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46 CHURCH STREET 2ND FLOOR BRANFORD CT 06405

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# SOCIAL SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

<u>Chabaso Bread</u>: Fri. Jan. 31st, Feb. 14th & 28th, March 14th & 28th, 10 am until gone. Bring a bag & we will fill it with fresh baked goodness. Yum!

**Bimbo Entenmann's Bakery is donating food once a month to us:** The majority of pre-packaged food is Freihofer's bread, Thomas' English Muffins, Hostess & Entenmanns products. One package per household until it's gone. Pick -up at 10AM in the Waverly Lounge on Thursdays, February 13 and March 13.

<u>CT Energy Assistance Program</u>: This program helps to offset heating costs for lower income households, specifically those households whose income falls below 60% of the State median income. We are taking applications for Natural Gas. Eversource customers can also apply for the Low Income Discount Rate and get a 10% or 50% rate reduction (must meet income guidelines.)

#### Presentation by Hospice on Feb. 27th at 10am:

**The GUIDE Program** is a groundbreaking initiative from <u>CMS (Centers for</u> <u>Medicare & Medicaid Services)</u> designed specifically for Medicare A & B patients with dementia diagnosis, providing the highest quality care and support to both patients and caregivers. By improving patient quality of life, reducing caregiver burden, enhancing care coordination, and empowering families through education, GUIDE offers comprehensive solutions for dementia care.

#### WHAT IS PALLIATIVE CARE?

Palliative care is a holistic approach to medical care for individuals living with serious illnesses. It focuses on relieving symptoms, reducing stress, and improving quality of life for both patients and their families. Palliative care is a specialty and can be provided at any stage of illness and alongside curative treatments. It is based on need, not prognosis.

<u>Uber Eats now accepts EBT and Medicare Advantage Flex cards</u>: Uber Eats introduces new features to simplify shopping, stress less and save yourself a trip. With prices of goods on the rise and access to fresh and healthy foods crucial for households, there are new tools to help you save time and money. Take the stress out of shopping with the Uber Eats app. Use code SENIORCENTER50 to shop for eligible groceries and 50% off your next \$50+ order when you use your EBT or Flex card. If you need support or have questions about how to use your Medicare Advantage Flex card on Uber, call 1-866-827-4584.



PRE-REGISTER for activities with NELL at (203)315-0684 or via email at nreinwald@branford-ct.gov



TRIPS:	CANOE BROOK CONNECTIONS				
FEBRUARY 2ND UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME XL Center 11:30AM-4:00PM	<b>Note</b> : If there is inclement weather the game is still played, but we will not put our buses on the road. You can pick up your tickets and drive on your own. No refunds as we do not get refunds from UCONN. <b>PRICE:</b> \$70.00				
February 11TH HAPPY HOUR La Luna Ristorante 4PM-6PM	Come to La Luna Ristorante for an upscale yet comfortable dining experi- ence. They have won multiple awards for their fine Italian cuisine. Let's go see what everybody is talking about!				
February 13TH WINTER HIKE Farmington Canal 1:15PM-3PM	This trail is a paved walkway that was once a railroad. The railroad operated until 1982 where some of the remaining locks and piers of the canal are still visible. This hike is 1 hour out and back. (This hike was rescheduled from January) <b>PRICE: \$2.00</b>				
FEBRUARY 20TH CT FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW Hartford Convention Center 9:00AM-2:30PM	The colorful, fragrant show features acres of spacious gardens with the 2024 theme, " <i>Signs of Spring</i> ", with creative and practical ideas for house, apartment and condo dwellers alike. You must bring <b>\$20 cash</b> to purchase your ticket at the door and extra money to purchase lunch while at the show. <u>PRICE</u> : <b>\$15.00 to register(+ \$20 Cash day of)</b>				
FEBRUARY 25TH LUNCH BUNCH Arturo's 12PM-2PM	Fusion of two cultures where traditional Mexican flavor meets Italian cuisine made with fresh ingredients cooked by chef Arturo Moreno.				
FEBRUARY 27TH SHOPPING SPREE Michael's & DSW in Guilford 1:15PM-3:30PM	Shop Michaels arts and crafts store for art supplies, crafts, framing, floral, home décor & seasonal products. Find the best athletic shoes, sneakers and more at DSW. PRICE:\$2.00				
MARCH 13TH BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL: MATILDA Branford High School 6:45PM-10:15PM	Join us to watch our very own Branford High School students perform Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical. PRICE:\$15.00				
MARCH 19TH WOODLAWN DUCKPIN BOWLING West Haven 12:30PM-3:30PM	Join us for duckpin bowling at the newly renovated Woodlawn lanes! Bring \$10 and enjoy 2 hours of bowling 1-3pm, shoes included! <u>PRICE</u> :\$2.00 to register(+ \$10 cash day of)				
APRIL 9TH YALE LUNCH TIME CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT 11:45AM-2:15PM	Join us to watch Yale's School of Music students perform a midday chamber music concert. <u>PRICE</u> :\$2.00				
(Note: For trips leaving from Canoe Brook please arrive 15-20 minutes early to check in and load bus. Times noted are estimated departure and arrival to and from Canoe Brook.) Page 4					

# **CLUBS AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:**

## SENIOR LEARNING NETWORK PROGRAMS SLN TUESDAYS, 2PM

#### February 4th: "Freer in Egypt": National Museum of Asian Art

Charles Lang Freer developed an interest in Ancient Near Eastern objects in 1902 when he began to collect examples of the region's ceramic vessels, such as glazed jars from the Parthian period (247 BCE–224 CE) and ancient Egyptian statuettes in faience (e.g., F1902.24). His interest increased over the years and culminated in 1906 when he embarked on his first trip to Egypt.

#### <u>February 11th</u>: "Small Cave No More": Jewel Cave National Monument Learn about one of the longest caves in the world! Hundreds of feet beneath our tour routes, Jewel Cave's passageways descend deep enough to intersect the Madison Aquifer. At these points, cave explorers have discovered 14 underground lakes!





#### February 18th: Martin Van Buren National Historic Site



*"All in all, he's a riddle that must puzzle the devil."*-Davy Crockett Today, Martin Van Buren is an obscure man, often little more than a footnote. In pre-Civil War America, however, it was impossible not to have an opinion of him. Van Buren was central to the creation of America's political parties and to the largest crisis of his time, slavery. The above quote is from Davy Crockett, one of many Americans trying to understand the Red Fox of Kinderhook.

<u>February 25th</u>: "We Return Fighting": The Harlem Hellfighters in World War 1: National Museum of the United States Army Explore the commitment, challenges, and bravery of the Harlem Hellfighters. Learn how their actions, along with the thousands of other Black World War I veterans, contributed to the Allied victory. Examine the legacy of their service and its impact on the civil rights movement.

# **MEDITATION**

#### TUESDAYS, 10AM (\$15 Activity Fee)

Join Facilitator Dr. Margo Merin to help implement a daily mediation practice in your life. Meditation helps reduce stress, lowers blood pressure and helps you feel your best!

# WRITER'S CORNER

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH 11:30 AM

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH 11:30 AM

COME EXERCISE YOUR CREATIVE WRITING MUSCLES WITH JANICE SAMOEIL AND A FRIENDLY GROUP OF STORY TELLERS. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Pre-register for activities with NELL at (203)315-0684 or nreinwald@branford-ct.gov

Transportation is available for all programs, Call TIM at (203)315-0681.

# **CLUBS AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:**

## **MOVIE MATINEE**

#### FRIDAYS, 12:45 –2:45PM

<u>Feb. 7th</u>: *The Six Triple Eight*- The Six Triple Eight is inspired by the first and only Women's Army Corps unit of color to serve overseas in WWII. Despite facing racism and sexism -- and grueling working conditions -- they were committed to serving their country with honor and distinction. Given an extraordinary mission and united in their determination, these unsung heroes delivered hope and shattered barriers. GENRE: DRAMA/WAR NOT RATED

**Feb. 14th:** *Always Be My Maybe-* Childhood sweethearts have a falling out and don't speak for 15 years. They reconnect as adults when Sasha runs into Marcus in San Francisco. Although the old sparks are still there, the couple live in different worlds. **GENRE: ROMANCE/COMEDY RATED:PG-13** 

**Feb. 21st:** *The Florida Project* - Set in the shadow of the most magical place on Earth, 6-year-old Moonee and her two best friends forge their own adventures, while Moonee's struggling mom and a kindhearted motel manager protect the kids from the harsh reality that surrounds them. **GENRE:DRAMA RATED:R** 

LoMonaco's ristorante

# MATINEE AND A MEAL

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH



PRICE: \$10 (Must Pre-register and Pay by Feb. 21st)

**Movie:** *Hidden Figures-* An incredible and inspiring untold true story about three women at NASA who were instrumental in one of history's greatest operations - the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit. **GENRE: HISTORY DRAMA RATED: PG** 

**NOTE:** LUNCH AT 12:00PM, MOVIE STARTS AT 12:45PM

# **GENEALOGY**

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH 1:00 PM

\*NOTE- Pre-registration is required for each genealogy workshop that you wish to attend.

#### Call Nell at (203) 315-0684 or email <u>nreinwald@branford-ct.gov</u>

**Genealogy Sites:** Websites are constantly being added to and updated. There are new sites being developed. What are currently the best sources for the types of records you are searching for? We will look at some of them – what they provide and how to use them to the best advantage. Everyone is welcome whether you are a seasoned genealogist or beginner.

# **CLUBS AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:**

### **READER'S CHOICE BOOK CLUB**



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH 1:30 PM

"Code name Verity" Author: Elizabeth Wein

Code Name Verity is a historical fiction novel by Elizabeth Wein, published in 2012. It focuses on the friendship between two young British women in World War II: a spy captured by Nazis in Germanoccupied France and the pilot who took her there

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH 1:30PM

#### "The Picture of Dorian Gray "Author: Oscar Wilde

The work, an archetypal tale of a young man who purchases eternal youth at the expense of his soul, was a romantic exposition of Wilde's own Aestheticism.

See Nell for a copy of each book, limited large print editions may be available.

### WEEKLY CARDS, GAMES AND MORE

Hand & Foot-Mondays 2pm & Wednesdays 1pm Mah Jongg-Mondays 11am & Fridays 11am Bingo-Mondays 12:30pm Scrabble-Tuesdays 1pm Poker-Tuesdays 2pm Setback-Wednesdays 11am Coloring Group-Wednesdays 1pm Ukulele-Wednesdays 1:30pm Canasta-Thursdays 1pm Cornhole-Fridays 1pm Cribbage-Fridays 1pm Pinochle-Fridays 2pm



Have you heard about SSILL?

Canoe Brook Center is partnering with the SSILL!



Schiller Shoreline Institute for Lifelong Learning

(The Schiller Shoreline Institute of Lifelong Learning)

The SSILL program offers educational presentations, trips and more to members for ONLY \$35.00 a year! (Additional fees apply.) Check out the SSILL website for more information on this great program!

SSILL begins its Spring semester On March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Guilford Community Center at 9:30 a.m. with reception and a concert by Music Haven. Registration for the Spring semester begins on February 21<sup>st</sup> online or in-person at the Guilford Community Center. Look for the Spring catalogues in mid-February at all area libraries and other popular places along the Shoreline. Visit the SSILL website at **ssill.org** for much more information or email us at **ssill.ct@gmail.com**.

# HEALTH & FITNESS:

CANOE BROOK CONNECTIONS

#### **INDOOR PICKLEBALL**

Located in the Joe Trapasso Gymnasium on the first floor.

MONDAYS:	12:00PM-1:30PM	SEASONED PLAYERS
TUESDAYS:	8:30AM-10:30AM	SEASONED PLAYERS
WEDNESDAYS:	2:00PM-3:30PM	INTERMEDIATE
THURSDAYS:	8:30AM-10:30AM	INTERMEDIATE
FRIDAYS:	1:00PM-2:30PM	<b>BEGINNER LESSONS WITH ROGER</b>

### FITNESS CLASS WITH INSTUCTORS

(Must pay the \$24 fitness fee for these classes)

CHAIR YOGA: Thursdays 10:00AM & 12:30PM (CLASS IS CURRENTLY FULL)

**BEGINNER YOGA:** Tuesdays 9:00AM (CLASS IS CURRENTLY FULL)

**INTERMEDIATE YOGA:** Thursdays 9:00AM

ADVANCED YOGA: Tuesdays 10:00AM (CLASS IS CURRENTLY FULL)

BEGINNER BARRE: Tuesdays 11:15AM (CLASS IS CURRENTLY FULL)

ADVANCED BARRE: Mondays & Wednesdays 10:15AM (CLASS IS CURRENTLY FULL)

AEROBICS: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 8:10AM (CLASS IS CURRENTLY FULL) (NO CLASS 2/19)

TAP: Mondays 1:30PM

TAI CHI: Tuesdays 2:30PM (CLASS IS CURRENTLY FULL)

**ZUMBA:** Thursdays 11:15AM (CLASS IS CURRENTLY FULL)

LINE DANCING: Fridays 10:30AM (CLASS IS CURRENTLY FULL)

Register today with Nell, you can be put on a waitlist for any class that is currently full.

#### KINIMA-FIT: VIRTUAL FITNESS CLASSES

Dumbbell Weights- Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9:30AM Bring your own hand weights.

<u>Cardio Strength</u>- Tuesday & Thursday 11:30AM, Wednesdays 10:15AM Moderate full body exercise with cues and music.

YouTube Yoga – Fridays 10:15AM Seated yoga, great wind down.

Full Body Workout- Wednesday 2PM Standing exercises for arms & legs, core & cardio.

*Two forms need to be filled out before you join; check with Nell. All are welcome!* 



# February 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
8:10 Aerobics 8:45 Walking Group 9:30 Kinima: Weights 10:15 Advanced Barre 11:00 Mah Jongg 12:00 Seasoned Pickleball 12:00 Dominoes 12:30 Bingo 1:30 Tap Class 2:00 Hand & Foot 2:00 Rummikub	8:30 Seasoned Pickleball 9:00 Beginner Yoga 10:00 Advanced Yoga 10:00 Meditation 11:15 Beginner Barre 11:30 Kinima: Cardio 12:30 Discussion Group 1:00 Scrabble <b>1:30 Book Club</b> 2:00 SLN 2:00 Poker 2:30 Tai Chi	8:10 Aerobics 8:45 Walking Group 9:30 Kinima: Weights 10:15 Advanced Barre 10:15 Kinima: Cardio 11:00 Setback <b>11:30 Writer's Corner</b> 1:00 Hand & Foot <b>1:00 Jammers Concert</b> 1:00 Coloring Group 1:30 Ukulele For Fun 2:00 Kinima: Full Body 2:00 Intermediate Pickleball	8:30 Intermediate Pickleball 9:00 Intermediate Yoga 10:00 Chair Yoga I 10:00 Hook N' Needle <b>11:00 Black History in CT</b> <b>Lunch &amp; Presentation</b> 11:15 Zumba 12:30 Chair Yoga II 1:00 Canasta 1:00 Watercolors 2:30 Qigong	8:10 Aerobics 9:30 Kinima: Weights 10:15 YouTube Yoga 10:00 Shuffleboard 10:30 Line Dancing 11:00 Mah Jongg 12:45 Movie Matinee 1:00 Cribbage 1:00 Cornhole 1:00 Beginner Pickleball Lessons With Roger 2:00 Pinochle
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17	18	19	20	21
CANOE BROOK CLOSED	8:30 Seasoned Pickleball 9:00 Beginner Yoga 10:00 Advanced Yoga 10:00 Meditation 11:15 Beginner Barre 11:30 Kinima: Cardio 12:30 Discussion Group 1:00 Scrabble 2:00 SLN 2:00 Poker 2:30 Tai Chi	8:45 Walking Group 9:30 Kinima: Weights 10:15 Kinima: Cardio 10:15 Advanced Barre 11:00 Setback <b>11:30 Writer's Corner</b> 1:00 Hand & Foot 1:00 Jammers 1:00 Coloring Group 1:30 Ukulele For Fun <b>2:30 Wellness Series</b> 2:00 Kinima: Full Body 2:00 Intermediate Pickleball	8:30 Intermediate Pickleball 9:00 Intermediate Yoga <b>9:00 Garden Show Trip</b> 10:00 Chair Yoga I 10:00 Hook N' Needle 11:15 Zumba 11:30 Kinima: Cardio 12:30 Chair Yoga II 1:00 Canasta 1:00 Watercolors 2:30 Qigong	8:10 Aerobics 9:30 Kinima: Weights 10:00 Shuffleboard 10:15 YouTube Yoga 10:30 Line Dancing 11:00 Mah Jongg 12:45 Movie Matinee 1:00 Cribbage 1:00 Cornhole 1:00 Beginner Pickleball Lessons With Roger 2:00 Pinochle
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# **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**

## TRIP POLICIES:

- If you need transportation to the Center for a trip, please notify us when making your reservation.
- We accept cash, checks, or credit cards. Please make checks payable to: Canoe Brook-Town of Branford.
- Reservations are made by dropping off FULL payment to any staff member: check, cash, or credit card
- Full payment is due to secure your reservation (unless otherwise noted).
- If we receive your reservation and a trip is sold out we will notify you that you have been placed on a waiting list, and payment received will be returned to you.
- People will be seated together on busses and theaters as indicated when signing up.
- If a guest is traveling with you, list them as your guest and include their payment (in full) with your payment.
- <u>Note</u>: For day trips you need to <u>arrive at least 15 minutes prior to departure time</u>.

# **CANCELLATION POLICY**:

# If you cancel for any reason there will be no refund, unless there is a waitlist for the trip at the time of your cancellation.

# **DUES AND FEES:**

- Annual fee is \$8 (Renews one year from the date you join!)
- Fitness fee is \$24.00 and is payable twice a year; January and July (includes all fitness class: yoga, barre, tap dance, tai chi, aerobics and zumba)
- Activity fee is \$15.00 and is payable twice a year; January and July (includes our watercolors class and meditation)

TRANSPORTATION: YOU MUST CALL TIM FOR ALL TRANSPORTATION NEEDS Tim Kron (203)315-0681 email: tkron@branford-ct.gov

We had a wonderful New Years Eve Celebration! Thank you to our outstanding Ukulele group who performed and sang for us! It was a great celebration, cheers to 2025!



Thank you to our fabulous volunteers who all pitched in to make this years Chanukah Dinner a great success! The service was great, the food was delicious and the entertainment was excellent! Thank you to everyone who was a part of it!

Thank you to CHERI'S BAKERY for their generous donation of daily pastries! Stop in Monday-Friday for a free coffee and pastry! Yummy!

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