maroney seeking assistance with special education services for my grandson. They both responded to her letter within hours and have gone above and beyond to provide support and guidance. Throughout the process, these two legislators (of opposite parties I might add) worked in tandem to fight for the forgotten students who require special education accommodations and received almost zero services or assistance after schools

transitioned to a virtual setting. As a lifelong Milford resident and a lifelong Democrat, I welcome the opportunity to support this bipartisan duo on election day.

At a time when politics is far too divisive and far too corrosive, we need a team like James and Kathy back in Hartford working for our community. On Nov. 3, I'll proudly be splitting my ticket to support Rep. Kennedy and Sen. Maroney.

Ella Holst
Milford

Anderson Understands Business, Education

To the Editor:

I submit this letter in support of Bryan Anderson for state representative for my district.

As a small business owner Bryan knows what it means to manage payroll and overhead costs, pay healthcare and other benefits, and supervise employees. Being a small business owner myself, Bryan's vast experience in this area and understanding of small business needs is compelling.

Bryan is also a retired educator, which means he knows first-hand the issues and needs that children, parents and other members of our community are facing, particularly during the global health crisis caused by COVID-19. As my husband and I look to expand our family, it is comforting to know a former educator will be serving our best interests in Hartford.

On the other hand, Bryan's opponent, Republican Kathy Kennedy, is a partisan indistinguishable from her caucus, voting 95 percent in line with her peers: Kennedy voted against common sense climate change legislation; against paid family and medical leave, a cause which was personal to me and for which I campaigned and testified in favor of; she voted for a bond package that cut funds to Orange; and she voted to bind the hands of the Secretary of State trying to safely expand voting by mail.

As a public school teacher of fifteen years, former realtor, former Milford alderman, and small business owner, Bryan will serve the best interests of Milford and Orange residents: he will advocate for local education dollars; he will fight for our fair share of bond funds; he will work and vote to expand no excuse voting, implement early voting, and permit voting by mail; and he will work for an expanded bottle bill, climate change legislation, open space and farmland preservation.

Being self-employed also means Bryan has the flexibility to serve his constituents well and be available to debate and vote on important legislation, as opposed to his opponent who works full-time for the City of Milford.

We need compassionate and independent leadership for Milford and Orange

representing us at the General Assembly. My vote is for Bryan Anderson and I hope yours is too.

Carmina K. Hirsch
Milford

Maroney Shows Courage

To the Editor:

It was once said by John F. Kennedy that "Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction." Throughout his public service James Maroney has shown courage and effort while consistently being straight with his constituents regarding purpose and direction. From the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic he has provided over 100 different updates across phone calls, emails, web announcements, and town hall-style conferences. Through all means of communication James has always helped his constituents in Milford, West Haven, Woodbridge and Orange. His leadership has helped business owners get access to state and federal aid while they struggled to remain open.

Before the pandemic took over almost every facet of our lives James was promoting Connecticut as a great place to grow a business with the development of opportunity zones. His legislation (Senate Bill 570) incentivizes developers to invest in distressed municipalities and makes it easier for them to do so. For instance, in West Haven the bill seeks to increase job opportunities by tasking the commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development to host a series of events to attract private development. The bill supports the rehabilitation of historic structures in opportunity zones. Westies are proud hard-working people, and you can see it in their large strong looking brick buildings. This bill helps breathe new life back into them. More than 400 companies have looked to invest in Connecticut.

While we cherish our history, we do need to look forward. James is not just looking to the future; he is working to prepare us for it. For example, he has promoted the development of next generation skills through his legislation to make computer science curriculum a requirement in the state's public schools. Bill 957 passed with bipartisan support and unanimously in the Senate, a testament to James's ability to bring different groups together.

His ability to work with anyone to support and promote West Haven, Milford, Orange and Woodbridge is central to our continued growth and prosperity. For this reason, I support James and strongly suggest we reelect him as state senator for the 14th District.

Joe Honcz
Milford

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Southworth Slings Mud

To the Editor:

Mr. Southworth, I am an apolitical person, but I read with interest your flyer re: Mr. Maroney and PPE. I always tried to teach my staff and children to understand that it behooves them not to "bash the competition." One is respected by showing a prospective client/customer/voter what he himself or she herself can do/has done, as opposed to entering the cesspool and muckraking/mudslinging. The former may be challenging, but the latter is easy, and the coward's way out.

I suggest, sir, that you consider the position of your party's leader who consciously and deliberately decided not to implement mechanisms available to him which would have gone a long way to ensure that hospitals and medical professionals had the PPE necessary to protect themselves and their patients. People died because of this. I therefore respectfully suggest that you find another way to sling mud.

And please remove me from your mailing list. Thank you.

Keith Indeck
Orange

Endorses DeBarba

To the Editor:

After 22 years of service as a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives, you may know that I've decided not to run for reelection in 2020. While I will greatly miss representing the great people

of Woodbridge, Orange and Derby, I am very excited to support Dan DeBarba as your next state Representative. A longtime resident of Orange and lifetime resident of our state, Dan is well-acquainted with the struggles facing middle class families in Connecticut. If elected, I know he will put petty politics aside and do what is right for the residents of our district and the entire state of Connecticut.

Connecticut's economic difficulties were apparent prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and have been exacerbated by the pandemic shutdown. More than ever, Connecticut needs lawmakers with the financial experience to make sound economic decisions and the leadership experience to find balance between state competitiveness and an appropriate safety net. Dan's record of accomplishments as a certified public accountant and health care executive make him eminently qualified to help Connecticut at this time of crisis.

In many ways, Dan's humble beginnings shaped him into the industrious man he is today. He joined the Connecticut Army National Guard and worked as a medic to serve his country and to afford the cost of attending UCONN. He took a year off before college to save money and worked two jobs throughout his college years. While at UCONN, Dan met his wife Lynn, a nursing student from Orange at the time. Like so many, they both worked hard to pay the rent, save for a house, pay the mortgage and raise three children.

Before he served as Chief Financial Officer of a New York multi-hospital organization, Dan was the President of both Norwalk Hospital and Danbury Hospital. These qualifications give him a unique perspective on the challenges faced by healthcare professionals and their families. With these qualifications, Dan's readiness to

serve Connecticut is plain to see.

Dan was resilient as a young man in the face of financial hardship. He collected a decade's worth of financial experience as a certified public accountant and achieved much success as a healthcare executive advocating for patients, physicians and frontline staff. Dan is committed to public service and wants to bring these experiences to bear upon Connecticut's problems at this critical time in our state's history. It is for these reasons that I am proud to endorse Dan DeBarba for State Representative in the 114th District, and I urge my supporters to join me in voting for Dan on Nov. 3.

Themis Klarides
Connecticut House of Representatives,
R-114

Support for Anderson

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Bryan Anderson, Democratic candidate for state Representative, House District 119. As a resident of Milford and a board member and commissioner on several historic preservation entities in Milford, I first came to know Mr. Anderson when he served as the 5th District Democratic alderman. In particular it was Mr. Anderson's role on the Aldermanic Ordinance Committee where I first witnessed his commitment to community and to enriching that community.

Mr. Anderson's willingness to examine existing preservation ordinances, particularly the demolition permitting process and the demolition delay ordinance, was evident, and his insight helpful. He was instrumental in ushering through the Historic Preservation ordinance in 2016 and the subsequent formation of Milford's Historic Preservation

Commission. The Historic Preservation Commission presides over designated historic properties which lie outside Milford's two local historic districts. Milford's demolition ordinance was reexamined and amended, requiring that the City Historian, the Milford Preservation Trust and the Milford Historical Society be notified by certified mail of demolition applications. Neighbors of properties with pending demolition applications must also be notified and signs must be posted for public viewing on a prominent part of the structure.

Mr. Anderson also attended and delivered remarks at key public events such as the forum on Historic Homes Tax Credits and the bipartisan panel discussion on affordable housing in 2016.

Smart growth is a critical issue facing many municipalities in Connecticut and across the country – a walkable downtown and transit-oriented development are very worthy objectives, providing they incorporate sensitive treatment of historic properties. Milford's historic core is a case in point and one that is being carefully examined even at the state level. Bryan Anderson has not shied away from tackling this issue, even when controversial. His frankness and insight have been noted by many of my colleagues on various boards and commissions. His many years in a classroom have served to make him an exceptional listener and a skilled negotiator.

Milford will be well represented and well served by this dedicated public servant, and I am proud to support his candidacy.

Michele Kramer
Milford Preservation Trust
Milford Historic Preservation
Commission
Milford

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Anderson Gets Things Done

To the Editor:

I'm writing to endorse candidate Bryan Anderson for Connecticut state representative in the 119th District.

Bryan served the City of Milford for eight years as one of the brightest and most well-spoken aldermen that Milford has ever had. He focuses on helping his constituents first and foremost. He knows their names and informs them in advance of important hearings and meetings about issues that directly effect them.

Bryan gets things done, whether it's about sidewalk installations, recycling programs, or advocating for more affordable senior housing.

I've had the pleasure of walking door-to-door with Bryan in several local campaigns and I am so impressed with his knowledge of local, state and national issues. He keeps pace daily with current news, and is often ahead of the curve in his activism.

Moving from local to state politics is a natural transition for Bryan and I can't wait to see what comes next for him. He continues to be a dynamo in helping people to improve their lives and assist with issues that require a level-headed, no-nonsense and bipartisan approach to solving problems.

It is refreshing to have someone like Bryan in one's corner. He has been my go-to person and political mentor for years and I can't think of a better candidate to represent our state.

Dora Kubek
Milford

Working Families a Euphemism

To the Editor:

It's hard to believe that in the year 2020 there are still so many under-informed voters in our area. Many do not understand that the Working Families Party is a euphemism for the Communist Party. It is not a hip, trendy third party that like the Libertarians or something like that, it is a dyed in the wool, defund the police, Antifa, leftist extremist party. There are some currently running in our district that wear this endorsement as a badge of honor. If we had an informed electorate, this would be the political kiss of death. Remember when you see the working parties endorsement and when you see it on the ballot know to stay away from that candidate because if they were good enough for communists they are very detrimental to your rights and your way of life.

Brian McGrew
Orange

Maroney Deserves Another Term

To the Editor:

James Maroney has proved himself to be a valuable asset to Connecticut residents. He approaches the issues thoughtfully and without bias. His only goal is to improve the lives of the people he serves. James is a visionary. Witness his concept for Founder's Walk, a beautiful addition to downtown Milford. Not only did he conceive of the idea, but he secured both private and public funding for it, chaired the steering committee, and oversaw the construction. The project saw many setbacks and took several years to complete, but James never wavered in his determination to see it completed.

In our hyper partisan world, James is a breath of fresh air. He does not approach issues with an us against them attitude. He carefully and thoroughly assesses the issue at hand and sets about determining the best solution, always

trying to bring people from all sides on board.

His long experience as a small business owner gives him special insight into the challenges that are faced every day. In support of small business he authored a bill which worked to increase long term economic investment across the state and expedite the permitting process for new projects. The bill passed the Senate with unanimous support and was signed into law in June of 2019.

Veterans, seniors and students have all benefited from James's service. He listens, he considers, and he acts. He is accessible and he leaves no one behind. James Maroney deserves our support and our vote for another term as state Senator.

Charles Montalbano
Milford

Anderson Diligent, Tenacious

To the Editor:

It is a pleasure to support Bryan Anderson for state representative in the 119th District. As an alderman in Milford for eight years, Bryan was astutely aware of the needs in every area of the city. His concern for everyone, not just in his district, is evident in the new bus shelters on East Town Road. After observing people sitting on grocery carts on litter-strewn grass in all weather conditions, Bryan got to work. His deep concern for the safety and dignity of transit riders led him on a crusade to have bus shelters installed. Through his perseverance and constant follow-up for several years, these shelters are now a reality. Bryan recognizes that funding public transportation is essential to productivity and economic growth. He will bring that same diligence and tenacity to Hartford.

Janet Montalbano
Milford

Welander Will Improve Community

To the Editor:

Mary Welander is running for state Representative for the 114th District which serves Derby, Orange and Woodbridge. Mary brings a commitment to improving the quality of life to all citizens and small businesses of these communities. As a member of the Orange Board of Education and Sandy Hook Promise, her commitment to quality education and a

safe school environment is unprecedented. Her experience is even more critical during this time of COVID-19 when parents, school administrators and teachers are striving to balance education and safety in uncharted waters.

Mary is married and the mother of three children. All her children attend school in Orange. She is the daughter of an educator and small business owner, and the sister of three combat veterans. Mary understands the importance of public service firsthand. Her sole goal is to service the people and businesses of Derby, Orange and Woodbridge. She will not be blinded by political ambitions which have left the 114th District without proper representation in the past.

Mary's goals are to rebuild the economy of our three towns beyond the pre-pandemic level safely; protect our residents and workers in our nursing homes/assisted living centers; ensure everyone has access to quality and affordable health care; work to lower prescription drug costs; protect our environment; and provide the support needed by our healthcare and public safety professionals.

Mary has received many endorsements due to her proven track record and work ethic for the community. Some of these endorsements include US Sen. Chris Murphy; the Uniformed Professional Fire Fighters Association of Connecticut; Working Families; and Moms Demand Action, just to name a few.

I am a former elected official of Orange and community service volunteer who strongly endorses Mary and I hope you will support her on Nov. 3. Thank you.

Joseph Marulli
Orange

Anderson Competent, Responsive

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Bryan Anderson, candidate for state representative in the 119th District. He was an extremely competent and responsive alderman in Milford for many years strongly supporting the concerns of his district and beyond. He is smart, unbiased, open minded and progressive and will do for Connecticut what he has helped do in Milford. I urge everyone to support his candidacy and vote for Bryan as I believe with his vast experience he is the best person to represent us in Hartford.

Sandra Morgan
Milford

Southworth an Independent Voice

To the Editor:

This year is a critical election. We need to make sure that the people of Milford, Orange, West Haven and Woodbridge send Mike Southworth to Hartford. James Maroney has been a colossal mistake for the people of the 14th Senate District. That mistake needs to be corrected this November. Let's look at the facts. James Maroney says he is an independent voice, but his voting record shows differently. When the people say that they want James Maroney to vote against the awful policies that the other Democrats in Hartford propose, James shows that he lacks the backbone to fight for us. James votes for every tax increase that comes before him.

When the police officers in the 14th Senate District told James Maroney to stand with first responders and vote against the police bill, James Maroney lacked all courage and backbone to stand up to Hartford's radical Democrats instead of standing with our first responders. He also voted for the PPE, which put a tax on masks and gloves. I can promise you Mike Southworth will stand with our first responders because he is one. Mike is a firefighter in West Haven. Mike will be an independent voice the voters want and thought they voted for two years ago. Mike is a family man, a West Haven Elk, and most important in touch with the ordinary people, not the most extreme members of the Democratic Party.

Frank Musante
Milford

Kennedy Understands Women

To the Editor:

When it comes to supporting candidates for office, I have a unique perspective as a mom who has raised two young children on my own. I look for someone who understands the challenging experiences of single motherhood in what I view as one of the world's toughest jobs: raising children on your own.

That is why I support state Rep. Kathy Kennedy. She understands what women face daily. She knows what it's like to work hard to provide for family only to see a larger and larger portion of your paycheck going to state and federal programs via taxes that never ends up benefiting working moms.

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While under the threat of a pandemic, Kathy has worked daily on behalf of Milford's working families. Whether it's been helping working moms with childcare information or working to help with an unemployment claim, Kathy has been a great advocate for working families raising children. I believe that we need to send her back to Hartford to continue fighting for families raising children.

As state representative, Kathy fought efforts by some to make a living in Connecticut less affordable for families. Kathy has opposed proposals like tolls, a new tax on groceries, taxes on digital downloads and safety apparel that would hurt families like mine. Kathy understands that many families cannot absorb being nickel and dimed when our wages remain the same; if we have to tighten our belts, so should government.

Kathy Kennedy has been there for us, and I urge people to support her in return. I know she deserves a second term in the state legislature.

Jennifer Musante
Milford

Kennedy Represents Community

To the Editor:

In today's political climate and the polarizing politics, I find myself looking for people to vote for that have a sincere love of our state and community, working to make their small part of the world a better place. The person that best exemplifies those qualities is Kathy Kennedy who is running for state representative in the 119th House District.

As a registered Independent and local business owner, it doesn't matter for me what Kathy Kennedy's political party is, it does matter that she is the best person to represent our community.

From the first day she was sworn into state office, Kathy has been working hard on behalf of Milford and Orange. When COVID took hold of our country and state, Kathy remained in constant communication, providing us with the latest virus information, working to help people navigate state agencies, and getting people their unemployment checks while making sure our

local communities remain safe.

That's all – no political agendas or no bumper sticker slogans just doing what's right and best for us. That is why I support Kathy Kennedy for state representative in 2020.

Matthew Paterna
Milford

Accolades for Anderson

To the Editor:

I see Bryan Anderson as a transparent, caring action oriented leader. He is efficient in getting things accomplished in a timely manner. His efforts for the public concerns are addressed with ease as he truly listens to all. Bryan's marvelous problem solving attitude was evident with his role as a teacher and alderman. Those who know him only have accolades to how he shows up in the community and beyond. I am proud to share my feelings of why I feel Bryan will be the best gift for the state representing us as the Democratic 119th District General Assembly seat.

Betsy Ratner
Milford

Enthusiasm for Kennedy

To the Editor:

It is with overwhelming enthusiasm that I write this letter in support of state Rep. Kathy Kennedy. Kathy has been my friend for over 40 years and is running for re-election in the 119th District. I have also had the pleasure of working with Kathy with the city of Milford and also while I was the minority leader for the Milford Board of Education. She worked effortlessly for the students of Milford locally, statewide and nationwide. I can attest to her utmost integrity from both a personal and professional level.

Kathy has proven to be a consummate advocate for the district and focused on issues rather than party affiliation. During the COVID outbreak, I personally reached out to Kathy for a lifelong friend who was having difficulty receiving unemployment. This single mother was not the same party affiliation as Kathy, she wasn't even in her district. However, Kathy took the time to advocate for her and secured the funding needed to help her with everyday needs. That is the kind

of person I want representing me!

I have seen firsthand Rep. Kennedy's willingness to cut the red tape that many issues are often mired in, and clearly focus on the needs of the people, not politics! Kathy has distinguished herself by working diligently to achieve positive results! Kathy is bright, articulate and a ferocious fighter for all voters. She is ethical and honest and a credit to the often partisanship political structure. She serves for a purpose, not politics and works tirelessly for all!

On election day, I will be casting my vote for my friend Kathy Kennedy. I hope all of you will mirror my vote, a vote for a better for a Connecticut.

Joanne M. Rohrig
Milford

Maroney Supports Healthcare Workers

To the Editor:

As a health care provider, I cannot tell you how hard it has been in 2020 to help my friends and neighbors stay safe. I'm up early every day to get ready for the day and the challenges it will bring. But I am thankful that my senator, James Maroney, has my back and the back of my fellow healthcare workers. In fact, when it got hard to access the necessary personal protective equipment, James was there for us. He coordinated donation centers and even drafted his family into the cause that delivered much needed PPE to staff and nurses at Golden Hill and Yale. When the health care providers needed him the most, he was there.

COVID has pushed me and my fellow nurses, physician colleagues and the entire health care team harder than any other time that I can remember. Not having enough PPE to make you feel safe takes a toll on you. Being able to rely on the trust I have with James has been a blessing. That trust is something he has developed since he entered government in 2012 as a state representative. He has worked tirelessly for providers like me in healthcare. I strongly encourage everyone in Milford, Orange, Woodbridge and West Haven to consider voting to reelect James Maroney as our state senator in the 14th District.

Chantelle Shimono
Orange

Anderson Follows Through

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to share with you my experience with Bryan Anderson to give you insight into the wonderful state representative to the 119 District he will be and why he is worthy of your vote in November.

I met Bryan when he was door knocking as an alderman in Milford's 5th District. What first impressed me about Bryan was his follow through. Candidates for office will often tell you what they think you want to hear to get elected but often those promises never materialize after the election. Bryan is your follow through guy. He perseveres no matter the roadblocks.

Over the many years Bryan served as my alderman he was always available to help his constituents with any issues no matter how big or small. As much as I hated to see Bryan end his tenure as my alderman I was elated that he was going to run for state representative of my district.

Bryan is extremely knowledgeable and active in the issues that affect not only Milford but all the towns and cities in the 119th. There will be no period of adjustment to this larger role. He is ready to hit the ground running.

My relationship with Bryan has morphed into a wonderful friendship. He has my back and I know that he will have yours as your next representative.

Susan Simmat
Milford

Opinion

Kennedy Protects Seniors

To the Editor:

As a retired senior living in Milford, there are many things that I worry about when it comes to sending someone to Hartford to represent me.

Some of the thoughts that go through my head are, will that person fight to keep state taxes low and make Connecticut more affordable to remain in my home. I worry about the direction that the state has taken over the last 10 years. Seeing large tax increases makes it harder and harder to afford the basics to live each day. I worry that I won't stay in a beautiful state that I love so very much.

With these issues in mind, I write this to tell all the people in the 119th of Milford and Orange that you should vote to send Rep. Kathy Kennedy back to Hartford when you decide to vote this year.

Kathy has been a loud voice for all of us fighting against tolls, higher taxes and common sense budgeting. She fought the governor's plan to repeal the tax phase on pensions and Social Security, standing with retired residents in the state. She opposed a tax on prepared food in grocery stores while working to help make prescription drugs more affordable for people, including the cost of insulin. Kathy also voted to protect our police officers and keep our communities safe, especially with the rise of car break-ins.

I have had the privilege of getting to know Kathy Kennedy the past two years, and she has been one of the most caring and compassionate people I have ever met; working to help everyone who needs help, whether it be providing face masks to those who support them or helping with unemployment claims.

I want to stay in the state I lived in my entire life and want to see my three grandchildren have the same opportunities. That is why I urge you to vote for Kathy Kennedy for state representative.

Linda Tschilske
Milford

Proud to Support Maroney

To the Editor:

I have known James Maroney a long time and can attest first-hand to his character, his competence, and his compassion for others. His tireless effort to try and do what is right to create opportunity for everyone is an inspiration.

A small business owner by day, he helps students and families prepare and plan for college and the future. In his spare time, he brews beer for his friends to share. No matter what he is doing, he applies passion and intellect.

As a state senator, he has accepted an enormous amount of responsibility. He sits on eight committees, is chairman of General Law, chairman of Veterans Affairs, and deputy majority leader.

In true leadership fashion, he capitalized on his committee assignments to create impact and opportunity for everyone. He sponsored, or co-sponsored, into law several important bills. For me, the one that stands out is the Military-to-Machinist Program, signed into law last year.

My father was a Marine, who had his military career cut short by a knee injury after Vietnam. For many Veterans, the transition back into regular life is a constant struggle that can take decades. For too many, it never happens at all. Before he passed last year, I asked my father what he thought of the idea. He said, "Something like that could change someone's life." I think that says it all.

By using his influence to create opportunities that will improve lives, Senator Maroney is performing the role of an elected official exactly as it should be. I proudly support James Maroney for reelection as state Senator in the 14th District.

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Special Section: Election 2020

The *Milford-Orange Times* is continuing its election-year tradition of asking the candidates to respond to questions about what they would do for the residents of Milford and Orange if voters elect them. This special section features the responses from the candidates. An asterisk next to a candidate's name indicates that they are the incumbent.

US House of Representatives, District 3

With Washington increasingly polarized and the nation facing multiple crises, how can you best further the interests of the people of the Third Congressional District at the federal level?

Rosa DeLauro* - Democrat



helping working people. I have introduced legislation that would provide paid sick days and family and medical leave, regular schedules at work, universal child care and equal pay for women. Through my seat on the Labor, Education and Health and Human Services Appropriations subcommittee, I have worked to secure much-needed funding for wage protection, job training programs and worker protections as well as robust funding for our public education system and students pursuing higher education.

We must do more to ensure the economic security of working families, which is why I am fighting to raise the minimum wage. It is also why I have fought back against policies that incentivize the outsourcing or offshoring of jobs.

I believe in the potential of the Congress to provide opportunities for people, to create an environment in which they can succeed. From Pell grants for college students to small business loans for enterprising entrepreneurs, the federal government has a role to play in helping people realize their American Dream.

The pandemic has brought light to many issues that I have been advocating for the

need to address. Food deserts, access to affordable healthcare and child care, as well as using our tax system to benefit working families. We need to increase the minimum benefit for SNAP and implement a fully refundable and expanded Child Tax Credit. That is why I introduced the American Family Act which would cut the child poverty rate by 42 percent.

We also need to do more to support child care providers and make child care more affordable for families. To that end, I have been working to pass the Child Care is Essential Act, to create a \$50 billion Child Care Stabilization Fund in the economic relief package. I am also a co-sponsor of the Child Care for Working Families Act, which would increase the number of slots and funding for child care, as well as the Child Care Flex Spending Act, which would double the amount of pre-tax dollars families can set aside to help pay child care costs.

We need universal healthcare more than ever in this crisis. That is why I led the fight to protect the Affordable Care Act and wrote the Medicare for America Act. My legislation builds on the success of Medicare and Medicaid and achieves universal health

coverage by auto-enrolling every child at birth, those who are uninsured, and those who currently purchase their coverage on the individual market, in the new Medicare for America program. Employees have the option to stay covered by quality employer-sponsored insurance or choose to enroll in the program. Employers also have the option to choose Medicare for America for their employees. Let me be clear, every individual in this country will have the option to be covered by Medicare for America, and no one will go uninsured.

We must protect and strengthen our nation's Social Safety Net – those programs which provide working people and our seniors with the help and resources they need when they are most vulnerable. Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, unemployment insurance, and others were created and implemented by both Democrats and Republicans and, until recently, were supported in a bipartisan way.

The federal government may not be able to do everything, but I believe that it has a responsibility to provide relief and support to the most vulnerable among us.

Margaret Streicker - Republican



Someone who will work with anyone to address the critical issues facing our district and our nation.

I've spent my career in the private sector creating hundreds of jobs, providing quality healthcare for my employees, and creating housing for communities. I am adept at bringing many varying stakeholders to consensus to get resolution and results. I accomplish so much because I take the time to listen, understand and assess complex situations. Unlike the current representative and her "my way or the highway" mentality, all too prevalent in Washington, I look to gain consensus and lead with authority once decisions are made.

That is why I'm running for Congress – our district needs an independent leader. Someone who is pragmatic, and solutions-driven; who brings outside perspectives and private sector solutions to our nation's most pressing issues. After 30 years of waste, division and decline under the current representative –many, many years too many – it's time to actually get things done

that make life better for our hard-working Connecticut families.

While jobs fled our state, taxes rose, healthcare became unaffordable and safety and security came under attack, Rosa DeLauro stood by and made empty promises. In fact, she actively backed policies that made each of those crises worse. Her record is her own, and yet we are the ones paying for these failed policies.

I will work to get the government out of the way of our small and mid-sized businesses, to enable them to create more jobs in our local community. I've spent my career in the private sector, I understand how the economy works, the challenges we all face and what we need to be doing to let our businesses thrive.

I will fight for lower taxes on middle-class Connecticut families. Rosa DeLauro has never seen a tax increase she didn't love. She raised our taxes every chance she got, and if she gets her way now, there are many more tax increases to come, which yes, directly hurt all our families.

I'm a very different kind of Republican, truly independent and I believe that access to healthcare is a human right; that our government should be doing everything it can to lower the cost of healthcare for all Americans.

Every family in our district deserves to feel safe in their own home, which is why I will never support the radical calls to defund our police departments. I have the back of our men and women in blue, and they have mine – that's why I have been endorsed by the Connecticut Fraternal Order of Police and numerous local police unions.

Rosa DeLauro has had 30 years to step up, walk across the aisle, and solve any of these problems. She has not. At each and every turn, Rosa DeLauro put her DC politics ahead of our best interest.

I'm Margaret Streicker, and I will be an independent American leader for our district. It is people before party for me, and it always will be.

My name is Margaret Streicker. I'm a mother, a businesswoman and a candidate for Connecticut's Third Congressional District. At a time when Washington is divided and career politicians seek to pit us against each other, I am running as a consensus builder.

State Senate, District 14

The coronavirus pandemic cut the 2020 legislative session short while bringing new issues to the fore that will need to be addressed. What are the most pressing issues the state legislature will face next year, and how will you approach them?

James Maroney* - Democrat



residents first. It is important that in the next legislative session we don't lose the trust of the population with risky policies or people will not feel safe spending their money which will further damage the economy. We must stay the course, especially as we move into flu season. Experts are predicting another wave and the numbers in Connecticut are increasing. Fortunately, we have learned the value of tele-health and many other policies which make it easier for people to stay in contact with their health providers while also preventing them from being exposed to the coronavirus. If reelected I will work to make tele-health a permanent option in Connecticut.

Connecticut made incredible gains economically in the last few years in spite of the pandemic and we cannot let those gains be erased. Prior to the pandemic there was a movement by those on the other side to raid the state's budget reserve, or the Rainy Day Fund. I fought against that and will continue to fight to only use that money in case of an emergency – like the emergency that is now being caused by the pandemic.

It is my belief that our response to the coronavirus and the current pandemic has been one of the best of any state and while we were hit hard early, the policies we have implemented have allowed Connecticut to safely reopen 95 percent of our economy, while still putting the lives of Connecticut

to make sure we create an environment for them to want to stay and thrive. We also have had over 1 million unemployment claims processed – that is eight years of claims filed in less than eight months. Many of these people are already back to work but we need to put in place retraining options for those who remain displaced.

In 2019, I championed legislation that worked to increase long-term economic investment across the state and expedite the permitting process for new projects within the state's opportunity zones. This led to a conference that was attended by over 400 investors and developers to learn about the state's new approach to enhance the existing opportunity zones. While this piece of legislation will bring new businesses to Connecticut, it is my goal in the 2021 session to bring a new piece of legislation that will enhance this bill to attract local entrepreneurs in the opportunity zones to build small businesses. Not only will we have more outside businesses come to Connecticut, but we will have more local businesses built up as well.

Connecticut has seen an influx of new residents and we need to reach out to them

Mike Southworth - Republican



increasing accessibility of agency resources will give employers necessary help from the state to reopen their businesses. I also want to fight for lower administrative costs and unnecessary regulations and fees that hinder creating and sustaining jobs. Additionally, protecting people from regressive taxes which unduly target those struggling to stay in Connecticut will be one of the most important issues of the next session.

The implementation of tolls and increases to the gas and bag taxes increase the cost of living and working in our state. I will always fight against taxes and tolls. Instead of raising taxes, the state should be working to advance policies that reduce the cost of living and create higher paying jobs. I also believe that creating incentives and opportunities for new companies to come to Connecticut and reinvigorate our economy. The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the necessity of diversifying the supply chain of essential products like medical supplies and personal protective equipment. Our state, which was once a manufacturing hub, could be pivotal in bringing PPE production stateside by making masks in America.

However, all of these positive changes will be rendered useless if we do not address the ongoing budgetary crisis. Currently, our state is facing a \$1.8 billion shortfall and our rainy

day and reserve funds will be further raided to make up the balance. As our Senator, I will hold agency heads accountable for irresponsible spending and work in a cross-party fashion to eliminate wasteful spending.

Another key issue which will be facing the legislature is the revisit of the police accountability bill. When it was passed during a special session, many of its staunchest supporters admitted openly that there were fundamental issues with the bill which would need to be amended in the future. One of the largest flaws with this bill involves ending qualified immunity which protects our law enforcement against frivolous lawsuits and our municipalities from economic repercussions of these lawsuits. Because of this in the bill, our towns can now be sued in frivolous lawsuits which could cost our towns hundreds of thousands of dollars. Towns will now have to pay tens of thousands of dollars for insurance against this, much like the malpractice insurance hospitals get for doctors. This is yet another unfunded mandate from Hartford further burdening our already cash strapped municipalities.

A final pressing issue facing our state is the reborn threat of forced regionalization of our school districts. Last General Assembly session, a proposal by Democrat

leadership in the house and senate called for the forced regionalization of all school districts in the state of Connecticut along probation court lines. This created several significant logistical and financial issues to which there is not enough space here to list all of them. One slightly overlooked issue which is especially pressing to the 14th Senate District is the abolishment of all voluntary regionalized school systems to abide by this proposal. This would abolish model school districts like Amity which regionalized voluntarily and has become one of the most successful school districts in the state and leaving thousands of our children displaced as their schools are split up and their friendships relocated. This proposal did not become a reality in the last General Assembly session thankfully. It has reemerged and looks to be an issue in the future as Sens. Martin Looney, Gary Holder-Winfield and Bob Duff have taken up the mantle for this unholy crusade once more, putting our children and schools in danger.

If elected, I promise to be a voice of reason, to protect our communities from dangerous legislation as discussed above and working across party lines to find solutions for the real issues that face our state.

State House of Representatives, District 117

Tony Sutton - Democrat



The most pressing issues to face the state legislature next year are rebuilding Connecticut's economy to a stronger level than before the COVID-19 pandemic, and ensuring that our residents and businesses can fully recover from the economic and financial damage inflicted upon them by the pandemic.

Our state has seen promising economic news in the last few weeks, with our existing budget deficit having been lowered by 40 percent due to increased revenue, and our Rainy Day Fund is at a record level of \$3.1 billion dollars. It is anticipated that these positive developments, as well as the promise of increased aid from the federal government, will allow the new legislature to provide the assistance our residents and businesses need to repair the economic damage caused the COVID-19 pandemic without increasing taxes or taking on additional debt.

In Milford, where I hold the post of Majority Leader of our Board of Aldermen, we've achieved great economic success through sound fiscal management, innovation, and a commitment to teamwork. I am very proud to have been on Mayor Ben Blake's team as we worked to obtain that success. Milford's aldermen and mayor have lowered taxes each of the past five years, while still consistently delivering high caliber services, improved infrastructure and first-class public safety for our residents. Even while cutting taxes five years in a row, we have increased funding year after year to our police and fire departments. The same common-sense and hard work approach is needed in Hartford to tackle the problems facing our state as we get our residents, communities and businesses back on their feet. I will champion sound fiscal policies, and strive to find innovative methods

by which to make our state government leaner and more efficient, but not leave anyone behind.

Rebuilding Connecticut's economy and remedying the financial effects of the pandemic suffered by our residents and businesses will require teamwork. Both parties must work together in Hartford to make sure those two essential goals are met. During my tenure as a Milford alderman, I have worked closely with my Republican colleagues, as well as citizens unaffiliated with either the Democratic or Republican parties. We have achieved effective results for Milford through bipartisanship and collaboration, but most of all, based upon civility and mutual respect. We have put city above party. I will continue doing so in Hartford by putting our state and its citizens first.

Charles Ferraro* - Republican



Every individual, every business, and every state has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and with rising cases throughout our state, we are not nearing the end of this health crisis.

Our state faces massive hurdles due to the shutdown, but we can overcome these obstacles by following these steps.

First we must keep our most vulnerable residents safe and healthy. We must put in place better guidelines for senior living homes and communities to follow. At the beginning of this pandemic, state officials failed to protect our most vulnerable and provide PPE supplies for residents.

Second, we must prepare ourselves for another health crisis. We cannot be caught flat-footed ever again. I have called on the legislature to remove the unnecessary

tax on PPE supplies. This tax on PPE supplies makes residents pay more money for trying to stay healthy.

Third, we need to support small businesses. As a small business owner and hearing from small business owners, it was frustrating dealing with state agencies. We need to modernize state government so it can respond quickly and help our small businesses and residents get the help they need.

Finally, we need to address our budgetary issues. In 2017, I was proud to join my colleagues in passing a bipartisan budget, a budget that funded the Rainy Day Fund to prevent another economic downturn. With the state facing a massive budget shortfall due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we can use some of the Rainy

Day Fund to prevent a total economic collapse, but we can't ignore the serious budget and spending problems our state faces.

We are all in this healthcare crisis together and the only way to fully get out of this is by working together. Just like we did in 2017, we should work together to find the best solutions to move our state in a better direction.

State House of Representatives, District 119

Bryan Anderson - Democrat



our families and communities. We have demonstrated self-discipline, and sacrifice, as well as compassion for others who have faced extreme hardships of loss, food insecurities and financial challenges. The onset of cold weather, beginning of the flu season, and evidence of Connecticut "hot spots" require us to continue to be vigilant, flexible, wear masks, practice social distancing and to offer assistance to those in need. The mask giveaways, food programs, free testing clinics, PPE supplies offered by municipalities, health departments, religious and non-profit groups have made and continue to make a considerable difference.

While the legislature tackled telehealth and capping insulin prices during the 2020 special session, both extremely critical new laws which make healthcare more affordable for Connecticut residents, there are many other measures that must be enacted to protect Connecticut's economy and ensure the health and welfare of residents.

As a small business owner, I know firsthand the importance of meeting one's expenses and of being an employer. While the Connecticut has provided Paycheck Protection Program help to businesses in the form of forgivable loans, we need to make certain that those loans are, in fact, forgiven if business owners have met program guidelines. There are other businesses which have not benefited from the program due to unavailability of funds or filing problems. We need to

see that they get the help they need. The Department of Labor has developed a shared work program that helps employers meet the difference in employee wages between unemployment compensation and ordinary wages for furloughed workers. We also need to offer support for those working in the gig economy. As a former economic development director, I have always supported entrepreneurship and innovation that creates and grows business opportunities and jobs.

There has been a breakdown in a number of supply chains directly or indirectly related to COVID-19. In my opinion, it is an ideal area for the Department of Consumer Protection to take the lead in providing transparency for Connecticut consumers. I will make this a priority when elected.

Orange and Milford residents have mentioned to me in our discussions that after experiencing a loss of power from recent storms of up to 10 days, they were still without internet access afterwards. Our connectivity has become a lifeline for all of us. We depend upon the internet for work, school, communications, financial and medical decisions. There is a sense of urgency that requires the state to offer additional options that protect that lifeline. Therefore, I intend to work with our local delegation to explore having Connecticut offer a public broadband system.

I support permitting small businesses to be eligible for the public healthcare option, and full implementation of paid family

medical leave, which is deeply personal. Having taught in a public school system for 15 years, I have the utmost respect for these essential frontline workers.

Teaching truly is a noble profession, and I am honored to have been recognized by the Connecticut Education Association and endorsed by the Connecticut American Association of University Professors, the Association of Retired Teachers - CT, and the state chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

As a Milford alderman, I worked to create environmental programs and services, new trails, beach and parks improvements, and as a state representative I will advocate for adoption of a new bottle bill, legacy farmland preservation and climate change curricula. I am honored to have been endorsed by Sierra Club and the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters.

I want to thank Milford and Orange voters in the 119th District for permitting me to hold conversations about the issues most important to them. While we may disagree at times, please know that I will always remain open to your suggestions in a respectful manner when we do. I'm proud of the fact that I've always had support of Republicans, Independents, unaffiliated voters, as well as Democrats while in public office. I look for that pattern to continue as I seek your input, and look forward to your participation in setting priorities for the upcoming legislative term. Thank you for your support! I'm truly grateful!

Kathy Kennedy* - Republican



foremost; however, we must work toward a resiliency plan and rebuild our state and communities.

Connecticut must remain vigilant in protecting public health, especially with a rising in the COVID positivity rate, by providing support for job retention with programs such as work-sharing to keep people working and off unemployment, providing access to skills training, continuing to provide support to ease critical expenses, and supporting businesses by being flexible with filing deadlines and providing access to capital.

When it comes to our most vulnerable, we must make sure our seniors are protected. State nursing home and assisted living facility residents have been disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus, with many positive cases and a significant loss of life. I, along with my colleagues have called for a full investigation why nursing homes and assisted living facilities were hit so hard and were seemingly unprepared to handle the outbreak. We must quickly assess what was done correctly, incorrectly or incompletely to minimize further illness and loss of life. Senior housing must have

adequate personal protection equipment.

Although we have done our best for schools, I will continue to fight for the essential resources needed by our educators and students to succeed this school year, including proper protective PPE to keep teachers, staff and students safe and healthy. As a member of the Education Committee, I have and will continue to monitor the health of our Connecticut schools and make sure they remain safe. We need to ensure full funding for every school district especially for Milford and Orange schools, in addition to the COVID-related costs incurred.

The state also needs to examine the effectiveness or capability of certain state agencies. With the onset of the COVID pandemic, the state shutdown forced nonessential business to shutter and there was an avalanche of residents filing unemployment claims but it quickly became apparent that the state Department of Labor was ill-prepared for the massive filings and woefully understaffed, using an outdated computer program to submit claims for state residents. Many residents in the 119th District seeking help relied on my office to get their unemployment claim

processed. That is a failure in systems we cannot permit in the future. When it comes to transportation, and given the change in commuting patterns from COVID, we need to revisit the state's transportation priorities and ensure they align with the needs of our residents, that projects are prioritized and funded.

As we look ahead, the state economy will forever change, working from home might become the new normal for thousands of Connecticut workers, distance learning might be some part of our children's education going forward, proper PPE supplies for essential businesses will need to be maintained, adequate childcare for parents will also need to be examined, a robust testing strategy if there is an uptick in the virus.

Connecticut will need to make science-based decisions on the state's economic reopening with all the key stakeholders involved, that will enable us to be successful in defining and implementing workable solutions that will help and not hinder our small businesses recover and thrive.

My greatest concern is for the families of Milford and Orange. The past six months have been a struggle for those hardworking middle-class families and we don't know what the future holds. When the legislative session begins in January, it will be the job of the incoming members of the General Assembly to rebuild, reimagine and redefine our state's economy. Health and safety of our residents is first and

State House of Representatives, District 114

Mary Welander - Democrat



compounded them and will ultimately shape our response.

First, we must ensure the health and safety of our residents. Our economy will not recover until consumer confidence returns, which will not happen until we have a robust, reliable and easily accessible testing and vaccination process in the effort to get this virus under control.

It is crucial to remember that we are still learning about this virus in real time; preparing for how we as a state will address any immediate and potential long-term health impacts from COVID-19 is a common-sense step that needs to be taken.

Providing access to quality, affordable healthcare is one of the most important actions that we must do. Expanding the state-based insurance plans so more small businesses, individuals, and municipalities have access to affordable, preventative care and lower cost prescription drugs will reduce out-of-pocket expenses and allow residents to redirect those funds into their local economy. Families should not have to choose between taking their medicine or paying their mortgage.

The most important challenges facing our state are those that prevent the survival and growth of our small businesses, the opportunity gaps and rising cost burdens our middle-class families face and proper funding and access to education and healthcare.

We were grappling with these issues before the pandemic; the coronavirus has

Supporting our small businesses with continued need-based access to PPP funding until we can fully reopen is crucial to their survival. They are the backbone of our communities and we need to continually look at ways that allow them to adapt and thrive. Whether through actions like utility relief or adjusting tax credits normally seen at the end of the year to a month-by-month savings, these approaches will help keep doors open for business.

Connecticut should be leading the way in the green technology industry. We are a coastal state that has already faced the devastating effects of climate change which is only worsening as the crisis continues. Connecticut is now seen as a leader in the biotech industry; we can become leaders and innovators in the green technology field by partnering with both our world-class colleges and universities to expand these programs and with existing companies who will find the highly qualified employees they need to create cutting edge technology that addresses this critical issue.

If elected, I will work to expand the trade-based education programs within the state to

provide opportunities for advancement and to meet the growing needs for skilled employees our manufacturing-based industries face. Our towns invest so much into the education of our students; we should be doing everything we can to foster the skills needed for existing industries.

Securing proper funding for our public schools and expanding access to trade-based education programs will not only provide our children opportunities to get by, but to also get ahead. As the mother of three school-aged children I have a direct investment in doing what it takes to provide opportunities for success for the next generation.

By supporting businesses of all sizes, stabilizing the economy and providing more secure futures for our residents, we can begin to address and fix the systemic economic challenges our state faces.

Above all, we need to approach all issues and concerns with the clear intent to help every resident of this district and the state. Meaningful change that actually helps people is what I am committed to and will work toward every day if I have the honor of being elected as your representative.

Dan DeBarba - Republican



follows:

1. The weakness of Connecticut's pre-COVID structural finances – we have overtaxed, overspent and overborrowed, leaving our state in a very difficult position;

2. The horrible impact that COVID-19 has had upon our state's economy leading to significant unemployment and business closure and interruption;

3. The severe lack of Connecticut's competitiveness with other states – the stark reality is that Connecticut's attempt to recover economically will not be in a vacuum – we will need to compete with other states and Connecticut performed terribly in the post Great Recession recovery (2009 to 2019); and

4. The health care challenges that our state will face if the ACA is struck down and a replacement plan isn't passed that reasonably preserves Medicaid eligibility levels, preexisting conditions protection, up to age 26 health insurance protection, and functioning health exchanges and marketplaces.

Three or potentially four (if the Affordable Care Act is struck down) colliding challenges will make the next legislative session an extraordinarily difficult one. They are as

In order to seriously face these challenges, the Connecticut legislature will need to be aggressive and bold. It must not do what it has done for the four decades under one party control – mainly presiding over Connecticut's economic deterioration. We must do the following:

1. Understand that this a battle with other states that can be won or lost;

2. Refrain from tax increases as they make our state less competitive and drive out job creators;

3. Make sweeping reforms and eliminate regulations that hamper business growth and much needed investment in our cities and towns;

4. Aggressively reduce spending in all nonessential areas without regard to special interests;

5. Collaborate with the state's workforce and its representation to identify and eliminate waste and reduce costs;

6. Expand the use of nonprofit organizations

to deliver state services, implementing broad-based technology solutions, cutting duplicative state functions, eliminating overtime and ending the running up of pension calculations;

7. Stop passing the buck to local municipalities further burdening the residents of Connecticut who are already paying too much in property taxes;

8. Select an agreed upon economic growth target and take all the necessary steps to achieve this target; and

9. Form a bipartisan health taskforce to deal with the uninsured patient population that Connecticut's hospitals and physicians will likely encounter if the ACA is struck down without an appropriate replacement.

We must all remember that these are unprecedented times and they require unprecedented action to achieve success and prosperity. The status quo will not work and many of those residents who can leave Connecticut will do so if we don't change our ways. It is not too late.

State House of Representatives, District 118

Erik Smith - Republican



People and businesses desperately need a more affordable Connecticut. Our most pressing issue in the state is affordability. As a real estate agent, I have spent my career working closely and talking with families. On many occasions, I sit with them at their kitchen tables, discussing their real estate needs, and more often than not, the conversation turns to how difficult it is for them to live in Connecticut. They comment on the high taxes, stagnant economy and companies moving out of the state.

In this new COVID-impacted world, these issues have now become a crisis. When elected, I will stand up against the constant tax increases. The last two administrations have burdened the people with historic tax increases. A top priority of mine is to have Connecticut become a more business-

friendly state so that we can experience job growth rather than job stagnation. We need to show our businesses that Connecticut is their ally so that they will stay here long-term. For too long, Connecticut has had one solution—raising taxes on the people and businesses. This path has led us to failure. It is time for new voices and new solutions so that we can make a better Connecticut.

I strongly support rolling back the unnecessary tax increases that Democrat-led lawmakers have placed on the people. We must eliminate taxes on groceries and PPE supplies. In a COVID-world, we should not be taxing items that keep us safe and healthy. We also need to roll back the burdensome taxes and regulations which disproportionately harm small businesses. Our small-business friends have suffered

immense monetary losses during the lockdown. Many small business owners have invested their whole livelihoods into their business, and it is up to the state to help them recover.

Frank Smith - Democrat

Frank Smith is a Democrat running for the open seat left by fellow Democrat Kim Rose, who is not running for reelection.

Smith did not respond to requests for a response.

According to his profile on his campaign website, "Smith is a lifelong resident of

Devon and the West Shore. A graduate of the Milford Public Schools and has been involved in many community, cultural and environmental activities in the area over the years."

Smith has served a total of 12 years on the Milford Board of Alderman, serving

as chairman of the Ordinance Committee. He has also served on the Inland Wetlands Agency, the Council on Aging, the Public Works Committee and is an aldermanic liaison and active supporter to the Milford Public Library.

"Smith acts in local theatre groups and

has regularly appeared in productions with Milford's Eastbound Theatre and Square One Theatre in Stratford. He plays music with the Milford Folk Music Society and loves spending time with his new grandson, Franklin. He lives in Milford with his wife Diane and dog Rocky," the website says.

Lifestyle

Personal Experiences

Becoming Who You Want To Be

There are many roads to travel between the person you are and the person you want to become. That space between the goal and the now can be terrifying. Most of us wind up retreating back to what we know, even if it doesn't serve us, just because of the simple fear of the unknown.

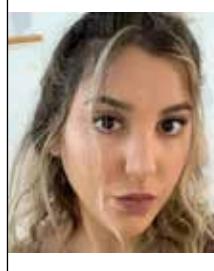
It is easy to imagine this wonderful life for yourself, and suddenly years fly by and you are nowhere near this imaginary person you'd conjured up.

I spent a great deal of time unhappy due to not being where I thought I was supposed to be. One day, I sat back and realized life is not about what people expect of you, or even what you expect of yourself. It's about being happy with the person you are and the life you've created.

Usually, when we imagine the life we

want it has some kind of "answer" to our current problems. We envision an experience or a person that makes us happy. The tie between our imagination and reality can be severed if our expectations and goals are not equalized. The first crucial truth that must be understood is if you are not happy with who you are at this very moment — with your body's curves, your intelligence, your strength and endurance — happiness will continue to elude you.

Change is much easier to cultivate when it's a step forward rather than a final solution. If someone hates everything about



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themselves and wants to change all aspects of their personality or figure, it creates an abundance of pressure and unrealistic expectations. People are much more likely to quit their goals when they treat reaching them as a drastic and overwhelming experience. If you appreciate who you are and the body you inhabit but wish to make some changes to feel better out of love for yourself, you are more likely to succeed.

The first step to any modification in your habits will not be found in a self-help book. Every action, every moment begins and ends with you. When you take a moment unencumbered by the self-ridiculing voice in your head, the first step can be found

somewhere in the madness.

Maybe it's a daily walk or adding an extra five minutes to be content in solitude. It could be adding less sugar to your coffee or finding a new hobby to try. The point is it all begins with you.

Enjoy the journey of discovering who you are without the expectations of who you believe you should be. Life is short and unpredictable. It's madness, love, chaos, disaster. It's everything you have and contains everything you will be. Choose yourself, choose love, and before you once again long for the person you thought you'd be, enjoy who you are now. One day you won't be this person you've imagined; you'll be better because you'll be happy.

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Here's To Your Health

Take A Deep Breath



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Take a deep breath in through your nose and out your mouth. If your eyes are a window to your soul, consider your lungs to be a door to your body.

Most of us take breathing for granted most of the time, but if you're someone like my son who battles asthma or someone who battles lung disease that may not be the case. Oxygen goes to every living cell in our bodies. People in my profession know that regular exercise trains your lungs to inhale more oxygen and exhale more carbon dioxide. So in a day where we are required to wear masks it's critical we be intentional about putting oxygen into our bodies by getting fresh air, exercising and drinking plenty of water. But did you know that what you eat will also help you breathe more easily?

Eating anti-inflammatory foods such as fruits, vegetables, legumes, whole grains and nuts and seeds is an excellent choice. These foods are also high in antioxidants. In addition to eating these types of foods, lowering your sugar and sodium intake will be an added benefit.

For those who battle asthma, it's wise to reduce production of mucus that can contribute to the narrowing of breathing passages. Decrease the intake of milk and cheese.

I've said before that food is medicine; however, food can also be used as a preventative instead of having to take medicine. Good gut health is also important

in reducing inflammation. Fiber in plant-based diets feed the "good" bacteria in your gut as well as fermented foods like sauerkraut or pickles.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 26 million Americans battle asthma, while 15 million battle chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD. That's a lot of people. The good news is that following the guidelines above is a great way to start living a healthier life.

I have a friend who followed these guidelines, added in chiropractic care and supplements, and he no longer battles asthma.

When my son eats poorly for several days

in a row, it's inevitable that he weakens his immune system and will require his nebulizer. My son has benefited from the use of a diffuser and essential oils in reducing the frequency of the use of his nebulizer.

So take another deep breath, add some healthier choices to your shopping cart and get up and get going with some exercise. You are important and worth every bit of effort you apply to your well-being. Here's to your health. I believe in you.

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On Your Mind

Do You Have COVID-19 Fatigue?



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How are you dealing with the continued restrictions on your normal activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic? If you are only bored, fed up and feeling defeated, you are one of the lucky ones who perhaps didn't get the illness. It's also possible that you had it, are over it and want to move on to a normal life. You are still one of the lucky ones.

The death rate is staggering and covers all different age ranges and cultures. This pandemic is scary, unless you respect and follow the advice of the medical professionals. If you have young children at home, you are likely having an additional set of stressors that others are not experiencing.

This article is to help you overcome some of the negative, defeated feelings you are having because you cannot control the situation. The good news is that you can

control the way you respond to it and the way you allow it to affect you.

Remember, when you change the way you look at something, the thing you are looking at changes. This pandemic can be viewed in different ways and each way changes the way it makes you feel. My suggestions won't change anything, except the way you feel.

Some of you have more time at home and some have less. There are things you can do to reduce your stress, beginning with the most basic of stress-reducing principles: eat real, nourishing food and avoid junk that I call edible substances. It's tempting to try to make yourself feel better by indulging in junk because you feel better as you are eating it. However, the extra fat you're creating makes you feel worse. It is associated with guilt, shame and discomfort

in your clothes. Of course, eating well has exactly the opposite effect. You have more energy and feel a sense of satisfaction when you make healthy choices because it gives you a sense of control at a time when you feel the world is out of control.

The next stress relieving tip is, of course, exercise. It doesn't have to be at a gym and doesn't have to be strenuous. It just has to be a mindful decision to find some exercises that are simple and that fit into your life. If you have kids, make a family-fun activity. YouTube offers exercise classes that fit everyone's situation. Yoga, stretching, Zumba, walking and Pilates are just a few. You can do 15 minutes or more, but do something. The results are that you have more energy and you release stress, again being in control of something you can control.

Less obvious stress-reducing activities include learning a new skill online or from a book, such as an instrument, magic, writing or cooking. Each time you spend time improving

yourself, you increase your self-esteem and spend time ignoring the pandemic.

Renew your interest in music. Whether you like to dance or listen, music is food for your soul. Dancing is another way to include your family in an activity. Another stress-reducing activity is to travel the world on your computer. Go to places you could never go to and find great pictures of great places. Another fun family activity is to share and travel together. There are many websites to assist.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention meditating and self-hypnosis as another skill to learn to self-heal and self-soothe. By switching your focus to those things you can do, instead of those things you can't do, you will notice a change in your energy level, attitude and mental health.

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Recycling Tip

off items in a smaller bin which is located at High Plains Community Center. Your items in good condition will be given to people in need. Textiles in poor condition will be recycled into useable items, such as the clothes mechanics use. The Orange Recycling Committee is also in touch with synagogues and churches to see if they are able to accept a small bin at their locations. We hope to provide plenty of locations to make recycling easier.

The Orange Recycling Committee has collaborated with the Orange Rotary Club for a number of years on paper shredding day. The event held on Oct. 17 this year was a huge success. In fact, so many people came with bags and boxes of documents, some dating from 30 to 40 years ago, that the truck into which the paper is shredded was totally full and nearly bulging by 11:30 a.m. Orange resident Joe Johnson, whose company Affordable Solutions

handled the shredding, had a large van into which the overflow documents went to be shredded immediately off-site for those who agreed. Mattresses were again taken by the Lions Club to be recycled in Bridgeport. We thank those who came for their cooperation in staying in their cars and we hope to offer this service again in the spring.

For more on what can be recycled, visit orangerecycles.com.

By Loretta Smith

New things are happening at the Orange Transfer Station. Simple Recycling, the pink bag company, has a huge bin there for clothing, shoes, hats, drapes, linens, small appliances and more. It has replaced the Goodwill bin and items are already being deposited in it. Please bring your recycling of these items there. You can also drop

The Milford Chamber of Commerce

Saying Goodbye To Beloved Chamber Workers

While we all knew this day would come, it still does not make it easy to type, so I am just going to rip the Band-Aid off. Nell Moll, director of Membership, Opportunity & Enthusiasm, is officially retiring from the Chamber team.

Over the past year or so I have heard from many of "Nell's Babies," as the group of members onboarded by Moll are so affectionately called, about the care and sincerity she took to help you navigate the Chamber and our community. It is who she is. I am reminded of a time shortly after I joined the team when we were all in the conference room eating lunch and the front door opened. This is not unusual as we have many visitors, many intrigued with the architecture of the building, others needing directions and, of course, our members.

However, these visitors, who were from Pennsylvania, had a different mission – to thank Nell Moll. They had called the Chamber several months before to inquire about the area. Moll took the call and spent time answering their questions, providing hospitality and dining options (Chamber members), suggesting places to see and selling our region.

They had just finished their visit and were on their way home, but could not leave before thanking Moll for what was one of the best vacations they had ever experienced. That is our Nell.

I recently asked her to reflect on her years at the Chamber, and she had this to say: "What a journey...almost a quarter-of-a-century. Too many people to thank for so many great memories, but I will give a big thank you to Jim Wilson for forgiving me for stealing Connie



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Smith from Milford Photo to join me at the Chamber. What a team we made. I will cherish my memories and look forward to this new adventure ahead!"

Moll's comments are a nice segue for me to announce (once again) that the other half of the team, Connie Smith, will also be enjoying more time away from the Chamber. I made this announcement several months ago, COVID hit, and we were never able to give Smith a proper goodbye. She has been the glue of the Chamber, maintaining our member database, keeping the team organized and being the friendly voice on the other side of the phone as she would happily make recommendations to the many inquiries for goods and services. In my first days at the Chamber, I would find myself standing in front of her desk patiently waiting for her help, usually with reports in our database. When the time between the visits to her desk got longer and I was doing more walking by than stopping for help, I would see a smile come across her face as if to say "I am here if you need my help." That is our Connie.

When we chatted about what she would miss most about her many days at the Chamber, she said: "I will miss the spontaneity of the work and opportunity to have served our membership and will always value the friendships and support that have been given to me over the years, however, I am not retiring, I am way too busy for that."

It was my turn to have a smile to come across my face. I have enjoyed having a front row seat, albeit for a short time, to witness their love of this organization, the stories they shared, and their twenty-plus years of friendship. The Chamber – connecting business to community; community to business – and lifelong friendships.

The Rotary Club of Orange

Local Rotary Events Offer Opportunities

By Phil Smith



As I write this column, shredding day in Orange has just come to a close. For almost three hours this morning, cars lined up in front of High Plains Community Center while over a dozen volunteers from Orange Rotary and the Orange Recycling Committee ran back and forth removing boxes of papers and files from car trunks and disposing of the contents in two large bins which were alternately hoisted up and dumped into a shredder. The only sad part was that the shredder truck, sides bulging, became full at about 11:30 a.m., so last-minute arrivals had to leave material to be shredded later in the day – much less fun. COVID-19 willing, we look forward to spring shredding day in another six months.

Lest we forget, plans are underway for our eighth annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot virtual race. You can run (or walk) this race from Nov. 21 to Nov. 28. Do you enjoy being outdoors on a brisk November day? Help dispel those start-of-winter blues by both participating and supporting a charitable endeavor at the same time. Details are available at rotarycluboforange.org.

Last month I wrote about some of Rotary's international activities – specifically the drive to eliminate polio from the world. Today I would like to devote a few lines to a very local event: The Four-Way Speech Contest sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Orange and Woodbridge.

The Four-Way Speech Contest challenges secondary school students to choose a topic of interest to them and to analyze their personal approach to that topic using the Four-Way Test. The test proposes that of any action we take or

propose to take, we ask: (1) Is it the truth? (2) Is it fair to all concerned? (3) Will it build goodwill and better friendships? (4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The contest offers courageous students an opportunity to be creative in addressing a matter of personal importance to them. To participate, students prepare a roughly seven-minute speech, to be delivered without notes or cue cards, which presents, using the Four-Way Test, their personal approach to the chosen topic.

The contest is widespread – YouTube examples exist of previous contest winners from around the country – and small financial awards (\$100, \$200 or \$250) are available to winners. Local club winners in a February competition move on to district semifinals in March and then finals in April. By participating, students can demonstrate a sense of leadership and civic engagement, which always look good on a resume.

Last spring, the three contestants from Amity High School addressed immigration, climate change and volunteering. Richard Dumbrill, our club member responsible for overseeing the contest, reported that the speakers' "maturity and poise at the podium were noteworthy."

Elsewhere, students addressed such questions as "Is the death penalty effective;" "Is college admission too competitive;" "Should all recycling be mandatory;" and "Should animals be used for research;" You get a sense of the range of topics.

What a wonderful opportunity for young people to address important issues from an ethical perspective and to have the opportunity to speak in public about their own ideas.

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Real Talk: You Ask, A Pro Answers

Fire Safety In Your Home

Maintaining your property is an ongoing topic in the real estate industry. Protecting your family from harm should be the number one concern. Statistics show that more than half the fires that happen in residential homes happen in the winter. From space heaters to fireplace chimney usage and all the mechanical devices in between, we definitely use a variety of methods to heat our properties as the weather gets chilly. This season will be a real test of our resources as we use portable heaters in garages and spend more time at home, hunkering down and getting cozy. It is no wonder the fuel bills are a concern and homeowners look for shortcuts.

Ventilation is defined as the provision of fresh air to a room, an exchange of gases, diluting an energy source so that the air is safe and clean.

The distance from the furnace to the chimney can be a source of danger, as things like animal hair can clog the pipe over time and cause carbon monoxide issues. Each fall, all heat sources and vents should be cleaned. It is an extra request to ask for additional time spent to snake that vent.

Fires can occur at any time of the year. If your oven is very dirty you can have a problem. One of the main sources of fire is in the kitchen. Steaming pots left unattended are the worst. Never start cooking unless you intend to supervise that kitchen. A gas stove flame can go out, causing gas without ventilation to accumulate.



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Other sources of fire vary from dryer vents with too much lint to candles in the dining room. Think about your own habits. Do you frequently use the grill? Is it well-maintained and cleaned underneath often?

The electricity in your home should be attended to as well. Maintaining cords may not seem to be such a big item, but they are dangerous. All outlets are live, even when a lamp or appliance is turned off. What to watch for? Circuit breakers that trip often, any funky smells, discolored outlets or old wiring should all be checked and replaced.

Outside the home there are also fire safety rules to follow. Properly storing flammable products

is a good idea. Using a shed that is not near the house is the best way to protect your loved ones from combustion fires from chemicals. Always make sure to dispose of used rags. Never place them near the house, garage or basement, even for one night.

Halloween pumpkins, the end of Daylight Saving and the chill in the air are all harbingers of the increased use of lighting and heat. Get ready. Purchase flame lighting alternatives, respect all aspects of ventilation and make a checklist of heat source inspections. It would probably be a good idea to plan an escape route for the family too, with a "get out and stay out" rule if there ever is that emergency.

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

The Garden Spot

Fall Gardening Chores

It's hard to believe that it's fall already. I'm guessing many of us are wondering where the summer went. Although life is different in this time of COVID-19, one thing that we can be certain of is that the natural world has its own schedule.

One of the first fall chores that I take care of is "pest proofing" my home. The insects and small critters are searching for their winter homes right now. I've been finding brown marmorated stink bugs and mice inside already so need to take quick action. The stink bugs are mainly harmless inside the home, but if your pet eats one, he or she may vomit from the secretions. Definitely don't crush these critters, unless you want to discover why they're called



PAT DRAY

stink bugs. To keep them out, make sure that all your window screens fit tightly. If you do find one inside you can drop it in some soapy water and it will quickly drown.

Take a walk around the exterior of your house and make sure you seal up any spaces where mice can come in. Remember that they can get through small holes, so it's important to look around any pipes that may give them an entryway. The garage unfortunately presents a different dilemma since the doors are opened so frequently. Start by not leaving the garage doors open when you're outside doing chores. Make sure that if you store any foods (such as pet food or bird seed) that it's in a metal, tightly sealed

container. Mice love to nest in a warm engine compartment and tend to chew the car wiring, so place "snap traps" around the car. Please don't use sticky traps; these are inhumane. You can also place dryer sheets inside the car as a repellent.

After pest proofing, it's time to review your landscaping and decide what needs to be removed or pruned. Any diseased plants should be removed and discarded in trash bags. Birds will enjoy the shelter of your landscape plants, so there's no need to cut back seed pods and grasses which will also add winter interest. This is a good time to prune back any fall flowering trees or shrubs. You can cut back as much as a third of a shrub right to the ground to rejuvenate any tired or "leggy" ones. Most trees and shrubs also will thrive with a fall feeding. It's also the

best time of year to feed the turf.

The other big question is whether or not to rake. If the leaf cover on the lawn is not too heavy, use a composting blade on the lawn mower to chop the leaves into small pieces. As they decay, they will put nitrogen back into the soil. You can also have the chopped leaves blown into your beds where they'll provide winter shelter for pollinators and will have begun the process of decaying into compost by spring.

Once you've finished your mowing and pruning for the year, be sure to sterilize cutting tools and sharpen blades and you'll be ready for spring chores.

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

Travel Matters

Rethinking Travel In 2021

Just about every industry has had to rethink their products, markets and business models during this pandemic. So it is for the travel industry. With so many unknowns about how long COVID-19 will last, when borders to many destinations will reopen and when we may see an effective vaccine, the key question is: will new travel habits be temporary or be more permanent?

One such new development is the option of a small, private group for people who want to travel in their own bubble – including families and groups of friends. Many of our tour operators are making it easier for small groups (two to 12 people) to book itineraries they normally offer for larger group travel. This appeals to many who want to tour a destination with a guide but don't want to be part of a larger group of people they don't know. Now you can do it at a more



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reasonable price because there are more options. One of our suppliers is offering "live like a local" trips where guests stay in one place with a local bed and breakfast and venture out each day from there.

More accommodations are available at Caribbean destinations, or in the US, for groups of six to 18 at private villas and small boutique hotels. Rent your own villa and hire a chef for the week – you don't have to worry about crowds at all. Or consider taking over a boutique hotel of eight rooms for a destination wedding, a family reunion or a trip with friends.

Cruise lines are optimistic about the return to cruising in the US based on the success that ocean and river cruise lines have had in Europe,

on ships both large and small. Over 50,000 European passengers on more than 100 sailings have sailed without difficulty, and customer satisfaction with the adjustments has been high. For example, people are used to many of the protocols in place already, such as wearing masks and washing hands. Other onboard changes are minimal, including more shows daily for more social distancing and having someone serve you food from the buffet.

The key to success is rapid COVID tests at the pier. Passengers only board the ship after they test negative, which takes about an hour. The other (temporary) change is offering cruise line excursions only for people who want to explore each port. That way people

are only exposed to those who have tested negative onboard the ship.

The cruise lines' US return-to-service plans are multilayered, although the start date is still to be determined. The Healthy Sail Panel, created in partnership with Norwegian and Royal Caribbean, outlines 74 measures, including upgraded ventilation systems, contact tracing and medical staffing to handle any isolated illness onboard.

MSC CruiseLine CEO Pierfrancesco Vago said the experience has been so well received in Europe that some guests onboard decide to stay on for the next cruise. "They say, why am I going back home? What am I going back home to?"

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Wine Talk

Boxed Wines Keep The Air Out

I have had some box wines that are very good. The biggest enemy of wine is air. If you open a bottle of wine and have a glass of red wine, then stick the cork in and have a glass the next night, you will most likely notice the wine is not the same as you had enjoyed the night before. Some oxidation has taken place. Repeat the procedure and have a glass the next night and you will notice the wine has degenerated considerably. It is now oxidized. The color is compromised, the taste is not good and the aroma indicates there is something wrong.

There are a couple of ways to go with this problem. You can drink white wine that you chill. Being in the fridge stabilizes white wine and the oxidation process is not nearly as profound. The wine retains its stability for about two weeks and is drinkable for almost a month.

There are a couple of ways to solve this

problem with red wines as well.

One option is a Vacu Vin set. What the procedure entails is to pour a glass of wine, insert a rubber cork into the wine bottle, then pump out the air with the pumping device. The wine is not affected by the exposure to air and no oxidation can take place. The cost is about \$30 for the set and it is well worth it. Additional rubber corks can be purchased if you open a couple of reds.

The Vacu Vin procedure is usually good for a week or 10 days, and sometimes much longer. It is easy and works well.

Another possibility is to try a red wine in a box. There is a plastic bag that houses the wine that collapses around the wine as you pour off



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a glass. It does not allow the wine to become exposed to the air and prevents oxidation. Back in the mid-1960s when the collapsible bag was invented, fair to poor wines were placed into the bags. But today some very good to fine wines are available in a box.

One of my favorites is Black Box wines. The Cab and Merlot are very good and the other red varietals are good as well. At \$22 a box for the equivalent of four \$7.50 bottles of wine, that is a great bargain.

There are several others that are also good. Vin Vault Chardonnay is a California Chard in a three-liter box for \$20 – a great buy. The wine is rich and creamy, with tart apple and pear flavors. They have a nice Cabernet for the same price. Bota

Box also has a nice merlot that has blackberry and black plum notes with some dark chocolate and sweet spice. At \$22 it is a great wine for a not so special occasion.

Wineberry Chateau Tassin Bordeaux Blanc is \$3 for three liters. This is a classic white Bordeaux blend with Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon that has citrus notes, great acidity and minerality. It's well worth the search.

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Milford's Book Collections Have Just Kept Growing

By Marilyn May

In a day when many people listen to audio books or use Kindles to read electronically, it's interesting to recall that in the 1600s there were few, if any, books in most Milford homes.

The exception was that many settlers had Bibles.

The Puritans who immigrated to the New World for religious freedom believed that reading was essential to learn the scriptures and attain salvation.

In later colonial times, more books came into the hands of schoolchildren who shared their Latin primers and other study materials. The rich always had their own private libraries, but for common folk there were few chances of reading some of the great books.

The first library in Milford was established in the First Church of Christ, Congregational. In 1745 (some 106 years after the 1639 founding of the settlement), the church library offered books of sermons and tomes on history and travel. There were also a few books on philosophy in Latin and English. Borrowers had to pay a bond of 10 pounds as security, however, a sum not exactly within the reach of most villagers. This library was in use for about 100 years.

In 1761 the clergy of the Second or Plymouth Church, just across the Wepawaug River, established the second library that lasted until 1820. Books there were mostly on theology.

Education changed drastically in 1858 when the Milford Lyceum was chartered by the State of Connecticut to establish a secular library as part of a lyceum movement to educate men and women through books, lectures and entertainments. Lyceums promoted thoughtful conversations about the ethical questions of society in the 1800s. Long popular in Europe, the movement in the US took hold in the Northeast and Midwest.

The Milford Lyceum was located near the present Milford Public Library in a very small

building near Memorial Bridge. (The name lyceum came from a school founded by Aristotle in 335 B.C. in Athens in a grove sacred to the god Apollo Lyceius.)

Unfortunately, in 1887 a fire destroyed or damaged most of the Lyceum's more than 1,200 books. It was never completely restored, because a new library, the Taylor Memorial Library, was in the planning stages, and nationally the lyceum movement was fading. Milford's small lyceum building became a fish market.

Meanwhile, local philanthropist Henry Augustus Taylor had agreed to fund the construction of a new library if the town provided the land. The town chose a site at the corner of River and Broad streets, and the new building was dedicated in 1895.

Now with the formidable Taylor building the town finally had a well-built facility that was actually designed to be a library. Somewhat ironically, among the first books put on the shelves were Mary Taylor's large personal collection of Bibles in every then-known language.

The library's interior was warm and inviting with handsome woodwork and stained-glass windows that filtered out one's everyday concerns. During its more than 80 years in operation the library served an ever-growing number of book lovers. And the building even inspired poetic musings.

In an 1899 copy of Connecticut Magazine, writer Marie Louise Green captured the feeling of being in the Taylor Library. She wrote: "In the winter, sparrows chirp about the building; in the summer, winds enter through all the windows. In the colder season, one seeks the cheery brightness of the round tower with its cushioned seats and table, forming in itself a little reference room within a larger stack room. A leisurely reader will watch the goings on in Broad and River streets, the main thoroughfare of the village, and at whose junction the library

stands."

The tower room mentioned above had a round table surrounded by built-in seats in a rich maroon, velvety fabric. The room had the earthy smell of newly printed paper because it was the newspaper reading room. Patrons of all ages enjoyed the embracing tranquility of this almost secret space.

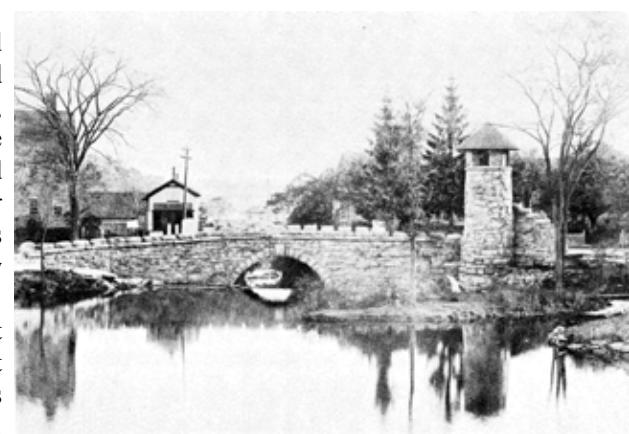
One room that was not so quiet was the reference room to the left of the entry. Most late afternoons students filled every seat (all 27), while supposedly doing homework in the company of friends. The walls were lined with encyclopedias and other reference books. There was an immense unused fireplace and over its tall mantelpiece a portrait of Henry Augustus Taylor kept an eye on everyone.

Today these rooms are much as they were, but the building is used by the Milford Chamber of Commerce. And Taylor is still there.

The main branch of the Children's Department was once in a cozy Victorian-type house right next to Central Grammar School. On school lunchbreaks it was a lively place. There was a winding stairway to the second floor that many a grammar school child thought was just grand. Upstairs, it was quiet and had an atmosphere that invited children to linger, to discover that special book that they would get to take home.

The Taylor Library had book distribution centers in Devon, Wildermere and Woodmont. Today Milford's Borough of Woodmont has a separate library, the Ellen Aftamanow Woodmont Volunteer Library. It was founded in the spring of 1945. In addition to books it has a number of activity groups for adults and a very busy program schedule for children.

Time did not diminish the stateliness of the downtown library building, but it certainly



The Milford Lyceum, the town's first public secular library, was in the small white building seen above left of center. Photo courtesy of the Daniel E. Moger Photo Collection.

had growing pains. It was becoming evident to everyone that the place was just too small. By the 1970s some 50,000 books were stuffed into every nook and cranny.

It was time to build again.

Today, back near Memorial Bridge, the city built the Milford Public Library that was dedicated in 1976, the nation's Bicentennial Year. After 44 years in the "new" library the indoor space is currently being reconfigured as the city's population grows and library services continue to expand. The library has more than 114,000 books, plus patrons can request books from libraries across the state.

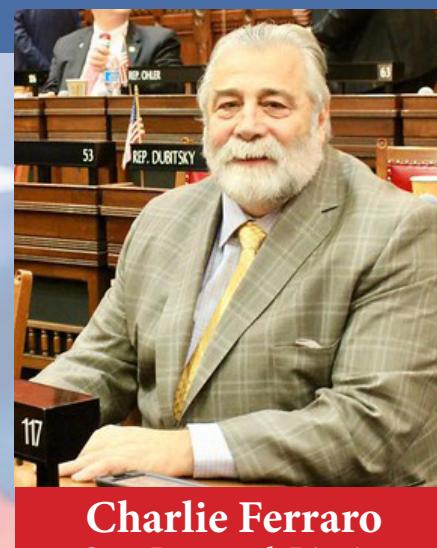
There is literally not enough room here to list what a free library card can do. Just to name a few, you can check out a telescope, use a bike lock or learn 3-D printing. There are 9,700 movies, framed artwork to borrow, and perhaps best of all, a child can borrow American Girl dolls and books and all the fancy things a doll needs.

Marilyn May is a life-long resident of Milford and is on the board of the Milford Historical Society.

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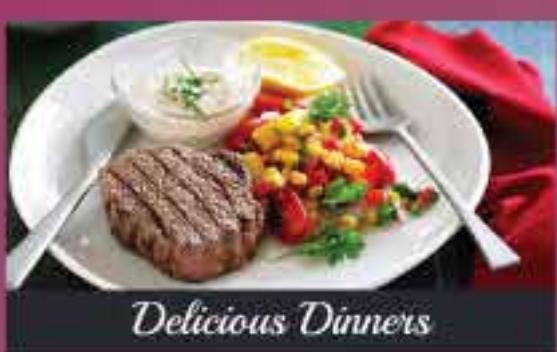
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Voting For Our Future

One thing about participatory democracy I've always found interesting is that as we grow older and more mature (although some of us only manage the first part of that process and botch the second) voting as a rule becomes less personal and more political.

We are now approaching what might be the most decisive Election Day of our lifetime, not just because of the issues that divide us, but because we are embarking on a monumental generational handover in national and local politics that the advanced ages of those two guys at the top of the ballot may be helping to obscure.

I am grateful that my own advancing age allows me to see that this election is not about me or mine, but about America and the Earth.

This makes my vote count even more. Citizens who are mature as well as old are vital to the workings of our government because they are no longer

in it for themselves. Studies have repeatedly shown that, despite stereotypes about Social Security and tax aversion, voters 60 and over are quite willing to set aside their own interests for the greater good. I suspect this is why older Americans turn out in higher numbers — not simply because we have more time to educate ourselves on candidates and issues, but because we feel an obligation to leave our



JOANNE
BYRNE

the hard-fought battles women endured to get the right to vote just 100 years ago. Unfortunately, even to this day there are still too many folks who are disenfranchised and not able to vote.

Here are a few top reasons to vote: To honor the multitudes who struggled for civil rights, women's suffrage and the ideals of justice, as well as for all whose diverse voices are essential for our nation's moral health and community vitality. To be a good example to our children and grandchildren by exercising the right to vote as a symbol of our faith in democracy. No matter our station in life, income or social status, every citizen over the age of 18 has the same power of one vote. Pollsters do not determine who wins elections; voters do.

Voting is now more convenient than ever. Early voting and the availability to vote by mail makes it easier for us to participate. Democracy is a team sport, and spectators simply don't count. It is vital to be an informed voter. Pay attention to news reports and editorials about the campaigns. Regret is preventable. November 4 is a day too late for "could have, should have."

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Be part of making history, because all indicators point to the prospect that the 2020 election will have an impact for years or decades to come. In the wise words of Dr. Seuss, "You have brains in your head and feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own and you know what you know. You are the one who'll decide where to go."

Go vote.

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.

Running

Be Creative And Have Fun This Season

While there is so much different in our world, this is a season for us to be thankful for friends, family and great memories. Though we may not have a traditional holiday, it is an opportunity to be creative. Examples include Zoom, Facetime, or even a virtual road race like the traditional Turkey Trot Road Race — you can all run the race in different cities together.

I find quiet time outside brings me great joy with every season: the beginning of spring, when the leaves turn and start to

fall, the first snow fall. I always take the opportunity to get out the door. It inspires me to take advantage of our beautiful town and state.

I can't count the number of problems I have solved on a long walk or a run. Getting a dose of fresh air has helped me develop new ideas, find compromises for arguments and figure out what to do in difficult situations. It helps



CATHY
BRADLEY

me gather my thoughts and sometimes sort through a problem I have been struggling with for a week.

Being outside can give you a safe outlet for stress and anger during these days of COVID-19 — or any other time. It is one of the healthier ways to manage being anxious and stressed. Walking or running can help build a stronger body and a stronger mind.

During these lovely days, take the time to enjoy the beauty and count the many blessings we have. It may be a different holiday this year, but take the opportunity to be creative and have fun.

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Milford Trick Or Trot Goes Virtual

The Annual Milford Trick or Trot 5K Run/Walk will return to Milford for its ninth year, but this time the event will be virtual due to concerns about COVID-19.

The event will take place over three days, from Saturday, Oct. 31 to Monday, Nov. 2. It will include an additional calendar of virtual activities on each day. The event's proceeds will be donated to the Beth-El Center to support its mission of alleviating homelessness and hunger in the Milford area through shelter, outreach, support services and food programs.

Participants can run or walk on their own or in small groups (while physically distancing). Running or walking in costume is encouraged. Participants can submit their run/walk times via email and awards will be given to the race winners at a ceremony on Nov. 4. Registrants can also take part in a Zoom yoga session, a Halloween costume contest and a virtual trivia event.

"The Annual Milford Trick or Trot will look different this year because of COVID-19, but we're excited that people can still run or walk on their own and also have fun with some new virtual activities like yoga and trivia," said Beth-El Center Executive Director Jenn Paradis. "This event is one of the biggest fundraisers that directly supports the Beth-El Center's services to help those experiencing hunger and homelessness. Since the pandemic hit in March the center has increased its shelter and case management services as well as its food programs to assist the most vulnerable populations in the Milford area, so the funds and support are really needed."

Fees are \$27 per person for adults. Children 18 and under pay \$20 per person. The event is sponsored and organized by the law firm of Harlow, Adams, and Friedman, P.C. and Sikorsky Credit Union. To register, make a donation or to become a sponsor, visit milfordtrickortrot.com.



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Milford, Orange Veterans Day Events

Milford's Veterans Ceremony and Parade Commission will host a virtual Veterans Day ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 8 starting at 1 pm. The ceremony will begin with a patriotic performance by the Milford Concert Band with the formal programming beginning at 2 p.m.

Guest speakers include Brigadier General Ralph Hedenberg, director of the Joint Staff, CT Army National Guard and Robert Lougee, whose grandfather entered World War I from Milford. His grandfather's name is engraved on the Milford World War I monument in front of City Hall.

The event can be viewed at youtube.com/MGATcity.

Milford's Veterans Day wreath laying ceremony will be held Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. in front of Milford City Hall. Milford's veteran service organizations along with other patriotic organizations will place a single wreath around the World War I monument.

In Orange, American Legion Post 127 Commander Lewis Merritt announced that on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m., a ceremony will be held at High Plains Community Center to honor veterans. Social distancing and masks will be required.

Milford Elks Want Cans And Bottles

The Milford Elks is holding its monthly Can and Bottle Drive on Sunday, Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your cans and bottles

and tell your friends to bring theirs. The event will be held at the Milford Elks Lodge at 124 New Haven Ave. in Milford.



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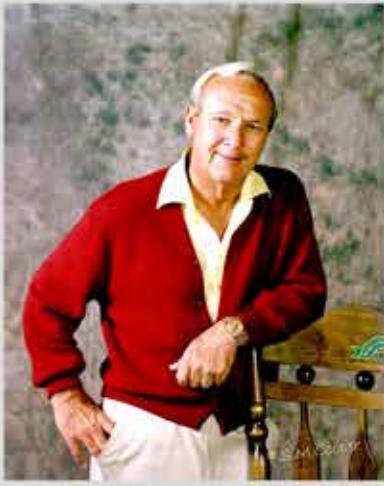
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Getting To Know You

A Board Game Champion

I grew up in a family that played games, be they board games or card games. It was how my parents learned to pass the time from their parents.

My mother's family was big on board games. She kept the house well-stocked with many classic games. Mom's favorite was Scrabble. She used her encyclopedic knowledge of the English language and crossword puzzle wizardry to routinely mop the floor with us. The few times we managed to beat her at Scrabble were written into family lore. However, she wasn't a one-trick pony: she would also clean our clocks at Monopoly, Clue and Stratego as the spirit moved her. She wasn't particularly fond of the game, but I'm pretty sure she went undefeated at Battleship until we lost the playing pieces and just gave up on it.

With the onset of the 1980s she began liberally doling out master class whoopings at Trivial Pursuit. I've never met anyone who could get the pink and brown pieces faster than her. Mom was so good at Trivial Pursuit that once I accused her of memorizing the questions and answers. She showed me what's what by switching the deck of questions out for any deck I chose. I still haven't recovered mentally from the beating I got at Trivial Pursuit that day.

My dad's family played card games and my father had several that he enjoyed. He and my mother formed one of the more formidable Bridge teams in their newcomers group (10 bonus points if you know what a newcomers group is without googling the term), and he was a great partner for Pitch (a midwestern version of Setback with 11 points possible per hand) Pinochle and UNO. Having dad as a partner was almost a guaranteed ticket to the winner's bracket.

But it was in cut-throat, mano-a-mano card



DAVID CROW

games where dad really shined. He routinely relieved me of my spare change in games of Setback (a penny a point and a nickel a set) Hearts, Gin and Cribbage. He was ruthless, and to rub it in he used to sweep the change off the table, put it in his pocket and jangle it while he smiled and said, "Sorry, boys" to my brother and me. He didn't let up until he had all the change from our pockets in his own.

Eventually I became dad and brought board games and card games into my kids' lives. I'm not as lethal as my mother at Scrabble, but I'm no slouch, and my Trivial Pursuit game is strong enough that my kids won't play with me anymore unless they can have their mom on the team. My kids all endured getting smeared at checkers, and it is a family watchword to never trade hands with me when we're playing UNO. I don't relieve them of their spare change, but I've been known to repeatedly remind them just who it was that cleaned house in the last Setback game.

I've noticed that my parents, the people who routinely beat and taunted me while playing games in my childhood, are more than happy to lose those same games to their grandchildren while telling them how brilliant they are. I have lately begun to suspect that there might come a day when it will be my turn to lose games of Old Maid, Crazy Eights and Candyland to my brilliant grandchildren. Hope I get that lucky.

Until next time, y'all come out!

David Crow lives in Orange with his wife and three children. He practices law and he asks everyone to call him "Dave." Only his mother and his wife call him "David," and only when they're mad at him. You can contact Dave at Sit.a.Spell.and.Visit@gmail.com. He'll always find a half hour for a good chat.

Orange Resident Celebrates 104th Birthday With Car Parade



Orange resident Helen Koziel celebrated her 104th birthday on Sept. 26 with a car parade in front of High Plains Community Center. Photo by Lexi Crocco.

Animal Clinic Of Milford Opens



The Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting Oct. 1 to celebrate the opening of the Animal Clinic of Milford. The clinic is located at 100 Gulf St. Photo courtesy of the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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Normally, insurance companies sponsor in-person seminars at various senior centers and public spaces. However, due to the restrictions placed on us by COVID-19, seniors will need to resort to other methods to learn about changes and plans. Most companies are offering online webinars that you can view from the comfort of your kitchen table. You can also check out their websites for the latest information. Everyone has also received

an annual notice of change, which highlights the changes in current coverage. What the ANOC does not tell you is if your provider is no longer in the network of your plan or if the cost of any prescriptions will change. These are both key factors in determining whether the current plan is still a good fit.

The following are some general observations about what to expect next year:

- Premiums may rise slightly for Medicare B. The current estimate is that the new premium will be \$148.50 per month. However, a final determination has not yet been made. It is connected to the cost of living adjustment increase in Social Security payments, which also has not yet been determined.



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- Both Medicare A and B have a deductible. People on Medicare Advantage plans do not pay this directly as it is subsumed in the copays. The annual deductible for Part A is estimated to be \$1,452 and for Part B \$198.

- Insurers are introducing some new Medicare Advantage plans with little or no premium and have added more "extra" benefits such as dental, eyewear allowance, over-the-counter

medications and hearing aids. It is worth taking the time to check out these benefits, what they include, whether you have to go to specific providers and how various issues get covered.

- Most current plans have kept copays the same or reduced them slightly. However, there have been some changes

in providers who are in certain networks – make sure you check with their office or with the insurance company.

For those who have individual insurance through the Connecticut health exchange, open enrollment is Nov. 1 through Dec. 15. Watch for announcements in the mail or in your email that will notify you about how to reenroll as well as what the costs will be for 2021. It is important to pay attention to any additional income or household information that they are requesting as it could impact renewal for 2021.

If this is a little overwhelming, call a professional who can assist. That's what we are here for. In the meantime, stay well and stay safe.

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Your Finances

Get An Early Start On Saving, Investing

2020 will be remembered as a turbulent time with a variety of challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the accompanying economic and social challenges, market volatility and the upcoming elections. For many investors these challenges can seem overwhelming and lead to inaction. As we approach the end of the year, here are a few items that investors may be overlooking and should consider if their circumstance warrant it.

HSAs: Funding a health savings account may seem insignificant, but it could pay off handsomely later in life. First, you need to be under the age of 65 and have a high deductible health care plan to qualify for contributions. Single people can contribute up to \$3,550 and married people can contribute up to \$7,100 for 2020. If you are over the age of 55, you can make an additional \$1,000 "catch-up" contribution. Most people do not realize that you can invest these funds and can treat an HSA as another retirement savings account. You

can use the funds in your HSA for qualified medical expenses later in life (tax-free) or like an IRA distribution (taxable). However, unlike a retirement account, you are never required to take a minimum distribution at any age. It is now common to see some HSA balances in the \$20,000 to \$40,000 range. With regular contributions, it is not inconceivable to see these accounts grow to the six-figure range down the road.

Roth conversions: Implementing a partial conversion of an IRA to a ROTH may be suitable depending on one's situation. On the investment side, it is better to convert when there is downside volatility. If you were going to hold the investment anyway and still like the investment thesis, converting when values are down gives one a better chance to



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capture a greater tax-free upside. On the tax side, the conversion is taxable for the year that you convert. Therefore, if you think tax rates will rise and you will be in a higher tax bracket, it may be wise to implement a conversion. Partial conversions (\$25,000 a year for four to six years) are also recommended as a way to hedge your bets.

Bunching charitable contributions: The new tax code has increased the standard deduction to \$12,400 for singles and \$24,800 for married couples and eliminated personal exemptions. Investors may be able to get themselves over the new standard deduction and itemize if they "bunch" charitable contributions. You can give the same number of dollars you would over a two or three-year period but bunch them into one year. Charitable Donation

Accounts are a tool for this as you can take the deduction in the year that you put the money into the account but give away the money over time.

Qualified charitable distribution: IRA owners who are over the age of 70 have to withdraw required minimum

distributions. These distributions are taxable, and the owner may not want or need the money. A qualified charitable distribution is a distribution from an IRA directly to an eligible charity. This bypasses the owner and is not taxed. The maximum in one year that you can distribute is \$100,000.

CARES Act charitable contributions: Section 2204 of the CARES Act allows individuals who do not itemize deductions to deduct \$300 of qualified contributions as an "above the line" deduction. Since the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act went into effect in 2018, most taxpayers utilize the standard deduction and do not itemize deductions such as charitable contributions. The CARES Act provides for households to donate up to \$300 to a qualified organization and in doing so reduce their gross adjusted income.

These are a few planning techniques that investors can take advantage of in these turbulent times. Please consult a financial planner to see if these strategies can benefit you or your family's financial situation.

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Coldwell Agents Get Five Star Awards

Numerous agents from Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's Orange and Woodbridge offices have been awarded Connecticut Magazine's 2020 Five Star Real Estate Agents award.

The agents were selected based on a survey of residents who had purchased a home within a 12-month period. The awardees are among fewer than 7 percent of real estate agents in Connecticut to be singled out through a process conducted by Five Star Professional in partnership with Connecticut Magazine.

Recipients were evaluated on nine criteria points: market knowledge, communication, integrity, negotiation, customer service, finding the right home, marketing the home, closing preparation and overall customer satisfaction.

The Coldwell recipients were: Carol Agin, Kami Bernier, Carol Cangiano, Pat Cardozo, Tom Cavalieri, Donna Cheng, Dalia Coleman, Harriet Cooper, Judy Cooper, Jamie Dawn, Joseph Han, Wayne Hugendubel, Karen Kline, Barbara Lehrer, Maribeth Lightowler, Chris Lovejoy, Tai Moler, Lauren Moras, Debbie Schlegel, Nancy Shattuck, Mike Sirochman, Cindy Sloan, Sharon Tudino and Mary-Ann White.



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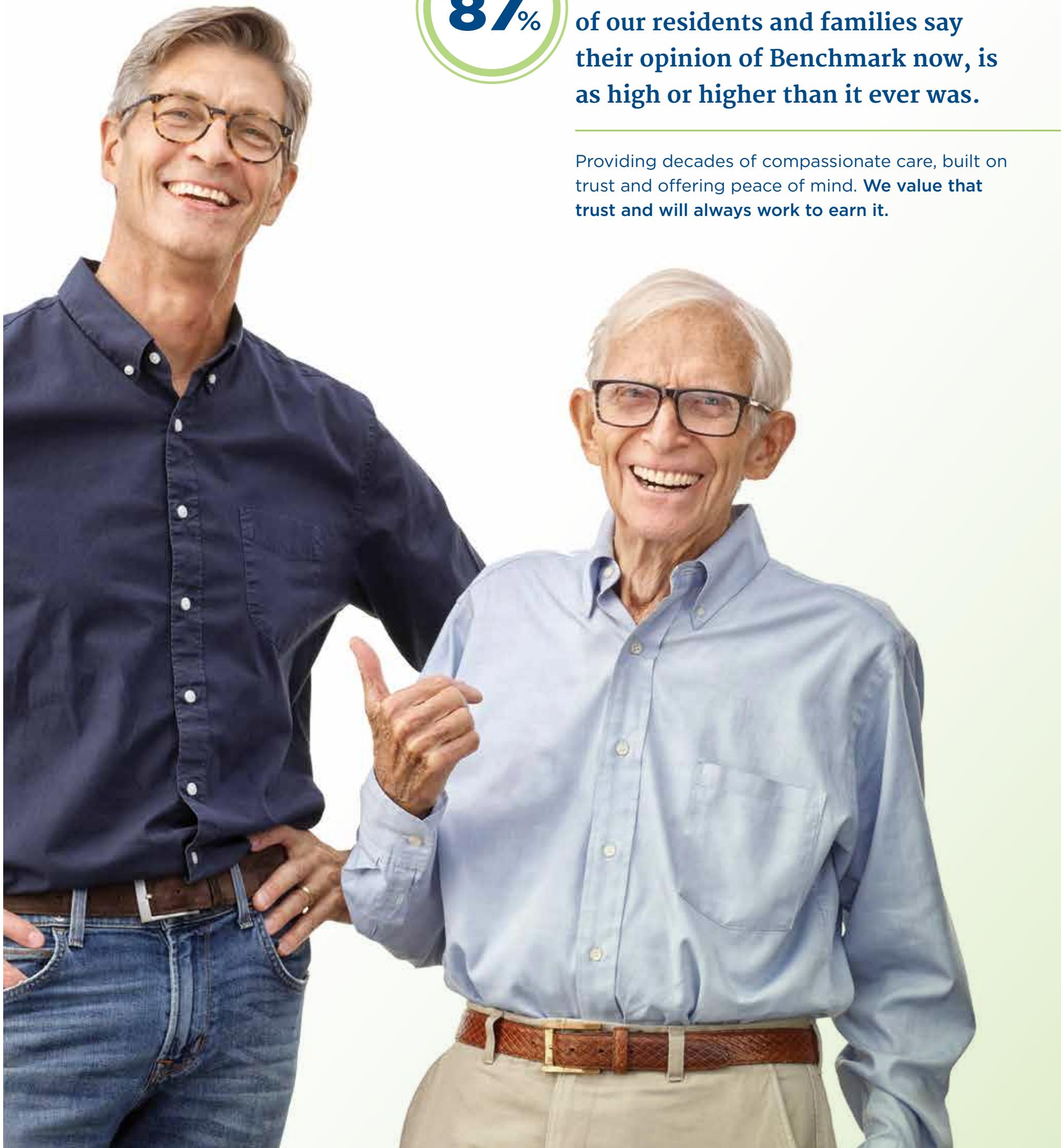
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Loving Companions: The Flynn's

A few days ago, as I rounded a curve at the end of a center lane in the Orange Town Cemetery, my eye caught familiar names on a tombstone: Charles L. and Winifred Flynn. She died this past summer at the age of 97 and already the stone was incised with the date of her death: July 14, 2020. Charles L. Flynn Sr., her husband, died four years ago at the age of 94. They were married for almost 70 years.

I met Charlie 10 years ago when, at the suggestion of the late Liz Gesler, I interviewed him for an article in which he looked back at his early life, his experience as Orange's first probate judge, and how he came to start The Orange Foundation. In my visits to him I met Winifred and learned that she was one of Angeline and Giulio Carocari's two daughters.

Winifred (known to family and friends as "Wini") was reluctant to talk about herself and her accomplishments to me, but Charlie was delighted to tell me that he was drawn to her from the time the two were in grade school together at Forest School in Allington.

"She could run like a deer, and she was always the smartest girl in the class," he told me. By the time he was in sixth grade, he said, their classmates were teasing him by referring to Winifred as "Mrs. Flynn."

As they grew older, the pair would sometimes take the trolley home from school and, unable to afford the fare, he would run alongside.

After graduating from high school, Charlie went off to Duke University with the help of a scholarship. He volunteered for military service when World War II broke out. Winifred graduated from Albertus Magnus College in 1943 and began teaching at St. Mary's School in New



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Haven. Charlie later told me she was a wonderful teacher and a diplomatic disciplinarian.

Charlie was discharged from the army in 1945, and under the G.I. Bill he completed his last three college semesters at Providence College so he could be nearer to Winifred. They were married in 1946. In 1947, he graduated from Providence College Magnum cum Laude as a philosophy major.

Off they went to Washington, DC, and Charlie enrolled in Georgetown University Law School, where he earned his JD in 1949. After passing the DC bar exam, he declined a federal government appointment and returned with Winifred to New Haven. Aided by advice from Judge Thomas O'Sullivan to guess at answers he wasn't absolutely sure about on the Connecticut Bar Exam, Charlie passed and went into private practice with Bernard P. Kopkind, founding the law firm of Kopkind and Flynn.

In 1959 the Flynn family moved from West Haven to Hotchkiss Road in Orange. Charlie continued in private practice until 1975, when Orange First Selectman Ralph Capacelatro encouraged him to run for office as the first judge of probate for the District of Orange.

Asked to name his proudest accomplishment, Charlie told me it was The Orange Foundation, a public charitable trust he started in 1976 with \$300 of his own money. The Orange Foundation, which he says he modeled on the successful New Haven Foundation, makes it possible for Orange residents to direct funds to specific community use (by law, they would otherwise go into the general fund).

Forty years after its founding, The Orange Foundation oversaw over \$1.4 million and had

distributed over \$627,000 in college scholarships and financial support to Orange civic and cultural organizations.

In 1991, when Charlie reached the age of 70 and mandatory retirement from Probate Court, he volunteered his legal counsel to Orange seniors under Orange Community Services Director Carol Nardini. He also taught courses at the University of New Haven.

After raising their two children, Kathleen (now a New Haven architect) and Charles L. Jr. (president of Mount St. Vincent's College in New York), Wini returned to school at SCSU in the 1970s to get her master's degree in reading. She spent the next 20 years as a reading specialist at Center and Montowese Schools in North Haven. After her retirement, according to her obituary, as a volunteer she taught reading to adult students in New Haven and tutored children at St. Mary School in Milford and Orange's Peck Place School.

Kathleen says that after retiring, her parents continued to delight in their time together, traveling with Elderhostel to various parts of the US, Italy and Ireland as well as taking courses and remaining active members of Holy Infant Church in Orange. Friends who saw them there when they were in their 90s noted their gentle help to one another as they became physically more fragile.

Charlie died at home on Feb. 28, 2016. Wini continued to live in their home where she died, her children and her sister Dorothy at her bedside, on July 14 of this year. Even to a stranger, their lifelong love of one another was palpable.

Trish O'Leary Treat, a transplanted Midwesterner, began delving into Orange history when she married the late Howard B. Treat, whose Connecticut roots trace back to the 1600s. She enjoys sharing the fruits of her research with readers of The Milford Orange Times and welcomes suggestions for future columns on people in the Orange Town Cemetery.

Full obituaries and pictures (if provided) of the deceased are on our website at www.milfordorangetimes.com and are published at no cost to residents of Milford and Orange.



Anne Vivian (Maselli) Bonci, age 64, of Orange, passed away peacefully on Sept. 24, 2020.



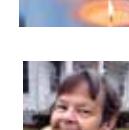
Herbert Albert Brown "Herb" passed away peacefully at his beach home on October 6, 2020.



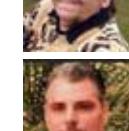
Helen Bukovsky, age 99, of Milford, died peacefully on October 15, 2020.



Philomena Collucci, age 94 of Milford, died on Monday, October 5, 2020.



Lynn E. Contrucci, age 77, a resident of Milford, passed away on September 17, 2020.



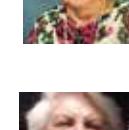
Robert John DiCicco, 52, of Orange, passed away peacefully on October 7, 2020.



Paul R. Faughnan, Sr. (Ret. NHFD), 74, of Orange, passed away on September 25, 2020.



Ethel Roys Field, age 101, of Milford, beloved wife of the late George W. Field Sr., died on Tuesday, October 20, 2020.



Bonny L Harrold, age 72 of formerly of Milford, passed away on September 21, 2020.

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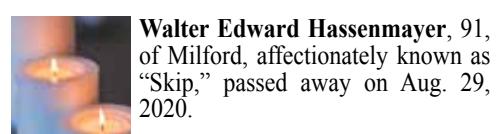
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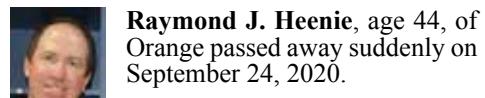
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Walter Edward Hassenmayer, 91, of Milford, affectionately known as "Skip," passed away on Aug. 29, 2020.



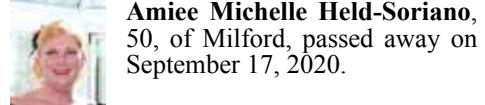
Ann Marie Savage Kuchinsky, age 87, of Orange, passed away on October 2, 2020.



Raymond J. Heenie, age 44, of Orange passed away suddenly on September 24, 2020.



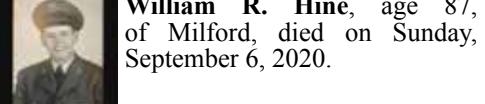
Barbara Lois Macisco, 75, of Milford, passed away on September 23, 2020.



Amiee Michelle Held-Soriano, 50, of Milford, passed away on September 17, 2020.



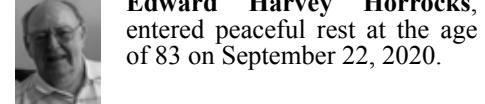
Richard Louis Malaro, age 76 of Milford, died on Sunday, April 5, 2020.



William R. Hine, age 87, of Milford, died on Sunday, September 6, 2020.



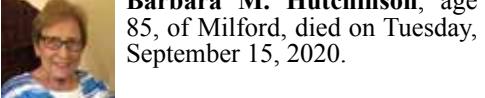
Rudolph J. Massey, age 89, of Milford, died on Sept. 17, 2020.



Edward Harvey Horrocks, entered peaceful rest at the age of 83 on September 22, 2020.



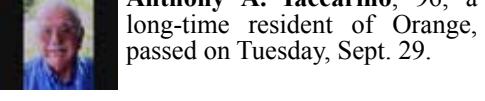
Patricia W. McAllen, 87, of Milford, passed away peacefully on October 14, 2020.



Barbara M. Hutchinson, age 85, of Milford, died on Tuesday, September 15, 2020.



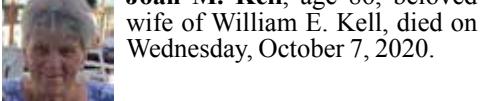
Mary Elizabeth McGrath, age 75, passed away on Sunday, October 18, 2020.



Anthony A. Iaccarino, 96, a long-time resident of Orange, passed on Tuesday, Sept. 29.



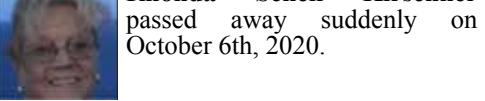
Lawrence E. Mitchell, age 92, of Milford, died peacefully on October 5, 2020.



Joan M. Kell, age 86, beloved wife of William E. Kell, died on Wednesday, October 7, 2020.



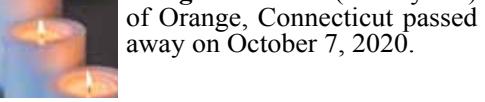
Ronald W. Michelson, 79, of Milford, passed away peacefully on October 20, 2020.



Rhonda Schell Kirschner passed away suddenly on October 6th, 2020.



Anthony "Muzzy" John Morlando, 80, of Milford, passed away on Sept. 19, 2020.



Margot Kohorn (nee Lytton) of Orange, Connecticut passed away on October 7, 2020.



Virginia M. Myers, 92, of Milford, beloved wife of Paul Myers, passed away peacefully on September 20, 2020.



Margaret "Peggy" C. Norton, 84, passed away on September 24, 2020.



Carl W. Pearson, 95, of Milford, entered into Eternal Rest on October 4th, 2020.



Stephen Perrone and his twin brother were born on New Years Eve 1944-75 years ago to a surprised mother and a father serving overseas in the US Army Air Force.



Philip Pilletere Jr., age 88, of Orange passed away on September 23, 2020.



Lorraine Ceccarelli Proto, 88, entered into rest on September 28, 2020.



Helen Rose (McGowan) Raucci, 90, of Milford and Naples, FL, passed away on Friday, September 18, 2020.



Joseph F. Sastre, 86, of Milford, passed away peacefully on September 17, 2020.



Josephine Rose Sheehan, 93, of Milford, passed away on September 30, 2020.



John Soares, age 103, of Milford, died on October 22, 2020.



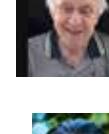
Robert Ober Syrett, 88, of Milford, passed away peacefully on October 12, 2020.



Holly Marie Sylvester, 58, of Milford, passed away peacefully at home on September 27, 2020.



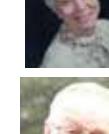
Evelyn S. Tarnawa, 83, of Milford, passed away on October 2, 2020.



Michael Thomas Tretola, Sr., 89, of Milford, passed away peacefully on September 10, 2020.



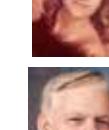
Christopher J. Vasil, 24, of Orange, passed away on October 11, 2020.



Gloria Anne Verbiskas, 82, of Orange, passed away peacefully on October 8, 2020.



Edward J. Wise, age 83, entered into rest on Friday, October 16, 2020, at Bridgeport Hospital.



Deborahann Wooldridge, 65, of Milford, died on Wednesday, September 30, 2020.



Frank Zicarelli, 92, of Milford, passed away peacefully on September 25, 2020.

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