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A Kirkham Kick Off

Members of the Mutual Housing Association of South Central Connecticut, Inc., the Town of Branford, state and local dignitaries, and happy residents gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking ceremony of the Rosenthal Gardens development at 63 Kirkham Street in Branford on July 26.

The Rosenthal Gardens project encompasses a total of 12 new and 5 rehabbed one- and two-bedroom units featuring accessible features, energy-efficient appliances, on-site parking, storage, and an activity room for the residents. The Branford Garden Club is spearheading the effort to permanently maintain the grounds as a garden. Funding and support for the project comes from the Town of Branford, state Department of Economic and Community Development, the CT Housing Finance Authority, the National Equity Fund, and NeighborWorks America.

Pictured (left to right) are Ed Seibert, First Selectman Cheryl Morris, State Sen. Ed Meyer, Seila Mosquera, Chris Traczyk, general contractor Al Secondino (rear, Lawrence Lusardi, Unk Daros, and Glen Formica. *Photo by Cathi Bosco*

NYC Trip Gets Steamy for Branford Teens

By Ben Rayner
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BRANFORD

There is a reason your mom tells you it's important to be on time—it might just save your life. Or at least avoid the panic of a lifetime.

Eighty-eight teens and adults from the Recreation Department on a day-trip to New York City narrowly missed getting trampled by a

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Accusations Heat Up in Grade Scandal

Ex-NBHS principal Points Finger at Superintendent

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Former North Branford High School Principal Dr. David Perry has accused Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Wolfe of pressuring him and other faculty members to pass failing students so the school could maintain its 100 percent graduation status. Wolfe adamantly denied the accusations and stated that he never pressured anyone to change or manipulate grades.

Specifically, Perry said that Wolfe gave him a "directive" to allow supplemental work to be done by students in order to raise their grade and allow them to graduate. Perry, who retired as principal of NBHS at the end of last school year, said that his understanding was that Wolfe was allowing seniors to write extra credit essays in order to make up for failing work, in turn ensuring they graduate.

Former and current teachers at NBHS have also alleged that Wolfe personally intervened in order to pass failing students with make-up essays.

Perry said that in his 31 years in education no other authority had ever asked him to do anything of this nature. He also said that he himself would never, and had never, directed any staff member to do something similar.

"In one instance I had already told the student and her mother that she would be required to go to summer school," said Perry in an

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