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Meeting Scheduled To Discuss Park Master Plan

While residents living near Fred Wolfe Park weren't too upset over the request to add two new grass fields to the park, they did have some concerns about how it all fit into the supposed "master plan."

Considering the Board of Selectmen barely had a chance to review the plan, it was a fair question.

"No we did not approve the Master Plan, because we did not have it," First Selectman James Zeoli told the crowd. He indicated some of the items on the plan could be some of the next changes proposed for the park.

The vote to approve the fields passed the Board of Selectmen unanimously at the October meeting. Prior to the vote, Zeoli suggested curious residents filter into a hall leading off of the meeting area to discuss the field proposal. There Park and Recreation

Vice Chair Jim O'Connor tried his best to explain the plan for the fields and how it fit with design concepts for the master plan.

The fields, as presented, were not strictly opposed though residents expressed they wanted to know more about the future of Fred Wolfe Park, in particular in relation to capacity and entrances for traffic control.

A public session has now been scheduled for Nov. 19, 6 p.m., in the Orange Town Hall meeting room on Orange Center Road, to discuss the Fred Wolfe Park Design Study and Master Plan. The meeting will take place before the Park and Recreation Commission at 7:30 p.m.

Jeff Olszewski, a Senior Landscape Architect from Fuss and O'Neill, Inc., the firm who completed the study, will be presenting the Master Plan.



Photo By Joseph Cole
Bill McNeil from Lacrosse and Jim O'Connor, the vice-chair of Parks and Recreation tried to put residents concerns to rest over two grassy fields proposed at Fred Wolfe Park. First Selectman James Zeoli encouraged the two to hold an impromptu meeting away from the Board of Selectmen so they could finish the rest of their agenda.

This Old House



Photo By Lexi Crocco

A member of the Orange Historical Society dressed in period garb welcomed visitors to an open house at the historic Bryan Andrew House. The 134-year-old home is still undergoing renovation.

Greyson Seeks New Permit

Greyson Guns, 320 Boston Post Road, Unit 2, Orange, hopes to have the first indoor gun range in Orange. The potential for the reality was cleared by the Board of Selectmen at their October meeting.

Town statutes require that anyone looking to discharge a firearm inside Orange had to first seek permitted approval from the chief of police. Chief Robert Gagne expressed to the board in previous months that he had been approached about the legality of an indoor firing range.

The rules would have required he sign off on every person wishing to use the range, possibly multiple days for subsequent visits.

Under a new amendment passed

at the October meeting, a business can apply for a premises permit which would allow legally licensed gun owners to discharge their weapons at an indoor range.

Mike Horvath, one of Greyson Guns founding partners, confirmed to The Orange Times that the business was pursuing the permit. He said an information packet was being prepared and would eventually be available.

If all goes well, patrons will be able to practice their shooting at Orange's first legal indoor gun range. An unconfirmed rumor suggests Greyson Guns would move to the Peck and Post Plaza and open the range there.

Referendum Targets Voting

Mixed in with which candidates voters want to put or keep in office on Nov. 4, will be a question about whether they would like to change the very nature of voting in Connecticut. According to the League of Women Voters, unless enough people vote "yes" the state

can't even discuss changing the process.

Currently there are restrictions on absentee and in person ballots that are contained within the State Constitution. Some parties would like to broaden the ease of absentee

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section.



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Your Clocks Back on
November 2nd!!**

News & Events New Haven County Medical Association Honors Doctor

David J. Hass, MD, Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology and a Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist, was awarded with the New Haven County Medical Association Distinguished Service Award.

Hass resides in Orange with his wife Lauren and children Ethan, Jordan and Samantha.

He is a partner in the Gastroenterology Center of Connecticut P.C., located in Hamden, which has offices in Guilford and Milford. Dr. Hass attended Cornell University where he earned an

undergraduate degree in Biology. He attended the Weill Medical College of Cornell University in New York to obtain his Medical Degree.

He is a Diplomat of the American Board of

Internal Medicine and a member of the American Gastroenterology Association, the American College of Gastroenterology, and the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. Dr. Hass is affiliated with the Yale-New Haven Hospital/Saint Raphael Campus, Yale-New Haven Hospital, and Milford Hospital.

Dr. Hass, as NHCMA President in 2013, created the Yale House Staff Membership Program and the Leadership Development Curriculum. NHCMA now has over 240 House Staff physician members and with the help of the Connecticut State Medical Society has secured a grant from The Physicians Foundation to

further sustain those efforts. Additionally, Dr. Hass has also sponsored efforts to support the Mandi Schwartz Bone Marrow Drive, Blood Drives, the New Haven Road Race, Shred Fest and the NHCMA Email Initiative.



Orange Police Embrace Social Media

The Orange Police Department has launched new information access across several social media fronts.

The Department now has a Facebook page as well as Twitter and Instagram accounts.

The department hopes to be able to better inform the community of our activity both on a routine basis and during emergencies.

In the past the department had relied on members individual pages or the emergency management pages to get the word out.

Utilizing social media will allow the Or-

ange Police Department to showcase their efforts in community policing, whether its in the schools, partnering with youth services, or any of the many outreach programs the department uses.

The sites will be used to disseminate press releases as well, though the department still intends to use traditional media outlets as well.

The facebook site can be found under "Town of Orange Police Department" or on Twitter and Instagram at "@orangepdct"

Orange Veterans Ceremony Scheduled

The Town of Orange will hold a program honoring Veterans on Nov. 11, 2014 at High Plains Community Center at 11 a.m.

The public and any veterans who wish to

attend are welcome. For further information, please contact Mary Shaw at 203-891-4737 or mshaw@orange-ct.gov.

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voting in Connecticut. To do that, they need to follow the amendment process to effectively remove the restrictions that keep the legislature from even discussing such changes.

The Senate and House have both passed the resolution calling for the constitutional amendment, and so it will be appear on the Nov. 4 ballot as a statewide referendum.

The question will read as: Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to remove restrictions concerning absentee ballots and to permit a person to vote without appearing at a polling place on the day of an election?

If the vote fails, nothing changes. If it passes, the legislature will be able to start reworking the process for absentee and early voting.

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Pop Warner Cheers Way To Regionals

Amity Pop Warner cheer season starts along with football in the beginning of August. In addition to cheering on the Amity Pop Warner Football Teams, they compete at a minimum of two competitions every fall.

So far, they have won the Southern CT Pop Warner championship and the State championship.

After the excellent performance at the Southern CT championships which helped clinch the Grand Town Champion Trophy for Amity for the first time in Amity Pop Warner history, the Amity Pee Wee cheerleading team has qualified for the regional competition in Springfield, Mass., on Saturday, Nov. 15.

If they are placed in the top two in Massachusetts, they will earn a chance to compete at the National Pop Warner Championships at Disney World in December.

Amity Cheerleaders had won the National Title in the past, and this year, they are determined to get it back.

For more info, please contact : Cheer coordinator: Tina Zito amitypwcheer@gmail.com League President: Rich Photos rich@amityyouthfootball.org

Amity Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading Mission and Goals Amity Pop Warner is a non-profit football and cheer league. Their mission is to develop the finest program possible for our children by providing and maintaining the safest equipment available, encouraging good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support and respect for all, providing a safe and structured environment and teaching fundamental values, skills and knowledge that our children will use throughout their lives.

A Different Type Of Student Government



On Oct. 23, students from Amity Middle School in Orange participated in the school's annual Government Day. Students wrote an essay to social studies teacher Jennifer Marganski, explaining why they would like to take on a particular municipal job for the day. The following students assumed the following positions for the day: First Selectman – Jonathan Schechter, Police Chief – Colton Varholak, Building Inspector – Jody Liu, Fire Marshal– Mia Zajac, Assessor –James Lee, Park and Rec. Director – Alexis Halstead, Librarian – Julia Potter, Dept. of Community Services – Arianna Pargen, Public Works – Madelyn Ciskowski, Registrar of Voters – Allison Hummel, Town Engineer – Jason Lee, Town Clerk- Mounisha Anumoto, Sanitarian- Rachel Eagle and Tax Collector – Danielle Lee. Students began their morning with an introduction to local government by Town Clerk Pat O'Sullivan. He explained that the role of government is to "collectively provide what we cannot provide individually." Students received pins with the Orange town insignia from First Selectman Jim Zeoli. Finally, students were able to learn about the specific responsibilities of various government officials in Orange.

Voo Do: Volunteers of Orange Do

When Mother Knows Best

PTAs/PTOs (Parent-Teacher Association/Organization) are invaluable assets to our schools. The work that our PTAs/PTOs do for our schools helps support many programs that otherwise would not occur or would need to be funded by the Board of Education. Their work is often overlooked. For the next few issues, this column will focus on each of the Orange elementary PTAs/PTOs.



JODY DIETCH

Presidents of PTAs oversee the fundraising the organization does as well as the programming it offers the school while working closely with the school's administration. Cindy said she always knew that once she stopped working full time to raise her family, she would get involved somehow. "I wanted a place where I could be involved with my kids and what they were doing," she said, adding "I realized what a great community and school system we have in Orange and Mary L is a very special place."



"Cindy is an amazing PTO president! She is extremely invested in the MLT community and does a phenomenal job garnering the support needed to implement the various programs that are sponsored by the PTO," said Kai Byrd, Mary L. Tracy principal.

What skills does one need to lead a PTA? Sometimes it is just a desire to lend a hand but having five children certainly helps! Cindy Visnic is one such PTA president. Cindy is on her final round at Mary L. Tracy School and as the mother of five, this isn't her first time being its president. Four years ago, Cindy served as Mary L's PTA co-president and last year she was the vice-president.

"I love to see these little kids walk through the door on the first day and they seem a little scared but within a month, they are so happy and walking in the school with such confidence and leave Mary L reading! This year is so important—they learn so much and they learn how to be a student," Cindy said.

The Mary L. Tracy PTA organizes field trips for the students including one that takes them to three local farms and another to Walnut Beach at the end of the year. The cultural arts the PTA funds include African drummers and dancers as well as karate demonstrations,

and the appearance by a Native American who comes in from Colorado each year. They also offer programs on dental hygiene and science.

Of course a PTA is more than just the president. There are committee chairs and many parent volunteers. Helping Cindy on the executive board are Christine Green, a new mom to Orange who serves as vice president, Kelly DelVec-

chio is secretary and Alli Simons is the treasurer.

Cindy said "I love the children and love to help out. It's a good feeling especially when you see the smiling faces of the kids. Plus being part of the PTA allows you to build relationships with the teachers and administration as well as getting involved with the Orange community."

The PTO is critical to fostering

and maintaining the culture and climate of our school. Mary L. Tracy is truly a remarkable place to be because of the collaborations that occur between teachers and parents. Everyone wants the very best for the children.

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Opinion & Editorial

Capitol View

Talking The Ebola Scare

I wanted to share the latest information from the state Department of Public Health (DPH) on how they are preparing to handle a case of Ebola if one were to be identified in Connecticut. The Commissioner of the DPH has recently been granted the ability to effectively quarantine an individual or group of individuals who may have been exposed to, or infected by, the virus. With this news, unfortunately, comes the declaration of a public health emergency.

The DPH has asked Connecticut hospitals to ensure they can detect a patient with Ebola, protect health care workers so they can safely care for the patient, and respond in a coordinated fashion. Hospitals have completed a detailed checklist for Ebola preparedness and submitted them to the DPH – which concluded that each has a “heightened level of awareness... given the level of cooperation we have received.” Any acute



STATE REP. THEMIS
KLARIDES

care hospital in the state, by following well-defined, standard infection control measures and with the use of proper personal protection equipment, is capable of caring for an Ebola patient.

Hospitals are also required to perform a drill within the next week to assure that procedures and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are up to standard.

According to the CDC:

United Way 211 is providing information and links on its website at www.211ct.org, or you can call 2-1-1.

For more information please visit the Department of Public Health's website (<http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3115&Q=554256>) or the World Health Organization's website (<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs103/en/>) regarding Ebola facts.

Your Voice, Your Vote

As the campaign season comes to a close and we focus our attention on Election Day it has become evident that many people seem to have lost interest in exercising their rights as a voter.

Many of those to whom I have spoken do not believe that their vote is important or that they are just not interested in “politics.”

This is unfortunate and may be a product of our modern media's attention on the negative view of government and those who serve.

After many years of service in state government, I personally have not found this to be true. On the contrary, most elected officials and public employees are dedicated and hard working.

While few realize it, state government has perhaps more impact on our daily lives than any other branch of government. The State is responsible for education, social services, transportation, public safety, parks, utilities and business regulations.

Well over two hundred new laws were passed in the last session of the General Assembly, most by very large bipartisan votes.

I strongly encourage all local residents to participate in the election on Nov. 4.

I would also call your attention to an important question which will appear on the ballot. It relates to amending the State Constitution to permit increased access to early voting or absentee ballots. Currently the State Constitution limits absentee ballot voting only for the following reasons; “absence from the city or town of which they are inhabitants or because of sickness, or physical disability or because the tenets of their religion forbid secular activity.”

The amendment would remove this limiting language. Hope to see you at the polls.

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact me at 203-799-PAUL or by email at paul.davis@cga.ct.gov.



STATE REP. PAUL
DAVIS

Improving Medicaid While Saving

We all want our government to be efficient and to deliver services at the best value on the dollar. One of the biggest challenges in State Government is controlling the costs of Title 19, which is the State's Medicaid program, and one of the largest single line items in the State budget.

Traditional discussions about how to manage costs have offered two bad choices: either cut services, or continue to allow for exponential cost increases.

Legislation was passed that established a Medicaid Cost Savings Panel that provides a valuable third option – to identify evidence based practices that both improve health outcomes, and save money.

Until now, Connecticut did not have any committee to examine the evidence-based best practices of how other states effectively provide the best health outcomes of people enrolled in Medicaid, while at the same time reducing costs. The panel, comprised

of experts in the business community, Connecticut Hospital Association, physicians, representatives from the for-profit and not-for-profit nursing home industry, has begun meeting to develop best practices in Medicaid service delivery.

By treating people through preventative medicine and regular doctors' visits, we can reduce the number of expensive emergency room visits, significantly reducing overall costs to the program and resulting in better health outcomes for Medicaid clients.

I believe by working in a bipartisan manner with providers and experts alike, we can accomplish this while at the same time ensuring that Connecticut taxpayers are receiving the very best value for their tax dollars.

As always, I welcome your input on how we can address this or any other issue. I encourage you to contact me at Gayle.Slossberg@cga.ct.gov.



STATE SEN. GAYLE
SLOSSBERG

A Less Scary Government

Government efficiency takes many forms and Connecticut is on the cutting edge of what is available to make services more accessible and interacting with the state less burdensome.

The sharing of information in a consistent manner is one of the key approaches to increasing efficiency and serving more people with the same amount of resources. Several of our departments have refocused their efforts to improve capacity. At the heart of most of the efforts is the streamlining of information technology - a very costly component among state agencies. Solutions make use of the leveraged purchasing power of the state as opposed to the impracticality of applying them on a department-by-department basis.

In the past year, DAS-Bureau of Enterprise Systems & Technology (DAS-BEST) has undertaken efforts to implement common IT software across state agencies and to consolidate IT services in a number of agencies. These efforts leverage state purchasing power, streamline state government and provide more effective and efficient service to the agencies and their clients.

Efforts to leverage technology contributed to a more efficient government for those accessing, and providing services. We have come very far in a short amount of time, but we will continue to improve in the years ahead. I look forward to working with my colleagues on a leaner, more efficient government.



STATE REP. JAMES
MARONEY

From Where I Sit:

Another Meeting Full of Park Concerns

Another Meeting Full of Park Concerns
October's meeting of the Board of Selectmen was preceding by a public hearing on a revision to our firearms ordinance that would permit an indoor gun range to operate without each shooter needing approval from the Police Chief. The American Legion Post commander had concerns that “honor guards” who fire blank salvos should likewise be an exception to police approval, but the revised ordinance was passed without change.



SELECTMAN
KEN LENZ

Then we moved into the regular meeting. The Lions Club's request for a fee waiver to use High Plains Community Center for its annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner was unanimously approved.

There were three items concerning Fred Wolfe Park. The first was a request by the Orange Soccer Association for the use of temporary lights for four nights per week for the next four weeks, which had been reviewed and approved by the Parks & Recreation Commis-

sion. After hearing the concerns of neighbors, and hearing how the Soccer Association intended to address them, the request was approved.

A controversial item was a request by Amity Girls Lacrosse and the Soccer Associations for field expansion. The proposal is modest: constructing two grass fields, a gravel-top access drive and parking lot to the East of the present fields.

Construction will be done by donated labor, equipment and private cash donations, so no taxpayer money will be needed. The neighbors and other townfolk who came to the meeting were invited to go down the hall to review the plans and discuss them with Bill McNeil from Lacrosse, while we moved through other items in the agenda. After around an hour of discussions, the field expansion proposal was brought back to our Board where we found most of the concerns and questions had been answered. We passed it unanimously, but not before hearing everyone out.

Furthermore, the so-called Master Plan for Fred Wolfe Park that had been given to us last month, was the topic of discussion. Few people outside the Parks & Recreation Commission knew about it, which Jim O'Connor, the vice-chair of that committee apologized for.

We considered an offer by one of the neighbors to Fred Wolfe Park to donate nearly 5 acres of vacant land next to Fred Wolfe Park to the Town, which we referred to Planning & Zoning for review before our Board decides on it.

The selectmen also approved bids for street snowplowing by contractors and purchase of salt for this coming season. The bids were about the same as last year, but the price of salt is up by half!

The Board heard that our insurance company has paid around \$750,000 of the pipe break damage at Peck Place School, and we approved a stipend for the tree warden of up to \$500 per month for his services. After approving a small amount of tax refunds (mostly for vehicles that were sold) we adjourned.

And that's how I see it from where I sit.

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Letters To The Editor

Giving Ferraro Support

To the Editor:

After knowing Charles Ferraro, State Rep candidate for the 117th district for many years, I am convinced he will bring the new energy that we need to put our state back on the right footing.

Although we respect those who have honorably served, the state of our economy cries out for a change. Hard working citizens are negatively impacted by the constant barrage of taxes and fees due to out-of-control spending and a reliance on costly borrowing. Our

resources need to be more efficiently allocated so that they are better targeted to the right places.

Charlie's level of dedication to serving us has been impressive; he has knocked on the doors of over 8000 homes, understands our needs, and would bring this valuable input to Hartford.

On Nov. 4, please join me in electing Charles Ferraro. I'm confident that it will be worth giving him a try.

Barry Carloni

Praise For Maroney

To the Editor:

Two years ago, James Maroney earned the honor of representing the 119th District. He campaigned vigorously and talked with hundreds of future constituents, listening, learning and remembering. His concern for our community comes with genuine compassion and, as a freshman member of the state legislature, he has made tremendous strides for Milford and Orange, serving with intelligence and integrity.

While I've known James for about 15 years, the past three have really allowed me to personally appreciate his leadership qualities first-hand. As a fellow founding member of the Milford Education Foundation, I've seen James invest countless hours growing the organization, engaging parents and children alike, and tirelessly working to create

meaningful enrichment experiences for our youth. The Foundation's recent Chair-ity Auction was his vision, devised not solely to raise funds for its Teacher Mini-Grant program, but as a way to bring artists—young and old—together with local business as a celebration of Milford. James also attracted passionate membership, inspired compromise in moments of disagreement and, above all, never unrolled his sleeves.

For the many who know James, one thing is clear: Every facet of his life—from the college preparatory business he started 15 years ago, his service in numerous civic organizations and his current role as our state representative—is passionately dedicated to building a strong community. I hope you'll join me in supporting James this November.

**Augie Harrigan
Milford**

Getting Behind Hynes

To the Editor:

This campaign season I was prepared for the usual visits from candidates – all promising to solve the world's problems and listing their accomplishments. I was pleasantly surprised recently when Aldon Hynes knocked on my door and spent time not only speaking to me, but listening as well. His breadth of knowledge on healthcare issues as well as his commitment to shared responsibility for delivering quality education was both impressive and reassuring.

However, the most impressive thing about

Aldon is his emphasis on the public service aspect of working at the legislature as opposed to developing a political career. He recognizes that the political arena is the means to an end where he will have the ability to help more people and improve the lives of the residents in the 114th District. If we send Aldon to Hartford he will do the ground work and get results as opposed to climbing the political ladder. Aldon will have my vote on election day.

**Karen
deFur-Maxwell**

Supporting Staneski

To the Editor:

As a life-long resident of Milford I support Pam Staneski for State Representative. I had the opportunity to work alongside Pam serving together on the Milford Board of Education. She is an extremely hard worker and will represent the people of Milford the way we deserve to be represented.

I know personally that Pam loves Milford and will work for our interests like no other. Pam will be a true voice in Hartford for us. I am asking you to join me in giving Pam a chance to represent us where I know she will make a difference.

**Ronald J. Funaro
Milford**

News and Events Second Shred Day A Success

Thanks to a grant from the Orange Rotary Club, more than 175 Orange residents were able to bring their paper documents, checks, records, etc. to High Plains Community Center, for the second annual Shredding Event.

Last year town residents shredded about 10,000 pounds of paper and did so once again this year as the ProShred truck was nearly filled to capacity, according to Mitch Goldblatt, Orange Recycling Committee chairman.

Angela Booth of Orange said

“what a fabulous offer at no charge to the community... it saved me time and money at tax time.”

Recycling Committee members Kathy LaFontana, Stephanie Jallow, John Brown and Mitch Goldblatt were on hand helping residents take their paper to the bins and then to the Pro-Shred truck where they could actually see the documents being shredded by a closed circuit camera.

Glenn Pearson of the Orange Rotary Club was also there lending a hand.

Editor's Note: Due to the volume of candidate support letters, only one letter per campaign was permitted to run. Additional letters for some candidates were received.

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by Patricia Miller

ART IN THE LIBRARY announces “Waterworks XV” from Nov. 1 to 30, featuring watercolors by students of Audrey Galer, a founder of Art in the Library and major impetus behind the monthly exhibitions at the Case Memorial Library (176 Tyler City Road, Orange).

The students exhibiting work this year are Shuba Balakumar, Frances Barsevich, Mary Beltramello, Susan Clark, Amanda Coes, Renee Cohen, Molly Dineen, Bette Donahoe, Millie Farrell, Lina Gohovyan, Gabriela Guevara, Liz Harlow, Anita Heffernan, Joan Lakin, Shari Lipton, Lindsay Marieb, Pat Miller, Al Munroe, Mukul Mukherjee, Carolyn Pickup, Lisa Rehm, Barbara Rosen, Lydia Sanchez, Riva Silverfarb, Joan Stenner, Karen Stephens, Linda Stone, Betty Sword, and Mary Ann Verinas. There will be an artists’ reception on Thursday, Nov. 6, 5 to 7 p.m.

ORANGE ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL announces a family art exhibit at The Gallery at Town Hall (617 Orange Center Road, Orange) for the months of November and December.

The exhibit includes paintings, portraits and photography by four members of the same family. V. Michal Gill, psychologist, uses photography as a medium to capture moments that show how beauty exists around us, if we only allow ourselves to see it.

Daughter Lena Parker is motivated by her three children and photographs themes of youth and humor.

Joanne Paone-Gill, a multi-media artist whose inspiration comes from the simple influences of life and experiences, shows acrylics, watercolors and pencil portraits.

Terry Russo, painter, sculptor and photographer, concentrates on the play of light and shadow, and how it translates within the media she uses. This is a unique and talented family, some of whose sculpture was displayed in the OACC booth at Orange EXPO.

Visit The Gallery on the second floor and discover their talents for yourselves.

THE SHORELINE ARTS ALLIANCE sponsors their 12th Shoreline Arts Trail Open Studios the Weekend of Nov. 22 to 23. The yellow “Open Studios” signs lead the way to meet the artists and to view and to talk about their work.

The Trail was initiated in 2002 by a group of artist and artisans in Branford, Guilford and Madison. Their intent was to create an annual Open Studios event to allow local residents and weekend visitors to interact with the artists and to experience the creative process firsthand. The Arts Trail makes a great family outing,

Artists In The Family



For more information call Owen Sea Luckey at 203-623-6792 or Kristin Merrill at 203-589-6995 or visit www.shorelineartstrail.com.

THE ORANGE PLAYERS celebrates their 40 Anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 1 at the newly renovated American Legion Hall (Grassy Hill Road, Orange). There will be food, catered by Chefs at l’Orange, door prizes and a raffle as well as entertainment by a troop of old and new Orange Players. The event is BYOB. It promises to be an evening of reminiscing, eating, drinking, singing and making merry! The Co-chairs of the event are Joan Stenner and Peg Meisenholder.

THE OACC ANNUAL YOUTH CONCERT will be presented on Sunday, Nov. 16, 3 p.m., at Milford Art Center’s Eastbound Theater (40 Railroad Ave., Milford). The program will consist of performances by young instrumentalists and singers who study with various teachers in our area. This annual event provides a showcase for the talents of exceptional young artists. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY provide museum passes at the Circulation Desk of the Case Memorial Library.

They include passes for the Barnum Museum, the Beardsley Zoo, the Discovery Museum and Planetarium, the Florence Griswold Museum, the Hill-Stead Museum, the

Mark Twain House, the Mashantucket Pequot Museum, the Mystic Aquarium, the New Britain Museum of American Art, the New England Air Museum, the Peabody Museum, the Roger Williams Zoo, the Shore Line Trolley Museum, the Stepping Stones Museum, and Timeexpo: The Timex Museum.

Some of the passes entitle the bearer to free admission; others entitle the bearer to reduced admission. For more information, ask at the Library. It’s a great way to economize on a family outing!

THE BETHESDA MUSIC SERIES (Bethesda Lutheran Church, 450 Whitney Ave., New Haven) offers, as part of their stellar season of varied concert programs, “Russian Voices: St. Petersburg Men’s Ensemble” on Sunday, Nov. 30 at 4 p.m. The performers in the series are both local and international artists. There is a freewill offering taken to support local social outreach. Receptions follow each concert and free parking is available. For more information, go to www.BethesdaNewHaven.org or call 203-787-2346.

THE NEW HAVEN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA in a season characterized as one of tradition and innovation, next presents “Puccini, Virtue & Redemption” at St. Mary’s Church (5 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven) on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m. The program will be Christopher Theofanidis’ “Virtue” and Giacomo Puccini’s “Suor Angelica”. The program

will feature William Boughton, conductor, Tony Arnold, soprano, Chris Dickerson, narrator, and the Yale Opera. Both Theofanidis’ newly commissioned “Virtue” and Puccini’s “Suor Angelica” explore the theme of morality through the music of two triumphant anthems.

To purchase tickets, call 203-865-0831 x 10, or go to NEWHAVENSYPHONY.ORG.

HOP THE BUS, sponsored by the OACC with support from area organizations and businesses, will be available for the New Haven Symphony Puccini/Theofanidis concert at St. Mary’s Church on Nov. 20. To reserve a seat on the bus, please call 203-397-8915.

As reported in the last edition, the OACC has received a matching grant of \$1361.22 from the Department of Economic and Community Development, Connecticut Office of the Arts, a state agency.

This grant was awarded through the 2015 Arts Catalyze Placemaking--Supporting the Arts in Place program and will support Hop the Bus transportation to NHSO concerts. In order for OACC to utilize these funds, they must be matched.

Therefore, community groups and members of the community are asked to support this effort by making contributions. They can be sent to OACC, P.O. Box 956, Orange, CT 06477. For more information, call 203-397-8915.

YALE SCHOOL OF MUSIC presents Fall Opera Scenes on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 2 at 2 p.m. at Morse Recital Hall in Sprague Hall (470 College Street at Wall Street, New Haven). Each performance offers a different selection of scenes from both comic and tragic operas. The Horowitz Piano Series on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Sprague Hall will feature pianist Boris Berman playing Beethoven variations, Prokofiev sonatas and more. For tickets to both of these concerts call 203-432-4158. The Yale-Princeton Joint Glee Club Concert will take place on Friday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Woolsey Hall. Admission is free to this concert.

TROUPERS LIGHT OPERA COMPANY presents an evening of Gilbert and Sullivan and Friends for one night only on Nov. 1 at Pequot Library in Southport (720 Pequot Avenue, Southport). The evening will include selections from each of Gilbert and Sullivan’s operettas—“H.M.S. Pinafore”, “The Mikado”, and “The Pirates of Penzance” among them—plus other pieces from the group’s favorite works. For tickets and more information, go to trouperlightopera.org

NATIONAL TOURING COMPANY of the smash Broadway hit “Wicked” returns to the Bushnell (166 Capitol Avenue, Hartford)

Nov. 5 to 23. This long-running musical is based on events preceding “The Wizard of Oz”. The witches of us are seen first as wizardly students forging an unlikely friendship that later develops into a bitter rivalry.

For tickets call 860-987-6000 or go to bushnell.org.

PANTOCHINO THEATER advertised as “Ridiculously refreshing, 100% original, inspired theater for family audiences,” presents “The Wicked Witch of the West: Kansa or Bust”, another take on the Oz group! The yellow brick road takes you back to Kansas where with the Wicked Witch of the West and familiar friends from Oz as they search for Dorothy in this fresh, funny, original, new musical for the entire family. The play runs through Nov. 2, at the Milford Arts Center’s Eastbound Theatre (40 Railroad Avenue, Milford). Pantochino was founded by Bert Bernardi, longtime Artistic Director of the Down Town Cabaret Theatre Children’s Company in Bridgeport and Jimmy Johansmeyer, a leading actor playing villains and heroes with the company for 16 years. For tickets, go to pantochino.com

LONG WHARF THEATRE (222 Sargent Drive, New Haven) celebrates its 50th anniversary with a repeat of their opening production, Thornton Wilder’s “Our Town”, an American classic.

The audience is taken to Grover’s Corners, New Hampshire, guided by the omnipresent Stage Manager through everyday lives and experiences of the residents – remarkably similar to our own exp.

Emily and George, their love and lives, provide the lens through which the story is told. This is the story of a village, but is also the story of a microcosm of the world, encompassing the eternal. There are a number of local actors playing the townspeople in the group scenes. See if you know any of them! The play runs only through Nov. 2.

For tickets, call 203-787-4282 or go to longwharf.org.

GOODSPEED OPERA HOUSE (6 Main Street, Haddam) mounts the world premiere of the musical version of Irving Berlin’s well-known “Holiday Inn” through Nov. 30. Set in a Connecticut farmhouse that turns into a popular nightspot—only on holidays—Valentine’s Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc. It is an adaptation of the 1043 classic starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire and features Berlin songs such as “Happy Holidays”, “Easter Parade”, and “Be Careful, It’s My Heart”, to name but a few.

For tickets call 869-873-8668 or go to goodspeed.org.

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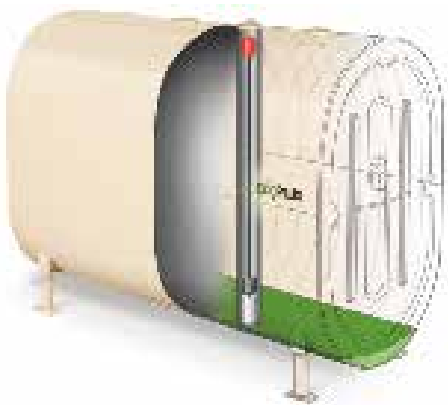
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Real Talk:

You Ask, A Pro Answers

When A Seller Prices A House Too High

We are in those market times when the buyers all know there are plenty of options for them. They can always look in other towns, the school system will not always be up to Amity's quality, but they can find value for their dollar in other areas.

Towns with city sewer and water are sometimes a consideration for the purchasers.

The property owners of Orange need to recognize this and follow the selling process that their realtor-consultant sets up for them.

The professional view of the process incorporates the needs of both buyer and seller.

What is the seller's need?

Getting the most money for their property is probably number one!

How does that happen?

When the price is right!

Gone are the days of pricing your house



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with "movement," assuming that the buyers are going to offer much less than you are asking, because you think that that is the "nature of the beast."

Today's buyers have representation and I have said this before; their buyer agents have an obligation to make sure that their clients are educated on the market and the value they are

getting.

In other words, if you price your house right you should sell it right away for close to 95 percent of asking price.

When you price your home too high, then the buyers will wait, walk away from that first open house and assume you will lower the price soon and they can come back in three months.

Once three weeks have passed, you are no longer a new listing and you join the list

of one hundred homes currently on the market in Orange. It's not easy to stand out at that point! Even though your home may be exceptional, now those potential buyers are saying, "how come no one else bought that beautiful house yet either!"

Motivation is the key word here. Are you selling or are you staying? If you really want to go, then price the house competitively to the most recent sales of properties like your own.

Never before has inventory been this high. The three most important things are all lining up for buyers: low rates, lots of inventory, lots of well priced inventory based on most recent sales. If you are thinking that there is that one person that will give you an extra \$50,000 for your home, if you wait long enough, you are fooling yourself!

I am constantly telling clients at listing appointments that the buyers are educated to the price range they need to spend to get

what they want. Forget the competition in other towns, they want our town, they just want to budget for what is down the line for them. Let's be honest, if you have a 60 year old septic, that could be a worry for those young families buying with three babies.

So, don't be discouraged. In the real estate industry we believe that the market will turn around and raise its values, but this will take a long time; don't hold on to this property when you could be moving now and making profits on the next home you own.

Do not overprice your house because you love it.

This is a business decision and the homes are like stocks, they go up and down in price depending on the current appraisals of sold homes around them.

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

Just Floored:

Holiday-Proof Your Floors

The holidays are approaching and it is time to start getting prepared for the busy season when your home tends to see a lot more traffic.

With visitors and family coming and going, not to mention wetter, muddier weather to contend with, keeping your floors clean and free of damage can seem like an insurmountable challenge. By taking a few easy steps however, you can help keep your floors looking great for your guests and in top conditions even after the holidays.

First, take a look at your entryways. Do you have quality, clean doormats? Give people a clean surface to wipe their feet when entering and you will instantly reduce the amount of grime and grit that gets tracked



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into your home.

If your door mats are worn, thin, or not effective at absorbing and trapping moisture, this is a great time of year to replace or upgrade them

With rain, sleet, snow, ice, mud, and salt a prominent part of the winter landscape, it's only a matter of time before the elements intrude on your clean floors. While you certainly can't

follow your visitors around with a vacuum, broom, or mop, you can take an extra bit of time to keep your floors clean each day. By addressing tracked in soil as quickly as possible, you help prevent it from being spread around where it can be ground into hard surfaces or damage carpet fibers. The extra time spent giving the floors a quick sweep at

the end of the day helps protect your investment in your home.

When hosting a large party, you can protect your floors from high heels, spills, and other calamities by adding some extra area rugs as well as additional table space for people to place beverages. Make sure your guests have easy access to places where they can discard empty paper plates, and consider using stable glassware as opposed to stemware. Stemware is easier to accidentally tip over, resulting in a higher likelihood of spills and stains

If your gathering is casual and you feel comfortable doing so, you can ask guests to remove their shoes on arrival. For those visitors who don't feel comfortable in bare feet, keep some new socks or slippers on hand to offer your guests. This approach works best for family and very close friends; if the dress

is more formal, it's best to use other methods to protect your floors instead of worrying about your guests' shoes.

When spills do happen, it's important to treat them right away. Make sure you have cleaning products on hand that are safe for your floors.

Once the holidays are past, it could be a good idea to have your floors professionally cleaned to remove any residual dirt and grime that your own home cleaning products may have missed.

With some extra vigilance, advance preparations, and a touch of common sense, your floors can come through the holidays looking fantastic!

Annamarie Mastrangelo is founder/owner of A.A.I. Flooring Specialist. She can be reached at amoreinteriorsllc@gmail.com.

Room 911:

A Time To Be Inspired

It's hard to define the word "taste" in decorating.

Everyone's taste is individual. Some people boast of having the best "taste" and others are clueless as to what that actually is.

Think of all the expressions that we use, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder" or "One man's meat is another man's poison."

If I had to sum up "taste" in just one word, I would say "discerning."

In a design sense that means to be discriminating, to make distinctions between everyday common things that are replicated in the mass media, in furniture TV ads and in Sun-



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day paper advertisements and look for ways to make your rooms unique.

Avoid having everything match or being too choreographed. When you walk into a room like that, you never have to see that room again because while everything may be new, it is predictable.

Money cannot buy taste. Bigger is not better. Newer is very often not the answer.

We are all subject to fads, to the latest color, to what we see in our neighbor's house. As time passes our furnishings and the rooms we hoped to create can become outdated which is quite different from

trying to achieve an "older" look such as a country farm house or an Old World European salon.

Because we are individuals, "good" taste is hard to pin down but you know it when you see it.

While this is a sensitive topic and everyone's reality and what they are perceiving is different, we can nearly all agree on one thing: over time our taste changes.

I have walked into a client's home who had a French country look but just came back from a trip to Japan and now wants to make her house have a minimalist, serene look.

Another client had a lovely contemporary home with a leather sectional, a glass cof-

fee table, mid-century furniture pieces and a minimum of "objets d'arts" but felt the house was cold, uninviting and wanted to "warm it up."

For myself, I started out with "modern" teak furniture over 40 years ago, then lived in Europe and fell in love with antiques, got rid of the teak, created a traditional interior and now I want a more contemporized version with less "stuff" in my residence and maybe, just maybe, get a teak sideboard.

I guess you could say, as "evolving" humans, "change is the only constant."

Tedra Schneider can be reached through her website: www.restagebytedra.com.

Library Notes

Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free (except as noted for materials charges) and open to the public. Library hours are as follows: Monday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m..

Registration is required for children's events and open two weeks in advance of the

program date.

Events for Children

Puppetree presents "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"

Saturday, Nov. 15, 1 p.m.

Professional puppeteers will operate over 100 shadow puppets in their production of Washington Irving's classic tale "The Leg-

end of Sleepy Hollow." After the performance, there will be a backstage fun view of how puppets are manipulated. For children ages 5 and up.

Events for Adults

Oscar Films

Oscar-Nominated Live Action Shorts

Monday, Nov. 3, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1 p.m. (with subtitles)

Aquel No Era Yo (That Wasn't Me)

Oscar-Nominated Animated Shorts

Monday, November 17, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19, 1 p.m. (with subtitles)

Home and Garden Club Arrangements



Photo: Lana Ho
Left to right: Maryellen Bspuda, President of The Garden Club of Orange; Carol King Platt, Floral Designer; Susan Antinozzi and Pat Bakke, Co-President of The Garden Club of Woodbridge.

On Oct. 14, The Garden Club of Orange hosted The Garden Club of Woodbridge for a meeting with flower arrangements from Nature's Bounty, Carol King Platt.

Carol King Platt entertained the group with beautiful, nature-inspired arrangements from the backyard and roadside with a little help from the florist shop. Many of

the members went home with an arrangement.

The Garden Club of Orange is a member of The National Garden Clubs, New England Region, and The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut. Those interested to learn more may call Teresa Evangeliste 203-795-3195.

The Garden Spot:

Tweets And Treats

Now that our gardens have been put to sleep for the season, it's time to think about our bird population. Many birds winter in the area and a source of food and water is necessary for their survival.



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Providing food for them and creating a habitat in which they can thrive will enhance your property and your enjoyment of the winter season. Getting the family involved is great way to teach children about nature.

To attract birds to your yard, think about setting up bird feeders. Please remember that once you start feeding birds, it is important that you continue to supply the food until spring. The birds depend on it. Some easy homemade feeders that can be fun for the entire family to make are:

The popular pine cone feeder – So simple, just cover the pine cone with peanut butter and cornmeal, add raisins, cranberries and whatever you may have around. You can hang several around your property near a window and you can watch the birds feed.

Coat a bagel with peanut butter, roll in cornmeal or birdseed and hang it on a tree branch. Replace it when it's gone.

Remove the dead plant from a hanging basket, leave the soil and add seed all over. It's easy to refill and squirrels and cats can't get at it.

After Christmas, place your tree outside and decorate with suet, cranberries and pine cone feeders.

String Cheerios or other cereal with a

hole on a string and coat with peanut butter. Drape over bushes.

Good bird feed includes suet, mixed seeds, fruit and cracked corn. Just like us, birds need protein, fat and carbohydrates in the winter.

A wonderful place to observe a variety of birds in their natural habitat is at the Turkey Hill Preserve right here in Orange.

The Connecticut Audubon Society, at the request of the Town of Orange prepared a detailed listing of the birds they spotted in the 372 acre parcel of land. There were 185 species!

Many of you built birdhouses for the Orange Country Fair (in fact there were 50 submissions), so you have a head start on providing a nesting environment for birds who require a home.

Some varieties such as woodpeckers and chickadees dig out holes in tree trunks or build their own nests. The residents of Colonial Williamsburg hung clay jugs and bottles under the eaves of their homes so that birds would nest inside. The hungry birds provided free pest control by eating insects. Today Bird Bottles are still made by hand in Williamsburg. I have two – one is hung on the side of my house and the other on my potting shed. And yes, small birds and wrens do nest in them. So, however, you decide to attract birds to your landscape, remember it is important to be consistent. Keep the feeders filled.

Marion Rizzo is a Past President of the Garden Club Of Orange.

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On Your Mind:

You Have Been Hypnotized By Politicians And Media

Hypnosis is commonly employed for therapy to help change bad habits and unwanted negative thoughts. Unfortunately, hypnosis also is used covertly to get gain power over you or your thoughts.

In "The Crowd: A Study of The Popular Mind," a study of political hypnosis, published in 1897, author Gustave Le Bon shows the power of repetition of an idea over a crowd of unsuspecting observers.

Hitler used the technique in his speeches constantly saying "Jew" while instilling fears about the future.

Milton Erickson, often known as the father of modern hypnosis, created a hypnosis technique that uses mental confusion to get a desired result.

George Bush used both of these techniques when he said; "Saddam Hussein has weapons of mass destruction." No one knew what they were but it created fear that accomplished the desired result: popular support for invading Iraq.

When fear is evoked, the conscious mind becomes overwhelmed and "zones out" while the unconscious mind prepares to protect us using the "fight or flight" response, making us feel anxious and uncomfortable.

This state makes us more susceptible to more emotional statements about how someone else can "fix" the problem.

Hitler came up with the "final solution for Germany's problems using fear as his tool to gain popular support. Unemployment and food shortages in those times helped him to manipulate people easily. He successfully by-passed the critical factor in the minds of people and turned off their rational thinking. This is what our politicians and some news media talking heads do regularly today.

Professional politicians are trained in, and use techniques of hypnosis and neuro-lin-



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guistic programming in their speeches and the delivery of those speeches.

This is only made worse by the media who have become the bearer of bad news and fear. Look what they did with the Ebola issue: even though there were very few casualties in this country, the fear and the blame began. It must be Obama's fault for not protecting our citizens. "They" want to blame Obama

because it is close to election time and with enough fear, some people can be made to believe anything, as long as it is repeated often enough.

Hypnosis is a very powerful and effective tool when used with the knowledge of the participant. But the unsuspecting people of our country are being manipulated with the same techniques in a way that is underhanded and unethical.

How can you protect yourself from being manipulated? Be 'consciously' aware of the facts that are being presented. Don't confuse questions of 'what if' or someone's opinion with facts. Always ask yourself, "Is that fact or opinion?" What is the source of their facts?" What is the motive of the speaker in telling you this information?" Always question what you hear and if you feel nervous or threatened, take a deep breath and remind yourself, "its only a thought" and you can always change that thought to something more comfortable.

All hypnosis is self-hypnosis and you have the ultimate power over what you choose to believe or think about. However, this is only true if you remain consciously aware of being vulnerable and choose to use your power.

Fern is a certified hypnotist, lifecoach and health educator. She can be reached 203-283-4567, www.healinghypnosis.com.

The Color Orange:

Today I Am A Winner

Dear Everybody,

The answer to being a winner is not about the lottery, material things or overcoming an illness or adversity. It is related to the way one thinks and how you define what winning is about. I think those of us who are grateful for life are the winners.

Life is filled with difficulties for all of us and it really boils down to our attitude and not being lucky enough to have only minor difficulties. I never meet people who, when complaining, are offered an exchange with someone else's life and choose to take it.

At workshops I would tell people to list their troubles on a sheet of paper I placed on a table at the back of the room and, when the list was complete I would work out exchanges with each other so you would be free of your problem.

Nobody ever signed up so obviously they

didn't have the worst problems in the world.

Life is the problem. So either accept it and be grateful or spend your life being a loser.

Since our time is limited, why not work at enjoying the time of your life rather than resenting what is happening and making it even worse for yourself? Every morning spend a few minutes thinking about what you are grateful for and don't keep repeating the same things but come up with a new list every day. It feels a lot better to work on coming up with what you are grateful for than what your problems are.

Perfection is not creation. We are here to live and learn. Happiness is a choice and not about luck, money or anything else. When you realize that you will be able to find it. It doesn't come in a package it comes from the heart. It also comes when you make someone else happy. So the next time you or they are presented with a prob-

lem stop and ask yourself what am I to learn from this experience?

When you do this, as I keep repeating, the problem becomes a gift because it has led you to find a new way to nourish your life. So when our troubles become mental varieties of hunger for what we seek then they will lead you to nourish your life just as physical hunger directs us to find nourishment for our bodies.

I stayed at the home of a colleague. He had a neighbor whom I started speaking with, and observed that he had a serene nature and positive outlook on life.

"How did you develop such a serene and happy way of being?" I asked him.

"I almost died twice and that taught me to ignore the irrelevant and unimportant," he said to me. "I had problems with my heart. Just surviving the surgery gave me a greater appreciation for being alive. But what totally transformed me was riding my motorcycle off a cliff. The last thing I saw was the ground rushing to greet me. Then two

days later I found myself in a hospital bed in serious condition. I had broken bones and wasn't certain I would make it. I survived and healed. And now I feel great whenever I wake up in the morning. When I go to sleep, either I will wake up for another day or I will go to a better world. Either way I am a winner."

So now you know the key to being a winner: waking up in the morning. There are no limits to what is possible unless you create them for yourself and by doing so limit your life and your ability to find happiness and become a winner.

*Peace, Love & Healing,
Bernie Siegel, MD*

We currently have a cancer support group the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the month at Coachman's Square at 21 Bradley Road, Woodbridge. If interested contact Lucille Ranciato lranciato2@yahoo.com 203 288 2839; or myself bugsyssiengel@sbcglobal.net



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Retired and Rejuvenated:

Realizing Life While We Live It

Halloween is one of the oldest holidays still celebrated.

Some people view Halloween as a time of fun, putting on costumes, trick-or-treating and having theme parties.

Others view it as a time of superstitions, ghosts, goblins and evil spirits that should be avoided at all costs.

The ancient Celts of Ireland and Britain celebrated a minor festival on Oct. 31, the last day of the Celtic calendar, where they honored the dead.

All Hallows Eve is the evening before All Saints Day, which was created by Pope Gregory III for Christians to honor those who have died.

Later All Souls Day spread from a monastery in Southern France to all of Europe.

So now all the dead, no matter where we

think they went after death, are remembered at least once a year on these days.

It is a far stretch of the imagination to even suggest Halloween has any connection to Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, a thought provoking play currently being produced at Long Wharf Theater. I hope you literary purists will forgive me, but I could not stop thinking during the third act, seeing all the gravestones on stage portrayed by living people sitting stoically in upright chairs, that there was a slight relationship to

All Hallows Eve where we remember those who were once living among us.

The universal theme of *Our Town* is such a powerful lesson to all of us as we live in community, develop relationships, fall in love, raise families, go to the grocery store,

eat breakfast, feed the chickens, work, retire, and grow old. The message from Thornton Wilder's play is that we should live to the fullest. We should appreciate every moment because we don't get a second chance.

Our Town is the most widely performed American play and many of us have seen it several times in our lifetimes. If you have not seen the Long Wharf Theater production, done in celebration of the theater's 50th year, you should.

The play raises the question voiced by Emily Webb, one of the main characters who has died at a young age in childbirth, whether "any human beings ever realize life while they live it, every, every minute."

Against the better advice of the other dead people in the cemetery, Emily requests to go back for just one day, her 12th birthday. In her death, she has a nostalgic appreciation for everyday life that her family members

she observes do not seem to share.

"They don't understand," she cries. In a poignant scene she bids farewell to the world, to her small town, Grover's Corners, to her mother and father, to the ordinariness of clocks ticking, and her mother's sunflowers, and food and coffee, new ironed dresses and hot baths, sleeping and waking up. "Oh, earth, you are too wonderful for anybody to realize you," she laments.

Let this not be our own personal story. Slow down; look at things and at each other. Appreciate the ordinary things. Value the time we have. Life is too wonderful for any of us to fully realize!

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



JOANNE
BYRNE

Poet's Corner:

A Simple Room of Wonders To Behold

Case Memorial Library has a neat meeting room/art gallery area that is open year around and offers an extensive range of programming, events, lectures, and get-togethers.

It's an oasis of comfort to many as well as a grand stimulus of ideas and learning to others. A simple place where you can find and lose yourself in the same breath.

You can bask in the auras of silence amid gracious works of art that surround you like a great hug.

The room is a setting to relax within, to challenge your perceptions with new ideas, to laugh at yourself, to gather amid the echoes of the exhibits the hidden meanings of the pathways of our lives. We travel to foreign landscapes within that do not need reservations. Maybe we go to the room for a personal respite from the annoyance of our daily trials and just fade away without care into a world that transports us into new realms to behold; a universe at our fingertips that we need to explore. The room is a best friend to some, a lifeline to others, and a refuge of wonder that is there like a sure thing.

A simple room... like a home away from home. A common place of unadorned design mellowed to perfection by the muted level of softened light. A room that is like a welcoming force that entices your curiosities to enter therein...and be prepared for brave new worlds of wonder. It lies in wait for hungry hearts that thirst an enrichment; to simply



JOHN
ULATOWSKI

come in and Be in the moment. Treasures abound everywhere; a daily feast of full-bred offerings of personal growth, touches of knowledge, hidden treasures to store away, some words of wisdom, and displays of grandeur and delight.

A simple room... that serves a community with high compliments; a place giving birth to the meeting of minds artistic holding receptions that feast on tables of appetizers and embellished by understated food ban-

quets. A room surrounded with podiums that delicately hold an artist's life work; walls that gloriously bear a gallery of colorful paintings and gray-dry sketches of the landscape - all of them lined within as framed images of beauty. Tender works of watercolors and oils of lovers walking along the sea caressed by the drift of golden sand that follows like the train of a wedding gown. And each month there are often great provisions on rows of long tables embellished with entrees that are savored in with delight; there are lecture series that abound on topics of interest and true worth offering the opportunity for second chances, personality adjustments, and long-awaiting turning points in our life; youth art groups of bravo caliber; and the silent inner connection of true Namaste within souls at rest. Ponder the array of new films that entertain making us laugh and cry, that inspire a dedication toward perhaps true re-birth; also book discussion groups that seek



the bare marrow of life's meanings and try to corner the best parts into ourselves for the new day- discovered between the pages of a novel. And maybe even sculptures of figures that speak to one another when the lights go out.

A simple room that brings together a mesh of personalities that try to bring new ideas to the table and in doing so offers room displays and events that complement the inner essence of the heart. And in all of it - to leave

behind a rich inheritance for others... simple remembrance of the little gems that have been borne forever within the artist's soul. It's all here in the simple room...shall we partake of the Dance?

John Ulatowski has published six books on Orange (some with poems) and all are available at Case Library. There is also a new photographic display of the town in the High Plains Community Center main corridor.

Dining Out:

Business Meeting Became Pleasant Dinner Surprise

We recently attended a business dinner at j.Gilberts, restaurant, 185 Glastonbury Blvd., Glastonbury. Our business meeting was not only successful, but we were so impressed with this unusual eatery and steakhouse that we decided to share our dining experience with you.

When entering this well landscaped brick building we were greeted by two hostesses in the restaurant's beautifully designed mahogany entrance.

The area is softly lit, with glass walls displaying impressive awards, including three for winning Best of Hartford's readers' poll in 2014: Best Wait staff, Best Steakhouse and Best Overall Area Restaurant.

A large two sided fireplace with a roaring

fire sparkled on the multi-tile floors creating a warm and stylish space, surrounded by magnificent bronze art.



TWO
GUYS

We were greeted by our waiter for that evening, who explained that they proudly serve midwestern raised USDA Prime aged Black Angus Beef. He also took pride in their fish entrees that are delivered fresh daily.

Our drink orders were Montevina White Zinfandel, one Blackstone Merlot, and Santa Barbara Sauvignon Blanc.

While waiting for our drinks some sourdough bread was brought to the table with two pats of butter, and a large knife.

Their menu is superior. For appetizers they offer: oysters on the half shell, jumbo lump crab cakes, fried calamari, or chips

with Maytag blue cheese sauce, soup or salad.

Entrees included wood grilled steaks and chops, such as Kansas City strip, porterhouse, center cut filet mignon, bone in rib eye, and 4,6 and 8 oz. filet combos, or the New Zealand rack of lamb. In addition to blacked chicken, for those who don't wish any meat or fish they serve a grilled vegetable platter.

We started with a Maytag blue cheese wedge salad, with apple wood bacon, tomato, red onion, blue cheese dressing, served cold and delicious.

Our associate ordered the 10 oz. top sirloin cooked medium rare, with wild mushroom risotto, and sautéed spinach, Robert ordered grilled bone-in veal chop, with Yukon mashed potatoes, and green beans, with pecans.

My order was also the 10 oz. Sirloin cooked well. I did discuss this with the waiter and he said that they could cook it well and not dry it out and by George they did! It was cooked to perfection, just enough to take the red out of the center.

My side orders were grilled asparagus and salt baked potato, with sour cream and bacon chips.

We were all in agreement with the impeccable service generous portions and one of the best tasting steaks ever.

We are certainly looking forward to returning soon. As for dessert and coffee we were much too full to eat we just ended with Ruffino Prosecco.

Two Guys are Vincent Farricelli and Robert Modena. Both reside in Orange.

Hello Foodies:

Secrets to Brick Oven Pizza

Who doesn't love brick oven pizza? But do you have a stone oven?

Not many avid home chefs do. Pizza stones are the best kept secret to stone oven pizza, flatbreads, calzones and hearth breads.

A good pizza stone will create even heat to transfer to your pizza, which means no more soggy centers. The stone allows for a golden brown crispy crust by absorbing the moisture from your dough. A good quality stone will also work in your grill.

It's all about the stone, so choose the largest pizza stone that your oven can hold. Also



MICHELE
DEMARTINO

get a pizza peel, it's a must have tool to get your pizza in and out of the oven.

To start, make your pizza dough. I suggest using 00 pizza flour or bread flour, allow it to proof until doubled in size.

Turn your oven on to the highest setting, 475 or 500 degrees; place the stone in the oven on the lowest rack for about an hour. Never put a cold stone in a hot oven it will crack the stone.

Flatten the dough to about a 1/4-inch or less. If the dough starts to shrink back, let it rest for 6 minutes. Sprinkle semolina flour on

your pizza peel to ensure your pizza slides off the peel.

Place the stretched dough on your peel, while shaping the dough on your peel; shake the peel often just to be sure your pizza is not sticking to the peel.

The toppings are next. It's important to add your toppings as soon as possible before cooking, so they don't make the dough soggy.

Spoon a few tablespoons of good homemade pizza sauce into the center of pizza and use the back of a spoon to spread it thinly out to the edges. Drizzle with a little olive oil. Add your favorite toppings but don't overload your pizza, try fresh mozzarella over

shredded, and allow plenty of room between pieces of cheese, it may look sparse but they will expand as they melt. Add your other favorite pizza toppings like veggies, cured meats, fresh herbs or other cheeses just try to keep these toppings to a handful to ensure even cooking. With a quick flick of the wrist slide your pizza onto the stone and bake for 7 minutes or until bubbly and golden brown.

Remove the pizza with your peel, let rest for 5 minutes and cut with a 4" pizza wheel. You are now a pro! From my kitchen to yours...Cucina Felice!

Michele DeMartino is the founder & owner of Chef's Equipment. She can be reached at michele@chefsequipmentemporium.com.

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Themis's Plan:

- ★ Roll back the massive Malloy Tax Increases
- ★ Stop the anti-business regulations that smother employers and slow job creation
- ★ Get state spending under control
- ★ Encourage NEW business growth



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Themis is a 1987 graduate of Trinity College, and a 1992 graduate of Quinnipiac University School of Law. She is an attorney with the law firm of Cohen and Wolf, P.C. and is a resident in the firm's Orange office.

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Themis is endorsed by the **Connecticut Business and Industry Association** and the **National Federation of Independent Business.**

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Should good jobs be coming in or going out of Connecticut?



“So many people have to leave the state to find jobs, it's a huge concern.”

— Matt Gaynor

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Matt Gaynor is not a career politician—and he doesn't want to be one. He is running for State Senate to bring jobs back to Connecticut, lower the tax burden, and make it more affordable for seniors to retire here.

As your State Senator, Matt Gaynor will:

- Repeal the Malloy tax increases
- Get spending under control by eliminating unnecessary programs
- Stop over-taxing and over-regulating business.
- Eliminate the “red tape” that overburdens our companies
- Make Connecticut more job-friendly
- Fight waste, fraud, and abuse like paying select companies to move from one Connecticut town to another
- Streamline state government so we can properly fund important programs like mental health treatment and family support



Paid for by Matt Gaynor 2014, Bruce Knowles Treasurer. Approved by Matt Gaynor.

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Obituaries

AUGUR, AGNES C.

Agnes C. Augur of Orange passed away at home on Oct. 7.. Wife of the late Charles E. Augur Jr. She was born in West Haven, daughter of the late George and Anna Ceresi Cicala. She is survived by her brother Joseph Cicala Sr. of VA, her nieces, nephews, friends and acquaintances at Maplewood. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Lawrence Church. West Haven Funeral Home was in care of arrangements. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Lawrence Church 207 Main St., West Haven, CT 06516.

DEVITO, MARY PALMIERI

Recently retired Orange registrar of voters Mary Palmieri DeVito, 87, of Orange,

beloved wife of Vito DeVito passed away on Oct. 12, at her home. Loving mother of David (Betsy) DeVito of Wallingford, Nancy DeVito of Bethany, Michael (Kathleen) DeVito of Orange, Robert DeVito of Newington and Susan (Noreen) Justice of Burlington. Mary was born in New Haven on Febr. 27, 1927, daughter of the late Michael and Maria Gianelli Palmieri. Prior to her retirement, Mary was the Registrar of Voters for the town of Orange. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN. 38105, or the Clelian Adult Day Center 261 Benham St. Hamden, CT. 06514.

HOLDEN, JACK

Jack Holden, husband of Joan Holden, father of Andrew Holden, father-in-law of Marla Holden, has passed away. The funeral was held at Congregation Or Shalom. The Shivah took place at the family home.

MAIORANO, HELEN MANNING

Helen Manning Maiorano, 91, a longtime resident of Orange, passed away peacefully on Sept. 29, at Connecticut Hospice in Branford after a long illness. Helen is survived by her four children: Karen (Mark) Esposito of Branford, Helene (Harry) Baum of Hampton, Lisa Maiorano and Joseph F. Maiorano III, both of Orange. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Oct. 3, at Holy Infant Church, 450 Race Brook Road, Orange. Burial followed at St. Lawrence Cemetery in West Haven. In

lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Connecticut Hospice, 100 Double Beach Road, Branford.

MORAN, THOMAS F.

Thomas F. Moran, age 72, of Orange, entered into eternal rest at home on Sept. 29. He was born Sept. 17, 1942 in Ansonia. He is survived by his brother Leo Moran and his wife Sandra of Orange and his sister Eunice Buchholz of Newington. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Oct. 6 at Holy Infant Church in Orange. The Jenkins King & Malerba Funeral Home, 12 Franklin St. Ansonia, was entrusted with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to CT. Hospice of Branford, 100 Double Beach Road, 06405.

Property Transfers

175 New Haven Ave., \$269,900, from the Estates of Francis and Cecile Pogwizd to Timothy McDonald, recorded on Oct. 2.
547 Wagon Trail, \$457,250, from Carlos Lucas to Shaili Gupta, recorded on Oct. 3.
960 Green Circle, quitclaim, from Mary Mitchell and Joseph Haddad to Mary Mitchell, recorded on Oct. 3.
347 Fairlea Road, quitclaim, from the Evelyn B. Locke Trust, recorded on Oct. 3.
512 Meeting House Circle, quitclaim, from Irene Garbatini to Blaze Garbatini, signed on Oct. 6.
616 Arrowhead Drive, \$407,000, from Justin DeCrosta to

Bumtsend Odgerel, recorded on Oct. 9.
630 Orange Center Road, from Judith Byrnes to Terrance Byrnes, recorded on Oct. 10.
444 Old Country Road, quitclaim, from David Cofrancesco to Kristin Lukas, recorded on Oct. 14.
501 Marble Road, \$225,500, from James Mark Santa Barbara to Michael Ross, recorded on Oct. 15.
611 Fawn Drive, \$305,000, from Zhenglong Wang and Linglin Tang to Adam Spiewak, recorded on Oct. 15.
223 Deerfield Lane, \$408,662, from Sunrise Hill Estates, LLC, to Christine Haller, recorded on Oct. 16.
24 Woodside Drive, \$12,200 for a 5 percent interest, from

Helen Lostys to Sean Hartshorn, recorded on Oct. 16.
24 Woodside Drive, \$213,800 for a 95 percent interest, from Francis Lostys, executive of the estate of Genevieve Michalik, to Sean Hartshorn, recorded on Oct. 16.
All easements and rights of way in the Town of Orange, from the Southern New England Telephone Company to One ATT Plaza, Dallas, Texas, conveyed on Oct. 10.
318 Haystack Hill Road, quitclaim, from Robert Benco to John and Donna Chervenak, recorded on Oct. 20.
211 Deerfield Lane, \$552,136, from Sunrise Hill Estates, LLC, to Florence Lewis.
464 Lambert Road, \$335,000, from Cindy Skiber to Brett

Lazowsky, conveyed on Oct. 17.
528 New England Lane, quitclaim, from Donald and Nancy Nielsen to Donald Nielsen, recorded on Oct. 22.
329 Wildwood Drive, \$505,000, from the Janet L. Magid Revocable Trust to Robert Marci, signed on Oct. 24.
444 Old Country Road, quitclaim, from Andrea Cofrancesco to David Cofrancesco, recorded on Oct. 22.
444 Old Country Road, quitclaim, from David Cofrancesco to Kristin Lukas, recorded on Oct. 22.
471 Derby-Milford Road, quitclaim, from Phylis Satin to the Phylis B. Satin Revocable Trust Agreement, recorded on Oct. 23.

Classifieds

Help Wanted

South Sea Grill: Help wanted all positions available all shifts. We are a full service restaurant opening in Orange. Please send resume to southseagrill@gmail.com.

Cruise 2015

Christ the Redeemer Council K of C has two cruises available for next year. Bahamas and Florida March 1 to 8: \$990-\$1,244, NCL's new ship "Breakaway." Book before Oct. 15, 2014; Canada and New England Sept. 19 to 26 \$890-\$1,445, NCL's "Gem." Book before May 1, 2015. Round trip bus

to the pier included. Call John Benard 203-877-2737 for flier.

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Insurance Agency Sales and Service Rep. needed. P&C Insurance License required, but will train and license a highly qualified individual. Please fax resume to 203-799-0527 for consideration.

Help Wanted

Experienced cook needed for Skilled Nursing Facility, Long term care experience preferred. Please contact Ed: 203-795-0835

Town of Orange


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Seeking part-time
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Must be available to work Thursdays and Fridays
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Applicants must be able to drive a minivan and twelve passenger courtesy buses with wheelchair lift. Must have the ability to work effectively and pleasantly with the elderly, handicapped and the general public. Must have the ability and willingness to be flexible with hours not to exceed 29 hours per week.

Interested applicants can contact:
Ms. Joan Cretella
Director of Orange Community Services
203-891-4786
jcretell@orange-ct.gov
M-F 8:30am to 4:30 pm

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Andrew Eldredge was struck by a motorcycle while walking in NYC on 8/29, just days before he was to begin studies at Harvard Law School. Since he was injured, Andrew has been unconscious. His progress has been steady and encouraging, but it will be a long road to recovery, both in the hospital and in extended rehabilitation for traumatic brain injury. His parents, Stacey and David, and his sisters, Lindsay and Madeline, have kept a constant vigil by his bedside since the accident.

Andrew grew up in Woodbridge, Connecticut, and graduated from Amity High School in 2007. He graduated magna cum laude from Colgate University ('11), worked at Orion Consultants in NYC for two years, and completed a year at Boston University School of Law before transferring to Harvard.

The Eldredge family will need financial support for Andrew's journey to recovery. Please help us with this effort.

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Election - 2014

Senate District 14

Slossberg Stands On Experience

State Sen. Gayle Slossberg is seeking a sixth term as the Democratic candidate for the Senate District 14 seat.

After a decade of service, Slossberg is counting on her accrued experience to help guide her in the next term. She's being challenged by Republican Matt Gaynor.

Slossberg voiced a concern for improving the economic factors hampering aspects of life for her constituents.

In the past, Slossberg voted against tax increases and expressed a supportive stance for local industry, in particular facilities such as UTC/Sikorsky.

"I recognize that many jobs in this District rely on their connection to UTC/Sikorsky. That is why I supported the agreement with UTC/Sikorsky that saved over 1,211 jobs and 95 businesses right here in Milford, Orange, West Haven and Woodbridge," Slossberg said.

She also supported bipartisan legislation that helped open grant monies for the Small Business Express Program. According to Slossberg, up to 64 businesses in her district have applied for those grants.

"Over the past two years, we have increased our investment in education, workforce training and strengthening the connection between school and business,"

Slossberg said. "I am proud to have supported the midterm adjustment budget that increased funding for education. We restored the senior renter's rebate program that helps many seniors stay in their homes. We have also invested in innovation, especially bioscience and manufacturing. We have increased investments in transportation, but we still have a long way to go to build the modern transportation system this state desperately needs."

Slossberg is currently the Assistant President Pro Tempore. She is the Senate Chair of the Human Services Committee, Vice Chair of the Public Health Committee and Vice Chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee.

She is also endorsed by the Connecticut Business and Industry Association as well as several other organizations.

"In these challenging times," Slossberg said. "We need serious people in government with real solutions and a proven record of accomplishments made without regard to party or politics if we are going to make progress towards the future we all want."



REP. GAYLE SLOSSBERG

Gaynor Seeks Senate Seat

Milford native and Republican Matt Gaynor is an ambitious young man. He'd have to be to take on incumbent Rep. Gayle Slossberg for the 14th District seat in the State senate while still working on his college degree. Gaynor, in his early 20s, still has at least a year before he'll have his bachelors degree from Central Connecticut State University. "I see people being crushed by Connecticut's tax burden," Gaynor said. "Young people are moving to other states for jobs, because there

are not enough entry level positions. Many seniors, who have worked their fingers to the bone, unfortunately can't afford to stay here. So the people 'in the middle' who stay in Connecticut to live and work are left to shoulder the massive tax burden. On average, Connecticut residents pay more than \$9,000 annually in state and local taxes. That is too much."

Gaynor said he is ready to introduce five bills as soon as he takes office if elected. They would focus on:

- Repealing Common Core education methods and practices;
- Instituting initiatives and referendums to allow voters to decide important issues;
- Repealing the Early Release Program that enables dangerous criminals to reenter communities before completing their

court-ordered sentence;

- Establishing term limits so legislatures serve no more than 10 years;

- And repealing or re-configuring the 8-30g statute that governs affordable housing.

Gaynor would also like to establish a "Grand Audit" to determine where every penny of taxpayers' hard-earned money is being spent.

"During my first year in office, I will propose an immediate 3 percent reduction in spending, and I'll vigorously fight against

any proposed tax increases," Gaynor said. "Once spending is under control, I would propose to repeal the Malloy tax increases. We can then streamline state government so it can properly fund important programs like mental health and family support."

"I love my hometown; my family has lived here for generations," Gaynor said. "My grandparents met at the old Milford High School, my mother used to life guard at Gulf Beach, and my family owned a factory in the north end of Milford. Connecticut is more than a state to me - it's my family's history. From the beautiful coast line of Milford and West Haven to the picturesque farms in Woodbridge and Orange, this area is a unique region. I don't want to lose this place we all call home, or lose its people, or its character."



MATT GAYNOR



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Election - 2014

District 114 House



Hynes Brings Tech Savvy To Race

Democratic candidate for State Representative in the 114th Assembly District Aldon Hynes knows a thing or two about information in the Digital Age. He was one of the first bloggers credentialed to cover a national political convention.

It was the 2004 Democratic National Convention and Hynes was there ready to keep interested parties up to date on what was happening. According to Hynes he has always been interested in helping the disenfranchised and underserved.



ALDON HYNES

Through his work as a blogger and freelance writer, he hopes to address their concerns. But he wouldn't mind doing it from a legislative seat either.

"We need to work together to create better jobs in our region, well paying, sustainable jobs that help make Connecticut a nicer place to live. We can do this through streamlining regulation, better vocational training and improving our transportation infrastructure," Hynes said.

Hynes serves as an alternate on the Woodbridge Zoning Board of Appeals and the Government Access Television Commission for a term set to expire in 2017. He also works at the Community Health Center and is a leader in how technology and innovative communications can improve health

care for Connecticut residents.

He also currently serves as Health Leadership Fellow with the Connecticut Health Foundation.

Aldon and his wife Kimberly live in Woodbridge, and they are parishioners of St. Peter's Church where he serves on the Vestry. Their youngest daughter attends Amity Middle School, and they have a dog and two cats, all of whom were rescued.

Hynes' bio with the CT Health Foundation notes that he has long been a promoter of social media as a tool to encourage people to be more active in their civic lives. He enjoys exploring how the internet can help activists promote their messages.

Hynes sees a few key areas where the people he hopes to serve can use some help. As part of his platform he is focusing on:

- curtailing inefficient spending;
- creating jobs and economic growth;
- investing in education and job training;
- ensuring quality health care for all;
- helping seniors every day;
- fighting for our veterans.

Hynes also said he feels there is a need to move beyond career politicians whose focus becomes their own political career and move toward a model that returns our politics to its source: constituent services that puts people over politics.

Klaridies Opposes Malloy Taxes

Themis Klaridies (R) has served Woodbridge, Orange and Derby as the 114th District State House Representative since 1998. As she gears up to defend her seat against Democratic challenger Aldon Hynes, Klaridies is focusing on three areas affecting her constituents: economy, education and public safety.



REP. THEMIS KLARIDIES

"Under the past four years of Governor Dannel Malloy and Democrats in the state legislature we have seen the largest tax increase in state history enacted - roughly \$1.8 billion per year,"

Klaridies said. "This massive tax increase, which has been aimed directly at the middle class, coupled with an increase in state spending of nearly \$1 billion per year, has caused Connecticut to be one of the last states to recover from the Great Recession."

She believes that instead of squeezing taxpayers to the point where 49 percent of them, according to a Gallup Poll, would leave Connecticut is simply bad policy.

"I want to roll back these massive tax hikes, get our state budget under control, cut wasteful spending, and create an atmosphere where those who worked and raised families in Connecticut will actually be able to afford to retire in Connecticut," Klaridies said.

Keeping public education decisions on the local level with support from the state

is a key aspect of her education platform.

"I was greatly disturbed this past year when leaders of the Education Committee denied parents, teachers and administrators the opportunity to voice their concerns at a public hearing over the controversial Common Core curriculum which was implemented unilaterally by the State Board of Education," Klaridies.

Following the events of the Sandy Hook School shootings in Newtown, Klaridies supported bipartisan measures that attempted to strike a balance between the Constitutional rights of law-abiding gun owners, and the paramount safety of children.

"I opposed efforts to reduce the number of state troopers, and a bill that would have reduced the size of drug-free zones around schools," Klaridies.

Her positions have earned endorsements from the Connecticut Business and Industry Association, the National Federation of Independent Business, the Connecticut Education Association, the Connecticut State Police Union, and Council 15 Connecticut Council of Police.

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Election - 2014

District 117 House

Davis Seeks Sixth Term

Rep. Paul Davis is seeking his sixth term as the 117th district representative in the state's General Assembly.

"Serving as a state representative for the 117th district has been both an honor and a challenge. In looking back, I take pride in the many positive changes I have worked to bring about, but as we move into the future we must continue to focus our efforts on those problems which impact our quality of life," Davis said. "It is my strong belief that my experience as a teacher, coach, volunteer, state representative, and long time Orange resident puts me in a unique position to understand the needs of our community."

Davis graduated from Hillhouse High School in 1964 and from Southern Connecticut State University in 1968. He received a certification in Secondary Science Education and began teaching middle and high school in West Haven. He remained there until his retirement in 2002.

Davis said Orange is fortunate to be a diverse community with a large commercial and industrial base as well as a small town residential life style.

"In working to expand our local economy while maintaining our rural character I have supported bipartisan legislation which is designed to encourage and support small

business growth and job creation," he said. "Currently I am part of a working group planning programs to employ more people in high tech manufacturing positions of the future. I am also working with transportation officials advocating for local road and highway upgrades and mass transit improvement."

Davis noted that while Connecticut has some of the best schools in the nation, there remain challenges for proper funding of education.

"While voting against major tax increases, I have been able to work with the Governor's administration in getting increased funding for education, plus grants for local school improvements, and senior housing repair," he said. "I have fought and will continue to fight for greater State funding support for our local schools so property taxes can be controlled."

Davis is also a supporter of programs that preserve the seniors citizens' ability to remain independent and within their homes whenever possible.



REP. PAUL DAVIS

Ferraro Ready For A Fight

Charles Ferraro, the Republican candidate for the 117th District Seat in the Connecticut General Assembly, knows a thing or two about beating the competition. He's a Grandmaster of the martial art Tang Soo Do.

Ferraro is one of the country's first instructors to achieve the title of Grandmaster, and he has earned a 9th degree Blackbelt, the highest rank given to an American Tang Soo Do Instructor.

Ferraro is a successful local business owner who has served our community for over 40 years. As owner of the West Haven Academy of Karate, he is a Master Instructor working with both children and adults.

Ferraro said he felt compelled to run for office after observing the policies of state government that have led to excessive red-tape, economic stagnation and over taxation. He feels his business experience along with his ability to work with diverse people will translate well for serving his constituents as State Representative.

"Our legislative assembly must become more fiscally responsible. I will work to get our state economy growing again and find ways in which we can lower taxes for everyone," Ferraro said. "We must review all spending to ensure that each project is essential, and that expenditures don't exceed

reasonable levels, as many now do. This will free up resources that will allow us to more effectively support priorities like improved mental health screening and treatment. We need to stop wasteful state mandates that increase property taxes and take decisions out of the hands of local communities."

As a Co-Founder of an international organization, the Worldwide Tang Soo Do Family, he has utilized his organizational skills to grow this entity to more than 120 martial arts centers in the US, South America and Europe.

Ferraro has taught local army reserve units, as well as, members of the 82nd Airborne, SFA (Special Forces A) and SFB at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

After graduating from Southern Connecticut State University in 1975, he worked as an agent for Fidelity Union Life Insurance Company, overseeing 19 employees while operating a martial arts studio in the evenings. From 1978 to 1981 he worked as a territory Representative for Westwood Pharmaceuticals before deciding to make a full-time commitment to teach the martial arts.

"With a new approach we can employ more of our people, lower our tax burden and make Connecticut a prosperous state once again," Ferraro said.



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Maroney Seeks Re-election

Rep. James Maroney (D) will be watching the polls on Nov. 4 with high hopes that he wins a second term as the District 119 Assembly member. The fight to win that seat should feel familiar to him: Pam Staneski was the Republican candidate in 2012 and returns to challenge him this election cycle.

Maroney defeated her with 52 percent of the vote according to website Ballotpedia.

“As your state representative I work for you,” Maroney said. “Supporting small business, reforming property taxes, relieving the stress placed on our seniors, connecting our neighborhoods and standing up for our kids. These are our priorities.”

Prior to winning the District 119 Assembly seat, Maroney had no practical civil governance experience. In the two years since he took office, Maroney has noted several accomplishments he is proud of. He said he helped invest in job growth through the Small Business Express program, which has created and preserved hundreds of jobs, many of them in Orange. He claims to have secured increases in state funding for our schools and roads.

Maroney said he championed legislation that fosters cooperation between technical high schools, and colleges. After earning his degree at Yale, Maroney made educa-

tion and college preparation his business by becoming an educational consultant and owner of First Choice College Placement in Milford.



STATE REP. JAMES MARONEY

He also supported the “Livable Communities” initiative by expanding access to in-home services and providing grants for modifications to keep seniors at home.

He also worked on legislation that provided funding to help unemployed veterans find jobs and founded the Southwestern CT manufacturing working group.

Moving forward, Maroney wants to explore ways to relieve the overwhelming student loan debt he feels many people have to face. Maroney would like to see more on-line classes for computer coding at Middle School and High School level.

“Lack of coding talent in state is driving companies offering quality jobs out of state,” Maroney said.

He also plans to continue support of “Pay for Success” program and changing the ways social services are delivered.

Maroney has been endorsed by the Connecticut Education Association, CT Realtors and the National Federation of Independent Business.

Staneski Takes Second Swing

Of those challenging Orange’s incumbents, Republican candidate for the 119th Assembly District Pam Staneski might be the most experienced.

This is her second time seeking the seat and as such the second time she has faced off against her Democratic opponent.

While she was not challenged in a Primary Election, Staneski did receive a cross endorsement from the Independent Party.

Politically, Staneski has served on Milford’s Board of Aldermen and Board of Education. She is also a volunteer with the United Way and with the Rape Crisis Center of Milford. She is a co-founder of the Milford Prevention Council.

In taking the fight to Maroney for the second time to try and wrest control of the seat, Staneski has four key areas she is targeting. They are:

- Support policies aimed at making the Connecticut business environment friendlier;
- Eliminate wasteful spending;
- Get taxes under control;
- And end the government’s reliance on costly borrowing.

Despite having more direct political experience than some of her Republican compatriots running for office, Staneski

might be the most reserved in the area of self-promotion. Given the same opportunity to provide statements and background to the *The Orange Times*, Staneski submitted the smallest and most concise biography.

A visit to her campaign’s Facebook shows her volunteers are heavily engaged in making calls and securing support.

Some of the praise for her comes from a posting of comments made by Rocco Frank of the Milford Independents, concerning her cross-endorsement.



PAM STANESKI

The post reads:

“The endorsement is given to those candidates that exemplify the ideals of Honest people for government and are supported by the registered members of the Independent Party. Both Democrats and Republicans are invited to participate each year. Our nominees are voted on by our members based on the, core values that good government requires political leaders who work for the people of Milford, local democratically elected boards and commissions and not their respective political parties.”

“Join me in supporting a new path forward that promotes economic prosperity and job creation, because we deserve better,” Staneski said.

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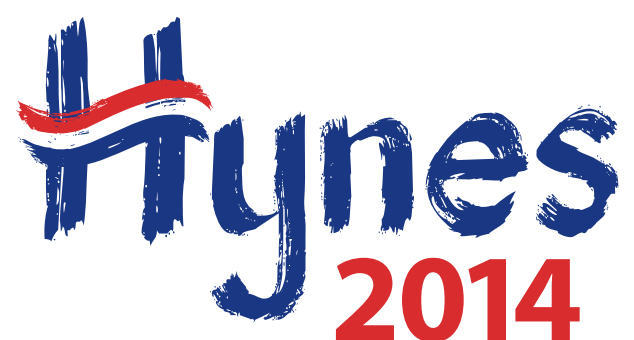
Aldon Hynes believes that our elected representatives should work toward a better Connecticut. To do so, we need to move beyond career politicians whose focus becomes their own political career and move toward a model that returns our politics to its source: constituent services that puts people over politics.

Aldon currently serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Government Access Television Commission. He works at the Community Health Center and is a leader in how technology and innovative communications can improve health care for Connecticut residents. He also currently serves as Health Leadership Fellow with the Connecticut Health Foundation.

Aldon and his wife Kimberly live in Woodbridge, and they are parishioners of St. Peter’s Church. Their youngest daughter attends Amity Middle School, and they have a dog and two cats, all of whom were rescued.

Aldon is focused on:

- Curtailing inefficient spending
- Creating jobs and economic growth
- Investing in education and job training
- Ensuring quality health care for all
- Helping seniors every day
- Fighting for our veterans



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Streit-Kefalas Runs Again

Judge Beverly Streit-Kefalas has 16 years worth of probate judge experience to her name, with another two decades as an attorney. On Nov. 4, she'll be asking those served by the Milford-Orange Probate court to give her a few more years experience. "As probate judge, the 1000s of cases I handle each year include grandparent and relative child custody matters, guardianships of intellectually disabled adults, conservatorships of the elderly and incapable, decedent estates and mental health commitment proceedings," Streit-Kefalas said. "To me, being an experienced judge means that I not only give you my full attention professionally but that I extend my commitment as a volunteer in the community. It means being accessible where and when you need me. I frequently travel to nursing homes or a hospital bedside and I have even conducted hearings in families' living rooms."



**BEVERLY
STREIT-KEFALAS**

Streit-Kefalas just completed a two-year term as the unanimously elected President of the Connecticut Probate Assembly. Prior to that she served as a chair and officer for various judicial committees.

She grew up attending public schools in Milford and eventually earned a law degree from the University of Connecticut Law

School.

Streit-Kefalas noted that her service to the community was recognized by the Milford Chamber of Commerce and the Concerned Citizens for People with Disabilities, among others.

"Serving as a volunteer and Board member of many local organizations such as Bridges, Devon Rotary, United Way and others, I am committed to ensuring that our communities have the support services that we need when we face family loss and crisis," she said.

"My biggest accomplishments are bringing comfort to a grieving spouse or parent, working together with families to keep services in place for a severely disabled child, protecting our most vulnerable seniors," Streit-Kefalas said. "It has been especially rewarding to add the community of Orange when the court became the Milford-Orange Probate Court. Orange is a vibrant and close knit community that deserved the change to a full time court and a judge dedicated solely to meeting the probate needs of families of Orange and Milford."

Streit-Kefalas is being challenged by Republican candidate Thomas Miller.

Miller Looks To Localize

Attorney Tom Miller hopes voters judge him worthy over his Democratic opponent for the Milford-Orange Probate Court position on Nov. 4.

"I am seeking the position of probate judge to serve the community I grew up in," said Miller. "A probate judge must know the law, fairly and justly apply it, and understand the unique needs of the community he or she serves. If elected, I promise to always do these three things. Any elected position, especially a judgeship, is about service first and foremost. Regardless of the outcome of this election, I look forward to continuing to serve this community."

Miller is a local attorney who was born and raised in Milford just past the Orange border. Attorney Miller currently runs a general practice solo law firm located on the Milford Green. In addition to probate matters, he handles criminal, family, and real estate matters.

In addition to his legal practice, Attorney Miller is an Adjunct Professor at Western Connecticut State University and an active member of the local community.

He is especially proud of his service on

the Board of Directors of the Milford Boys and Girls Club, an organization dedicated to providing our youth with all the tools they need to succeed.

He also serves as a coach in Milford's youth recreational basketball league and as a Justice of the Peace.

Miller said the biggest issue facing the Milford-Orange area, as far as the probate court is concerned, is making sure the local probate court stays as local as possible.

"Four years ago, most towns in Connecticut had their own probate courts, including Milford and Orange," he said. "Because the state consolidated the probate courts and made them regional courts, probate courts have a significantly increased caseload, which creates unique challenges in making sure the court operates efficiently and justly."

"If elected, I would do my best to keep the court as local as possible. For instance, I would hold hearings for Orange residents in Orange rather than Milford, where they are currently held in almost all circumstances."



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News & Events

Annual Wreath Fundraiser



Cub Scout Pack 922, chartered by the Orange Volunteer Fire Department, is holding its 3rd annual holiday wreath sale event. Pack 922 will have the wreaths on display and available for on-site purchase at the Orange Volunteer Fire Station #2, 355 Boston Post Road, Saturday, November 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Cub Scout Pack 922 will also be taking pre-orders and delivering the wreaths starting on Nov. 22, if you are unable to attend this event on-site. If you would like to pre-order a holiday wreath, please contact Pack 922 at 203-298-0818 or email: cubmaster@orangectscouting.com

The cost is \$20 per wreath for either option. Pack 922 is working with a local supplier in CT, keeping the business in our home state!

All proceeds from the wreath sales will benefit Cub Scout Pack 922 to help fund scouting events, scouting awards, community projects, and much more!

Cub Scout Pack 922 meets once per month as a pack and has several fun and exciting activities planned for the pack each and every year.

If your son is interested in joining Cub Scouts (grades 1 through 5), you can visit Pack 922's website at www.OrangeCTscouting.com for additional information and/or to email the Cubmaster, Jeff Cap.

The event is open to the public. The wreaths measure in size from approximately 22 to 24". The wreaths are available either decorated (with a bow and pine cones) or undecorated.

Cub Scout Pack 922 will be selling wreaths as part of their annual fundraiser.

Photo By Steve Cooper

Safety Tips From The Fire Marshal

Fall has arrived and residents are preparing their homes for the winter season, both indoors and outside. The Orange Fire Marshal's Office would like to remind them of some important fire safety guidelines.

First and foremost, open burning of debris is not permitted in the town of orange. Smoke, flying embers and a fire spreading out of control are just a few of the fire and safety concerns. In addition, open burning is a violation of the Connecticut Clean Air Act.

The end of 2014 daylight savings time, Nov. 2, is a reminder to replace smoke alarm batteries. Many people believe they will smell smoke, but poisonous gases and smoke can numb the senses, especially when asleep. Early notification of a fire can save lives and property.

A new season is the ideal time to tour the home and yard for dangerous materials and unsafe conditions and to correct all problem areas. Check each room, including the attic and basement for clutter, such as stacks of old newspapers or magazines, empty boxes, broken or obsolete appliances and furniture.

If a fire should occur in your home, the clutter, "Food for a Fire", would provide material to be

consumed and help to spread the fire. It could also block or hinder your escape, as well as the path of firefighters.

Replace or fix frayed or damaged appliance cords, wiring, fuses and breakers. Check for water leaks, especially near electrical appliances.

Properly store flammable liquids and chemicals in a cool, dry place. Be sure items are well marked and out of the reach of children and pets. Store gasoline only in approved containers outside the home.

Be sure there is clearance between combustibles and heating appliances and other heat or ignition sources.

Clearly mark your home. Be sure the house number is visible from the street. Numbers should be no less than three inches in height and located on the top, bottom or side of the main entrance, as well as on both sides of the mailbox.

Have and practice an escape plan. Know two ways out of every room. Be sure windows can be opened easily. Designate a place for family members to meet outside.

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The Orange Police Department welcomes Officer Romaine Chamberlain to the ranks. Officer Chamberlain graduated from the 344th Connecticut Police Academy class in June and recently completed the required field training program. Officer Chamberlain is 33 years old. He was born and raised in Jamaica prior to moving to the United States and becoming

a citizen. Officer Chamberlain has attended college in Florida at Edison State College, as well as Palm Beach State College, where he earned an Associate's degree. He is currently enrolled in Arizona State University's online program earning credits toward a degree in Political Science. Officer Chamberlain has been assigned to the Patrol Division.



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Business

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Between mail from insurance companies and political campaigns, mailboxes are filling up. Some have received letters informing them that their plan is changed or cancelled. Don't worry there are still plenty of good choices available.



TRISH PEARSON

Annual Enrollment period runs from Oct.15, through Dec.7. So, what should you be doing now?

Contact an agent who is certified in senior health insurance plans. There is no cost for our assistance and we are available to help throughout the year if any questions or problems arise. Attend seminars that are offered by most insurance carriers. Call the toll free number on the bottom of the letters from the insurance companies.

What happens if you do nothing?

There are three possibilities:

1. If your current plan is remaining the

same, you will automatically be renewed in the same plan.

2. If your plan has been discontinued, the insurance company will recommend a plan for you to "migrate" to, which may have a higher premium.

3. If the plan is cancelled, you must choose a new plan with the same or a different insurance company.

The following is a list of questions and points to consider when determining what type of plan provides the right "fit."

Issues Related To Network Vs Out-Of-Network

1. Do you travel outside the United States regularly (at least on an annual basis)?

2. Do you live outside of Connecticut for extended periods of time?

3. Are your healthcare providers in the network?

4. What pharmacies are in the network?
5. Do your providers all accept Medicare Advantage Plans?

Issues Related To Current Health Care

1. Do you see any specialists, including a podiatrist or chiropractor on a regular basis?

2. Do you have a chronic illness such as diabetes or Rheumatoid Arthritis that requires IV or drug therapy?

3. Do you wear hearing aids?

4. Is dental or vision care one of your largest medical expenses each year?

Issues Related To Prescription Coverage

1. Are the drugs that you take regularly classified as "generic" or "preferred" or "specialty"?

2. Are the drugs listed in the plan's formulary?

3. Does the plan cover any portion of drug costs during the "donut hole" or coverage gap period?

Note – the total annual drug cost maximum has increased to \$2,900, the cost for brand name medications in the "gap" will be 45 percent and 65 percent for generic drugs. The maximum out of pocket expense will be \$4,900 in 2015.

Finally, it's almost flu season. Be sure to get a flu shot and a shingles shot. Both are covered under Medicare with little or no copay.

Many pharmacies are administering the shots as well as many walk-in clinics or call your primary care physician. As my grandmother used to say "an ounce of prevention is worth . . ." Achoo!

Trish Pearson is a licensed independent insurance agent and certified Long Term Care Specialist. Contact her at 203-640-5969 or trishpearson281@gmail.com.

Financial Insights:

Don't Let Today's News Derail Your Long-Term Plan

For many investors, recent news headlines can be a bit unnerving. From epidemics to conflicts on multiple fronts, it is easy for some to decide to take their money out of the capital markets. Putting one's cash under one's mattress is seldom a good idea, especially since it is the first place intruders might look!



P.J. SHANLEY

All kidding aside, it is important that investors go into times of political, financial and social unrest with a clear plan for how you want to handle it. As part of the comprehensive financial

approach I take with my clients, I have an in-depth conversation with them to get a better understanding of their goals, timeframe and risk tolerance. All of these factors play a vital role in the investment decision-making process. I also want to ensure that their investments are aligned with each client's comfort level with risk and vol-

atility.

When discussing market risk with clients, I ask them to reflect back on how they felt when the global markets were crashing in

the fall of 2008 and first quarter of 2009. Some clients looked at the "correction" as a great buying opportunity. Others turned a blind eye and didn't open their statements or turn on CNBC. Still others were so scared that they completely removed themselves from the market altogether, essentially locking in their losses.

As history has shown, markets go through cycles which influence the way we behave. During market upswings, our emotions range from feeling upbeat, to being confident and, finally, to being euphoric. But as markets begin to decline, feelings turn to nervousness, worry, despair, and then to panic.

For those who sell and claim defeat, they stand to miss the potential upswing in the market because they've lost sight of the fact that investments are for the long haul.

Think about the actions of one of the world's most recognizable and successful investors, Warren Buffett. He pretty much does the opposite of the average investor. He exits the market when it's really hot and buys heavily when people are afraid to get in. He said, "Investors should remember that excitement and expenses are their enemies. And if they insist on trying to time their participation in equities, they should try to be fearful when others are greedy and greedy only when

others are fearful" *

*Letter to Shareholders, 2004

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The Rotary Club of Orange is excited to announce that the 2nd Annual Orange Rotary Turkey Trot has been scheduled for Thursday, Nov.27.

The club's first race hosted 420 runners for the 5k course and walkers who participated in the 2 mile walk. Carl Russell, chairman of the Event anticipates that the event will grow to over 500 participants this year.

"These races have a way of growing year after year and Thanksgiving is one day that really brings out the running spirit. We expect a great crowd and a wonderful time," said Russell.

People are urged to sign up soon. This year all registrations will be handled online at <http://www.fast-trackcoaching.net/timing>.

The event will be held at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road.

Race Information:

Date of Event:

Thursday, November 27, 2014

6:30 am: Registration begins.

8:00 am: Race Begins.

9:45 am: Awards

Runner Cost: \$20 Pre-Registered or \$25 Race Day Registration.

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Business

Four Businesses Hold Grand Openings in Orange And Milford



Top Left: Milford Mayor Ben Blake helps the owners, Frank and Jeremy, of Bar 3 Thirty Three, 333 Boston Post Road, Milford, cut the grand opening ribbon on their new pub. *Submitted Photo.* **Top Right:** Orange Selectman Ralph Okenquist holds the scissors at the grand opening of American Mattress, 400 Boston Post Road, Orange. Standing next to him are Orange Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Anna Accetta and Chamber of Commerce President Katerina Miller. Store owner Peter Estrada stands in the foreground with Anny Garcia and his daughter, Julie. *Photo by Lexi Crocco.* **Bottom Left:** Milford Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Kathy Alagno joined company executives, employees and aldermen for the grand opening of Hobby Lobby, 1777 Boston Post Road, Milford. *Photo by Steve Cooper.* **Bottom Right:** First Selectman James Zeoli and Bob Cohen cut the grand opening ribbon at The Clam Digger, 153 Boston Post Road, Orange. They are joined by Selectman Mitch Goldblatt, Orange Chamber of Commerce President Katerina Miller, American Mattress owner Peter Estrada, Orange Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Anna Accetta and The Orange Times Publisher Stephen Hechman. *Photo by Joseph Cole.*

Orange Chamber and Business Briefs:

Say Goodbye To Smiles Complex
The long-shuttered 47,000 sq. foot Smiles complex is finally being slated for demolition. Crews will likely bring down the building sometime next year. Realtor Tyler Lyman, Vice President at RHYS Realty brokered the deal. Panera Bread and Sleep Number Mattress, among others, have signed leases for free-standing stores.

to avoid six mistakes that can destroy your business and future. Coffee and snacks will be offered. \$10 for chamber members and \$15.00 for non-members.

Nov. 18: ALEEZ Salon & Spa will host a Business After Hours, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., 500 Boston Post Road. \$10 for chamber members, others \$15. Light refreshments will be served.

Upcoming Chamber Events

Nov. 12: "Business Killers Workshop," 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., UNH Orange Campus, 584 Derby Milford Road. Learn how

New Businesses

The Orange Chamber of Commerce announced Dr. Richard Restifo, of Restifo Plastic Surgery, as its newest member. He is

an Orange resident and will soon be opening an office in town on South Orange Center Road opposite the side entrance of Home Depot.

China Sea Grill owner Charlie La Roux estimates the restaurant will open in the next week or so.

Cigar smokers, watch for the opening of Micky Blakes, Connecticut's largest cigar shop located just over the Orange border at 1770 Boston Post Road, Milford.

The 5,600 sq. feet space, boasts a private "member's only" smoking lounge of about 3,000 sq. feet that owners Joe Colaninno and

Luis Rodriguez are furnishing for comfort and a rich ambiance.

Cigar Journal Magazine nominated Micky Blakes Southington location as the No. 1 cigar lounge in the world.

Galaxy Carpet and Flooring signed a lease at 1770 Boston Post Road, Milford, and expect to open late November or early December. Owners Sabina and Vinnie Fehbatovic said the first floor will be devoted to carpets and flooring while the lower level will feature 500 area rugs and remnants.

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