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ON THE **Shoreline**

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Welcome to Gemstone Station

Tiny faeries strike
it rich among rubies,
emeralds and other
natural treasures

Best on the Shoreline

The people have spoken!

Connecticut antiques

and the stories they tell

Follow the foliage

to good eats
worth the drive







We received more than **14,600 nominations.**
Nearly **72,000** were cast.

Those votes have been tallied.

And the winners are...

APARTMENT COMMUNITY

1 Elim Park

150 Cook Hill Road, Cheshire; 203-272-3547; elimpark.org

Elim Park is an independent senior living community in Cheshire offering residential living and a range of services and amenities for older adults.

2 Summit Place Apartments (JFA)

Branford; 203-481-3911; jfamanagement.com/property/summit-place

3 Springside Middletown

Middletown; 855-715-6968; springsidect.com

BUILDING AND REMODELING

1 Craft Design + Build LLC

9A Novelty Lane, Essex; 860-371-0007; craftdesignandbuild.com

Craft Design + Build is an Essex-based remodeling company specializing in residential design and construction projects. The company works with homeowners from design through construction.

2 JC Remodeling LLC

Clinton; 860-853-8828; facebook.com/jcremodeling82

3 Gulick & Co. LLC

Madison; 203-996-6151; gulickcompany.com

CLEANING SERVICES

1 M&V Cleaning LLC

Old Lyme; 860-227-7659; mandvcleaning.com

M&V Cleaning LLC provides residential and commercial cleaning services in the Connecticut shoreline area.

2 Clean Star Restoration

Clinton; 203-806-5603; cleanstarrestoration.com

3 AfterGlow Cleaning LLC

Old Saybrook; 203-893-5604; afterglow-cleaning-llc.webnode.page

ELECTRICIAN

1 Budney & Sons Services LLC

31 Woodland Road, Deep River; 860-526-5669; budneysonsservices.com

Budney & Sons Services is an electrical contractor in Deep River offering electrical services and generator installation. The company also provides generator service contracts.

2 Notchick and Sons Electric LLC

North Branford; 860-819-7335; facebook.com/NotchickandSonsElectricLLC

3 Willis Electric LLC

Old Saybrook; 860-395-8993; williselectricalct.com

FLOORING SERVICES

1 Neal's Wood Floors

7 Business Park Drive, Branford; 203-488-4915; nealswoodflooring.com

Neal's Wood Floors specializes in wood flooring, including installation, refinishing and related flooring services.

2 Coastal Concepts

Westbrook; 860-661-6010; coastalconceptscct.com

3 Sullivan & Son Carpet Inc.

Hamden; 203-281-3022; sullivanandsoncarpet.com

GARDEN CENTER OR NURSERY

1 Madison Earth Care

1250A Durham Road, Madison; 203-421-4358; madisonearthcare.com

Madison Earth Care provides landscaping and lawn-care services for residential properties in the Madison area.

2 Van Wilgen's Garden Center

North Branford; 203-488-2110; Clinton; 203-433-5555; vanwilgens.com

3 Riggio's Garden Center

Essex; 860-767-0126; riggiosgardencenter.com

HEATING AND COOLING

1 Wilcox Energy

1179 Boston Post Road, Westbrook; 860-399-6218; wilcox-energy.com

Wilcox Energy provides heating and cooling services for residential customers, including heating oil, propane and HVAC services throughout its Connecticut service area.

2 East River Energy

Guilford; 203-453-1200; eastriverenergy.com

3 J.J. Sullivan Oil & Propane

Guilford; 203-453-2781; jjsullivaninc.com

INTERIOR DESIGNER OR DECORATOR

1 Design by the Jonathans

85 Willow Street, New Haven; 203-557-3205; thejonathans.com

Design by the Jonathans is a New Haven-based interior design firm specializing in residential interiors and creating thoughtfully designed, personalized spaces.

2 Craft Design + Build LLC

Essex; 860-371-0007; craftdesignandbuild.com

3 Roberta Ann Interiors

Madison; 203-394-3101; robertaanninteriors.com

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LANDSCAPING

1 **Madison Earth Care**

1250A Durham Road, Madison; 203-421-4358;
madisonearthcare.com

Madison Earth Care provides landscaping and lawn-care services for residential properties in the Madison area.

2 **DeMar's Landscaping LLC**

Branford; 203-483-5252; demarslandscapingct.com

3 **Waterview Landscaping LLC**

Old Saybrook; 860-510-0622;
waterviewlandscaping.com

MORTGAGE SERVICES

1 **Claudia Dunsmore, Movement Mortgage LLC**

124 Hebron Avenue, Suite 2B, Glastonbury; 203-401-9014; movement.com/lo/claudia-dunsmore

Claudia Dunsmore is a mortgage professional with Movement Mortgage who works with homebuyers and homeowners on residential financing.

2 **Jerry Buonanno, New England Lending powered by Novus Home Mortgage**

Branford; 203-641-2246; jerrybuonanno.com

3 **Lovisa Johnsson, Security Financial Mortgage Corp. LLC**

Clinton; 860-575-8624; zillow.com/lender-profile/
LovisaJohnsson

PAINTING SERVICES

1 **Olando and Son Painting LLC**

4 New Road, Unit 11, Madison; 203-815-6591;
olandoandsonpainting.com

Olando and Son Painting provides residential painting services in the Madison area.

2 **Paint The Edge LLC**

Clinton; 860-391-5905; facebook.com/PaintTheEdge

3 **Samuel Solis Painting LLC**

Westbrook

POOL AND SPA SERVICES

1 **The Pool Guy LLC**

1606 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook; 860-388-6644;
poolguyllc.com

The Pool Guy provides swimming pool services, including maintenance and care for residential pools.

2 **Aquatic Pool & Spa Services Inc.**

Northford; 203-239-7946; Guilford; 203-458-7378;
aquaticpool.com

3 **Davis Pools**

Clinton; 860-669-6919; davispools.net

PLUMBER

1 **R.E. Godwin and Sons LLC**

20 Earl Street, Centerbrook; 860-767-7400;
godwinplumbers.com

R.E. Godwin and Sons is a plumbing company serving the Connecticut shoreline, providing residential and commercial plumbing services.

2 **A-Team Plumbing & HVAC**

North Branford; 203-587-8653;
a-teampumbingandhvac.com

3 **Breitenbach Plumbing**

Old Saybrook; 860-388-7377

ROOFING SERVICES

1 **Nor'East Exteriors Roofing & Siding**

39 Grove Beach Road N, Westbrook; 860-256-8478;
noreastexteriors.com

Nor'East Exteriors is a family-owned exterior company based in Westbrook, proudly serving the Connecticut shoreline community. The company specializes in roofing, siding, windows, gutters and custom deck builds, delivering the quality and craftsmanship its customers deserve. Named No. 1 Best on the Shoreline in 2025 and backed by more than 110 five-star reviews, Nor'East Exteriors is committed to seamless communication and putting homeowners first every step of the way.

2 **Seacoast Roofing LLC**

Centerbrook; 203-506-4709; seacoastroofingct.com

3 **Turner Home Improvement Contractors LLC**

Clinton; 860-552-6027; Glastonbury; 860-633-1400;
turnerhomeimprovement.com

TREE SERVICES

1 **Middlesex Tree LLC**

Old Saybrook; 860-339-5605; middlesex-tree.com

Middlesex Tree LLC provides professional tree services in the Old Saybrook area, including tree care and removal services.

2 **Hayden Tree & Property Experts LLC**

East Haddam; 860-834-3838; facebook.com/
htpexpertsllc

3 **Howard Tree Service**

Deep River; 860-388-8139; howardtreeservicesct.com

