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## Fireworks Light Up Orange



Orange celebrated Independence Day with a concert and fireworks display July 5 at the fairgrounds at High Plains Community Center. Photos by Lexi Crocco. See page 6 for more.

## Tennessee Man Targets Milford Church Over LGBT Stance

By Brandon T. Bisceglia

Milford police arrested a Tennessee man July 1 for allegedly breaking into the Mary Tayler United Methodist Church over its stance on LGBT rights.

Charles Yarbrough, of Nashville, Tennessee, was arrested after police responded to a call from the church about a possible burglary, according to police reports.

Yarbrough told police in an interview that he entered the building and damaged

the office door because he felt pastor Rev. Kristina Hansen and the church as a whole were "supporting and pushing the LGBT agenda."

Yarbrough was charged with a hate crime, burglary in the third degree and criminal mischief in the third degree. His bond was set at \$50,000.

In a post to the church's Facebook page, Hansen wrote, "This incident is unfortunate and saddening. It does not however dissuade us from our affirming stance."

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## Walnut Beach Residents Oppose Parking Rules

By Brandon T. Bisceglia

Members of the Walnut Beach Association voiced concerns at the June 1 meeting of the Milford Board of Aldermen that recently revised parking ordinances will adversely affect businesses and community events at the beach.

The ordinance, passed by the Ordinance Committee in April, would allow for metered

parking at the beaches and raise parking fees from \$15 to \$20. Police would be charged with monitoring the meters.

Association president Wendy Terenzio spoke during the public hearing portion of the meeting, saying that hours of enforcement and the per-day fee structure would make it harder for people to park near the beach.

She also brought up the fact that there were

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## Orange TPZC Contemplates Mixed Housing

By Brandon T. Bisceglia

A proposal by a developer who wants to revitalize the long-struggling Firelite Plaza in Orange could bring denser housing and more apartments to other parts of town.

Marjorie F. Shansky, the lawyer representing 35 Old Tavern Road LLC, brought the proposal for a text amendment to the Orange Town Plan & Zoning Commission at its July 2 meeting. The amendment would allow the building of residential units in areas currently zoned as local shopping center districts.

There are two areas that fall under the local shopping center district designation. The first is a stretch near the Boston Post Road that includes Firelite. The second is at the center of town.

If the change is adopted, Firelite could become a series of mixed-use buildings with commercial spaces on the ground floor and apartments above.

Shansky stressed while introducing the amendment that allowing apartments in these areas would soften the transition between residential and commercial neighborhoods, and that it furthers the aims of the commission's own plan of

conservation and development.

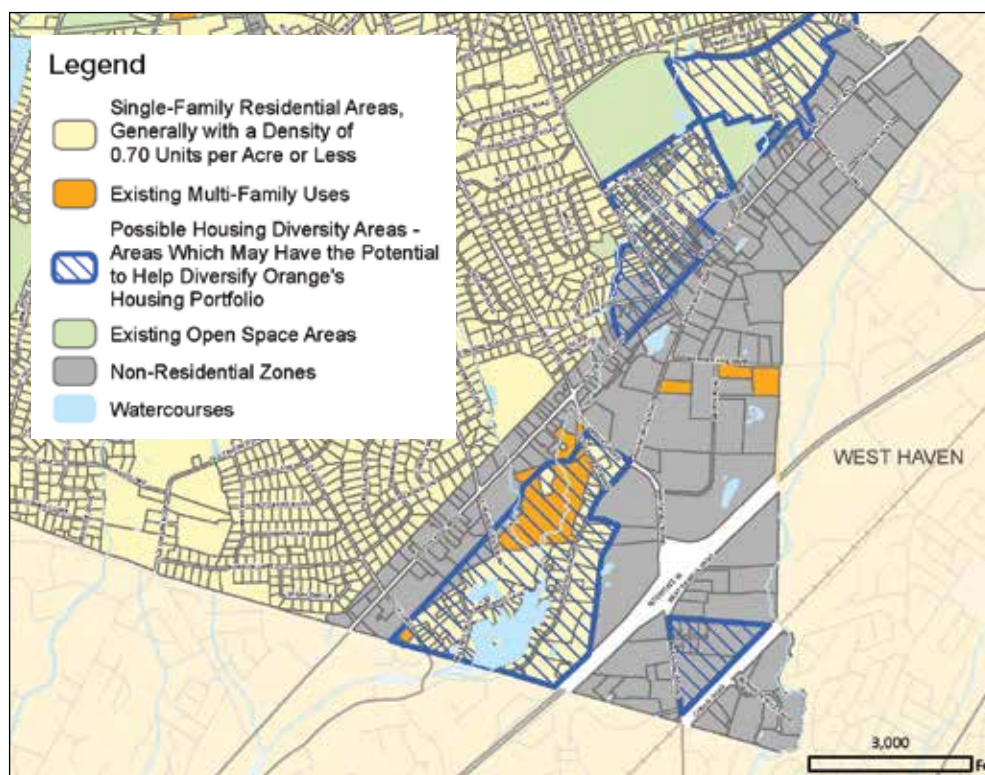
Indeed, the document, adopted in 2015, does discuss in several places the need for more housing diversity. Orange is dominated right now by single-family houses. At one point, the plan says community conversations revealed that "The time is coming for Orange to consider future housing needs and provide for housing options."

The plan even sections along the Post Road that include where Firelite is located as potential areas to introduce future housing opportunities. It does not list the town center as such an area, though, and it would be covered under the same zoning change.

"Your plan doesn't just mention diversifying housing types," Shansky said. "It says it over and over and over again. It says it in connection with economic development. It says it in connection with residential development."

Shansky told the commissioners that the amendment to the regulation would only add another use within the existing framework of the zone, making no changes to any of the other rules about things such

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A map from the 2015 plan of conservation and development shows an area that includes Firelite Plaza as one "which may have the potential to diversify Orange's housing portfolio."

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# News & Events

## Orange Garden Club Holds Annual Luncheon



From left: Marion Rizzo, Linda Bradford, Jeannette Hafner, Dorothy Hine and Joanne Friedrichs received congratulatory certificates during the Garden Club of Orange's June luncheon at Grassy Hill Country Club in Orange. Photo by Pat Dray.

The Garden Club of Orange celebrated the year's activities in June with a luncheon held at the Grassy Hill Country Club in Orange.

President Linda Bradford thanked the membership for their support and hard work during the year, which included participation in the Orange Country Fair, the holiday decoration of the Case Memorial Library rotunda, Christmas wreaths for town buildings, a holiday event at the Osborne Museum, the Holiday House Tour, restoration of the Stone-Otis herb garden, planting of the Town Green and an ongoing garden therapy program at the Orange Rehabilitation Center.

Patti Logioco and Ellie Torello received first-place awards in the horticulture sweepstakes. Teresa Evangeliste received second place and Linda Bradford earned third place. Caroline Dirsra, Joanne Friedrichs, Jeannette Hafner, Dorothy Hine, Marion Rizzo and Dorothy Zolla were awarded congratulatory certificates for their years of active membership. Membership chairperson Joanne Friedrichs announced and welcomed new members Vicki Grande and Ellen Brodell.

The Garden Club of Orange is a member of the FGCCT, the NEGC and the NEC. For membership information, contact Eileen Eisenman at 203-878-9597.

## Maroney Applauds Milford Proclaiming June Alzheimer's Month



State Sen. James Maroney (D-Milford) spoke at an event June 24 with Milford Mayor Benjamin Blake, state Rep. Kathy Kennedy (R-Milford), Milford alderman and mayoral candidate Dan German, and members of Walk to End Alzheimer's at Milford City Hall as June was proclaimed Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in Milford. Contributed photo.

## Orange, West Haven Added To First Time Homebuyer Program

The Milford Bank has added Orange and West Haven to its First Time Homebuyers Program. The program, which also includes Stratford and Milford, gives first-time homebuyers added opportunities to purchase property.

The program offers a 1/8 percent reduction from the standard rate, prequalification certificates and preapproved applications to assist in participants' home search, low down payment options, and a refund of the \$475

application fee upon closing. The Milford Bank also participates in the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority's first-time homebuyer program on a statewide level.

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# A Look Back

By Priscilla Searles

The Halfway House was located at the corner of the Boston Post Road and Race Brook Road, now the location of Webster Bank. Built around 1767, it was also referred to as Woodruff's Tavern after John Woodruff, who built the structure. Because of its location approximately halfway between Boston and New York (hence its name) it became a popular stop for stagecoaches. But with the establishment of the railroad along the same route, the Halfway House became less popular as a stopping place. Beginning in the late 1850s it changed hands many times, with some of the owners adding to the structure or making changes to its original architecture. By 1969 this grand old lady, once the site of balls and other major social events, had fallen on hard times and fell victim to the wrecker's ball.

If you have a vintage photo of Orange and are willing to loan it to Town Historian Priscilla Searles, contact her at [orangect200@gmail.com](mailto:orangect200@gmail.com). All photos on loan will be scanned, with the scan becoming the property of the Orange Historical Society. Originals will be returned to the owner.



The Halfway House, built around 1767 at the corner of the Boston Post Road and Race Brook Road, was a popular social hub during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Photo courtesy of the Orange Historical Society.

## Registration Open For Folks On Spokes/Step Forward Walk

Registration is open for the Folks on Spokes Ride/Step Forward Memorial Walk on Sunday, Sept. 15 at Fowler Field in Milford. Funds raised will support Bridges Healthcare's addiction and mental health services for people in the community on the road to recovery.

Cyclists of all levels can bike 5, 10, 20 or 40-mile routes (or any combination of these) to promote mental health and wellness. The rest stops along the route offer water, fruit and snack bars. All riders must wear a bicycle helmet and follow safe cycling practices throughout their ride.

Walkers can enjoy a 5K route on the

scenic Connecticut coastline while honoring the tragic end to lives lost to addiction, overdose, suicide or other mental health related issues. The Remembrance Ceremony kicks off the walk to support survivors and to pay tribute to lost loved ones.

Registration includes an official event t-shirt for those preregistered by Aug.

31 and post-race food and drinks. Go to [folksenspokes.bridgesct.org](http://folksenspokes.bridgesct.org) to register.

BridgesHealthcare, which is headquartered in Milford, offers a comprehensive range of mental health, substance abuse and primary care programs and services.



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# Opinion & Editorial

## Tax Relief Coming Soon



STATE REP. (R-119)  
KATHY KENNEDY

One of the major victories this past legislative session was to continue Connecticut's phase out of the state income tax on pensions for seniors. The governor had attempted to stop the scheduled phase out of the tax in his budget but was stopped by the General Assembly.

I, along with my colleagues, have long advocated for the repeal of the state tax on pension, annuity income and Social Security benefits as a small way to provide retired Connecticut residents some tax relief and possibly allow them to stay in our great state.

For many years, Connecticut was one of the few states that taxed pension and Social Security; we wanted to end that financial penalty. It was especially important considering our state has one of the oldest populations, many of whom live on fixed incomes once they retire.

For individuals who have earned pension and annuity income with incomes up to \$75,000 for singles and \$100,000 for families, there will be a 14 percent exemption for the 2019 tax year. The new pension exemption will rise to 28 percent in 2020, then 42 percent in 2021, 56 percent in 2022, 70 percent in 2023, 84 percent in 2024 and a full 100 percent in 2025.

The General Assembly also will move forward with past legislation giving tax relief to those who receive Social Security benefits. There will be 100 percent exemption from income taxes on Social Security benefits for single filers with adjusted gross incomes of up to \$75,000; and up to \$100,000 for couples. They will save an additional \$24 million when they file their 2019 taxes.

Up until this year, the threshold for exempting Social Security income for singles was an adjusted gross income of \$50,000 for singles and \$60,000 for joint filers.

I will continue to advocate for a more affordable state in which to live, raise a family, work and retire.

As always, if you have questions about this issue or any other concern about our state government, please contact me by phone 1-800-842-1423 or email [Kathy.Kennedy@housegop.ct.gov](mailto:Kathy.Kennedy@housegop.ct.gov).

## Budget Rules Starting July 1



STATE REP. (R-114)  
THEMIS KLARIDES

Many changes came to Connecticut as a result of a new administration and newly elected legislature. With those changes came a new budget – a budget with many new sales taxes on products and services, increased taxes on meals and alcohol, and more taxes for small businesses as they try to absorb major labor cost increases.

To add insult to injury, the Special Transportation Fund has been raided once again with another \$171 million to be diverted beginning July 1.

There is, however, one piece of glimmering legislative hope for our retirees: the bipartisan income tax relief promise for Social Security recipients and those with pensions and annuity income was just barely salvaged this year from the chopping block.

The long-awaited tax exemption for people with adjusted gross income levels of up to \$75,000 for singles and \$100,000 for couples has finally gone into effect. There will be a 14 percent exemption for the 2019 tax year, an overall savings for them of nearly \$33 million. For 2020 the exemption will increase to 28 percent, 42 percent in 2021, 56 percent in 2022, 70 percent in 2023, 84 percent in 2024 and 100 percent in 2025.

This tax relief was a serious victory for our residents who are nearing retirement or already retired and a big win for Republicans negotiating this session considering Gov. Ned Lamont and Democratic lawmakers intended to repeal this crucial exemption.

Unfortunately, this victory for retirees is in direct contrast to our youngest residents; the budget also refinanced pension debt, assuring our children and grandchildren will have an unsustainable bill costing an additional \$15.6 billion.

It's important that we celebrate the victories for our districts where we can find them, but we can't turn a blind eye to legislative agendas that work against our residents. We as a state need to keep the pressure on this administration, continue to demand help for businesses large and small and demand relief for the struggling people of Connecticut.

## Notable Laws Passed This Session



STATE REP. (R-117)  
CHARLES FERRARO

The 2019 legislative session ended on June 5. A number of new laws were passed and went into effect on July 1. New legislation effective dates are typically Jan. 1, July 1, and Oct. 1 throughout the calendar year.

Here is a highlight of some of the bills that I believe are noteworthy. You can find the full list by visiting my website, [RepFerraro.com](http://RepFerraro.com), or [cga.ct.gov](http://cga.ct.gov).

Public Act 19-117, An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2021. The legislature approved a two-year budget this session, a budget that I didn't support. The state budget includes nearly \$2 billion in new taxes and \$1 billion in new spending.

Public Act 19-103, An Act Establishing a Pilot Program for Expansion of Advanced Manufacturing Certificate Program. This is an important bill that was passed with the full support of the General Assembly. It will help create a more skilled manufacturing workforce in the state.

Public Act 19-191, An Act Addressing Opioid Use. Every single community in the state has felt the impact of the opioid epidemic. We are doing everything we can to help address the opioid crisis and one important way this legislation will help is by requiring hospitals, starting Jan. 1, 2020, to administer a mental health screening or assessment on patients treated for a nonfatal opioid drug overdose if it is medically appropriate to do so.

Public Act 19-17, An Act Concerning Workers' Compensation Benefits for Certain Mental or Emotional Impairments, Mental Health Care for Police Officers and Wellness Training for Police Officers, Parole Officers and Firefighters. I believe this is an important bill for first responders to get the care they need and deserve. I will be working with my colleagues next session to have EMS included.

Public Act 19-25, An Act Concerning Paid Family and Medical Leave. As you know from reading previous articles from me, I support paid family and medical leave. But I couldn't support the legislation that was passed. This legislation creates a payroll tax to fund the program, taking money out of every single person's paycheck without the ability to opt out. In addition, unionized state employees are exempt from the payroll tax.

I encourage all residents to take a look at the full list of new laws to see how it will impact you, your business or your family.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Charles.Ferraro@housegop.ct.gov](mailto:Charles.Ferraro@housegop.ct.gov) or 800-842-1423 with any questions or concerns related to state government. You can also follow my legislative activity on my website.

## Legislation Will Grow Businesses Assault Charges



STATE REP. (D-14)  
JAMES MARONEY

Unfortunately, much is often made of so-called anti-business legislation that was passed by the General Assembly. Not as much publicity is given to legislation that will strengthen the business climate in our state.

Fortunately, there were a number of pro-business policies that passed this session. We passed policies that will help immediately, but more importantly, policies that will prepare our state to lead in the economy of tomorrow.

With these policies, we're focusing on training a workforce to take advantage of increased opportunities in the computer coding industry. We're making 5G wireless technology accessible throughout the state. We're creating jobs through offshore wind procurement and incentivizing development in our state's most distressed areas, also referred to as opportunity zones. We are also making it easier to buy and sell commercial properties that in the past may have been stymied by the transfer act.

You may have heard me talk about the computer coding legislation, as it was one of my top legislative priorities. Helping to bolster my computer coding bill is legislation that will accelerate the deployment of high speed, 5G wireless technology throughout the state. Having access to this responsive and fast network in all our cities and towns will create even more computer coding jobs and make it even more imperative that individuals have the skills necessary to excel in these jobs. This will help to accelerate the growth of tech businesses in the state.

Part of building the infrastructure for tomorrow's economy is exploring environmentally conscious ways to generate electricity while also creating jobs. We passed a bill which will create jobs for our state through the procurement of offshore wind. Under this law, we can purchase up to 2,000 megawatts, the largest authorization by load of any state in our region. The passage of this legislation will attract developers of offshore wind projects and create jobs across the state through this renewable energy.

You may have also heard me talk about opportunity zones during the session this year. Opportunity zones are designed to help unlock an estimated \$6 trillion in unrealized capital gains. Our legislation layers some state incentives on top of the federal incentives to make investing in Connecticut's opportunity zones more attractive and draw investments from out of state.

Additionally, revisions to the well-intentioned Transfer Act will reduce the number of properties and businesses that are subject to the Transfer Act and shorten the window for commencing audits of Transfer Act properties from three years to one year. Prior to the revision, the Transfer Act often slowed property transfers on properties that were never intended to be included.

While several other pieces of legislation passed that will benefit individual industries, one thing that will save all Connecticut businesses money is the elimination of the business entity tax.

This state has much to offer, but we cannot rest on our laurels. These important pieces of legislation are a good start to help create a bright future for the State of Connecticut for years to come.

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# Opinion & Editorial

## Editorial: Orange Can Be Part Of Housing Solution

By **Brandon T. Bisceglia**

Town leaders in Orange should proceed with cautious optimism in considering a recently-proposed text amendment that would allow greater housing options in town.

The amendment, first presented at the July 2 Town Plan & Zoning Commission meeting, would allow for mixed-use residential units to be built in areas zoned as Local Shopping Center districts. Mixed-use housing are those buildings with commercial space on the lower floors and apartments on the upper floors.

The proposal is a precursor to a developer's plan to build such a structure at Firelite Plaza, a commercial property off the Boston Post Road that has struggled for years now to maintain both tenants and owners.

Though there should be ample scrutiny of any regulation change, especially one brought by a developer with a financial motive, Orange should consider options of this type for the sake of younger people who have different needs than previous generations – and to preserve the future of the town.

There is a shortage of housing in many parts of the U.S., including in places like Connecticut. Though for years the problem was limited mainly to so-called "affordable" housing recipients, the problem has begun to hit middle-income families too. Rents have risen faster than wages, and new developments have not kept up with demand.

Young people are not buying homes at the rates that previous generations did. Their job prospects and savings took a hit from the Great Recession. College debts have left them with massive burdens before they even

get started. And generally stagnant wages have not kept up with the cost of living, making it harder and harder to save or start a family.

As a result, people in their 20s and 30s (and these days, even some in their 40s) who earn well into the middle income may not be looking to buy a house.

Even market-rate apartments can help alleviate the pent-up demand – and potentially stabilize rent prices. It's always easier to raise prices when demand exceeds supply. But raise the supply, and those pressures can reverse.

Orange should be part of this solution, not just because it can help reduce housing issues, but because those apartment dwellers often go on to buy houses. And they're more likely to prefer living in a town with which they already have connections.

Orange has bigger problems on the horizon, though. The town has two major sections: a commercial corner along the Post Road dotted with strip malls and department stores, and the vast interior of the town that contains open space and single-family homes.

One of the things that motivates people to move to Orange, of course, is that spacious, rural New England character.

But Orange is limited in its own options for growth under the existing model. Long gone are the days of suburban strip malls and big box retail. They are on a slow-steady decline that will only continue in the next decade as more and more purchases are made online.

The grand list has grown too slowly to avoid tax hikes on those single-family property owners. If nothing is done to

rethink the Post Road corridor, the grand list may even begin to shrink.

One kind of store people will continue to shop in is the one within easy walking distance. And what could be easier than right under your feet? That's a level of convenience even Amazon will never be able to deliver.

Any new plan will cause understandable

worries about preserving Orange's character. Those worries should be explored and given their due.

The fact is, though, that Orange's character is going to change. All towns do. The question is only whether leaders will get in front of that change and guide it or be dragged into it from behind.

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**To the Editor:**

It is truly unfortunate that almost all of us know someone who is battling cancer or who has lost the fight. I lost my wife and my daughter in the span of just a couple of months. My sorrow was and is overwhelming but at the same time I felt helpless, unable to do anything to combat this scourge that is destroying so many lives.

Then one day in early summer four years ago I saw a billboard for the Ride Closer to Free bicycle ride-raising money for research and victim support. My wife of 40 years, Mary, really enjoyed bicycling and I immediately knew what I had to do. As soon as I got home, I went to the website: RideCloserToFree.org. The rest is history. This Sept. 7 I will ride for the fifth time.

I am writing to my fellow townspeople to urge that if you have a bicycle and a desire to do something exceptional to go

to that website for information and, I hope, sign on for this year's ride. I guarantee you an experience like no other you have ever had. There will be 2,000 riders starting from Yale Bowl that morning on rides of varying distances, all riders committed to doing something. Last year we raised over \$3 million for the cause, but the real reward is the ride itself, especially when you pedal by Smilow Cancer Center where patients in wheelchairs hold up signs and cheer us on.

I celebrated my 80th birthday recently and I just finished 39 radiation sessions for cancer but I fully intend to ride 40 miles that day. I can't promise that you won't feel some aches and pains when you wheel back onto the field at the end, but I can assure you that you will feel great in your heart.

**Clayton Curtiss  
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# News & Events

## Orange Holds Annual Independence Day Concert And Fireworks



Orange held its annual Independence Day concert and fireworks July 5 at the High Plains Community Center fairgrounds. The event featured the band Back In Time, a tribute to Huey Lewis and the News. Photos by Lexi Crocco.



The Book Club:

# Wrong Man, Wrong Place, Wrong Time

Armor Towles, *A Gentleman in Moscow*, Viking, 2016

This seductive novel should not have the popularity it currently enjoys. It has no plot and its emotional trajectory resembles the topography of Kansas. Yet it manages to engage the reader with the wit and sophistication of its protagonist, who carries the book by his droll, acerbic comments on the absurd situation in which he is compelled to live 25 years of his life.



PETER HECHTMAN

In 1922, Count Alexander Ilyich Rostov is found guilty of the crime of being an aristocrat by a Bolshevik court in Moscow, and is sentenced to a life of house arrest at the luxurious hotel Metropol. The first of many ironies is that he has long been living in this hotel but now he must earn his keep as a head waiter. (After all, who but an aristocrat knows how deeply a waiter should bow?) This could be a “comedy of manners,”

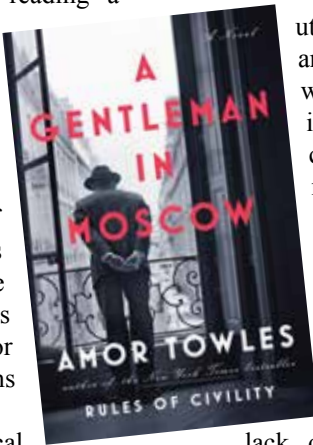
but there is no comedy here.

The novel’s story is the count’s response to this situation. His description of reading a boring book: the “clock accounted the seconds as flawlessly as Homer accounted his dactyls and Peter the sins of the sinners.” Or his observations on the interminable and deadly serious Bolshevik meetings: they “clamor about the world’s oldest problems in its newest” vocabulary.

His comment on the political turmoil responsible for his detention is, “The soldiers of the common man may toss the banners of the old regime on the victory pyre, but soon enough trumpets will

blare and pomp will take its place at the side of the throne, having once again secured its dominion over history and kings.”

But the count does more than utter detached commentary and wait on tables. Even waiting is described as if it were the Odyssey. A customer is “a hopeful young man trying to impress a serious young woman, [and he found] the menu of the Piazza was as perilous as the Straits of Messina. On the left was a Scylla of lower-priced dishes that could suggest a penny-pinching lack of flair; and on the right was a Charybdis of delicacies that could empty one’s pockets while painting one pretentious. The young man’s gaze drifted back and forth.”



Slowly a circle of life gets built up around him. His most interesting encounter is with a 9-year-old girl who appears to be his equal in discernment. Upon learning he is a count she accosts him with “I would be ever so grateful, if you would share with me some of the rules of being a princess.”

Time passes. The child, Nina, grows, marries and has her own daughter. The regime’s insistence on sending Nina to Siberia results in the count acquiring a surrogate daughter. He has already assembled a sister and three stalwart brothers from among the hotel staff. Together they battle the inevitable KGB spies found in every Soviet enterprise.

And then, just as the reader has given up looking for a plot, the count makes his bold move...

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Life Online:

## Questions Answered About Facebook Fundraising

You see it often. A Facebook friend has a birthday coming up and is requesting their friends to donate to a charity. You may think to yourself, “What a nice thing to do,” and send a small donation.



JOHN A. MOFFITT

As more and more people take the opportunity to set up a donation, questions have started coming up about the process Facebook has set up to collect and distribute the funds. Do my donations actually go to the charity? How do they get there? Can I take a deduction for what I contribute?

Here are some answers:

**- Does Facebook charge a fee for the donations?** It depends. In the beginning Facebook took a flat 5 percent off the top for processing donations. That practice ended in November 2017. Now Facebook’s

fee for sending to an established nonprofit is zero. It’s a different story for personal fundraisers. If you set up a fundraiser for a locally needy person or organization, Facebook will charge a fee. In the U.S., the fee is 2.6 percent plus 30 cents. So if you set up a fundraiser to help the neighbor whose house burned down, a \$100 donation will result in \$97.10 going to the family.

**- How do I set up a fundraiser for a nonprofit?** Facebook makes this easy for you. Click Fundraisers on the left menu of your news feed. Depending on your activity, you may have to expand the menu. When you get to the fundraising page, select nonprofit. They’ll give you a list of popular charities or you can start typing in your favorite in the upper search bar and the

charity should come up. In all, Facebook has over 750,000 charities to choose from.

**- How do I set up a personal fundraiser?** The steps to set up a personal fundraiser are easy to follow and can be found at facebook.com/help/1348270451957092. The funds will be sent to an account set up by the Facebook member that set the fundraiser up. It’s best to give only to a person you know well and trust. If you set up a personal fundraiser yourself, you can expect funds to start rolling in about six to 10 days after the first donation is made.

**- Are my donations tax deductible?** Donations made to personal fundraisers are generally not tax deductible. If you are the recipient of a fundraiser, your income from it may be taxable as well. Be sure to ask your tax preparer for answers in your specific situation. Donations to established nonprofits generally are tax deductible. If you want to

take the deduction, look for an email with the subject line “Your Facebook fundraiser donation receipt.” It will be sent to the email that you used to set up your account. Print it out and put it with your other tax records.

Is giving through Facebook worth it? Absolutely. In the first year alone, over \$300 million was raised through Facebook. It’s a way for people who generally don’t think about giving or feel they can’t afford it to get involved with the small donations most people give. It will show your friends you care.

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## Mixed Housing

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as building height.

Some of the commissioners were skeptical, though. Chair Oscar Parente, on reading the amendment, wondered why it couldn’t be used to propose a future development that would be entirely residential.

Shansky, however, assured the group that wouldn’t be possible because of the already-in-force definition of residential mixed-use, which requires the commercial component.

Commission member Kevin Cornell took broader issue with the premise that the board had not taken steps to address the housing issues identified in the plan of conservation.

“We’ve been considering multi-family (housing) only where it forwards other goals of the town, either to meet the affordable housing requirement that the state brought down, or taking care of the elderly, aging portion of the population,” he said. “So I don’t particularly see why we now want to expand that and start thinking like we’re something other than Orange – we’re West Haven, we’re East Haven, we’re West Hartford.”

Though the amendment would not preclude affordable or senior housing, it also doesn’t explicitly require either one, opening the possibility that developers could build market-rate apartments in the zone.

Commissioner Ralph Aschettino pointed

out that few young people can move to Orange because it’s dominated by single-family houses that they either don’t want to buy or can’t afford.

“I see a lot of work being done in Fairfield and Shelton where a lot of these apartment buildings are going up with studios and one-bedroom-type communities for the younger population,” he said.

First Selectman Jim Zeoli also weighed in on the issue, calling the plan for Firelite, which would not be formally submitted unless the zone amendment passes, one of the best he’s seen for that location in years.

“It’s important to consider different opportunities for housing,” he said.

The commission ultimately kept the public hearing open so it could approach the fire and police departments to see if they had any general concerns and to seek input from a consultant. The discussion is scheduled to continue at the commission’s Aug. 6 meeting, though it was unclear if a special meeting might be called before then.



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# Lifestyle

## Travel Matters

### The Wonders of China

The Great Wall of China and the Terracotta Warriors have always been high on my bucket list. Viking River Cruises has a highly-rated trip that includes visits to both of these world wonders and also includes a river cruise down the Yangtze River – the third longest river in the world (the Nile and the Amazon being first and second).

So off we went on a 13-and-a-half hour flight from Detroit (good connecting flights from New York City).

We landed in Shanghai, a cosmopolitan city with a beautiful waterfront area called the Bund overlooking the Pudang section, which rivaled the downtown Manhattan skyline with an unexpected light display. We visited ancient pagodas and gardens and “shopped ‘til we dropped” in Suzhou – a city that has been a center of silk making for 4,500 years. A performance from the Shanghai Acrobatic Troupe was a highlight.

Next stop: Wuhan, with a visit to the Hubei Museum, featuring an excavation of relics from 433 BCE including a huge set of ancient bells, the heaviest musical instrument in the world. In Wuhan, we boarded a ship that was a bit bigger than most European river cruise ships at 230 passengers.

The ship was complete with a dining room that served Western cuisine along with Chinese specialties, two lounges and a sundeck for scenic cruising, plus something totally unexpected: specialty shops offering silk, pearls, tea, a resident artist and an onboard tailor.

What lay ahead was a feast for the eyes. The highlight of the trip was sailing 150 miles through the Three Gorges: Xiling, Wu and



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Qutang, one more dramatically beautiful than the next. With soaring mountains and hillside temples, we boarded smaller sampan ships to traverse the Wu gorge at its narrowest point, the Goddess Stream. We also visited the Three Gorges Dam, which was completed in 2011, allowing this voyage through all Three Gorges but also requiring the relocation of millions of people to new cities that were built after the old cities were buried underwater.

Speaking of cities, the size and scope of the cities we visited – Shanghai, Chongqing, Xian and Beijing – was something for which I was completely unprepared. Chongqing, home of the giant panda and former capital of China, is 104 times the size of New York City with a population of 34 million. It defies

description.

In Xian, the Terracotta Warriors is so massive an archeological find that there are acres of these 8,000 life-sized sculptures. We saw archeologists working on these ancient artifacts as they continued to excavate.

Beijing offers the Forbidden City – with 9,999 rooms – and Tiananmen Square. And then, an hour or so outside the city, the highlight: the Great Wall of China. To walk on this wall is a true “out of body” experience.

I highly recommend a tour like this through China. With all the challenges of language and access, this makes things seamless, including transfers over large distances. All hotels were very modern, with huge rooms and excellent dining.

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## On Your Mind:

### The Scourge Of E-Cigarettes

I’m not sure who decided that offering people, including children, a different thing to suck on and smoke something harmful to their health was a good idea. I have a pet name for those who are using electronic devices for jewelry, smoking, vaping or dabbing: guinea pigs.

Everyone using these various devices is part of an experiment that is proving to have very adverse results.

I just read a CNN article about an e-cigarette that exploded in the face of a 17-year-old boy. “People need to know before they buy these devices that there’s a possibility they’re going to blow up in your face,” said Dr. Katie Russell, the trauma medical director at Primary Children’s Hospital who first treated the boy.

I have treated several teens as clients who felt addicted to their e-cigarette habit and, with treatment, successfully gave them up. These

teens reported to me that in their communities and schools it is so popular that kids are doing it in the lavatories and even in class, as it is easy to keep it undetected. They live in affluent communities, so the cost isn’t an issue. They can purchase these products that have appealing names for flavors, including cotton candy and unicorn, online. Many stores where they’re available do not ask for proof of age and therefore they’re easy to get.

These products clearly should have been rejected by the FDA. I have heard that some doctors even recommend them to their patients to use in place of smoking cigarettes. I guess those doctors haven’t heard of hypnosis.

In an article posted on the Stanford University Medicine website, researchers and



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their colleagues it was found that “e-cigarette flavoring damages human blood vessel cells grown in the lab even in the absence of nicotine. Cinnamon and menthol flavors were particularly harmful.”

According to the same article, one out of five high school students have tried e-cigarettes. That should be alarming to all of us. Now that it’s been almost 10 years since these have become available, the data is beginning to get noticed, but just like the warning on cigarettes, it’s largely being ignored.

I am a mom first, a teacher second and a hypnotist third. I hope parents and teachers will take notice and do whatever they can to discourage this trend.

I’m still surprised when I notice people smoking cigarettes outside restaurants as the

danger is so clear. Tobacco is still the number one killer of Americans. It’s not an easy or painless death, but those who choose to smoke don’t seem to care. Although hypnosis is the easiest, most effective way to stop smoking, it doesn’t always happen in one session. Many people stop smoking “cold turkey” but others need help. There is no shame in asking for help when you need it.

With all the news about health care we hear daily, it is still easier to stay healthy than to get healthy. Healthy habits and lifestyle changes are important and easier to accomplish than you may think.

E-cigarettes are harmful in a new and different way than cigarettes, and those ways should not be ignored or taken lightly.

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## Here’s To Your Health:

### The Benefits Of Cross Training

Many of us find an exercise routine we like and stick to it like glue. While regimens and continuity are valuable in exercise, there is a fine line between that and the definition of insanity: doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result.

Over the years I’ve seen people perfect one line of exercise, such as running or cycling. Yet when the same person is thrust into a cardio circuit or boot camp class, they almost max out their heart rate and find the class extremely difficult. Muscle has memory and if you’re not changing up your workouts or even your regular weight training routine, you’re not a fit as you may think.

It amazes my clients how winded they get by the small adjustment of doing upper body first when we usually work out the lower body first. They feel I’ve increased their weights or done

something different. However, all I did was simply “trick” their muscles into thinking we were doing something new.

We need to have our workouts challenge us. We also need our workouts to keep us fit. Fitness means having good endurance, strength and flexibility. We do indeed need to be versed in all three, not just one or two. A runner who does nothing in the way of weight training or yoga is not fully fit no matter what their finish time is. A weightlifter who cannot touch his or her toes or run a mile is in the same boat with the runner.

So what does a fully fit person’s workout week look like? The ideal week would have



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at least three to five days of cardio, one or more of yoga or Pilates workouts and two to three days of weight training. Weight training should never be done on back-to-back days unless you’re splitting up muscle groups. Your muscles need at least 24 hours recovery time after weight training to repair.

If you’re not a gym person, there are plenty of wonderful at home DVD workouts, and brisk walking is a great cardio workout as well.

The weather now is in our favor for hiking, biking, swimming, tennis and much more.

With all the summer barbecues and celebrations, I’m sure you know I’m going to tell you not to eat too many burgers or hot dogs, bump up those fruits and veggies and

drink your daily requirements of water. You can’t leave your food out of the equation of being whole and healthy any more than you can leave out destressing.

Summer is here my friends, so let’s do it right. Our farmer’s markets are calling your name. It’s not really about being buff for the beach as much as it is about being fully fit. You can do it. I believe in you because you are worth it.

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to insure or even address the situation  
in Taiwan. In fairness, the Chinese and  
Taiwanese seemed to be having trouble with  
one of the most remarkable young men  
Mainland China had for years, under the

“We’re taking the week to move in and get  
everything set up.” Dr. Peter Branden said. He  
is the director of the group of doctors working out of  
the 10,000 square foot space. He estimates  
between the group’s rotating list of doctors and

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# Managing Summer Runs

Running in the heat is indeed harder than running in cooler weather for a variety of reasons.

For one, high temperatures and sunlight increase your core body temperature, which increases your rate of perceived exertion. This means you'll have to slow down to maintain the same perceived effort – it's just an unfortunate fact of summer training.

Your body has a natural cooling system. As sweat evaporates from your skin, it lowers your body temperature. But higher humidity messes with this cooling system and prevents perspiration from evaporating from your skin. This means it's harder for your body to cool itself down, which leads to that overheated, heavy feeling.

Follow these guidelines for a successful

summer run:

- Stay hydrated (duh). Drink plenty of water leading up to your outside run – aim for eight ounces before 45-60 minutes of exercise.

- Time it right. Plan to run early in the morning, or in the evening after 6 p.m. Avoid running in the heat of midday or between the hours of 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., which is "the no-no zone."

- Wear appropriate clothing. Look for highly breathable, moisture-wicking, light-colored clothing that fits loosely (no cotton). Fabric that contains SPF is a plus. You also want to wear a hat or visor and sunglasses – these protect your face and eyes from the sun and wick



CATHY BRADLEY

moisture away.

- Take it slow. Remember: slowing down in the summer is okay. Run or walk by feel or effort rather than by pace. And don't be afraid to take walk breaks. The further away from 50 degrees Fahrenheit the temperatures get, the more you can expect your pace to decrease with the same amount of effort. For example, if you run an eight-minute mile at 50 degrees, plan on running up to a nine-minute, 30-second mile pace when temps are in the 90s.

- Seek out shade. Try to run on trails, which are often shaded, instead of roads that radiate the sun's heat back to you. It can also

help to run near bodies of water, which can naturally cool down the surrounding air.

- Breathe deeply. As you've probably noticed, breathing is more difficult on hot, humid days. Make sure you're taking huge deep breaths every three minutes. "Fill your lungs all the way up and exhale strongly." Keep in mind that if you start to feel dizzy, light-headed, or extremely fatigued, it's time to stop and seek help if those feelings don't go away.

All winter we waited for the sunshine. Let's enjoy it and get healthy at same time. Say hello to those neighbors you haven't seen all winter and take the opportunity to catch up. Stay safe and have fun.

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## Downtown Milford Hosting Movies

The Downtown Milford Business Association's free summer cinema series will be held for four Thursdays in July and August, each featuring a different movie. Local food trucks will be also on site. This year's lineup includes *Toy Story* on July 11,

*Mary Poppins Returns* on July 18, *Elf* on July 25, and *Hotel Transylvania* on Aug. 1. The events take place at Fowler Pavilion at 1 Shipyard Lane beginning at 6 p.m., with the movie starting at 8 p.m.

## Orange Holding Concerts This Summer

Orange will play host to several musical acts throughout the summer during its "Music Under the Stars" events in July and August.

The series begins with Fools on the Hill, a Beatles tribute band, on July 18. On July 25, the Al and Sal Duo, two members of Fools on the Hill, return. Bad Moon Rising, which

plays music from Credence Clearwater Revival and John Fogerty, come to the stage Aug. 8. And on Aug. 22, the Vybrations will play a variety of 60s music.

The concerts run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on each date. They take place at the gazebo on the Orange Fairgrounds at 525 Orange Center Rd.

## Good Vibes Festival Coming To Devon

Clothing and accessories store Bohemian High will be hosting a Good Vibes festival on Saturday, July 27 at its store in Devon.

The free event starts at 12:30 p.m. and will be offering music by the John Spignesi

Band, Airlooms and Tracy Joe & The Toads. There will be over 14 vendors, with food and drinks provided by Still River Grill & Bar.

Bohemian High is located at 156 Bridgeport Ave. in Milford.

## Dog Days Of Summer



Some furry friends enjoy the Orange fireworks and the Orange Strawberry Festival. Photos by Lexi Crocco.

# Tennessee Man Targets Milford Church Over LGBT Stance

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Below that she posted the church's mission statement, which states in part, "We recognize and celebrate the diversity of God's creation and God's gifts. As disciples of our Lord, we publicly acknowledge, welcome and support people of all races, genders, sexual orientations and gender identities, ages, nationalities, ethnicity, abilities and socio-economic situations. Our welcome knows no boundaries."

Mary Taylor has a link to Nashville for

another reason: it's the headquarters of the United Methodist Church, one of the largest Protestant denominations in the country.

The UMC was rattled by tensions over LGBT issues in February, when a vote at a St. Louis conference split liberal and conservative forces over the so-called "Traditional Plan," which strengthens bans on LGBT support. Most of the U.S.-based representatives wanted to adopt more inclusive practices, and the disagreement has led to talks of a permanent rift.

# Walnut Beach Residents Oppose Parking Rules

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no hourly parking options for visitors to the area.

She pointed out that events like the annual Walnut Beach day, summer concert series and farmer's market "bring people to the area, support tourism, and help local merchants to flourish as well as provide community services and economic development for all the citizens of Milford.

Laura Ambrogio, who also lives near the beach, echoed Terenzio's concerns. Both also requested the language of the ordinance separate Gulf Beach from Walnut Beach,

because they have different needs.

Later in the meeting, the aldermen confirmed that members of the Ordinance Committee had met with the Walnut Beach Association over its objections.

Ordinance Committee Chair Frank Smith said that they were looking at amending the ordinance in some fashion.

However, he noted, "there are others here that have registered their opinions that sometimes are contrary to those of the Walnut Beach Association and the business association."

Smith said he expected any changes to be done by August.

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# Home & Garden

## The Garden Spot:

### What Do Those Plant Food Numbers Mean?

Most of us understand that we need to feed our gardens and house plants but are often confused by all the choices in the plant food world.

The labels will typically show three numbers that represent the proportion by weight of N (nitrogen), P (phosphorus) and K (potassium). Each of these elements helps plants in different ways. Nitrogen spurs vigorous, leafy green growth and is an important nutrient for turfgrasses. Phosphorus is important for strong root growth and flowering, and potassium enhances overall growth – both of roots and plants.

Once you understand the purpose of the three key nutrients, it's fairly easy to choose the right fertilizer for your plant needs. If your goal is a healthy, green turf you'll see that lawn fertilizers have an N-P-K ratio with the first number (nitrogen) much higher than the other two. Soil usually provides enough

phosphorus and most of the potassium healthy grass needs, so the numbers for those nutrients are low.

Just remember not to overfeed – numerous studies have found that a spring and fall feeding coupled with deep watering are enough to keep the lawn looking great. Leave the grass clippings on the lawn since as they decay, they provide additional nitrogen. I love to see the clover blooming in my lawn since they are another excellent source of nitrogen. Use the nitrogen that nature is providing and save time and money.

Vegetables need nitrogen, but for the plants to flower and give a large harvest you'll need to feed them more phosphorus and potassium. That's why the second and third numbers are highest in products specifically



PAT DRAY

for vegetables.

Flowering bulbs depend on phosphorus for healthy roots, so bulb fertilizers have a high middle number. You can also feed plants like your lilies with what's called a balanced fertilizer such as 10-10-10, to deliver a balanced N-P-K designed for all-round garden health. I feed my daylily bed in early spring with 10-10-10 so that the lilies have lush foliage and lots of bloom by July.

Be sure to follow the instructions on the label carefully, especially early in the season when overfertilizing can cause "burning." Most fertilizers should be worked into the soil around the plant rather than applied directly to the foliage. However, there are some liquid fertilizers that can be applied directly to the plants via spray.

Another choice is whether to use an organic or inorganic fertilizer. The major difference is that the organic fertilizer is less processed and usually has more micronutrients than does the inorganic fertilizer. Some examples of organic fertilizers are bone meal, manure and compost. The nutrients in the organic fertilizer will break down more slowly than those in inorganics and need to be applied less often. They also contain microorganisms that help to improve the soil texture over time, leading to better plant health. The initial cost of organics may be higher, but since fewer applications are needed the cost difference becomes pretty much equal over time.

By understanding the basics behind fertilizer labels, you can choose the right products for your lawn and garden goals with confidence.

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## Room 911:

### New Colors Trending In Interior Design

It's said that the only constant is change.

This is certainly true in the world of fashion. There's a new color of the month, a new style and length to a dress, and shoes of different heights and designs. But who can keep changing the color of their walls, their furniture and their accessories every year?

The short answer is no one. But those starting out may want to grab onto the latest trends and be on the cutting edge, chic, stylish, cool, hip, "with it."

There is a company in Britain, WGSN, that is known as a forecaster of trends based on the latest use of color and materials in fashion, as well as political climates, world events and social media. While this concept sounds farfetched to me, there are those in the decorating world who put stock into such predictions.

Let it not be said that those of us in Milford and Orange aren't in the know. I will let you in on a few of the latest color concepts swirling around in the trade journals and other publications.

The new color for 2020 will be "neo-mint." This color is said to be a gender-neutral color that is in the words of the forecaster Jane Monnington Boddy, "an oxygenating, fresh tone that aligns science and technology with nature."

If this particular color doesn't float your boat, there is "purist blue," which moves away from the darker blues.

"Cassis," a fusion of pink and purple, is also on the horizon. Will it possibly replace



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"millennial pink," which has been showing up in many of my interior design/decorating trade publications? From what I see the muted, grayish-toned millennial pink may still hang around for a while.

The other color considered the new "it" is "cantaloupe." This color is not as strident as an all-out orange, but has milkier tones in it. It's not quite the color of a creamsicle; it has a more softened

hue than basic orange.

Last but not least is "mellow yellow." This yellow will project a deep tone that fades into an earthier yellow with brown undertones.

Anyone getting out the paint brush, yet? Not me. I say this not to discourage anyone

from painting a room in their house any one of these new colors, but rather to issue a caveat that every year there will be a new design, a new color and a new concept. We certainly see this in the fashion world. It's just as evident at the big interior design/architecture shows featuring new forms for chairs, a three-legged coffee table, modular sectionals and carpeting on walls.

While it's good to be in the know, it is equally important to enjoy what you have in your home. Trying a new concept can invigorate a room, but you will drive yourself crazy trying to stay up with the latest, the greatest, the newest and all those other superlatives.

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## Wine Talk:

### Try Some New Wines For Summer

Americans drink too many of the same wines. We are halfway through 2019, so it's time to try some new wines. It's time to become adventurous and sip something you've never sipped before. Join with friends and try some great wines you would never even think of having.

Wine number one: a Spanish white wine known as Albariño. This wine has an aroma similar to Gewürztraminer and Viognier, a big apricot and peach nose. It has lots of acid, which makes a great summer wine, and usually has alcohol levels of 11.5 to 12 percent, which makes it light and easy to drink.

Wine number two is a wine made just south of Rome called Frascati. It is made from Trebbiano grapes and is slightly off-dry with crisp acidity. The wine is not oaked and

has a nice, light flavor. It is a great summer selection, as the Romans have known for many years.

The Piedmont region gives us a great Italian white called Gavi. This wine is a very crisp wine with very delicate notes of minerals with some hints of apples and honey. It's made from Cortese grapes and is light and wonderful.

Grchetto grapes yield a wine called Orvieto, a medium-bodied wine. This is a dry crisp wine with an apple and pear flavor. It has a slightly bitter finish that is quite pleasant. It's from the Umbria region of Italy. Those from this region are known umbriagones. In Italian this means "those who consume too much wine." The wines are so popular the Italians



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consume them at brunch, lunch, dinner and between meals.

Veneto yields a wine called Soave. This wine is made from the Garganega grape. It is dry, crisp and un-oaked with a light body. Peach apple and pear abound.

Marche grows a grape called Verdicchio. This is a dry medium-bodied crisp white wine with a mineral flavor. This is very popular in these regions as well.

Pinot Noir is light red wine with great aromas of strawberries and raspberries and some black cherries. It has a big finish and is a great summer red.

Gamay is a light French wine from

Burgundy. It is light and appealing with aromas of cherries and black peppercorns. Austria grows a grape called St. Laurent. It is very floral with dark cherry and spice. It is easy to drink and a great summer choice.

Try some of these unique summer wines and you may find some fantastic favorites.

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### The Milford Chamber of Commerce

# Chamber Membership A Plus In Customers' Eyes

“Summertime, and the livin’ is easy...,” the popular George Gershwin song, was recently playing on the radio as I was on my way into work. As I listened, I started thinking about the many visitors who stop by the Milford Regional Chamber. The visits run the gamut from needing information about summer happenings in our city to asking for a business referral because they have a list of summer projects they want to do to looking for a particular item or service to just asking for a good spot for lunch.

After several of these calls/visits for referrals, I began to ask what brought them to the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce. On any given day I hear, “we thought this was the library,” understandably a good answer since it was a library; or “Connie knows everything,” and they are right – she does; or “I always

look to chamber businesses if I need work done.”

To those who are looking for a particular business, I ask “Why choose a chamber member?” Of course, the look I get back says it all: you are the chamber, you should know. We do.

Sixty percent of those looking for referrals choose local chamber of commerce members to do business with because they believe that belonging to a chamber is good for their community. Membership with the chamber suggests involvement in the community, and based on our members’ engagement with our community that is a fair assessment.

Trustworthiness has also been mentioned. Most who call their chambers for referrals



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express that they have more confidence in businesses that belong to the chamber and think of the members as industry leaders.

Small business members are thought of favorably by consumers when they are members of a chamber, and shoppers are more likely to patronize chamber members. The same goes for large businesses. The caveat is this:

consumers must know that a business is a chamber member. Yes, they look for that proud member of the chamber sticker in the window.

The answers to the questions that I have posed to our visitors align with the results of several studies about chamber membership.

Membership in a local chamber (the Milford Regional Chamber is our choice – insert smile), says that a business is well-thought-of, cares about its community, and uses solid business practices. Chamber membership has a positive effect on both the business and the community.

If you are a business, we welcome the opportunity to discuss what the chamber can do for you. Contact Nell Moll, director of membership, opportunity, and enthusiasm for more information. Stop by anytime; we never tire of visitors.



## The Get In Touch Foundation Launches New App



The Get In Touch Foundation celebrated the launch their new Daisy Wheel App at the Bonfire Grille in Milford on June 13. From Left: Mayor Ben Blake and son, Pam Staneski, Betsy Nillan and Nell Moll. Photos courtesy of the Milford Chamber of Commerce.

## Milford's St. Mary's School Class Graduates



St. Mary School in Milford's Class of 2019 graduated on June 5 with a mass at St. Mary Church. This year's graduating class of 32 has students heading to St. Joseph High School, Luralton Hall, Notre Dame West Haven, Fairfield Prep, Sacred Heart Academy, Jonathan Law, Joseph A. Foran, and Platt Technical School. Photo courtesy of St. Mary School.

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# Planning Ahead

## Your Finances:

### Prepare Your Heirs to Inherit

Families in the United States are in the midst of history's largest transfer of wealth from generation to generation, as the affluent baby boomers head into their 60s and 70s. If you are in a position to leave significant assets to your heirs, you need to focus on more than the financial aspects.

It's a worldwide cliché that family wealth tends to disappear quickly. "Shirtsleeves to shirtsleeves in three generations" is one of many sayings reflecting this unfortunate fact. Research has shown that a major factor is a failure to prepare heirs to inherit. Even many people with estate plans neglect this crucial aspect of the process.

Here's an example: John and Mary left a lake cabin to their children, among other assets. The children all agree they would like to sell the cabin property, since it costs money to maintain and they no longer visit it. But they hold onto it because they assume

their parents wanted them to keep it for sentimental reasons, since the family had enjoyed many vacations there together.

However, John and Mary kept the cabin because they didn't want to pay the capital gains taxes that would have resulted from a sale. They knew their heirs would benefit financially from selling the property, because inheritance rules allow heirs to "step up" the tax basis to its current fair market value, thus avoiding paying taxes on the appreciation that took place during their parents' lifetime.

John and Mary should have explained their reasoning to the children, who would have then been able to sell the property guilt-free. The story illustrates the basis of effective wealth transfer: communication. If



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you have, or are likely to have, significant assets to leave to heirs, part of your estate planning process should include the following steps:

**Education.** Make sure your heirs understand how you built your wealth, your values and your hopes for their future. Discuss your vision for the management of specific assets, such as property.

**Dialogue.** Hold open discussions with all family members involved and allow the younger generation to express their thoughts about family assets, including property. You can do this on your own or enlist the help of your financial planner to hold family meetings.

**Agreement.** Draw up a written family mission statement, with all family members

contributing ideas and agreeing on goals and actions for the future.

**Plan.** Incorporate the family document into your estate plan.

In the end, your heirs will make their own decisions. But you will know that you did everything you could to pass on your values and goals along with your wealth.

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## Insuring Your Future:

### Family Business Should Not Create Family Feuds

Being in the "family business" can be both fun and profitable. It can also be complicated if not handled properly. Everything is great as long as each partner is pulling his/her share of the burden and sharing profits. The challenge comes when one partner leaves the business, either due to their choice or because of illness or death.

If one of the partners dies, his or her heirs will expect to receive their share of the equity in the business. Unless there is some predetermined agreement, the expectation will be that it will come in a lump sum. If the business's liquid assets are not adequate to provide the "payout" it can lead to a big problem.

The best way to avoid a family and business crisis is to put a "buy/sell" agreement in place and to fund it with a life insurance policy on each of the partners with the other partner as the beneficiary. This will ensure that the funds are available

to pay out the equity of the deceased partner.

The first step to putting such a plan in place is to establish the value of the business. There are a few ways to determine the value. One is to use an accounting firm that specializes in business valuation. Another is to use a financial services firm, such as an insurance agency that works with professionals and can determine a business's value. This latter approach is less costly and provides a fair determination of each partner's share.

Once the value is determined, the insurance policies are used to cover the amount needed to pay out the deceased partner's portion.

The size of your business will typically determine the level of difficulty of properly



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structuring your buy/sell agreement. The remaining owner is then freed up to carry on the business without the deceased owner's family getting involved in its affairs. Further, this protects the business from being dissolved upon the death of a co-owner. Finally, the business has a quick influx of liquid income (cash) that may also be used by any remaining co-owners if the business needs liquidity.

In a sole proprietorship, the business typically will not continue when the sole owner dies. The main issue is that any heir of the business owner is not knowledgeable of the business and the nuances associated with the continuation of the business. Therefore, the buy/sell agreement funded with life insurance, typically in the form of key person business

life insurance, will be able to provide liquid assets to the deceased owner's family as they wait on an appropriate suitor to purchase the business. This strategy also helps avoid "fire sales" in which the business is sold for pennies on the dollar due to the need to liquidate assets to wrap up the deceased owner's business and estate.

If a partner or co-owner of a business does not die but instead is diagnosed as chronically ill or suffers from a severe cognitive disorder (such as due to stroke or Alzheimer's disease) a buy/sell funded with a long-term care insurance rider may provide the resources needed to fulfill the terms of the buy/sell agreement.

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# Youth & Education

## Orange Little League Teams Progress

By John McNabola

The Orange 12 Little League District team opened up District 4 pool play June 29 in convincing fashion with a 12-0 four inning mercy rule win over Branford at Roche Field in Orange. Orange got hot with the bats early, getting runs on hits from Bruno Martone, Eric McGurrin and Jack Sullivan, and led 6-0 after an inning of play. The hitting continued in the second, led off by Dylan Agvent, who finished the day two for two. Orange ended up batting around for a second consecutive inning, leading 10-0 after two innings. Orange added two more runs in the third inning, giving plenty of insurance for starting pitcher, Derek Porto,

who was lights out the whole afternoon. Porto ended up pitching a no hitter, allowing only one walk as well as two strikeouts.

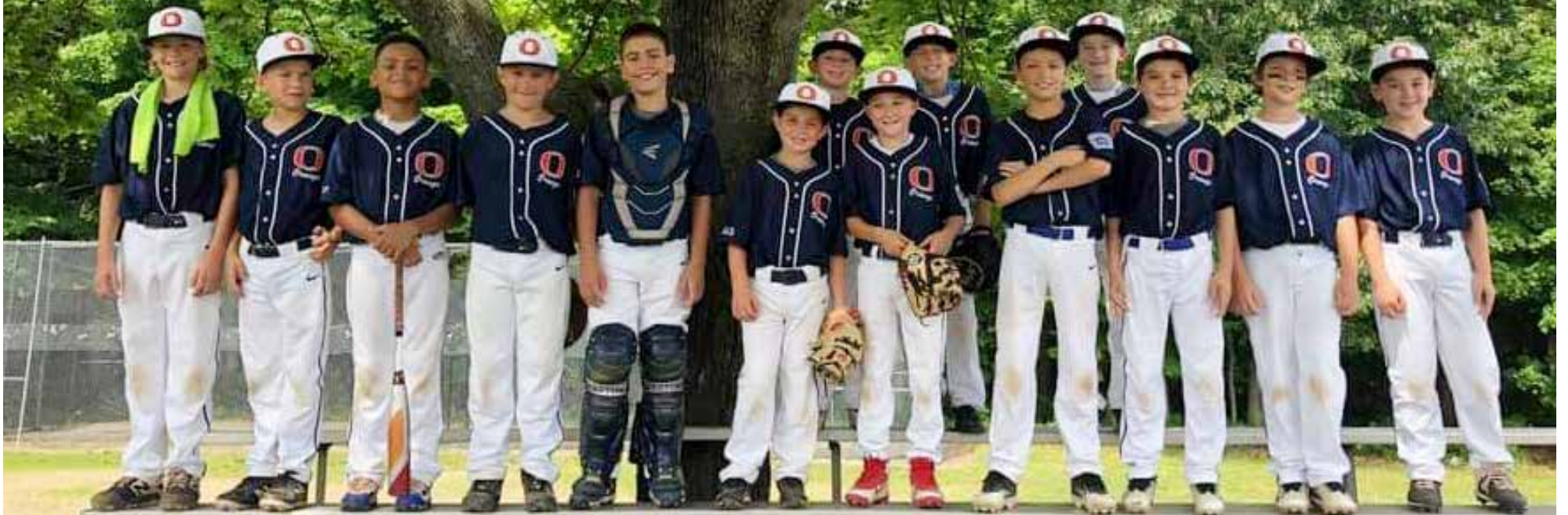
Despite having a strong performance the day before, Orange wasn't able to repeat that success June 30, taking a tough loss at the hands of Milford 4-2. Being down 2-0 in the top of the second, Leo Tregger and Derek Porto, brought in runs batted in by a sac bunt and a single into center field, tying the score at 2-2. Milford countered with a sac fly in the bottom of the second to take a 3-2 lead. Milford extended that lead with a solo home run in the third inning from Quentin Bell, to make the score 4-2. Despite a lengthy rain delay, Milford

held off Orange's threats to win by a score of 4-2, led by a complete game from pitcher Tyler Fonck. Orange will look to find answers and more success throughout the remainder of the district tournament.

The 10 District team, also from Orange, is 4-0, and in their first three games have outscored their opponents 40-4, the fourth game being a forfeit. Hudson Lee is leading the charge on offense for the team, being 5-7, with four singles, four walks, eight runs scored, and five stolen bases. He has also played stellar defense. Jake Boguniecki has been the ace of the team thus far, having a record of 2-0, striking out 12, and only giving up one run

through two games. Boguniecki has been just as good at the plate with three doubles, two singles, and six runs batted in. Dylan Porto is also playing outstanding defense in center field, having four hits of his own. Other great pitching performances have come from T.J. Holt and Ryan Visnic. The 10 District Team, led by manager Frank Lee, looks to continue their success throughout the rest of the district tournament.

*John McNabola is a sophomore from Orange attending St. Joseph's High School in Trumbull. He has played baseball his whole life, including for Orange Little League.*



Orange 10 Year Old District Team. Photo by Heather Porto.

## Orange's Amity Regional Middle School Announces Honor Roll

**Amity Regional Middle School in Orange released its list of students on the honor roll for the fourth marking period in 2019. Students were awarded in the following categories:**

**Grade 7 – First Honors:** Timothy Antalik, Alivia Appleby, Adwaya Bali, Jillian Barnes, Aditi Bhattamishra, Mia Bierowski, Elizabeth Bodie, Madeline Bosma, Mason Butt, Erin Callahan, Timothy Cap, Caitlyn Carrier, Grace Cavallaro, Luke Chang, Haseeb Chaudhry, Gia Coppola, Lily DeMaio, Luciana Dottori, Hayden Einbinder, Raegan French, Kenneth Ganon, Sarah Ginsberg, Marissa Green Angerame, Connor Hayes, Tiernan Hennessy, Ava Holden, Kyle Iacomacci, Jeslyn Jacob, Zhuoling Jiang, Jenna Kaiser, David Ke, Meghan Kirck, Ellen Ko, Deen Krehic, Avani Kulkarni, Grace Launder, Rhiannon Leandres, Erek Leszczak, Angelina Li, Bridget Lowder, Erica Manandar, Gianna Manuele, Devin Maroney, Mackenzie Martin, Matthew McLeod, Jaan Melville, Nathaniel Millea, Suhail Mohammed, Nate Monschein, Bridget Morrison, Lee Morton, Alan Murray, Christopher Nam, Andie Napolitano, Oliver Nappi, Justin Palmer, Mallory Palato, Aarav Patel, Frank Pena-Abosaid, Lindsey Pidlipchak, Dana Pletter, Anton Rathjens, Zainab Rizan, Emily Russo, Samuel Sender, Anthony Stankye, Caroline Tirollo, Lorenzo Tregger, Bowen Tullo, Benjamin Wilson, Ava Wooldridge, Annika Yun, Riley Zielinski

**Grade 7 – Second Honors:** Leela Arvapalli, Sam Bae, Benjamin Cewe, Nili Chetrit, Isabella Costanzo, William Delvecchio, Thomas Denton, Kyle Droney, Tim Duro, Jacob Ebert, William Glenney, Joshua Hackett, Lauren Heenie, Aya Hurlburt, Oliver Kusiak, Jonathan Kwon, Jack Lewis, Anthony Lucibello, William Mennillo, James Morrin, Zach Morrow, Yade Mus, Yana Patel, Yasmin Santos, Leonardo Tregger, Sofia Vitiello, Flora Zhang

**Grade 7 – Citizenship Recognition**

Jillian Barnes, Aditi Bhattamishra, Vivian Cain, Caitlyn Carrier, Isabella Costanzo, Luciana Dottori, Tim Duro, Abigail Fitol, Raegan French, Marissa Green Angerame,

Dante Hardt, Tiernan Hennessy, Jeslyn Jacob, Jenna Kaiser, Meghan Kirck, Avani Kulkarni, Rhiannon Leandres, Bridget Lowder, Erica Manandar, Devin Maroney, Mackenzie Martin, Suhail Mohammed, Nate Monschein, Bridget Morrison, Aarav Patel, Charlotte Pellegrino, Lindsey Pidlipchak, Dana Pletter, Zainab Rizan, Katherin Stage, Taylor Student, Taylor Thomas, Lorenzo Tregger, Ava Wooldridge, Flora Zhang, Riley Zielinski

**Grade 8 – First Honors:** Alana Abrams, Sedra Alasadi, Omar Almashi, Francis Cavallaro, Hannah Chen, Clara Cortright, Marin Cunningham, Emily De Souza, Ana Debassio, Natalie Garcia, Simran Jain, Emma Kirck, Izabela Kurpios, Trevor Lavallee, Jennifer Li, Si Ru Liang, June Lin, Sophia Liu, Jennifer Luo, Dylan Lyons, Adam Martire, Nicholas Massey, Zoe May, Sheehan Munim, Michaela Nunez, Harshil Parmar, Kiley Pickens, Aanchal Poddar, Caitlyn Richards, Luca Santin, William Shaw, Kyra Shevis, Spencer Stratford, Sreenidhi Tadepalli, Eric Wang, Rachel Zheng, Athanasia Zikos

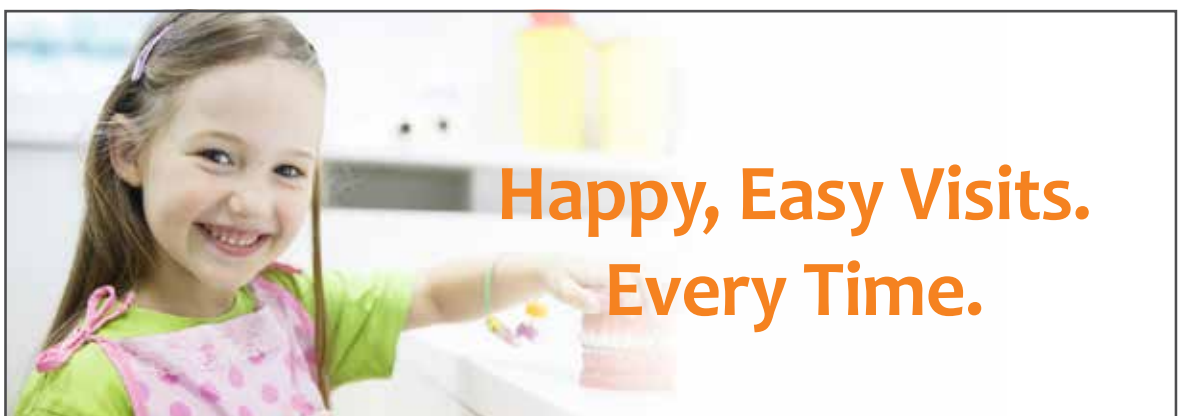
**Grade 8 – Second**

**Honors:** Faryal Akbar, Elizabeth Antalik, Sofia Appleby, Colin Aronin, Emily Barretta, Jayden Benichak, Hailey Black, Ryan Burns, Jason Byun, Arielle Chetwynd, Jenna Chizmadia, Patrick Coughlin, Emma Curis, Dahlia Deangelis, Mia Destival, Nicholas Digiovanni, Emilia Dottori, Ijo Ejara, Leo Gao, Sarah Granados, Jack Hawes,

Brandon Hutchison, Daniel Kim, Grayson Kuchta-Humphrey, Marco-Alessandro Lopez Rodriguez, Sydney Melchiorre, Declan O'Rourke, Savannah Obymachow, Sophia Page, Cameran Palermo, Michael Perrone, Sean Pivovar, Sarah Pultz, Troy Ramos, Caitlyn Shanley, Katherine Sim, Caitlyn Smith, Cassidy Smith, Holly Thorndike, Abigail Tirollo

**Grade 8 – Citizenship Recognition:** Alana Abrams, Faryal Akbar, Giovanni Bonazzoli,

Olivia Breving, Francis Cavallaro, Hannah Chen, Arielle Chetwynd, Ana Debassio, Zeyang Du, Millicent Fuller, Claudia Garcia Munoz, Natalie Garcia, Sarah Granados, Jack Hawes, Simran Jain, Lillian Kaempffer, Emma Kirck, Izabela Kurpios, Jennifer Li, Si Ru Liang, Sophia Liu, Jennifer Luo, Dylan Lyons, Grace Mahon, Adam Martire, Maggie McDonald, Sophia Page, Julieanne Pereira, Aanchal Poddar, Luca Santin, Sreenidhi Tadepalli, Athanasia Zikos



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# Shine The Light Of Liberty On The Milford Green

One of my students last summer was a mother who moved from Mexico to greater Milford not just to give her children better futures, but to save their lives.

A powerful Mexican gang had burned down the small business she and her husband owned because they refused to pay for the gang's "protection." The family's home, the gang warned, was next.

Not able to pay the amount demanded even if they wanted to – and unable to get help from their local police or government officials – my student and her family fled to the U.S. They crossed the U.S.-Mexico border with the clothes they could wear and belongings they could carry. Everything else, they left behind.

Thankfully, they arrived before Donald Trump became president. But during every news report I watch about the inhumane conditions currently being faced by refugees at the border and in U.S. detention centers, I think of them. And you should, too.

But thinking is silent, and silence equates consent. So I also ask you to join me Friday, July 12, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the Milford Green for the Lights for Liberty vigil I'm organizing in partnership with local clergy, nonprofits, and organizations like Milford Speaks Out, the Milford and Orange Democratic town committees and Action Together Connecticut. New partners have been signing on each day, with the most current details findable by searching "Lights for Liberty: Milford CT" on Facebook.

At the time I write this, there are 10 vigils in Connecticut and hundreds around the U.S. that will take place the same day.

The goal of these peaceful protests is to



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"shine a light" on the inhumane treatment of migrants and refugees by the current White House, as well as to show the best of what America stands for, and not the worst. A diverse group of community speakers and music, along with the 9 p.m. lighting of a "silent sea" of LED candles – a symbol of the immigrants who came to the U.S. by boat and were welcomed by the Statue of Liberty – will be included as part of the Milford event.

We're also asking people to bring donations of new packages of diapers. Via the United Way of Milford's Diaper Bank, they will be given to local refugee families and others in need. Sizes 4, 5 and 6 are especially needed. We'll also be collecting donations of soap, shampoo, shaving cream and other toiletries for the New Haven-based nonprofit Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services to be given to Connecticut refugee families.

As a college professor, I have taught documented and undocumented immigrants from Mexico and dozens of the other countries Trump has demonized. And in almost every instance, I have left the semester inspired and privileged to have known these determined and courageous individuals. So particularly for those unaware or confused about U.S. immigration, and the effects here in Connecticut, please attend to learn more.

If Milford truly is the small city with a big heart, the Green will be overflowing with people that night.

*Cindy Wolfe Boynton is a Milford-based writer and college professor actively involved in the community for most of her 51 years.*

## Orange Jobs Group To Discuss Networking Skills

Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust Development Associate Andy Ancel will speak about networking strategies at the July 13 meeting in Orange of the Housatonic River Job Network.

Job seekers are told to devote between 70 and 75 percent of their time to networking. But networking can be an enigma. How should target contacts be approached? How do you maintain top-of-mind awareness? What can you do if you meet with a target contact and nothing of substance comes from it? Is there a right way or a wrong way?

Ancel will discuss in his presentation the proper fundamentals of networking and explain why it is so important to the job search. He will also demonstrate how to create your own "networking 2 referrals" program to help your search move forward.

Networking is primarily focused on relationship building. Ancel will take a detailed look at the methods of nurturing relationships and building a referral program. Topics will include when and how to reach out to contacts; why word-of-mouth doesn't

always work and what you can do about it; how can you keep top-of-mind-awareness without being a pest; how often you should contact someone you're networking with; and what can be done if you do network with someone and nothing comes of it.

Ancel is an operations professional with prior experience in consulting, account management, project management and finance administration. He has recently transitioned into the nonprofit space; his current focus is on grant writing, building professional relationships to retain and find donors, and corporate partner database development.

The event begins at 11 a.m. at the Case Memorial Library at 176 Tyler City Rd. in Orange.

The Housatonic River Job Network is an open group dedicated to those underemployed or in transition that meets monthly to share leads, hear guest speakers and obtain information about job searches. Email alexy56@hotmail.com for more information.

## Police Commissioners Group Elects Leaders From Milford, Orange

The Police Commissioners Association of Connecticut at its June Board of Directors meeting elected a new slate of officers and directors to lead the statewide organization of current and past police commissioners.

Chip Rubenstein of Milford was elected to his first term as president of the organization. Mark Grasso of Orange was reelected as

assistant treasurer for another term.

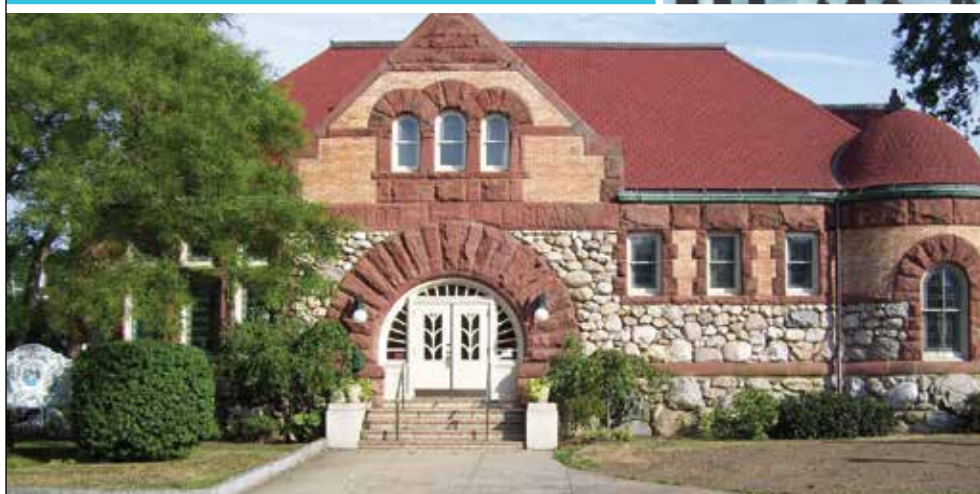
Additionally, Sam Bergami of Milford was reelected to another three-year term on the Board of Directors.

For more information about the PCAC, visit us online at [pcact.org](http://pcact.org), or contact Executive Secretary Gary Canapinno at [gary.pcac@gmail.com](mailto:gary.pcac@gmail.com).



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# News & Events

## Milford Chamber Holds Event At MAC Gallery



The Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce held a business after-hours event June 20 at the Milford Arts Council's Firehouse Gallery on Naugatuck Avenue in Milford. *Photos by Nell Moll.*

## Orange Holds Strawberry Festival



The Orange Congregational Church held its annual Strawberry Festival June 8 at the Orange Fairgrounds on Orange Center Road. The event included vendors, music, a red car show, hay rides and a pie eating contest. *Photos by Lexi Crocco.*



# News & Events

## Milford Rotary Holding Annual Lobster Bake

The members of Milford Rotary Club are gearing up to hold their 43rd annual Lobster Bake on Saturday, July 27.

The event will take place at Milford Boat Works, located at 1 High St. in Milford, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with the last meal served at 7 p.m.

Raffles, entertainment and dancing will be available, with music by Odd Fellas with Pat Matto, for this rain-or-shine event. A photo booth will be on site and guests can have individual or group photos taken for an additional donation.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will provide college scholarships to local students as well as helping to support many local charitable organizations.

The ticket price is \$45 for twin lobsters, corn on the cob and all the other fixings. Steak tickets are available for the same price for those preferring “turf” over “surf,”

and children’s hot dog tickets are \$5. Beer and wine are included in the ticket price for guests 21 and older, and soft drinks are also included for all. Craft beer will be available separately for purchase, and souvenir lobster bake t-shirts will also be available.

Tickets can be purchased from any club member or at Colony Paint & Wallpaper at 282 Boston Post Rd. in Milford, at the Milford Bank at 33 Broad St. in Milford, or at Milford Photo at 22 River St. in Milford. Online purchases can be made at eventbrite.com/e/milford-rotary-lobster-bake-43rd-annual-tickets-59769428971?ref=eios.

The Milford Rotary Club, a local chapter of Rotary International, is a service organization whose members strive to live by the motto “Service Above Self,” and has raised over \$2 million to support local, national and international charities and service projects.

## Zeoli Running To Keep Seat

Orange First Selectman Jim Zeoli has announced that he will run for an eighth term two-year leading the town in the November municipal elections. He has had 14 years as first selectman and six years before that serving on the Board of Selectmen. If he

wins he will be the longest-serving full-time first selectman. Walter S. Hine held the position of first selectman for 20 years from the 1920s to the 1940s, but back then the position was part-time.

## Zeoli Supporters Announce Fundraiser

Friends of Zeoli are holding a fundraiser for the reelection of Orange First Selectman Jim Zeoli with “An Evening Under the Stars” on Friday, July 26 at the Marino Home at 7 p.m. The event will have food, cocktails, music and more.

Tickets are \$100 per person. Checks to reserve a ticket should be made payable

to “Friends of Zeoli” to Attorney Debra Marino, 657 Orange Center Road, Orange CT 006477.

There is also an ad book in which those who cannot attend can place ads. Pages run \$100 for a full page, \$50 for half a page and \$25 for a quarter page.

## Children’s Therapy Center Opens In Orange



Orange Pediatric Therapy held a grand opening June 15 for its new Firelite Plaza location. Photo courtesy of the Orange Chamber of Commerce.

Orange Pediatric Therapy, a division of Cheshire Fitness Zone, held a grand opening June 15 for its new Firelite Plaza location, which is now accepting patients. The office space, which occupies about 4,500 square feet, offers occupational, physical, speech and aquatic therapy for children from birth through 21. Aquatic therapy is available off-site.

Owner Craig Goldstein already has two similar therapy locations in Cheshire and Meriden, with over 45 therapists on staff.

“We work with children of all abilities, including those with special needs, sports injuries and general rehab,” he said.

Goldstein started Cheshire Fitness Zone in 2001, adding the Meriden office in 2015. “It started small, just me as a physical therapist,

and it grew over time,” he said.

The clinic boasts a full array of equipment biomechanically designed for children, including a 20-foot-long rock-climbing wall, zip line, individual treatment rooms, sensory and physical therapy gyms and a multi-sensory environment. The MSE room is a specific space designed to control all aspects of sensation and empower the child to overcome sensory deficits. Each therapeutic program is individually designed to meet clients’ needs clients by a professional group of therapists who have experience working with children.

Orange Pediatric Therapy is located at 308 Racebrook Rd. in Orange. It accepts most insurances. Call 203 250-9663 to set up an appointment.

## Orange Republicans To Hold Caucus

There will be a caucus of all enrolled Republican electors of the Town of Orange on July 17 at 7 p.m. at High Plains Community Center, located at 525 Orange Center Rd. in Orange to endorse candidates for municipal office.

## CBD Store Opens In Milford



Your CBD Store, which sells items made from the marijuana plant, held a ribbon-cutting June 26 for its grand opening at 972 Boston Post Rd. Bottom left: Pam Staneski and Phil Vetro. Photo by Robert Creigh.



## Orange Students Receive Scholarships



The Orange Scholarship Fund Association presented 11 scholarships June 1 to local students and held a reception at the Case Memorial Library. Former scholarship winner Santo Galatioto Jr. was the guest speaker. Outgoing scholarship fund president Jean Virshup was also honored. The scholarship winners and their prospective schools are: Emily Berkeley, Connecticut College; Katelyn Blake, University of California, Davis; Jake Bronson, St. John's University; Cailey Esposito, St. Joseph's University; Taylor Goudier, UCONN; Hannah Hayes, University of New Hampshire; Cole Kuchachik, Sacred Heart University; Jay Moon, Boston College; Luke Nemecek, UCONN; Olivia Pisano, Western Connecticut State University; and Spencer Shephard, Lehigh University. Also honored was Julia Potter, who received the Lions Club award. Potter will attend George Washington University. Photo by Lexi Crocco.

## Events At Congregation Or Shalom

**Summer Movie - Shtisel:** As strange as it sounds, Shtisel, a show about people who are governed by strict Jewish law, has been the go-to entertainment of millions this past year. Shtisel is an Israeli made-for-TV drama that follows a widowed ultra-orthodox man and his bachelor son who are both trying to find romantic love within the confines of their religious life. Binge-watch the first two episodes at Or Shalom on Wednesday, July 10 at 11 a.m. Then consider staying for a brief discussion with Rabbi Wainhaus, who grew up in a Shtisel world. The film is in Yiddish, Hebrew and English with English subtitles.

**Annual Blood Drive:** Help ensure blood is available for patients in need this summer by giving blood through the American Red Cross on Wednesday, July 31 from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. To donate, download the blood donor app, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Each donor will receive two tickets to Six Flags New England. Please register as walk-ins do not always get taken.

**Yahad:** The start of the school year is just around the corner. Or Shalom is beginning

its third year of Yahad, a Sunday-morning community Hebrew School for pre-kindergarten through seventh grade. Yahad, the result of months of collaboration between Congregation Or Shalom and Congregation B'nai Jacob, will take place Sunday mornings, alternating at each synagogue. On Wednesdays, Hebrew school will be held, as usual, at Congregation Or Shalom. Contact the office for more information.

**Social Mahjong:** Looking to learn or play Mahjong? Congregation Or Shalom plays on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Call the office if you are interested.

**Zumba Gold:** On Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. Zumba Gold is an easy-to-follow dance movement program that incorporates music from every decade to create an upbeat and fun exercise class. No experience needed. Classes are on a drop-in basis. Contact Robin at [zumbarobin@gmail.com](mailto:zumbarobin@gmail.com) or call 203-314-8176 or the temple office.

Congregation Or Shalom is located at 205 Old Grassy Hill Rd. in Orange. Contact the office at 203-799-2341 or visit online at [orshalomct.org](http://orshalomct.org).

## Rotary Gives Scholarships



The Orange Rotary gave a \$2,000 scholarship on June 21 to three recipients. From left: Jacob Noah Lettick, University of Connecticut, majoring in Computer Science/Engineering; Jake Wallace Bronson, Saint John's University; Don Lewis, Rotarian; Lani Belle Beaudette, University of West Virginia, majoring in Journalism; Roger Tausig; and Sharon Ewen.

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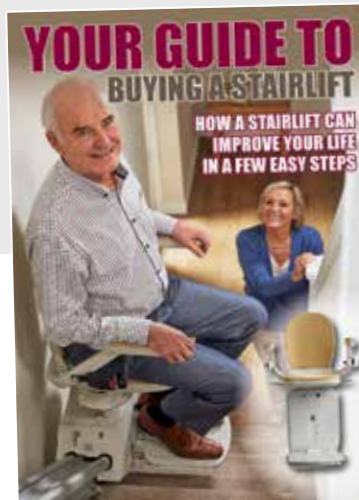
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# News & Events

## Orange Realtor Earns National Recognition

Orange-based Colonial Properties realtor Lisa Zucaro has been awarded the Accredited Buyer's Representative designation by the Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council of the national Association of Realtors.

Zucaro joins more than 25,000 real estate professionals around the globe who have earned the ABR designation. All were required to successfully complete a comprehensive course in buyer representation and an elective course focusing on a buyer representation specialty, both in addition to submitting documentation verifying professional experience.

The council, founded in 1988, is the world's largest association of real estate professionals focusing specifically on representing the real estate buyer. The National Association of Realtors is the world's largest professional association, representing over 1.3 million members involved in all aspects of the real estate industry.



Lisa Zucaro. Photo courtesy of Colonial Properties.

## Patriot Bank Announces New Leader For Orange Branch

Patriot Bank has announced the promotion of Hector J. Morales to vice president/branch manager to lead its Orange office located at 7 Old Tavern Rd.

With over 20 years of community banking experience, including serving as assistant branch manager in the Westport Branch and interim branch manager and assistant vice president in the Orange branch, Morales expects to continue working hand-in-hand with the local business and the consumer banking communities to help address all of their financial needs.

"Patriot Bank is excited for Hector Morales to take on this new expanded leadership role. He has proven to be a great asset to Patriot Bank and to our customers all across New Haven County," said Christopher Johnson, Patriot Bank's senior vice president and director of branch banking.

Morales is a member of the Orange Chamber of Commerce and a former member of the Milford Kiwanis. He was born and raised in Connecticut and enjoys spending time with his family. In his spare time, Morales DJs special occasions including non-profit events and weddings.

"Working to support the needs of Patriot

Bank customers has been amazingly fulfilling. Each and every day we can have an impact, be that by helping finance the launch of a new entrepreneurs dream or to help a family plan for a more secure financial future," Morales said. "Orange is a great community and I look forward to playing a larger part of its growth success for years to come."



Hector J. Morales. Photo courtesy of Patriot Bank.

## People's Bank Employee Joins Milford Chamber

People's United Bank branch manager Angela Gallagher recently joined the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Gallagher started at People's United Bank as a branch manager in 2001. She has won many awards for mortgage and home equity origination, together with top producer awards for selling investments and life insurance.

She has volunteered for many years for the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistant program preparing taxes for the elderly and other qualified individuals. She has been an active member of Devon Rotary since 2013.

During the summer, Gallagher can be found sailing in Long Island Sound with her beloved 15-year-old puppy, Sophie, and her husband, Michael.



Angela Gallagher. Photo courtesy of People's United Bank.

## Counseling Center Expanding In Orange

Orange counseling center Achieve Wellness, LLC recently announced it will be expanding to a new location in Orange starting July 10.

"Achieve Wellness is a group of integrative, solution focused clinicians supporting clients in the process of positive change," said owner Meagan Scott. "It is our goal to treat each individual with a holistic approach. We are passionate about our services and believe that everyone deserves to live their lives to their fullest potential."

Scott said she is committed to individuals having access to care and supports they need. It has been her lifelong dream to build a wellness center in the community she grew up in and loves.

Achieve Wellness's services include individual therapy, marriage and family therapy, cognitive, educational and psychological assessments and medication management. Clinicians accept Aetna,

Anthem, Cigna, Medicaid, Optum and other insurance plans. Achieve Wellness is open seven days a week with evening appointments available serving children, adolescents and adults. It is located at 35 Old Tavern Rd., Suite 120 in Orange.



Meagan Scott. Contributed photo.

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**Dominick Baldino** passed away on June 16, 2019 at the age of 78.

**William Balentine** passed away on June 16, 2019 at the age of 87.

**Angel Batista** passed away on June 23, 2019 at the age of 80.

**Franklin Bradley III** passed away on July 4, 2019 at the age of 72.

**Tadeusz Butanowicz** passed away on June 23, 2019 at the age of 86.

**Henry Doyle** passed away on June 19, 2019 at the age of 87.

**Josephine A. Forte**, passed away on May 29, 2019 at the age of 96.

**Dorothy Galidreau** passed away on July 3, 2019 at the age of 99.

**Richard Gentile** passed away on June 23, 2019 at the age of 68.

**Maria Grigano** passed away on June 21, 2019 at the age of 97.

**Marion Harrison** passed away on June 26, 2019 at the age of 85.

**Jane Clancy (Morm) Hultgren** passed away on July 2, 2019 at the age of 87.

**Walter Kiernan** passed away on June 25, 2019 at the age of 22.

**Elizabeth Malady** passed away on July 4, 2019 at the age of 97.

**Dorothy Ann Mettler** passed away on July 2, 2019 at the age of 72.

**Barbara Mott** passed away on June 29, 2019 at the age of 80.

**Anna Pallentino** passed away on June 12, 2019 at the age of 92.

**Fred De Pointe** passed away on July 2, 2019 at the age of 86.

**Patricia A. Rauscher** passed away on June 15, 2019 at the age of 80.

**Diane Roberts** passed away on June 3, 2019 at the age of 62.

**John Saley** passed away on June 24, 2019 at the age of 87.

**Agnes Sederkowics** passed away on June 26, 2019 at the age of 88.

**Marion B. Tweedy** passed away on July 24, 2019 at the age of 85.

**Charles Weiss** passed away on June 8, 2019 at the age of 86.

Send obituaries to [editor@theorangetimes.com](mailto:editor@theorangetimes.com)

## Job Opening: Town Of Orange Summer Camp Nurse

Seasonal position available working Monday – Friday for day camp in Orange caring for camper’s injuries and sickness. May need to administer medications. Candidate needs to have a current CT LPN or RN License. Those interested email a letter of interest and resume to Dan Lynch, Director of Park & Recreation, at [dlynch@orange-ct.gov](mailto:dlynch@orange-ct.gov).




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