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REFUND POLICY

The following refund policy is in effect:

•If a program/activity is cancelled by The Parks & Recreation Dept., a full refund will be issued.

- To avoid classes being cancelled at the last minute due to insufficient enrollment & in order to accommodate waitlists, refund requests must be made no later than five(5) business days before a program begins.
- •Refunds are generally not given once a program has begun, however, in the event of injury or illness, a refund request will be considered if accompanied by a doctor's note. No refunds on tickets, trips or pool passes.
- •Absolutely no refunds will be given for any unused portion of a program/activity.
- •All refunds are subject to a \$10.00 processing fee.
- •When a program/activity is run by a third party vendor, no refunds will be given after 5 business days prior to the start of program/activity.
- •All refunds are issued back in the original payment format, except cash.



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Weather: If Branford Public Schools are cancelled or dismissed early, all Parks & Recreation programs and activities will be cancelled. If schools have a delayed

opening, programs will continue as scheduled, except for programs starting prior to 10am. Please note: If the BOE cancels their evening activities, it will be at the discretion of our Department to keep evening programs on as scheduled. For the most up to date information, please visit our website or call the office.



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Branford Parks & Recreation "SMOKE FREE POLICY"

"Smoking is prohibited at all properties under the control of the Branford Parks and Recreation Dept. at all times, including but not limited to: buildings, grounds, entrances, sidewalks, parking lots and beaches. Smoking is defined as the use of: cigarettes, pipes, cigars and other devices that produce smoke including electronic cigarettes and water pipes."



COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING CLASSES

- 1. If you do not feel well, stay home!
- 2. If you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days or if you have traveled within the last 10 days to a state on the "State of Connecticut Advisory List", please do not attend class. <u>https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Travel</u>
- Plan to arrive 10 minutes before class time to be checked in. All participants will have their temperature taken and will sanitize their hands. Any participant with a temperature of 99.5 or higher will be sent home and advised to contact their medical provider.
- 4. Please wear a mask or face covering. Parents /Adults must wear a mask at all times (children under the age of 3 years do not need to wear a mask).
- 5. Only those registered for the class may attend. If you are enrolled in a parent/child class, only one parent may attend with the child. Unfortunately at this time siblings are not able to attend.
- 6. Be prepared for limited access to public restrooms and water fountains. Prepare: "Go Before You Go".
- 7. Please be respectful of other participants.
- 8. Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to attending class.
- 9. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough/ sneeze into your sleeve.
- 10. All participants must adhere to social distancing requirements of 6 feet or more away from another participant.
- 11. The Parks and Recreation Dept. reserves the right to send any participant home for any reason.
- 12. If you test positive for COVID-19 and are currently registered for a class you will need to test negative before being able to participate in the program and no earlier than 10 days after you first test positive. Negative test results will be required to be submitted to the Director of the Department.
- 13. If you test positive, you must agree to cooperatively participate in any contact tracing program required by the Department of Health.
- 14. Questions related to these requirements may be directed to the Director or Assistant Director of Recreation.
- 15. The Parks and Recreation Department reserve the





COVID-19 PHYSICAL DISTANCING IN PUBLIC PARKS AND TRAILS

1. Do not use parks or trails if you are exhibiting symptoms, have been exposed to COVID-19 or have traveled to one of the states on Connecticut's Travel Advisory List.

2. Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to visiting parks and trails.

3. Be prepared for limited access to public restrooms and water fountains. Prepare before you visit: "Go Before You Go".

4. Share the trails/parks. Warn other users of your presence and wear your mask as you pass.

5. Avoid touching your face- eyes, nose, mouth. Be careful what you touch.

6. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough/ sneeze into your sleeve.

7. Observe CDC's minimum recommended physical and social distancing of 6 feet from other persons at all times.

8. Wash often for at least 20 seconds with soap and water. If soap is not available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer.

9. Wear a face covering or mask.

10. Take out what you take in, or use trash cans to dispose of trash. Do not throw trash on the ground.

11. Follow all posted signs.

Looking for a Gift Idea?

Looking for a clever gift idea? Need a last minute Valentine or birthday present? We have the answer..... **A Branford Parks & Recreation Gift Certificate** or "Spread A Little Sunshine" will make the perfect gift!!!!



Spread A Little Sunshine!!

Special Occasions, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Thinking of You, Congratulations, "Hang In There Sunshine", etc. Option 1: Spread A Little Sunshine with a personalized video. \$10.00 Option2: Spread A Little Sunshine by sending the Sunshine Mascot to a loved one. They will receive a special gift and some sunshine. \$25.00 *Call the office for details; restrictions apply.



Valentine's Cookie Decorating Kits:

Fee: \$25/kit Have fun decorating cookies in the comfort your own kitchen. "Sweets on Main" will supply a half dozen cookies, icing, sprinkles and instructions to create your own Valentine's masterpiece. Pick up kits on February 11th & 12th.

All orders need to be placed by February 8th.

Pre-order on or before February 8th Date:

Pick-up Date: Kits will be ready for pick up on February 11th & 12th At the Parks and Recreation Office from 7:30AM to 4:30PM



Kidscapades ZOOM Classes

Have fun creating with the Kidscapades staff. Class materials list & ZOOM link will be sent out a few days before the class begins so you can gather your supplies.

I Love You To Pieces!: Ages: 3-4 yrs.

Celebrating Valentine's Day with cute art projects made from puzzle pieces & handprints. Adult assistance is required with prep & projects.

Date	Time	Fee:
Wed. Feb. 10	10-10:30 AM	\$15

Valentine Science Ages: 5-8 yrs.

Mix, pour and fizz your way into Valentine's Day with Valentine theme related experiments. Hands on science fun with lots of erupting experiments!

Date Time Fee: Wed, Feb. 10 4:30-5 PM \$15

St. Patrick's Day Celebration Ages: 3-4 yrs.

A little art, a little science and a little sensory mixed into one class to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Date Time Fee: Wed. Mar. 17 10-10:30 AM \$15

Leprechaun Science: Ages: 5-8 yrs.

Children will create and investigate their own clouds, rainbow paper and a special Leprechaun potion eruption!

Date	Time	Fee:
Wed. Mar. 17	4:30-5 PM	\$15









Bedtime Stories with Ms. Jeanne:

Free

Have a special story read to your child by Miss Jean. Put on your PJ's, grab your favorite stuffed animal to curl up with and listen to a special story before bedtime. You will be signing up for 5 pre-recorded bedtime stories. Pre-registration is required. A link will be sent to you each Friday. Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 & Mar. 5

Special Hearts for Seniors & Veterans

Spread love this February! Take some time to create a Valentine's Day card to spread hugs and kisses for our community's Senior Citizens and Veterans. Drop Valentine in the "Red & White Heart" mailbox located at the Joe Trapasso Community House rear parking lot or mail to:

Branford Parks and Recreation 46 Church Street, Branford, CT. 06405 Letters will be delivered by Park & Recreation Staff

during the month of February. Deadline for cards is Feb. 26th. Our goal is to deliver 100 cards!



Send a "Heart Throb Gram"

Surprise your family, friends, co-worker or significant other with a "Heart Throb" gram. We will deliver 24 paper hearts on sticks that look like Valentine's Candy Conversation hearts along with a note, flower and some goodies. The "Heart Throbs" will be delivered February 10th, 11th and 12th between the hours of 9 AM-4 PM *Branford addresses only.

Toddler Reading and Craft Time: Ages: 1-5

THERE WAS AN (There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Rose! By Lucille Colandro. This story is the perfect way to celebrate February and Valentine's Day! When you sign up for this virtual class volume. this virtual class you will receive your very own copy of the book, craft supplies and a link to a read aloud and instructional video. Sign up before February 8th to ensure your spot. All supplies will be ready for pick up at the Parks and Recreation office on Thursday, February 11th.

Date: Register before Feb. 8th. Pick up materials on or after Feb. 11th.

Parent and Child Pre-School Soccer: Ages: 2.5 -3

Are you looking to get outside and be active? Here is your opportunity to introduce your child to the popular world sport of soccer. Weekly we will have fun teaching basic skills ie: dribbling

& passing. Classes are taught in an age appropriate & positive manner. Participants are asked to bring their own soccer ball & water with them. Come join in on the fun and get your little one moving! All COVID guidelines need to be followed. Adults are required to wear a mask at all times.

Date: Fridays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26 Location: Hammer Field

Time: 9:30-10 AM

Branford Parks & Recreation / Register online at branfordrecreation.org

Fee: \$10

Fee: \$15

Fee: \$25





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"JUKEBOX" Bingo at Home

From the comfort of your own home, join us for a night of BINGO with music. This is a fun interactive game. Can you guess the songs and unscramble the letters to get BINGO?! Prizes will be awarded. Zoom link and BINGO cards will be sent the morning of Feb. 11th. Pre-registration is

required by Feb. 10th!

DateTimeFee:Thurs. Feb. 116:30-7:30PMFree*Pre-registration is required. Space is limited.

Family Scavenger Hunt

Gather your family and join host, Colin Sheehan on ZOOM for a fun, fast paced virtual scavenger hunt that is loads of fun. Colin will ask for specific items around your home to be found and brought into the ZOOM meeting. May the fastest family win!

Date:	Time:	Fee
Thurs. Feb. 18	6:00PM	\$5
Thurs. Mar. 18	6:00 PM	\$5
*Pre-registration is	s required. Spac	e is limited



Do Your Best Training: Ages: 18+

Join us for a total body fitness class from the comfort of your own home. Personal Trainer, Jillian Temple will provide a full body work via ZOOM! Cardio, Strength Training, Stretching and cool down will make up each class. No equipment needed, just a little space and ZOOM capability to get your body moving. ZOOM links will be provided before each class.

Fee

\$30

Date:	Time:
Saturdays, Feb. 6,13,20, & 27	8:00-9:00 AM







Find the "Sweet Hearts" in the Parks:

Fee: Free

Can you find the all the sweet treats throughout the parks? Put the message together and submit to the Parks and Recreation office before February 28th to win a prize. Happy hunting. *Pre-registration is required to receive the clues.

Date: Hunting begins the week of February 15th.

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This winter, with your help, we will be filling the Branford Green with artistic snowmen and women! This can be done as a family activity, to promote a local business or organization, or just to show off your artistic skills!

Donate what you can (minimum of \$10) to reserve a spot. All proceeds will go towards our scholarship program fund. Register at <u>www.branfordrecreation.org</u> or by calling the office at 203-488-8304 and start building your snowman/snowwomen after February 1st.

You may use any materials that you would like (ie: wood, repurposed products, etc.). Please try to make sure that your snowperson is heavy enough to not blow away in the winter winds. Make sure they are properly staked into the ground.

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss~ Celebrate Dr. Seuss Day with us!

Dr. Seuss' Birthday is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on **March 2** — Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing together kids, teens, and books, and you can too!

The Branford Parks and Recreation staff are joining in on the fun by reading their favorite Dr. Seuss book. We will send you our videos throughout the first week of March.



Paint Your Own Pottery Kits for Fired Up!

Choose your pottery piece below or on line. Each piece comes with your choice of four paint colors: Additional paint colors can be purchased for \$1 each. Anything not painted will be a shiny white when fired.

St. Patrick's Day: (Pre-order by March 4th)

Date: Pick up your kit March 5th & return your painted piece back to our office before March 9th

Finished fired item will be available for pick up on March 17th

Item:	Fee:
Shamrock Dish:	\$22
Kiss Me I'm Irish 23 oz Mug:	\$30
24 oz. Beer Stein	\$32
Large Gnome	\$40



Easter: (Pre-order by March 22nd)

Date: Pick up your kit March 23th & return your painted piece back to our office before March 26th.

Finished fired piece will be available for pick up on April 1st.

Item:	Fee:	
Footed Egg Cup:	\$15	Easter
Rabbit Figurine:	\$22	Lastor
Bunny Plate	\$27	
Easter Egg Plate	\$30	
Egg Lantern	\$35	

Color choices: (4 included with each piece)



Parent/Child Valentine's Food Workshop

Fee:\$25 Join "The British Baker" for a fun afternoon in the kitchen. You make the cupcakes ahead of time. We will provide all the ingredients (you provide butter, oil and eggs) for this fun Valentine's class that will provide lots of goodies for the 14th! You will learn how to make professional looking chocolate covered strawberries and create all kinds of edible delights. Pre-registration is required by Feb. 9th

Date: Saturday, February 13th

Time: 1-2:30PM

Location: Your kitchen

6 Chocolate Covered Strawberries, 12 cupcakes, 2 different cookies and other goodies

NOTE: Pick up materials Friday, February 12th between 9AM and 4:30PM



Branford Parks & Recreation / Register online at branfordrecreation.org

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Think Summer.....It will be here before we know it!



Boating Certificate Course by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Boat America is a boating certificate class that offers an in-depth and interesting boating safety course, and provides the knowledge needed to obtain a boating certificate. This is an 8 hour course, approved by CT DEEP for CT boating license. Taught by USCG Auxiliary instructors. (Some insurance companies offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete this course). Course topics include:

Introduction to Boating: Types of power boats, boating vocabulary, sailboats, paddle boats, powering boats, and engine types.

Boating Law: Boat registration, regulations, hull identification numbers, required safety equipment, Federal boating law, state boating law, and reporting accidents.

Safety Equipment: Life jackets, fire extinguishers, sound-producing devices, visual distress signals, anchors, and other safety equipment.

Safe Operation & Navigation: Buoys and beacons, aids to navigation, navigation rules, docking, and the dangers of alcohol on the water.

Boating Emergencies: Hypothermia, boating accidents, man overboard, capsizing, emergency radio calls, carbon monoxide dangers, and weather.

Trailering: Types of trailers, lights, hitches, towing a trailer.

Sports & Boating: Water-skiing, hunting and hunting gear, PWC operation, and other boating tips.

DatesTimeFee:April 5th, 6th & 8th6:30PM-9PM\$60.00May 3rd, 4th & 6th6:30PM-9PM\$60.00Location:On line ZOOM interactive course.Space is limited.Register early!Link to course information:http://www.cgaux.org/boatinged/classes/2011/ba.php





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ALL ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO THE COMMUNITY DINING ROOM

MON-THUR, MAR 29, 30, 31 APR 1 DROP OFF 7:00A-4:30P BRANFORD PARKS AND RECREATION PLEASE CALL 203-488-8304 WITH ANY QUESTIONS

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Girls Softball Mike Barbour 203-843-4090

Flag Football Joe Ball 203-589-0085

Branford Walkers Leo Cristofar 203-214-5824

Branford Soccer Gary Sharp 203-500-0953

Girl Scouts of CT 800-922-2770

Branford Parks and Recreation Closings		
Mon.	Feb. 15th	President's Day
Fri.	Apr. 2nd	Good Friday
Mon.	May 31st	Memorial Day
Mon.	July 5th	Independence Day