

BRANFORD PARKS & RECREATION

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS 2021



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WHEREVER YOU GO!***





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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 waitlist, refund request must be made no later than five (5) business days before the 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 the program/activity.
- ◆ All refunds are issued back in the original payment format, except cash.

Weather

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

"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".

Registration & COVID 19 Information

Information in this brochure will continually be updated as additional information becomes available. Please check our website for updates or call the office at 203-488-8304.

Safety is our #1 priority. Guidelines have been put in place for each program with the safety of staff and program participants in mind. We ask that you adhere to all guidelines for our programs and activities.

How to Register

You can register by phone, in-person or on-line. Need help creating an account? Call the office at 203-488-8304 or visit us on-line at www.branfordrecreation.org and click on "Create an Account."

Registration Payment

Forms of payment: Cash, Check or Credit Card. VISA & Mastercard are accepted on-line, by mail and in-person. Cash payments are only accepted during office hours. If paying by check, please make checks or money orders payable to "Treasurer, Town of Branford." A \$20 fee will be assessed for returned checks.

All programming will follow State of CT Executive Orders, Local and Town as well as East Shore District Health Department for guidelines and protocols related to COVID-19. Please see your receipt/attachments for additional COVID-19 guidelines about each program.

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Branford Parks & Recreation Closings

Mon.	Sept. 6th	Labor Day
Mon.	Oct. 11th	Columbus Day
Wed.	Nov. 11th	Veteran's Day
Thurs.	Nov. 25th & 26th	Thanksgiving Holiday
Thur.	Dec. 23rd	Christmas Holiday office closes at noon
Fri.	Dec. 24th	Christmas Eve
Sat.	Dec. 25th	Christmas
Thurs.	Dec. 30th	New Years Holiday Office closes at noon
Fri.	Dec. 31st	New Year's Eve
Sat.	Jan. 1st	Happy New Year 2022!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

HOOPS AT THE Q-HOUSE: Grades: K-1st.

Instructor: Coach Vic & The Park and Recreation Staff

Learn basic skills for the game of basketball in a non-traditional way. Participants will have fun running, dribbling, shooting, and more! Please wear sneakers and bring your own water bottle. PLEASE PICK ONLY ONE SESSION

Session 1 - Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Tues. Nov. 30-Jan. 11	4:00 PM-4:45 PM	\$60	Joe Trapasso Gym
Note: No class 12/28			

Session 2- Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Thurs. Dec. 2-Jan. 20	4:00 PM-4:45 PM	\$60	Joe Trapasso Gym
Note: No class 12/23, 12/30			



KIDS CRAFT CLASSES

NEW

Re-Loved Designs Presents:

KIDS WINTER WONDERLAND GARDEN CLASS: Grades: K & Up

Spend the afternoon with Courtney creating a winter wonderland garden in person. Each child will paint & decorate a mini house and use their imagination to design the rest of their winter landscape. All supplies are included. Kits are available for purchase with instructions if you would like to create in the comfort of your own home or makes a great gift!

Instructor: Courtney Rosenberg

Date:	Time:	Location:	Fee:
Wed. Dec. 1	4:00 PM-5:30 PM	Joe Trapasso Community House	\$25
Wed. Dec. 15	4:00 PM-5:30 PM	Joe Trapasso Community House	\$25
Kit orders: Must be purchased by Dec. 1 (pick up by December 10th)			\$25



TODDLER & ME CREATIVE MOVEMENT: Ages: 18 mos.-3 yrs.

Instructor: Paola Rarick

Come join us for a dynamic creative movement class that teaches toddler the joy of music and dance. The toddlers will be accompanied by an adult who takes the class with them. This is a wonderful bonding experience and great way to ease them into new environments.

Session1:

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Tues. Nov. 16-Dec. 7	9:00 AM-9:30 AM	\$55	Studio One



BEGINNER UKULELE CLASS

Instructor: Phyllis Nolan, Grades: 3rd-5th

Learn to play this wonderful instrument. The Ukulele will make you smile. Easy to learn and so rewarding. You will be able to play a song before you leave the first class. Come and join this fun class. Must bring a ukulele, tuner and notebook to class.

DATE: Classes coming in Jan. 2022



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LEGACY THEATRE ARTS PROGRAMS



We are excited to partner with Legacy Theatre to offer many opportunities to the community to expand your creative arts and theatre experiences. Join a class today!



LEGACY THEATRE'S TOTS & TODDLER, DANCE, STORYTIME & DRAMA: Ages: 2-5yrs.

Instructor: Legacy Theatre Staff

We will explore making sounds (range, diction, volume, pace), moving our bodies, expressing our feelings through the vehicle of storytelling. Children & parents work with the Instructor to create a story (possibly based on a favorite, possibly original) to showcase during the final class at the Legacy Theatre, March 19th!

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Sat. January 15- March 19	9:30 AM- 10 AM	\$100	Joe Trapasso Community House

LEGACY THEATRE'S SHAKESPEARE FOR TEENS: Ages: 13yrs.-18yrs.

Instructor: Legacy Theatre Staff

Explore the world of Shakespeare and learn Classical Audition material that will enhance your personal repertoire and opportunities in the world of Acting and Drama History. The class will showcase classical monologues and scenes in a public performance during the final class, March 19th at the Legacy Theatre!

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Sat. January 15- March 19	1:00 PM-2:00 PM	\$200	Joe Trapasso Community House

LEGACY THEATRE'S ADULT IMPROV CLASS: Ages: 18+

Instructor: Legacy Theatre Staff

Enjoy the exploration of Improvisational Acting in fun and engaging scenes and exercises. Improve presentational skills and confidence through the art of acting with theatre professional instructors! The final class meeting will showcase scenes at the Legacy's Theatre, March 19!

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Sat. January 15- March 19	3:30 PM-4:30 PM	\$200	Joe Trapasso Community House

LEGACY THEATRE'S CABARET CLASS FOR ADULTS: Ages: 18+

Instructor: Broadway's Allison Thomas Lee & Legacy Theatre Staff

Join Broadway's Allison Thomas Lee (Broadway: In the Heights, The Addams Family) with a piano accompanist exploring different ways to sell a song of any style within a group cabaret performance. Participants will have the opportunity to sing their chosen solo pieces & receive feedback. The class will end with a public performance during the final class, March 19! All talent levels welcome!

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Sat. January 15- March 19	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	\$300	Joe Trapasso Community House

LEGACY THEATRE'S WHEEL LIFE THEATRE TROUPE:

Instructor: Jamie Petrone

Introducing a theatre troupe for those who ambulate with crutches or use wheelchairs and their siblings! Taught by THISAbility's Jamie Petrone, the troupe will meet weekly and perform at the Legacy Theatre on August 24th at 2pm. For more information please contact Keely Baisedn Knudsen at Keely@LegacyTheatreCT.org Note: Pre-registration is required!



Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Saturdays Nov-June	10:30 AM-11:30 AM	FREE	Joe Trapasso Community House

LEGACY THEATRE ARTS PROGRAMS



LEGACY THEATRE'S VETERAN'S IMPROV GROUP: Ages: 18+

Instructor: Mary Lou Laurecelli, Drama Therapist

Class open to Veterans. Class will explore comedy and improv, and the final class meeting will showcase the work over the course of the term on June 26th at 2pm at the Legacy Theatre! Interested in working on being more in the moment? Improving your listening skills? Building confidence? Connecting with others? While at the same time flexing your creative muscles? Learning to play again? And having fun? Come join the Legacy's `improv group open to military veterans.



Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Sat. Jan. 15–Jun. 26	12:00 PM–1:30 PM	Free	Joe Trapasso Community House

ENRICHMENT / ZOOM CLASSES WITH KIDSCAPADES

KIDSCAPADES: Have fun creating with the Kidscapades staff. A class materials list and ZOOM link will be sent out a few days before class so you can gather your supplies. *NOTE: Adult participation/supervision required.*

GRINCH DAY:

Ages 3–4

Don't let the Grinch steal Christmas. Kidscapades will lead this fun filled class of Grinch activities! Each child will pour and mix their own bag of magic Grinch dust! Complete with directions on where and when to sprinkle the magic dust to keep the Grinch away. We then stir up a cup of exploding Grinch punch to help keep the Christmas magic in the air!

Date:	Time:	Fee:
Wed. Dec. 1	10:00 AM–10:30 AM	\$15

GRINCH DAY:

Ages 5–8

Don't let the Grinch steal Christmas. Kidscapades will lead this fun filled class of Grinch activities! Each child will pour and mix their own bag of magic Grinch dust! Complete with directions on where and when to sprinkle the magic dust to keep the Grinch away. We then stir up a cup of exploding Grinch punch to help keep the Christmas magic in the air!

Date:	Time:	Fee:
Wed. Dec. 1	4:00 PM–4:30 PM	\$15

GINGERBREAD BABY:

Ages 3–4

Based on the classic story Gingerbread Baby by Jan Brett we will take a quick story walk to familiarize the children with the Gingerbread Baby, if they have not already met the little rascal. The rest of class will be spent engaging in gingerbread baby centered activities. A Zoom link and materials list will be emailed.

Date:	Time:	Fee:
Wed. Dec. 8	10:00 AM–10:30 AM	\$15

COOKIE KITS AND COOKING CLASSES

Holiday Cookie Decorating Kits:

Have fun decorating your very own cookies in the comfort your kitchen. **"Sweets on Main"** will supply a half dozen cookies, icing, sprinkles and instructors to create your own masterpiece.

Thanksgiving:

Date: Pre-order before Nov. 19

Fee: \$25

Kit Pick-up: Nov. 22 or Nov. 23

7:30 PM-4:30 PM

Christmas:

Date: Pre-order before Dec. 17

Fee: \$25

Kit Pick-up: Dec. 21 or Dec. 22

7:30 PM-4:30 PM



MARY'S CULINARY COOKING CLASSES



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Ages: 6 yrs.-13 yrs.

Instructor: Mary Amter

Put your aprons on and learn some culinary skills while you make a delicious meal. Join Mary in the kitchen for a unique hands-on culinary experience that will engage children in creating delicious dinners and desserts. Participants will explore, create, and learn basic cooking techniques! They will enjoy each meal they cook with some left overs to take home. Class size is limited and social distancing and masks will be required.

Ziti Bolognese & Sugar Cookie Green and Red Fudge

Date:
Thurs. December 2

Time:
4:30 PM-6:30 PM

Fee:
\$40

Location:
Joe Trapasso Community House

Red and Green Greek Quesadillas & Reindeer Rice Krispy and Grinch Bites

Date:
Mon. December 13

Time:
4:30 PM-6:30 PM

Fee:
\$40

Location:
Joe Trapasso Community House



"No one is born a great cook, one learns by doing!"

BRANFORD PARKS & RECREATION SHORELINE THEATRE COMPANY

BRANFORD PARKS AND RECREATION



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www.shorelinetheatrecompany.com



Winter Theatre Camp

Tickets on sale beginning Nov. 1st
For tickets visit

www.branfordrecreation.org or 203-488-8304

Show:

December 17th 7:00 pm

December 18th 1:00 pm

Tickets are \$12.00 each

ELF JR. THE MUSICAL:

Fee: \$300

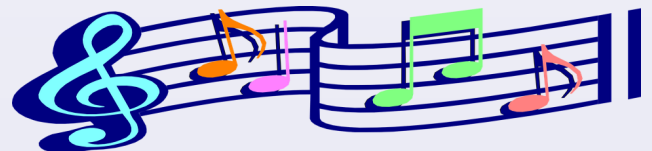
Under the direction of Colin Sheehan & Mike Martone, participants will learn and have the opportunity to work together to perform in a musical production of ELF, JR. This production is based on the beloved holiday film, this hilarious fish-out-of-water comedy follows Buddy the Elf in his quest to find his true identity. Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human, until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity.

Date: Tues/Thurs/Sat Nov. 9th-Dec. 9th

Time: Tues/Thurs. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Sat. 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Location: Joe Trapasso Community House

Performance Dates: Dec. 10th @ 7:00 PM Dec. 11th @ 1:00 PM



Branford Shoreline Theatre Company (STC) started in the Spring of 2018 as a discussion with The Branford Parks and Recreation Department to try and fill a void in our community as we felt more performing arts opportunities should be available for people of all ages. Our first show, Hairspray, had a cast of 60 from 10 different towns ranging in age from 13-70. We also offered a summer theatre camp experience for 2nd through 8th graders that concluded with performances of Aladdin Jr. Due to the success of the summer theatre camp, we then offered a Winter camp opportunity with the production of Elf Jr. In one year our number of campers have doubled for this Summer's production of Alice in Wonderland Jr.

The community has been very supportive of us and we look forward to offering a wide array of shows with different sizes of cast members and immersive experiences for audiences in the future. We hope that The Branford Parks & Recreation STC continues to influence and inspire everyone that experiences a production with us whether it be onstage, behind the scenes or as a spectator. Thank YOU for supporting THE ARTS! Visit our website at www.shorelinetheatrecompany.com to learn more about us and view our gallery of previous productions.

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CREATIVE CLASSES FOR ADULTS

NEW



YARN TREES CRAFT CLASS: Ages: 18+

Come spend your evening with Courtney creating a set of three staggered sized yarn trees. Participants will choose from an assortment of yarn colors to design your very own beautiful holiday décor. These trees make a beautiful mantle display or centerpiece. All materials are provided. Sets consist of 1 felt leaf tree, 2 yarn trees, embellishments & starfish topper. Feel free to bring your dinner with you to class.

Instructor: Courtney Rosenberg

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Mon. Nov. 29	6:00 PM-8:30 PM	\$52	Joe Trapasso Community House
Tues. Nov. 30	6:00 PM-8:30 PM	\$52	Joe Trapasso Community House

HOLIDAY SHELL TREE CRAFT CLASS: Ages: 18+

Come spend your evening with Courtney creating a perfect coastal tree complete from shells. You can choose to decorate your tree with embellishments. All supplies will be provided. These beautiful trees make a great gift or the perfect decoration. Feel free to bring your dinner with you to class.

Instructor: Courtney Rosenberg

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Wed. Nov. 17	6:00 PM-8:00 PM	\$30	Joe Trapasso Community House
Wed. Dec. 1	6:00 PM-8:00 PM	\$30	Joe Trapasso Community House

JEWELRY MAKING CLASSES 18+

Instructor: Phyllis Nolan

Join Phyllis as she shares her passion for making jewelry from sea glass & sea shells. Instructions & all materials are included. Makes a great holiday gift!



Wire Wrap Glass or Shell Ornament

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Mon. Nov. 22	6:00 PM-7:30 PM	\$40	Joe Trapasso Community House

NEW

ADULT PAINT NIGHT 18+

Join us for a fun evening creating this winter masterpiece!

Pam from Pams Picasso's will give step by step instruction. No experience necessary. We will use acrylic paint on a 16" x 20" canvas. Supplies included.

Grab a friend and let's get creative!

Instructor: Pam Halligan of Pam's Picasso's

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Friday, Dec. 10	6:30 PM-8:30PM	\$35	Joe Trapasso Community House



ADULT CARD & TILE GAMES AND LESSONS

"COMMONLY USED CONVENTIONS"

Instructor: Donald Brueggemann

The class will usually cover 2 different conventions at each session, if time permits additional topics can be included. There will be pre-arranged hands to illustrate the topics covered in each class session. A "convention" is "An understanding between partners that would not ordinarily be understood by the opponents in the absence of an explanation. A convention, in contrast to a treatment, is a bid that gives or requests information unrelated to the denomination named. A convention is also a call or play with a defined meaning, which may be artificial." There is more to most conventions than people realize – bids that seem simple have multiple variations and responses, as well as partnership agreements that can change and enlarge on the meaning of responses. The language of Bridge is confined to 7 numbers and 9 words, so it is important to put as much meaning into each of those numbers and words as possible – which is why conventions are so important in communicating with partner. However, there is a limit to conventions that can be used in certain levels of competition, as outlined in the ACBL Convention Charts.



Date:
Fridays, Nov 19 Dec 3, 10, 17

Time:
10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Fee:
\$45

Location:
Joe Trapasso Community House

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE!

Instructor: Rick Seaburg

This course will focus on Competitive Bidding. If you've taken the first course, are returning to bridge, or need some brushing up on your bidding in competition, this is the course for you. The course will cover preemptive bids, overcalls and advances, take out doubles and advances and the competitive auction. There will be class discussion of several hands on each topic as well as playing hands involving the current topics.

Date:
Mondays, Nov 22-Jan 10

Time:
10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Fee:
\$90

Location:
Joe Trapasso Community House

MAHJONG

Instructor: Allison Friday

Learn how to play the American version of the Chinese tile-based game. This game is a fun exciting and challenging game. In this six week class, participants will learn the basics: set up, play and scoring.

Date:
Wed. Nov. 10- Dec. 15
Note: No Class 11/24

Time:
6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Fee:
\$50

Location:
Joe Trapasso Community House

Wed. Jan. 12-Feb. 16

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

\$60

Joe Trapasso Community House



ADULT PROGRAMS

Staying Fit “Do Your Best Training” with Personal Trainer Jill Temple



BEACH WORKOUT AT BRANFORD POINT:

Do your best training with personal trainer Jill Temple.

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Sat. Nov. 6-Nov. 27	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	\$100	Branford Point

ADULT FITNESS CLASSES: SUNRISE WORKOUTS

Looking to get in shape or continue to tone your body? Start your day the best way with an indoor workout that is fun and challenging.

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Tues./Thurs. Nov. 16-Dec. 14	6:30 AM-7:30 AM	\$100	Joe Trapasso Community House

Note: No class 11/25

ADULT KEEP MOVING EXERCISE CLASSES:

Looking to get in shape or continue to tone your body? Start your afternoon in the best way with an indoor workout that is fun and challenging.

SESSION 1:

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Wed. Nov. 10-Dec. 1	1:00 PM-1:45 PM	\$65	Joe Trapasso Community House

SESSION 2:

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Wed. Dec. 8-Dec. 29	1:00 PM-1:45 PM	\$65	Joe Trapasso Community House

TABATA LUNCHTIME CLASS:

Join this 30 min Tabata music style class. A tabata workout is 8 cycles of exercise where you work hard for 20 sec and then rest for 10 sec. A great cardio...get your heart rate high type of class. Each exercise has a different song. All abilities welcome, advanced or new to exercising, we loved to work out with you!

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Tue. Nov. 16-Dec. 14	12:30 PM-1:00 PM	\$40	Joe Trapasso Community House

The Tabata circuit system

One circuit = 30 sec



20 sec
Exercise

+



10 sec
Rest

ADULT PROGRAMS

CARDIO KICKBOXING:

INSTRUCTOR: Annie Lyons

Do you like to sweat? If so, then this is your class! Learn kickboxing techniques in a high intensity, high calorie-burning workout covering footwork, balance, endurance, body strength training and stretching. This is a full body workout. No experience needed. Please bring a mat and a water bottle with you to each class.

Class taught by Annie Lyons, Kickboxing Instructor

DATE:	TIME:	FEE:	LOCATION:
Wed. Nov. 17 to Dec. 22	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	\$60	Joe Trapasso Community House



SOUL CHILL YOGA FOR ALL:

Instructor: Sally Noel

Classes focus on stress relief and releasing tension while promoting key strength and balance. Along with movement and poses, beginning meditation, breath awareness and relaxation is taught. All welcome, practiced and beginners alike. Modifications offered for all to enjoy. Please bring a mat or towel, and a water bottle.

Session 1:

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Tues. Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1	10 AM-11 AM	\$50	Joe Trapasso Community House
	7 PM-8 PM	\$50	Joe Trapasso Community House

Session 2:

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Tues. Feb. 8, 15 Mar. 1, 8	10 AM-11 AM	\$50	Joe Trapasso Community House
	7 PM-8 PM	\$50	Joe Trapasso Community House

Session 3:

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Tues. Mar. 15, 22, 29, Apr. 5	10 AM-11 AM	\$50	Joe Trapasso Community House
	7 PM-8 PM	\$50	Joe Trapasso Community House



NOVEMBER SCHEDULE:

Join us for hikes in town and out of town and enjoy the great outdoors, socialization, exercise and more! Walks meet at 8:45 AM and hiking starts at 9:00 AM from the site locations. All hikers must practice social distancing. If you wish to stay for lunch, bring a bag lunch and a folding chair. Questions about individual hikes should be addressed to the walk leader. Please check the website for updated schedules, directions and times or call the office. Questions about individual hikes should be addressed to the group leader

Website: www.branfordrecreation.org

Office: 203-488-8304

Date:

Nov. 5th
Nov. 12th
Nov. 19th

Location:

Branford Trail Loop #6
Branford Trail Loop #7
Branford Trail Loop #8

Walk Leader:

Geoffrey Smith
Geoffrey Smith
Geoffrey Smith

Contact #:

203-488-3352
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SPECIAL EVENTS & FAMILY



DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHTS

Ages: All/Family

Join us for fun in the parking lot to kick off the holidays this fall and winter. Enjoy a classic holiday movie from the comfort of your car (or parking spot)! Together with the Peanuts Gang, we will celebrate Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Popcorn will be included.

A CHARLIE BROWN THANKSGIVING:

It will be fun watching the Peanuts gang as Peppermint Patty invites herself and her friends over to Charlie Brown's for Thanksgiving, and with Linus, Snoopy, and Woodstock, he attempts to throw together a Thanksgiving dinner. Please bring a can good to fill the shelves at the Community Dining Room for this Thanksgiving season.

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Monday, Nov. 15	6:00 PM	\$10/ car	Foote Memorial Park Parking Lot

A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS:

Join us to kick off the holiday season with the Peanuts Gang! Charlie Brown is repelled by all the commercialist he sees around him, so he sets out to find the true meaning of Christmas. Please bring a Christmas card for a Senior.

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Monday, Dec. 13	6:30 PM	\$10/ car	Foote Memorial Park Parking Lot



BRANFORD PARKS & RECREATION HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Write to Santa

Live 1 on 1 Video Chat with Santa

Holiday Cookie Decorating

Santa's Workshop

Calls to Santa

Celebrate Hanukkah

Holiday Tree Lighting and Parade

Light up Branford ~ "Reindeer
Route"

Holiday Family Scavenger Hunt

Santa Gift Delivery

Peppermint the Elf

Fill a Box Food Drive

Holiday Movie Night!

And much much more!!!!



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NORTH POLE



BRANFORD PARKS & RECREATION



North Pole Experience

with
Santa



Join us for a NORTH POLE Experience...

Santa's Workshop is Open!

Sunday, December 5th
11:30am-1:30pm

Joe Trapasso Community House



See SANTA and other special guests up close.

You will be able to talk to Santa, play in some reindeer games, deliver your letter to Santa in his official "North Pole Mailbox", check to see if you are on the "Nice List", become one of Santa's Helpers, work in his workshop and earn your Elf Hat, receive some special reindeer food, meet Rudolph and much more!!
(masks will be required)

Mrs. Claus and her elves will have a sweet treat for each child.

Space is limited! Register early to reserve your spot!

\$10.00 per child (ages 1-12)

Visit www.branfordrecreation.org to register or call the office Monday-Friday 7:30a-4:30p



***Show Santa and his workshop friends some
Christmas Spirit!***

***Wear Christmas shirt, sweater, pajamas,
dress, etc.***

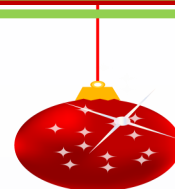
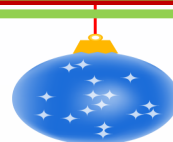
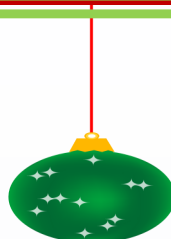
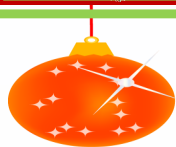
Don't forget your camera!



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NORTH POLE



"NOON" YEARS EVE PARTY

Join us for a New Year's Eve Countdown to "Noon" Party! Open to boys and girls ages 6-11 years old. Ring in the 2021 New Year with us at the Branford Parks & Recreation Department. Join us for a fun party to ring in the New Year at noon! A celebration complete with pizza, snacks, party favors, music and more!

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location
Wed. Dec. 29	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	\$15.00	Joe Trapasso Community House

Santa Hotline: Ages 2-10 yrs.

Would you like to chat with Santa? HoHoHo!! Please register to have Santa call your child. Please register by December 3.

Date	Time
Mon. Dec. 6	6:30 PM-8 PM
Tue. Dec. 7	6:30 PM-8 PM
Wed. Dec. 8	6:30 PM-8 PM

Write to Santa:

Write a letter to Santa telling him your Christmas wishes. Drop it off in Santa's special mailbox located at the Joe Trapasso Community House **Red and White Santa Mailbox** or mail to: **Branford Parks and Recreation**

Santa Claus, North Pole

46 Church Street, Branford, CT. 06405

Letters will be delivered to Santa and he will send a personalized letter to your home. Please include your child's full name & your address. Hurry as Santa will be accepting letters Nov. 29th-Dec. 19th.

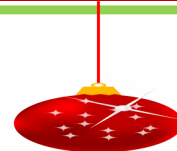
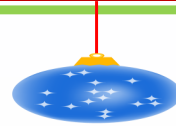
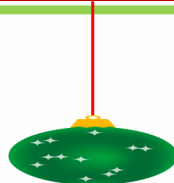
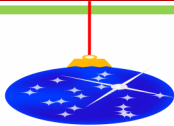
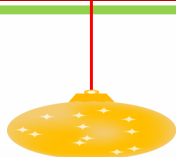
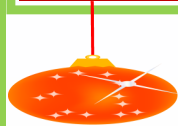
Bedtime Stories with Mrs. Claus:

Have a special story read to your child by Mrs. Claus all the way from the North Pole! What a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday season! (Links will be sent the morning of. Pre-registration is required for each night.

Dates: Dec. 3rd Dec. 10th Dec. 17th Dec. 24th Dec. 25th



NORTH POLE



Live 1 on 1 Video with Santa

Your child will have a live 5 minute interaction with Santa! They will see Santa at the North Pole, share Christmas wishes with Santa and ask a few questions. Video recording included. (You will receive a ZOOM link with time after registering.) Must register by Dec. 18th.

Date:	Time:	Fee:
Mon. Dec 20	5:30 PM-7 PM	\$18
Tues. Dec. 21	5:30 PM-7 PM	\$18



Holiday Family Scavenger Hunt

Gather your family around the ZOOM Yule Log to play with our host, Colin Sheehan. This virtual scavenger hunt will be fun, fascinating, fast-paced and FESTIVE. Colin will ask for specific items around your home to be found and brought into the ZOOM meeting. May the fastest family win! A family Price will be awarded. *Pre-registration is required.

Dates:	Time:	Fee:
Dec. 15th	6:30PM	\$Free

Holiday Cookie Decorating Kits:

Have fun decorating your very own cookies in the comfort your kitchen. "Sweets on Main" will supply a half dozen cookies, icing, sprinkles and instructors to create your own masterpiece.

Date: Pre-order before Dec. 17 **Fee:** \$25 **Kit Pick-up:** Dec. 21 or Dec. 22



Cards for Seniors & Holiday Heroes:

Looking for ways to spread a little holiday cheer this season and feel good doing so? Take the time to help create a holiday card (or premade is ok) and share in the joy of spreading cheer and the true meaning of the holiday season. Cards should be delivered to the Parks & Recreation Department and put in the black mailbox located at the rear main entrance, or you can mail it to Branford Parks & Recreation, 46 Church Street, Branford, CT. 06405. We will be sure to get them to those who could use some extra Holiday Cheer! Deadline is Dec.20 Our goal is to deliver 100 cards!

Holiday Pottery with Fired-Up:

Safe holiday fun for the whole family as you create a Holiday Pottery Piece with the staff from Fired Up! You never know who might show up....HO HO HO Have fun painting your own holiday pottery piece. Keep it for yourself, or give as a gift.

Date:	Time:	Fee:	Location:
Sat. Dec. 4	10:00 AM	\$30	Joe Trapasso Community House

North Pole

Peppermint, The Parks and Recreation Elf will be visiting the Shops in the Center of Town.

Be sure to watch for clues to be released each day to see if you can spy where he might be!

Be the first to spot him and submit a selfie for a chance to win a prize.

The more selfies you submit, the more chances to win!

Share a special wish with him so that he can deliver it back to the North Pole.

Have fun!

Peppermint will be in town Dec.1st to Dec. 12th

(Pre-register before Nov. 29th in order to received the daily clue)



HANUKKAH

Hanukkah Bedtime Stories

Curl up for a bedtime story. Children will listen to a story in the comfort of their own home. (Links will be sent the morning of). Pre-registration is required for each night.

Date:

- Dec. 9 The Night Before Hanukkah
- Dec. 12 Latke, The Lucky Dog
- Dec. 13 Hanukkah Bear
- Dec. 15 Meet the Latke



Latke Making with Mindy:

Instructor: Mindy Baker, BHS

Description Here:

Date:

Mon. Nov. 29th

Time:

4:30 PM

Fee:

\$30

Location:

Joe Trapasso Community House



NORTH POLE



Santa Gift



Delivery

Branford Parks & Recreation & Branford Firefighters Christmas Delivery! *"Everyone is a kid at heart!"*

Imagine how excited your child or that special adult will be to have Santa Claus arrive at their house on a fire engine this 2021 Christmas season with a special gift!

Santa Claus is coming to town to spread some holiday cheer while helping to support the Branford Parks & Recreation Department and the Branford Fire Department. Santa Claus will hand deliver gifts on a fire-truck to residents of Branford. He can only make deliveries to Branford addresses, but that doesn't mean that you have to live in Branford to surprise someone with Santa at their front door. How about having Santa deliver a special gift to someone special? Space is limited, reserve your spot now.

How it works: Submit a completed registration form on-line or by calling the office at 203-488-8304. Drop off your pre-wrapped small gift (no bigger than a shoebox, large gifts will not be accepted) to the Branford Parks and Recreation Office, 46 Church Street no later than December 11th. One delivery address per form.
(Note: hours of operation: Monday – Friday 7:30 AM-4:30 PM)

Fee: \$25.00 per household. Cash, credit card or checks, payable to Treasurer, Town of Branford, are accepted.

Gifts: Drop off your pre-wrapped *small* gift clearly labeled with the recipient's name. (Gifts should be no bigger than a shoebox, large gifts will **NOT** be accepted) Gifts dropped off that are not wrapped or labeled will not be delivered. Once delivery routes have been made they cannot be changed.

Delivery Dates: Week of December 13. Dates and times will be emailed prior.

NOTE: Schedule is subject to change due to weather and/or emergency calls.

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www.branfordrecreation.org

LIGHT-UP BRANFORD

LIGHT UP BRANAFORD ~ 2021

Do you love to decorate for holidays? Be part of Branford's Reindeer Route! Let's "Light Up" Branford for the holidays. Register your house/business to get on the **"Reindeer Route"** and share your holiday spirit!

Prizes awarded for Most Creative, Holiday Spirit, Colorful, Original and more!!!

Decorate, Be Creative, and share your holiday lights!!!
(open to Branford's Residents and business owners only)
Call the office today to register. 203.488.8304



Thank you for "Lighting Up" Branford and spread holiday cheer!!!

www.branfordrecreation.org

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



BRANFORD PARKS & RECREATION INVITES ALL TO THE *Annual Holiday Tree Lighting & Parade*

Come join the fun and celebrate the holiday season!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2021

(RAIN DATE SUNDAY, Tree Lighting only Nov. 28th)

Small Business Saturday ~ Shop Local 10 AM-6 PM

***Note Time Change 6:30 PM**



Kick off the holiday season with an evening of festive lights and holiday cheer as the Branford Parks & Recreation Department invites everyone to the Annual Tree Lighting & Parade on the Branford Town Green. This year the parade will step off at 6:30 PM from Branford High School and march down East Main & Main Street, concluding with the tree lighting on the town green. All are welcomed to line the parade route. Those who would like to join in on the fun and participate in the parade, carrying a festive banner, creating a float, or wearing holiday costumes, are required to submit a participation form, which can be found online at: www.branfordrecreation.org. Forms must be received no later than Friday, November 19, 2021. All marchers MUST submit a form and follow all parade rules.

Schedule of Events

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM ~ Shop Small Business Saturday - Shop Branford Local!

6:30 PM ~ Parade Kickoff

7:15 PM ~ Holiday Tree Lighting

Bring a non-perishable food item to benefit the Branford Food Council. *HELP US FILL THE CARTS!*

For more information visit www.branfordrecreation.org or call 203-488-8304

Special thanks to Branford Public Works, Branford Police & Fire Departments, the Town of Branford, Main Street Merchants, J. Witkowsky & Sons Tree Service, Guilford Fence, VanWilgen's Garden Center, Flower Wonderland and the many volunteers for making this a wonderful holiday community event.

****Note: All events are subject to change.***



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

First Night **Branford** 2022

BONFIRE NIGHT

Friday January 7th

6:00 PM -7:30 PM

Branford Town Green



JOIN US!

THERE WILL BE FREE ENTERTAINMENT COMPLETE WITH A BONFIRE,
AN ICE CARVING, S'MORES AND MORE!

**Note: All events are subject to change.*



"FILL A BOX"

Please purchase low sodium items when available.

- Nov 29: Can of Soup
- Nov 30: Wheat Pasta
- Dec 1: Beef Broth
- Dec 2: Can of Vegetables
- Dec 3: Applesauce (Unsweetened)
- Dec 4: Auntie Annies Mac and Cheese or Organic
- Dec 5: Chicken Broth
- Dec 6: Jar of Pasta Sauce
- Dec 7: Can of Diced Tomatoes
- Dec 8: Can of Chicken
- Dec 9: Oatmeal (Individual Packets)
- Dec 10: Can of Beans
- Dec 11: Peanut Butter
- Dec 12: Oil (Olive or Vegetable)
- Dec 13: Bag of Dried Beans, Peas or Lentils
- Dec 14: Bag/Box of Rice (Brown)
- Dec 15: Jar of Salsa
- Dec 16: Lite Salad Dressing
- Dec 17: Pancake Mix
- Dec 18: Tea Bags
- Dec 19: Can of Coffee
- Dec 18 & 20: Drop Off Your Box

**Please join the Branford Parks and Recreation Department for our
2nd Annual "Fill A Box" to support the
Community Dining Room during the Holidays.**

**Boxes can be dropped off at the
Joe Trapasso Community House 7-4p,
Drop off days are Saturday, December 18, 8:00am-12:00pm.**

Monday, December 20, 7:00am-4:00pm.

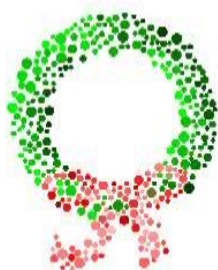
**Please email recreation@branford-ct.gov or
call 203-488-8304 with any questions.**



HAVE YOU BEEN NAUGHTY
OR NICE THIS YEAR?



WHAT IS THE BEST GIFT
YOU HAVE FOUND IN
YOUR CHRISTMAS
STOCKING?



DO YOU PREFER
HOT COCOA OR
EGG NOG?



WHAT IS YOUR
FAVORITE
CHRISTMAS
COOKIE?



WHAT IS THE
WORST PRESENT
YOU HAVE
RECEIVED?



WHEN DO YOU START
PLAYING CHRISTMAS
MUSIC?



IF YOU COULD FIND ANY
PET UNDER YOUR
CHRISTMAS TREE WHAT
WOULD IT BE?

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE
CHRISTMAS MOVIE?



WHAT IS YOUR
CHRISTMAS WISH?



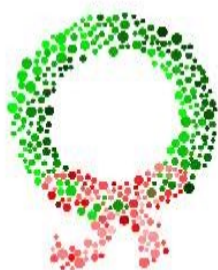
WOULD YOU RATHER
GET A LOT OF SMALL
PRESENTS OR ONE BIG
PRESENT?



BESIDES CHRISTMAS WHAT
IS YOUR FAVORITE
HOLIDAY?



WOULD YOU RATHER
HAVE IT BE COLD AND
SNOW ON CHRISTMAS
OR IT BE WARM AND
SUNNY?



WHEN DO YOU
OPEN YOUR
CHRISTMAS
GIFTS?



DO YOU PREFER A
REAL
CHRISTMAS TREE
OR AN ARTIFICIAL
TREE?



HOW DO YOU SPREAD
CHISTMAS CHEER?



HOW WOULD YOU
DECORATE A
SNOWMAN?



DO YOU PREFER WHITE
LIGHTS OR COLORED
LIGHTS ON YOUR
CHRISTMAS TREE?

WHAT DO YOU LEAVE
OUT AS A SPECIAL
TREAT FOR SANTA
AND HIS REINDEER?



HOW DO YOU OPEN YOUR
PRESENTS? OPEN THEM FAST
OR TAKE YOUR TIME

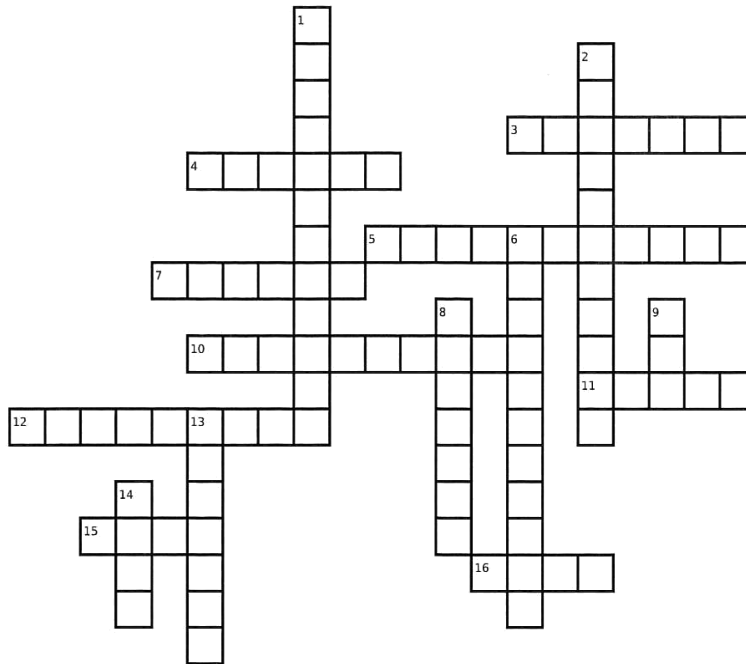


SHARE YOUR FAVORITE
HOLIDAY TRADITION?



FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

Crossword Holiday Puzzle



Down:

1. A warm drink
2. House made of frosting and candy
6. Another name for Santa
8. Famous Reindeer
9. Yule
13. Special treat for Santa
14. Mistletoe

Across:

3. Special Jewish Candle holder
4. The first reindeer Santa calls
5. Day after Thanksgiving
7. Frosty's nose
10. Danced in children's heads
11. what is put at the top of a Christmas Tree?
12. What is red and white
15. Cookies
16. Elvis sings about this type of Christmas

FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES



Hanukkah



Word list

F	A	Z	L	E	D	I	E	R	D	J	H	H
E	M	F	D	E	K	O	I	F	B	E	A	A
S	A	R	L	I	A	J	G	Q	L	D	N	R
T	C	E	G	F	V	U	H	P	I	V	U	O
I	C	E	L	P	M	E	T	M	A	M	K	H
V	A	D	I	K	P	C	U	B	G	I	K	H
A	B	I	G	J	O	R	D	E	K	R	A	S
L	E	S	H	I	M	E	N	O	R	A	H	A
G	E	E	T	A	L	V	J	T	I	C	F	M
A	E	K	S	R	J	U	D	A	H	L	I	M
N	H	T	C	G	T	E	K	I	G	E	U	A
S	T	A	R	O	F	D	A	V	I	D	H	H
I	T	L	M	L	C	P	N	C	L	Q	F	S

Festival

Judah

Menorah

Hanukkah

Star

Miracle

Dreidel

Temple

Oil

Eight

How many words can you make out of
CHRISTMAS AND HANUKKAH?

Word list

Holiday	Mistletoe
Wreath	Sleigh
Elves	North Pole
Card	Family
Stockings	Santa Claus
Greetings	Spirit
Singing	Ornaments
Kids	Happiness
Christmas	Rudolph
Party	Peace
Snowman	Chimney
Love	Gingerbread
Cookies	Milk
Reindeers	Holly
Gifts	Star

N D C V O A R F P P D S J Q I E P R E S E N T S
 P U I Y Q A H H T S T N E M A N R O M O G W U D
 Y J F Y T U M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S T R E E
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FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR HOLIDAY TRIVIA

- What did the other reindeer not let Rudolph do because of his shiny red nose?
- How many ghost show up in *A Christmas Carol*?
- The movie *Miracle on 34th Street* is based on a real-life department store. What is it?
- What are the two other most popular names for Santa Claus?
- Elvis isn't going to have a white Christmas he's going to have a....
- What do people traditionally put on top of a Christmas tree?
- In *Home Alone*, where are the McCallisters going on vacation when they leave Kevin behind?
- In the movie "*How The Grinch Stole Christmas*", the Grinch was described with three words.
- What words follow "Silent Night" in the song?
- Which Hollywood actor played six different roles in *The Polar Express*?
- In Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, what was the first name of Scrooge?
- Which Christmas song contains the lyric "Everyone dancing merrily in the new old-fashioned way?"
- What are you supposed to do when you find yourself under the mistletoe?
- Which one of Santa's reindeer has the same name as another holiday mascot?
- Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
- In the song "Winter Wonderland," what do we call the snowman?
- In the movie *Elf*, what was the first rule of The Code of Elves?
- According to the song, what did my true love give to me on the eighth day of Christmas?
- What was the highest-grossing Christmas movie of all time?
- Whose eyes are all aglow in "The Christmas Song?"
- How many gifts in total were given in "The Twelve Days of Christmas" song?
- How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Spanish?
- What is the name of the last ghost that visits Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol*?
- Visions of which food danced in children's heads as they slept in "'Twas The Night Before Christmas?"
- What gift did the Little Drummer Boy give to the newborn Christ?
- What is the best-selling Christmas song ever?
- Who wrote, "Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more?"
- Three of Santa's reindeer's names begin with the letter "D." What are those names?
- What was Frosty the Snowman's nose made out?
- In the 1964 movie *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, what was the name of Rudolph's elf friend?
- What popular Christmas song was actually written for Thanksgiving?
- What was the first company that used Santa Claus in advertising?
- In "The Christmas Song," who did the narrator see kissing Santa Claus under the mistletoe?
- In the movie *Elf*, how does Buddy get to the North Pole?

Driving Holiday iSPY Hunt

Put on your favorite Holiday Pajamas and get ready to “spy” all the holiday lights, trees, and decorations. How many can you find? Can you guess the number of light bulbs on the Town’s Holiday Tree? Submit your guess below.

Santa

Snowman

Reindeer

Gingerbread Man

Christmas Trees

The Grinch

Polar Bear

Gifts

Icicles

Bell

Red Lights

Blue Lights

Penguin

Menorah

Giant Santa

The Town’s Christmas Tree

Green Lights

Cross

Toy Soldier

Nativity Scene

Snowflakes

Candy Canes

Wreath

Sleigh

Bows

Star

Yellow Lights

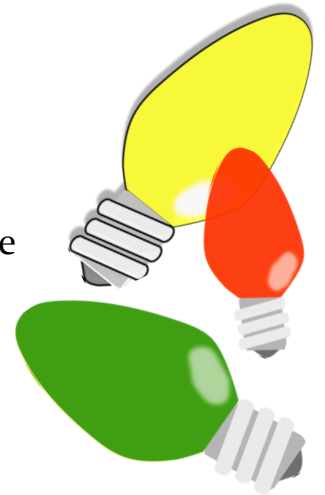
Giant Ornament

Train

Window Candles

Garland

North Pole Sign



GOODBYE
2020
HELLO
2021



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