

Branford Green Junior History Hunt – “Looking Up” Branford History

The Branford Green has been the center of town life since the land was given to the town in 1699. It has seen many uses over the years from cow pasture and militia training to carnivals and concerts. As you complete the hunt, don't forget to “look up” to discover clues to Branford's history.

Stop 1 – First Congregational Church

This church and the town of Branford have the same birthday. Members of the First Congregational Church of Branford founded the town over 375 years ago in 1644.

Question: Many churches ring bells to tell us the time. How else does this church tell us the time?
(Hint: You may need to back away from building to see this answer.)

Answer: _____

Stop 2 – Civil War Monument

This is the oldest and biggest monument on the Green. It was built to honor the 200+ soldiers from Branford who fought in the Civil War.

Question: Find the statue of the Union soldier. What is he holding in his hand?

Answer: _____

Stop 3 – Town Hall

The Town Hall was built in 1860. The building has seen many additions and changes over the years.

Question: One addition to the building is this golden animal who moves with the wind. What is it?

Answer: _____

Stop 4 – Trinity Episcopal Church

Trinity Church was formed in 1784 by people unhappy with the Congregational Church. The bell of the current church building, built in 1851, served as the town's first fire alarm.

Question: Find the flower shape on the church. It doesn't need light to grow, but it does need light to glow. What is it?

Answer: _____

Stop 5 – The Academy

This Academy is the oldest building on the Green and was built as a school in 1820. The building has been moved twice. It originally stood where the Town Hall is now, then was moved to the rear of the Congregational Church in 1860, and then moved again to this location in 1974.

Question: What is red, white and blue and flies high next to the Academy today?

Answer: _____

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