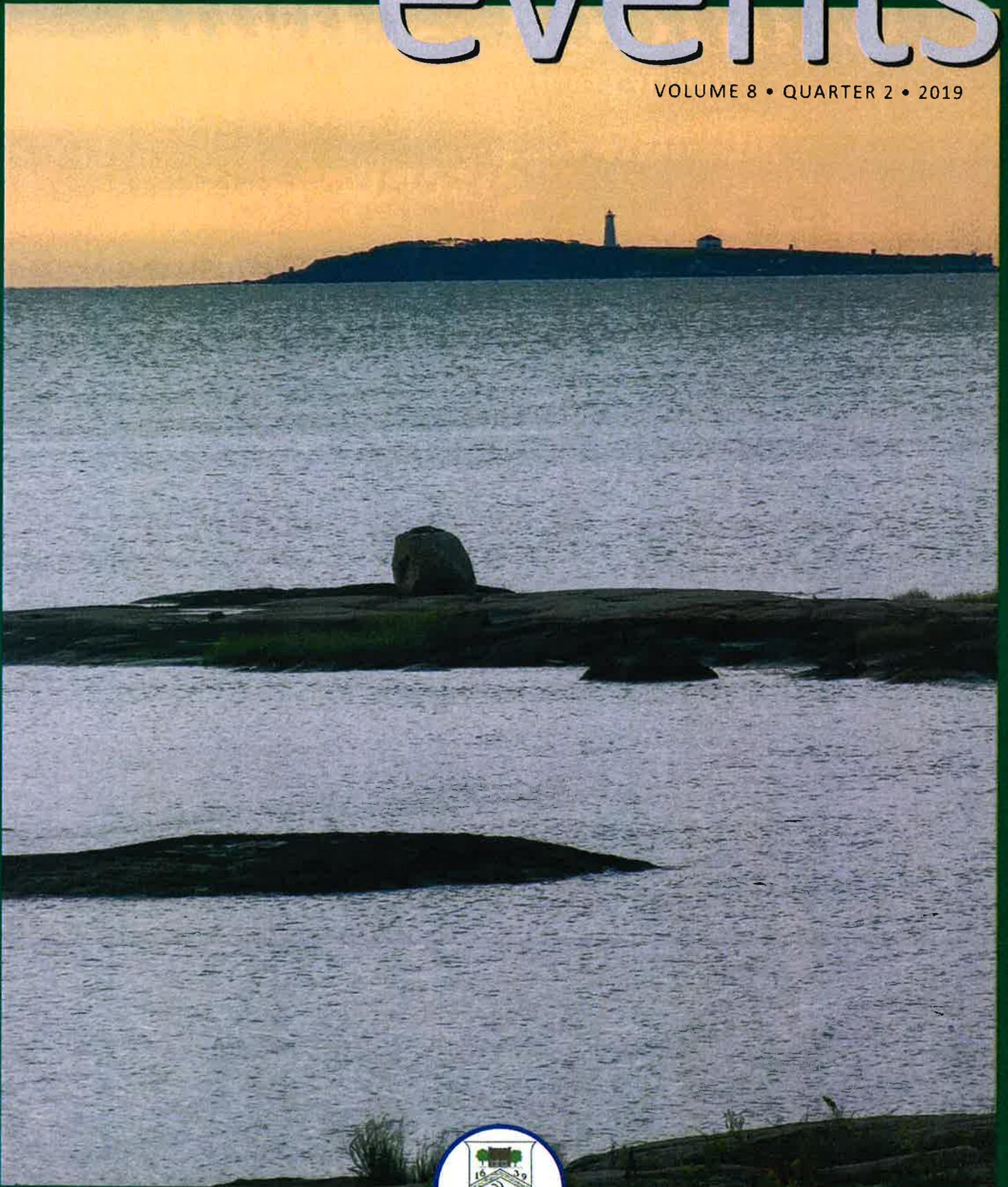


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Economic Development



When this issue is distributed in early April, we trust we will be experiencing the beginning of spring. Spring is a great time in Guilford as more people are getting outside to enjoy much of what our community has to offer.

Like our neighboring towns, "small businesses" contribute significantly to Guilford's character and sense of community. They provide goods, services, employment opportunities and more for all residents and visitors. In collaboration with our Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, we are proud to promote "Be Loyal to Local." That is, we hope all will try to support our local businesses at every opportunity. It is not automatic because they work hard every day to earn our trust and business. And, our local businesses are very generous when it comes to supporting so many events in our community. They often donate raffle items, gift cards, cash, and many forms of sponsorship to school programs, sporting teams, churches, non-profits and more. Being Loyal to Local is certainly a two way street.

Several new small businesses opened in Guilford, including: Water Street Jewelers, a full service retailer of fine jewelry, including repair services, and is located at 23 Water Street. Salon Zena opened in the Lighthouse Square Unit 7A, offering a wide range of hair services including cutting, coloring and special treatments. La Cucina, located at 934 Boston Post Road (next to Ashley's), provides take out prepared meals and catering services. Pure Barre, located in the Guilford Commons Plaza, offers a unique gym/physical fitness center to experience a total body workout. BSK Design has moved to 29 Whitfield Street (rear - in the former Greene Gallery), and has expanded the business to Barbara Shulman Arts & Healing, where a fusion of creativity and new perspectives provide healing resources. The former location within the Griswold Square, 20 Church Street, continues to be the home of the Chroma Gallery, Creek Chic Designs and Paper Scape Artworks, with ONYX and Java Hut in the front portion of the Quonset Hut. The Beatty & Beatty Law firm sold its Boston Street office following a merger with another local firm, becoming Sullivan, Griffith & Beatty LLP, located in Lighthouse Square (705 Boston Post Road, rear building).

The new office building at 350 Goose Lane is in final stages of construction and will be the home to: The Horton Group (moving its corporate offices from New Haven), One & Company Realtors, Company Cube - social media marketing, Altman Orthopaedics - focusing on hand to shoulder surgery, and portions of American Cruise Lines.

People continue to inquire about Panera Bread. If you drive by or visit Guilford Commons, you will notice an active construction site on the left side of the driveway as you enter. Anticipated opening is mid-year. The Metro Pooch, a doggie day care and

overnight boarding facility will begin construction during the second quarter on Soundview Road, providing a new service to Guilford and our surrounding areas.

As part of our education and awareness efforts, we will be conducting two business forums during the second quarter. The first is a regional collaboration hosted by the Towns of North Branford, Branford, Madison and Guilford. It will occur on TUESDAY APRIL 16th from 7:30 am to 9:30 am at the Guilford Community Center. Representatives from the Small Business Administration (SBA) will present how the SBA provides access to working capital, entrepreneur development programs and available government contracts. The second forum is hosted by the Guilford Economic Development Commission. It will occur on WEDNESDAY MAY 15th from 8:00 am to 10:00 am, also at the Guilford Community Center. Several Town Department Heads and Commission Chairs will provide an overview of their roles in the economic development process. The goal of this forum is to identify concrete initiatives that can be undertaken to promote growth and sustainability in our community. Both forums will include time for Q & A.

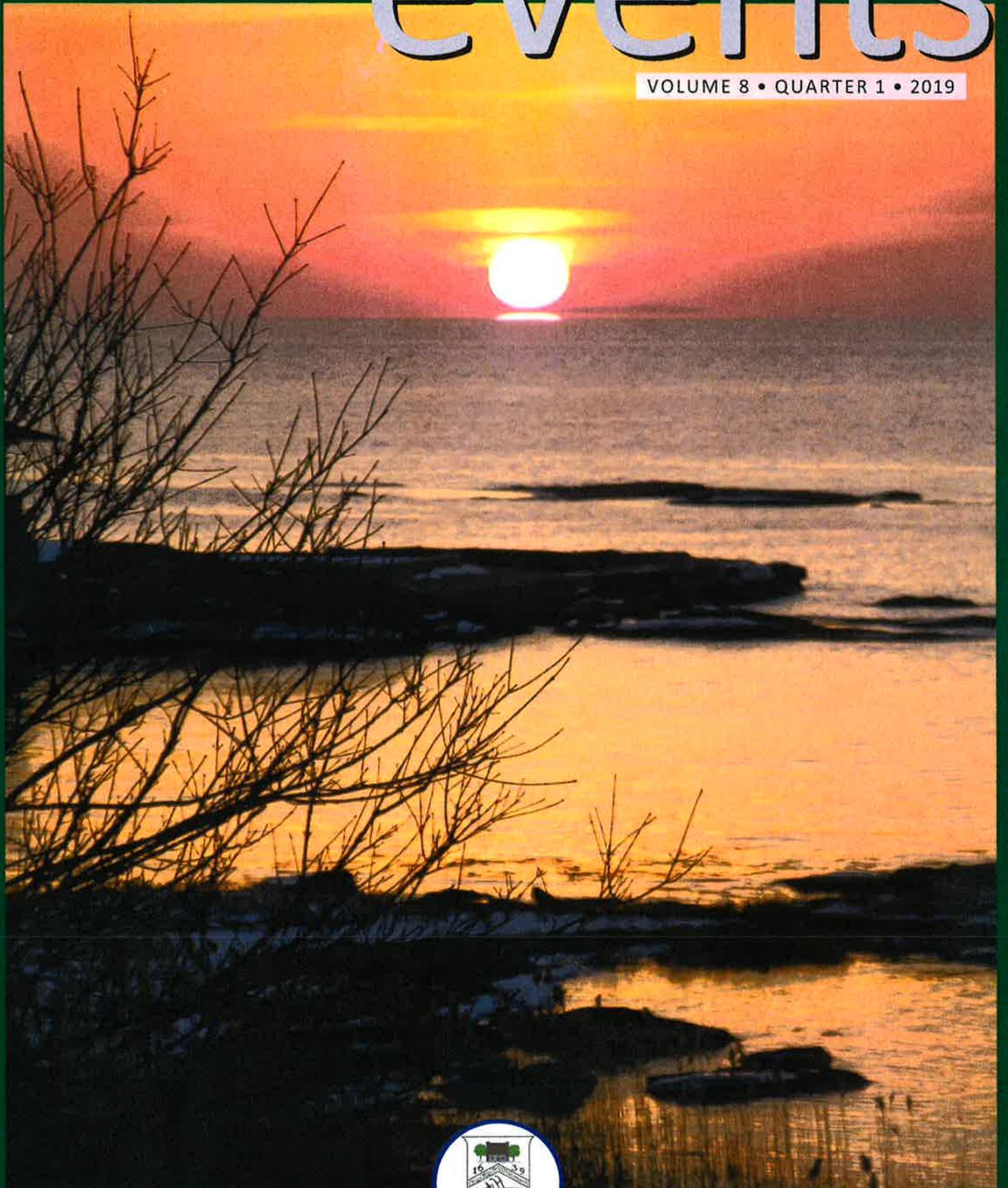
As you can see, much is happening in Guilford. Continue enjoying our fine community. SHOP-DINE-EXPLORE... and more. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Brian McGlone, Economic Development Coordinator at: 203-453-8071 or mcgloneb@ci.guilford.ct.us.

A circular logo for Team Xtreme Martial Arts. The outer ring contains the text "TEAM XTREME" at the top and "MARTIAL ARTS" at the bottom. Inside the ring, there are four quadrants separated by a large 'X'. The top quadrant says "BJJ", the bottom says "MMA", the left says "EST" and the right says "2009".

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As you get older, you realize how time quickly passes by. Many are wondering where 2018 went. In many respects it was a great year in Guilford and we are looking forward to what 2019 will bring.

If you are driving throughout town, you can't miss the major renovations and new construction that have been recently completed or are underway. Extensive renovations have been completed at the "former SPLASH restaurant site" and now the **Central Hospital for Veterinary Medicine** is open for business. **The Guilford House**, a rehabilitation facility located at 109 West Lake Avenue, expanded, adding 19 rooms to support longer-term assisted living care. Just off the town center, phase 3 of **66 High Street**, the Leete Building, is under construction. Spring occupancy is expected for the first 6 units with the balance anticipated later in 2019. A swimming pool for the residents and their guests will be constructed in the spring as well. The Horton Group was recognized during the recent Home Builders & Remodelers Association of Connecticut's annual dinner and award presentations. They added to their collection of "HOBI Awards" (Home Building Industry Awards), being recognized for the Best Condominium units by their peers. This recognition is bringing positive visibility to our Guilford community.

As you travel on Rt. 1 heading west, you'll notice the extensive work underway at the former Wire Journal building which will become the home of **Agemy Financial**. Agemy Financial will occupy approximately ½ of the space and will lease the balance to tenants needing commercial space. **The Mews**, a 14 unit condominium development is actively under construction at the former Guilford Tavern site. **The Woods at Gatehouse West** is a 5 unit condominium complex situated behind the main buildings, bordering acres of land trust property. The model unit is essentially complete as are the exteriors of the adjoining units. However, these interiors allow for much input from future owners. Continuing west, the **New Haven - Middlesex Realtor Association** is renovating and expanding the former Old Broadway Mason Supply property. A small group of employees will be occupying the space full-time, however, it is being designed to support periodic training programs required of real estate professionals. Completion is expected during Q2. Located next door at the corner of Rt. 1 and Moose Hill Road will be the **School House Manor**, a 10 unit, 1 bedroom apartment complex. Occupancy is expected during Q1. Final landscaping and plantings will occur in the spring.

After a period with no new tenants, **Guilford Commons** recently added **Mattress Firm** as a tenant, who relocated from a space along Rt. 1 East. Additionally, **Pure Barre**, a unique exercise facility will be opening soon. And as many have requested, we're pleased to advise that **Panera Bread** has committed to Guilford Commons. They will be building on the left side of the driveway as you enter the property. The existing stores report they are

doing well and these additional businesses should bring more customers to this convenient plaza.

While much is happening to expand and bring businesses to Guilford, we experienced several recent closures as well. **Supply New England**, a plumbing supply location closed as it was consolidated within a different branch of the parent corporation. The building and land are owned by a separate party. **Royal Printing** was acquired by TYCO Printing; however, the acquisition did not include the property. The building and land will be sold separately. **Land Rover Guilford** was acquired by the Executive Auto Group approximately 1 year ago. Executive built a new facility in North Haven and moved all operations to this site, which also is the new home for Jaguar by Executive. Executive will continue to own the Guilford buildings and land. While we regret seeing these long time Guilford businesses move out, we are confident the properties will be utilized in the near future. We'll do all we can to bring new or expanded businesses to these locations, providing our residents with products, services, and employment opportunities.

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