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The Totoket Tmes is an independently owned one man show labor of love. It's purpose is to bring the news and advertising message to all the homes in our community. We don't throw it on your lawn or charge you an outrageous rate for the service. I mail it to every home and business in our town.

However, to do this, I need your help. Once a year, I ask our readers to make a voluntary payment of at least \$10, to help defray the cost of mail and print. It also helps keep the ad rate resonable so our advertisers can continue to support us and get the paper to your homes.

I won't get into some of our local businesses who choose other means to get their word to the public and offer no participation in this community service which brings this paper to your homes. I will just talk about the great community supporters we have who help us bring this paper right into your living room.

To continue to provide this service, I need your assistance. Don't wait for your neighbor to do this or hope someone else picks up the ball. Make the effort on your own and let's all work together to get the message out to all the great residents in our community.

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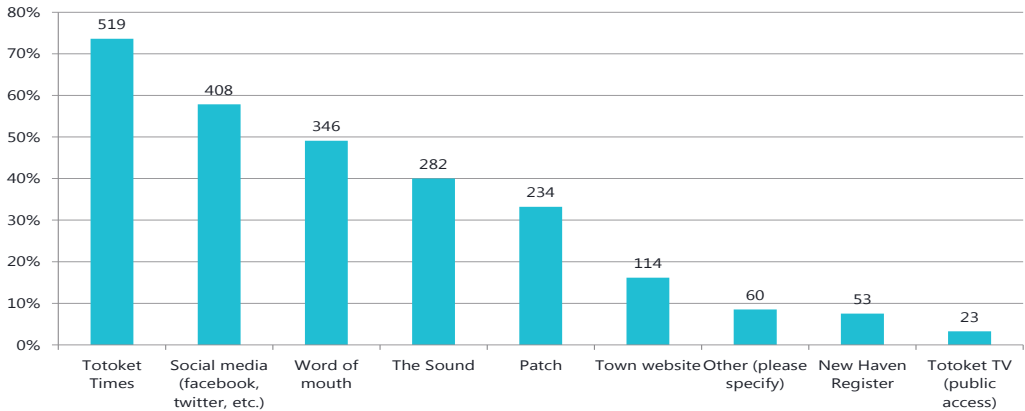
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March 20  
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## FOURTH ANNUAL NORTH BRANFORD BUSINESS BREAKFAST

The North Branford Economic Development Commission invites all business owners or representatives in Northford and North Branford to breakfast at Town Hall

**TUESDAY JANUARY 21 at 8:00 am at Town Hall**

**STATE OF THE TOWN-**

**MICHAEL PAULHUS -TOWN MANAGER**

**GUEST SPEAKER –**

**DAVID LEHMAN,**

Commissioner of the CT Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and the Governor's Chief Economic Advisor

There will be time for Q&A with the Speaker, the Town Manager, department heads and representatives from REX

Members of the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce and Sheri Cote, President of the Chamber have also been invited.

North Branford works closely with Branford and Guilford

to encourage community development.

Please RSVP to Gina Cox Executive Secretary Town of North Branford at 203-484-6000

or reply to: [executivesecretary@townofnorthbranfordct.com](mailto:executivesecretary@townofnorthbranfordct.com)

We would appreciate your name, business name, contact number and e-mail address.

Your early response will help us with planning this FREE event.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, January 21 at 8:00 am.

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## State Representative Vincent Candelora

**Push the green button, figure it out later.**



That, unfortunately, is the legislative approach favored by the General Assembly's longstanding Democrat majority—and Connecticut has suffered because of it. We need to do things differently.

The Hartford Courant highlighted a couple of examples in the last two weeks. One involves what appears to be the collapse of a state-run

retirement system, and the other covers their push to offer "debt-free" community college to students planning to enter classrooms this fall.

Democrats in 2016 narrowly approved legislation to create the quasi-public Connecticut Retirement Security Authority (CRSA), conceived as an Obamacare-style "exchange" offering retirement savings plans for people who don't have access to such options through their employer. Naturally, their program is an "opt-out," meaning that every Connecticut worker—even those that have their own retirement plans already—would see an automatic three percent tax taken from each paycheck until they exited the program.

Republicans opposed this redistribution scheme. After all, our state government doesn't have the best track record when it comes to using money for its intended purpose. Incredibly, in passing their half-baked bill Democrats ignored the fact that our own attorney general opined that it violated federal law. On top of that, Connecticut's economy relies on the financial services industry they positioned state government to compete with! It's no wonder our state has an anti-business reputation.

It seems as though their ill-conceived program is now collapsing after hundreds of thousands of expenditures. Hefty—and justified—questions about the legality of the concept bogged down its development, and the Courant's recent report recounted a CRSA board meeting where members faced the reality that this folly is running out of money.

The news hit hard for the agency's executive director, an experienced and widely respected financial services professional, who is now left wondering if she'll soon be out of a job.

Since the last election, Democrats have spent a lot of time talking about offering free community college. In another "figure it out later" vote, they approved a program that would be funded by revenue generated by an online lottery system that, if you can imagine, doesn't even exist yet. That leaves the governor and state lawmakers to figure out how to cover the roughly \$20 million bill during the upcoming legislative session.

Writing about the debt-free college program back in September, the president of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system told legislative leaders he was growing "increasingly concerned" about the "viability of its funding source as well as the time of the acquiring that funding" in order to launch the program in the fall of 2020.

Given all the uncertainty, common sense would say, "let's figure out how we'll pay for this before we make the promise to graduating high schoolers." But that's not what happened. Instead, state college and university system officials decided last month

to scrape together the money to advertise the program.

Whether it's tolls or understanding the plight of overtaxed Connecticut residents, broken promises have become a hallmark of the governor and his legislative team.

Much can be attributed to that "figure it out later" mentality.

The legislative session starts next month, and I look forward to offering more balanced solutions—that's how we'll build a Connecticut that works.

## Let's Be "Frank"

Finally, the holidays are over. December was a long year. After spending two weeks of violent coughing, everyone (and I do mean everyone) talked me into getting checked. A visit to the health center was quick. They listened to my chest and determined my lungs were clear but I should go right to the hospital and to get an X-Ray and blood work to check my heart to see if that's why my breathing was labored. Do I hear panic button?

After four hours in the hospital and a battery of test, they figured out what it wasn't but couldn't tell me what is was. "Perhaps it's viral", they suggested. Rest and just keep choking to death. Take your inhaler and cough medicine as needed.

Continuing to cough up a lung, miss days at work and have every muscle (not too many left) in my body hurt from coughing, I made it to Christmas Mass. Christmas Eve dinner and Christmas were blurs as the pain and coughing were so bad I couldn't eat. Good news was that my usual holiday weight gain turned into a loss of more than ten pounds from not eating (silver lining, I guess).

Called the doctor after Christmas and was told it has to take its course. More days off work and more pain and much more coughing. I made it through New Year's Day which was a Christmas Eve menu as Frankie brought his fiancée over for her first Mentone Christmas Eve/Christmas dinner. He had spent Christmas in Brazil, where he asked the love of his life to be his wife. I guess in order to join our "wonderful" family, she had to say yes to him but they both are very happy and so are we.

I went to my cardiologist (best doctor in the world) the next day. She looked at the test from the Emergency Room, listened to my chest and heart and quickly diagnosed bronchitis. She prescribed a Z PAC and some cough medicine with codeine and my violent cough of a month has almost completely subsided. Pain from all the muscle strains still persist but life is livable again. What a difference a doctor who cares can make.

So now we have a new year. I normally don't make resolutions but I did decide to set up a few goals for the year.

Stay alive for my son's wedding.

See the North Branford High School baseball team win a Shoreline and/or State Championship.

See one of our college stars, Matty Chamberlain, get drafted to MLB.



Keep off the weight I lost during my illness.

Finish watching the Godfather of Harlem.

Spend more time with friends and family.

Well that's it for now brother. You were mentioned often at Christmas Eve dinner and we miss you all. Say high to everyone and tell dad I won't forget a prayer as he comes up on the 29th anniversary of his death. It seems like yesterday.

Take care and I will see you soon.

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This paper encourages all readers to voice their opinions and comments. The Totoket Times is not responsible for erroneous information or statements in letters to the editor. Letters should be as brief as possible.

All letters must be signed. A telephone number should be included and no personal attacks.

This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

All letters should be addressed to :

**The Editor**

P.O. Box 313, Northford, CT 06472





# America’s Boating Course

New Haven Sail and Power Squadron, part of America’s Boating Club®, will be holding its America’s Boating Course beginning Tues., Jan. 21, for five to six weeks, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Manor Firehouse, 85 George St., East Haven. In addition to basic boating, it will also include personal watercraft operation. Successful completion of the course satisfies Connecticut’s state licensing requirements.

All students must go to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection website and Online Sportsmen Licensing to obtain their free Connecticut Conservation ID number in advance of the class. Go to: <https://www.ct.wildlifelicense.com/internetsales> and go to the bottom of the page and hit “start”.

All students will complete registration, pay, and pick up books on Tues., Jan. 21. Everyone must have their ID number at the start of class on Jan. 28. The class will cost students \$65.00 per person. Prospective students should contact Past District Commander Art Andrea at (203) 641-0954 or email: [andreaa112@comcast.net](mailto:andreaa112@comcast.net) to register.

# Seaman Ship Boat Handling Course

Offered by New Haven Sail & Power Squadron, part of America’s Boating Club®, starts Tues., Mar. 17, at 6:30 p.m. for nine weeks. Location: Bradford Manor Firehouse, 85 George St., East Haven, CT. Cost: members \$80, non-members \$100. Information/registration: Past Commander Art Andrea, 203-641-0954 or email [andreaa112@comcast.net](mailto:andreaa112@comcast.net). Sign-up deadline: Mar. 10.

The Seamanship (Boat Handling) course contains material applicable to both power and sail, covering such topics as the construction and functioning of a boat, the skipper’s responsibilities, preparing the boat for use, handling and maneuvering a vessel under various conditions in close quarters and on the open water, rules of the road, anchoring, emergencies, and marlinespike/basic knots.

New Haven Sail & Power Squadron (NHSPS), is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation, and related subjects.

For information on NHSPS, go to: [www.nhsps.org](http://www.nhsps.org).

# Join the Sons & Daughters of Italy Your Life will Never be the Same



It’s time to meet new people, get out of the house and enjoy different cultural events every month. The Sons and Daughters of Italy, Lodge 2805, meet on the first Tuesday of every month, in the Saint Frances Cabrini Church Hall in North Haven.

While maintaining many of the Italian-traditions, the ethnically diverse group has donated close to \$200,000 through its charitable giving programs.

Some of the groups we have supported are: The North Haven Education Foundation, North Haven High School Scholarship Fund, Alzheimer’s Research Association of CT., Cooley’s Anemia Foundation, Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, Epilepsy Foundation of CT., Ronald McDonald House, MADD, Fisher House, American Cancer Society, Make a Wish Foundation, Local Food Banks and Youth Groups, care packages for our Military troops and many more.

Scheduled for 2020 are: Trivia Game Night, Valentine’s Dinner, Distinguished Citizen Awards Dinner, Golf Tournament, Horse Racing, Comedy Night, Friday Night Bocce Club, Family Movie nights, Fashion Show, Military Whist, Dominoes and additional events yet to be determined.

Do as much as you like or as little as you like and have fun doing it. Visit our website at [www.northhavenlodge2805club](http://www.northhavenlodge2805club) or email us at: [nhs-dilodge2805@outlook.com](mailto:nhs-dilodge2805@outlook.com) or call Frank at 203-410-4254 for more information.

Dues is only \$45.00 per year with a one time \$15.00 Application Fee.

Start the new year off right by getting off the couch, meeting new friends and enjoying yourself in a pressure free atmosphere.



# Recycling News

**Christmas Tree Pick-Up for 2 weeks in January  
January 6th – 17th on your scheduled trash day**

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## Simple Recycling Weekly Curbside Collection Program Started in North Branford in November

If you would like to participate in this program, please use the Simple Recycling pink bags you received with the program info. Fill with unwanted clothing, shoes, accessories, toys, small usable household items and more to help keep these items out of our trash.

Place bags next to your recycling bin at the curb on your regular trash pickup day by 7am.

A Simple Recycling truck will pick up your pink bags between 7am and 5pm and leave new bags.

If you have not received your program info in the mail, need additional bags or want to see a full list of accepted items, go to [www.simplerecycling.com](http://www.simplerecycling.com) or email at [info@simplerecycling.com](mailto:info@simplerecycling.com)

This program is free to our town and to our residents and offers an easy, convenient way to recycle.

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## Next Electronics Recycling

Saturday March 7, 2020 - 9:00 AM - Noon

North Branford Recycling Center - Route 22)

*Can’t wait until our town’s March collection?*

Take 2 Electronics, has a site open to all CT residents where you can bring your electronics for recycling.

Located at 122 Avenue of Industry in Waterbury;

hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM,

Saturdays from 8:00 AM till Noon. No charge.

You may also attend another recycling event listed on their website; check under One-Day events for a date/location convenient for you.

For more information call 800-209-9322, or visit their website:

[take2recycle.com](http://take2recycle.com)

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## “Please Don’t Feed the Storm Drain”

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**BULKY WASTE PICKUP (TWICE A YEAR)  
Week of April 20 and November 9 on your scheduled  
pickup day  
\*No home cleanouts\***

## To enrolled members of the Democratic Party of North Branford.

Pursuant to the rules of the Democratic Party and the State Election laws, you are hereby notified that a Caucus will be held on

**January 14th, 2020 at  
6 PM**

**909 Foxon Road, North Branford Town Hall  
in North Branford, CT.**

The purpose is to endorse members of the Democratic Town Committee for the town of North Branford and to transact other business as may be proper to come before said Caucus.

**Dated at Town of North Branford, January 14, 2020.  
Democratic Town Committee of North Branford,  
Marcey Onofrio, Secretary and  
Elisabeth Caplan, Treasurer.**





**North Branford Class of 2020  
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Drawing to be held, Sunday, March 1, 2020  
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**‘Tis the Season for Giving at TVES**

This holiday season Totoket Valley Elementary students, staff, and families partnered up with the Family Centered Services of CT in New Haven to make seven families’ Christmas dreams come true. Each month, students take part in a Community Day to learn about the importance of citizenship, responsibility, and a growth mindset. December’s Community Day theme was Service to Others. What better way to teach students about service to others than to take part in a whole school effort to give back to the community?! The Family Centered Services of CT provided TVES students with the names and wishlists of seven families in need, a total of 19 people. Classes each “adopted” one family member, learned a little about the family’s interests and daily activities, and discussed the needs of the family. TVES families signed up to donate items from each wishlist. The items ranged from diapers, warm coats, and clothing to books, household items, and toys. On Wednesday, December 11th, the staff and students took part in a whole school wrapping day. Students wrapped, labeled, and organized the gifts, in addition the created cards for the families to read. Parents volunteered to drop off the gifts to the Family Centered Services of CT in New Haven on Wednesday afternoon. There were a total of 31 garbage bags filled with gifts for these seven families in need. Students truly learned about the importance of giving back, as they proudly gave some families in need in the local community a Christmas they would never forget. The event was organized by TVES teacher Lea DiStefano and all members of the TVES staff supported this great effort.

In addition, throughout the month of December, students collected non perishable items for the North Branford food bank and families in need in our community. TVES security officer Art Huggins supported the event by encouraging students and families to participate during drop off and pick up each day and offered students ROCKS cards for their participation. He will also support by delivering all the donations with Principal Welch! A great team effort for the local community by all and the spirit of giving is alive at TVES!

Submitted by Principal Carter Welch



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ACTIVITIES

TRANSFORM LIVE/PIYO

**Who:** 16+  
**When:** January 15 - March 4  
**Time:** Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** STW Community Center  
**Fee:** \$65  
**Instructor:** Jennifer Arabolos  
**Description:** Get ready to sculpt your core, legs, glutes, and upper body through the use of a step! Transform LIVE offers progressions and regressions that make the class accessible and effective for everyone. Modifications can be made for those who cannot use a step.

ARCHERY

**When:** January 18 - February 22  
**Who:** Grades 4 - 8  
**Time:** Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
**Who:** Grades 9 - 12  
**Time:** Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$50  
**Instructor:** Debbie Gibilaro  
**Description:** Learn and hone the basic skills as you develop using the classic recurve bow. Practice great shooting habits and learn to put your arrow in the bullseye every time, all in a safe and supportive environment.

ROBOTICS

**Who:** Ages 5 - 9  
**When:** January 18 - February 22  
**Time:** Saturday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
**Fee:** \$90  
**Instructor:** Kids Corner CT  
**Description:** This class introduces the gadgetry that powers our household devices. We will be making devices together, then individually. Participants can build a robot that will clean anyone's bedroom on command. We use the LEGO Mindstorms EV kits. Learn mechanical design, construction, programming and teamwork skills.

SPORTS OF ALL SORTS

**Who:** Ages 5 - 9  
**When:** January 18 - February 22  
**Time:** Saturday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  
**Fee:** \$90  
**Instructor:** Kids Corner CT  
**Description:** Kids will engage in a different activity each day to introduce non contact sports that may include: badminton, volleyball, kickball, basketball, floor hockey, whiffle ball, ga-ga pit, and some scooter fun. We will work on skills, sportsmanship, and teamwork but primarily stay active and have fun!

BABYSITTER'S CERTIFICATION

**Who:** Ages 12 - 15  
**When:** January 20  
**Time:** Monday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Ambulance Co. #4 - Northford  
**Fee:** \$65  
**Instructor:** Ambulance Co. 4  
**Description:** Girls & Boys Welcome! Ideal class for current and future sitters. This training gives you the knowledge, skills, and confidence to care for infants and school-aged children. This course addresses safety issues, preventing injuries and illnesses, and basic childcare. Students learn by doing and will be required to demonstrate the skills to be certified by the American Pediatric Association. (Bring a lunch)

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8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Senior Hot Lunch available - \$3 - Monday – Friday, 12:00 p.m.  
Check out the menu at [www.nbrecreation.com](http://www.nbrecreation.com)

 **Lunch orders need to be placed by 10:00 am**  
Weekly grocery shopping trip on Tuesdays at 12:30.  
Now going to Shoprite twice a month!

**Never miss a monthly newsletter and sign up for email or snail mail delivery (snail mail \$8 for the year).**

Weekday transportation to the Center available to town Residents  
*\*Please call by 9am\**

ACTIVITIES

**Cornhole, Tuesday, 1/14 & 1/28, 11:00am, FREE**  
Come play Cornhole in the gym with friends.

**Aldi's East Haven, Wednesday, January 15, 12:30pm, FREE**  
Remember to bring a quarter to deposit for a cart and your own shopping bags.

**Movie & Munchies, Friday, January 17, 10:30am, FREE**  
“Judy” Judy is a 2019 biographical drama film about American singer and actress Judy Garland.

**Atwater Library, Wednesday, January 22, 1:00pm, FREE**  
Visit our local library, pick up some books, get caught up on current events and chat with our lovely librarians

**Fascia's Chocolates, Friday, January 24, 10:30pm, \$15 res/\$20 nr**  
Join us for a trip to Fascia's Chocolates, handcrafted in Waterbury since 1964. This visit will include a chocolate tasting, tour and opportunity to craft your own chocolate bar! Lunch stop on your own to be determined.

**Steady Steps Wednesday, January 29, 12:30, FREE**  
Learn strategies for increasing stability and preventing falls, as well as a fall prevention screening. Join us for this interactive and relevant conversation. Presented by our friends at the VNA.

Presented by East Shore Health Department  
**\*\*NEW\*\* Beginning in February “HOT TOPICS”**  
**The last Monday of every month at 10:30am, at the Senior Center**  
**Let's help the nurse educators decide what topics are “Hot” for you.**  
  
Stop by the senior center and fill out an interest poll checklist. Your participation will determine February's topic.

**Resilience, free Film Screening**  
**Monday, January 27, 10:30am, FREE**  
Don't miss this FREE screening of RESILIENCE: THE BIOLOGY Of STRESS AND THE SCIENCE OF HOPE. This is a film about childhood trauma and the adverse effects on health over our lifetime.

IDEAS PLEASE!!

We are working on the next brochure for the Spring/ Summer 2020. Please share your ideas with us for groups, activities and trips!

## CRAFTS WITH SYLVIA

Where: STW Community Center Instructor: Sylvia Brewster  
Fee: \$25 per class

CHEVRON VALENTINE FRAME

Wednesday, February 12th, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

**Description:** Learn masking, color mixing and stenciling techniques as we create one-of-a-kind frames using the fashionable chevron pattern.



## FAMILY TRIVIA

Friday, January 31st

6:00 - 8:30pm  
STW Community Center

Register as a family or group  
\$10 per team  
Teams of 2-6 people  
must register in advance

*Game begins at 6:30 sharp*

Bring your smart phone  
to use as your controller!

*Some tablets will be provided*

snacks & refreshments will be served



CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Branford Bible Chapel.** 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning : 9:15 - 10:30 Worship & Lord's Supper, 11:00 -12:15 Ministering of God's Word & Sunday School. . Nursery provided. Awana for kids, vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. [www.branfordbiblechapel.org](http://www.branfordbiblechapel.org)

**Hope Christian Church “A Place to Belong”.** 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT. [www.hopeag.com](http://www.hopeag.com) Sunday services 10AM. Coffee served every Sunday 9:00 am. Church open for prayer Tuesdays noon to One. Thursday Bible study 7:00 PM. Like us on facebook.

**North Branford Congregational Church, UCC.** 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or [www.northbranfordcongregational.org](http://www.northbranfordcongregational.org). Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

**Northford Congregational Church. United Church of Christ.** Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; [northfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:northfordcc@gmail.com) Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship Service 10am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Like us on Facebook. Our website is [www.northfordcongregational.church](http://www.northfordcongregational.church)

**St. Ambrose Parish** is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two church locations; St. Augustine Church located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church located at 1321 Middletown Ave. in Northford. The Pastor is Reverend Robert Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 9:00am at St. Monica Church, Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4pm at St. Augustine Church and 5:30pm at St. Monica Church and on Sunday at 9am at St. Monica Church and 11am at St. Augustine Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 at St. Augustine Church or by appointment by calling the parish office at 203-484-0403. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us! The office is open M-F from 9am-1pm at 30 Caputo Road in North Branford.

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,** 1382 Middletown Avenue - the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford (at the intersection of Rtes. 17 & 22). We celebrate the Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 10:00am. Coffee and fellowship always follows. All are welcome. Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! St. Andrew's is the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital community resource serving families in need in Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew's also partners with St. Pauly Textile in a broad outreach program to help people in need here in the U.S. and around the world. Donations of usable clothing, shoes, belts, purses, sheets, blankets and stuffed animals may be made at the donation shed in the church parking lot. We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Rev. Jim Bradley is Missioner In Charge and we have rotating clergy serving the parishes of St. Andrew's as well as Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Killingworth and St. James Episcopal Church, Higganum. Visit our website at <http://standrewsnorthford.org>. Like us on Facebook - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Northford, CT. For more information contact us at 203-484-0895; Nan Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-710-7005; MACM office, 860-345-0058; or Rev. Bradley, 203-525-6846.

**Zion Episcopal Church,** 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. In June we begin with single summer service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.. The first Sunday in September we return to two services of Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m. Music and two safe church certified babysitters are available for childcare during the 9 a.m. service and at the latter service September – May. Healing prayer is offered after each service on the second Sunday of each month. Please visit our Facebook page or our website [www.zionepiscopalchurch.org](http://www.zionepiscopalchurch.org). Zion is a registered Integrity Episcopal Believe Outloud Congregation, a designation earmarking Zion as an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ.

No-cost community dinners at Zion Episcopal on the second Saturday of the month.

Join us to take the chill off of long winter nights by sharing a meal and having some fun with friends and neighbors, including those you have not yet met!

These are not religious events!

January 11, 2020 6:00-8:00 pm

CABIN FEVER NIGHT

Soup Supper and Game Night

February 8, 2020 6:00-8:00 pm

CABIN FEVER NIGHT

Chili Dinner and Puzzles (of all kinds!)

Zion Episcopal Church

325 Notch Hill Rd. North Branford, CT

203-488-7395. Reservations not required.

Continuing Community Workshops Help the Less Fortunate

Are you feeling overwhelmed with the needs of the world? Do you want to help people in need? All are invited to join us for our continuing community workshops every Thursday from 4 – 6 p.m. to work on projects that help the less fortunate. During the past year we have helped vulnerable children, the homeless, families of service members, senior citizens, school children and others. Drop in for part of the time or come for the full two hours. Stop in once or come every week. The workshops are ongoing. It is heart warming to see the community come together to help with these projects.

Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Rt. 22 and Rt. 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. The church is mission driven, self-governing, and child safe. We want to help the less fortunate, and we welcome all to join us in helping others.

North Branford Fire Department 2019 Statistics

**North Branford Fire Department** continues to provide the highest quality of emergency and non-emergency life safety services to the citizens and visitors in our community. Through the department's commitment to continuous improvement, staff development and implementing new and innovative programs to create greater economic efficiencies and improve emergency service effectiveness to North Branford residents. In compliance with National Fire Protection Standards (NFPA) 1720, Standards for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations and Special Operations to the Public by Volunteer Fire Departments, the North Branford Fire Department **exceeds** the national consensus standard, on scene within 8 minutes after dispatch.

During 2019 North Branford fire department personnel answered **1832 calls for service.** The dollar loss related to fire damaged property during this period was \$525,400. Property saved was in excess of 8 million dollars.

Types of Calls:

Fire	53
Emergency Medical	1339
Motor Vehicle Accidents	85
Lock In/Search/Extrication	3
Hazardous Conditions	31
Public Service /Good Intent	196
False Alarms	125

As a cooperative and collaborative partner with our contiguous jurisdictions, North Branford Fire Department provided and or received mutual aid for **43** Fire/EMS incidents during the year, including the towns of East Haven, Branford, Guilford, North Haven, Durham, Wallingford and the City of New Haven.

Questions and Additional information:

Call the fire marshal's office with any questions at 203-484-6016

Or e-mail at: [deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com](mailto:deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com)

Free Radon Test Kits

January is National Radon Action Month. The East Shore District Health Department is offering Free Radon Air Test Kits to residents of Branford, East Haven and North Branford during the month of January. Radon test kits are limited and available on a first come, first serve basis.

Did you know?

- The CDC estimates that about 20,000 lung cancer deaths each year in the U.S. can be attributed to radon.
- Exposure to radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking.
- Radon is a radioactive gas that can be found all over the U.S.
- It can seep into any type of building - brick or frame, new or old, basement or no basement, crawl space or slab on grade.
- Southern Connecticut is one of the high-radon areas of the U.S. designated by the EPA.
- Many people ignore the warnings about radon gas. Maybe because radon has no color, taste, or odor people don't think about it.

Testing is the only way to know if your home or well water has elevated radon levels. Radon levels tend to increase inside the home during the heating season when homes are closed. Equipment is available for homes that may need to reduce elevated radon levels at fairly reasonable cost.

Free Radon Test Kits will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis from the health district office. The kits were provided by the Connecticut Department of Public Health radon program. Supplies are limited. One kit per household, please.

The East Shore District Health Department is located at 688 East Main St., Branford and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Please call the ESDHD at (203) 481-4233 if you have any questions.



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Bring your projects and your supplies!

Work alongside some fun people and return to making your scrapbook pictures into memories your family and friends will enjoy for many years to come!

Supplies which we will provide include: one paper cutter, a bit of scrapbooking paper, some tape, various shaped scissors, gel pens, and a corner cutter.

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JAN 15	6:30PM	They Called Her Reckless: True Story of the American Warhorse. Named for the "reckless" rifles she would supply for the Navy, come hear Reckless's heroic story from Janet Barrett, author of the first full biography of this amazing warhorse
JAN 17	6:00PM	Scrapbooking Workshop. Bring your projects and supplies to work alongside some fun people! Make a New Year's resolution to finish some of what we've started! Next date will be Friday, February 21st
JAN 22	6:30PM	College4Less. This educational workshop will cover the FAFSA form. CSS Profile form along with other important information parents need to understand in order to maximize the amount of financial aid they are eligible to receive
JAN 23	1:00PM	Pat's Picks Movie Club, presented by Patricia Cochrane, will be showing Calendar Girls, a 2003 British Comedy. Snacks and drinks provided!
NOV 1- JAN 31		KIDS! Pizza Pie Reading Program. Read for 30 days b/t Nov. 1-Jan. 31. For every 5 days you read, receive a pizza topping for your pie & reading incentive prize! Once you've read for 30 days & finished building your pizza pie, receive a coupon for a free slice of pizza! For ages 3-12
JAN 15	10:30AM	KIDS! Just Hatched Story Time with Silly Jilly. Enjoy name games, stories and songs! Recommended for ages 2-6. Register at 203-315-6020
MONDAYS	4:30PM	KIDS! Chess Club for Kids! Whether a beginner or intermediate player, learn the strategies that will make you a better chess player. Grades 2-6. Register at 203-315-6020