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North Branford Rotary



Make Community Your New Year's Resolution: Join the North Branford Rotary Club

As the New Year begins, many people resolve to give back, meet new people, and make a meaningful difference close to home. The North Branford Rotary Club offers a welcoming way to turn those intentions into action.

Rotary brings together neighbors, professionals, and community leaders who share a common goal: service above self. From supporting local initiatives to contributing to projects that improve lives both nearby and around the world, Rotary members are united by a desire to make a positive impact while building lasting friendships.

Joining the North Branford Rotary Club is about more than volunteering—it's about connection. Members collaborate on hands-on service projects, support community events, and enjoy opportunities for personal and professional growth, all while having fun and strengthening ties within the town.

If your New Year's resolution includes becoming more involved, giving back, or finding a greater sense of purpose in your community, the North Branford Rotary Club invites you to learn more. A small commitment of time can lead to a big impact—for you and for North Branford.

For any questions, reach out to our club at Northbranfordrotary@gmail.com!

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A New Session Begins—

And I Want to Hear From You



In just a few weeks, state representatives and senators will be heading back to Hartford for the start of the 2026 legislative session. It's a date that might not mean much on most calendars, but for those of us who represent you at the State Capitol, February 4th marks the start of three months of debates, decisions, and votes that will shape life here in Connecticut for years to come.

Before any of that begins, though, I want to take a moment to say something important: I need to hear from you. The truth is, no matter how many hours I spend reading bills, watching committee hearings, or talking with colleagues, nothing replaces hearing directly from the people I actually represent. You're the ones living with the consequences of the decisions made in Hartford. You see what's working and what isn't.

So, I'm asking—please visit my website (repcandelora.com) and take a few minutes to share your thoughts. There's a brief survey there, and space to tell me what matters most to you heading into this session. You can also access the survey by using your smartphone to scan the QR code that accompanies this article. Whether it's something you'd like to see change, a problem you're dealing with, or just a general sense of where you think the General Assembly should be focusing its energy, I want to know.

On that front, the nonpartisan Office of Legislative Research recently released its 2026 Major Issues report—a document that outlines the big policy questions likely to color this session. It's worth a read if you're curious about what lawmakers will see as the baseline session agenda. Among the items included:

- DCF child welfare oversight
- No excuse absentee voting
- Police officer and firefighter retention and recruitment

I've also posted that Major Issues report on my website.

This session, as in the last few years, I'll be focused on issues tied to affordability:

- Increase the state's property tax credit
- Increase state aid for local education costs to ease the property tax burden
- Reduce or eliminate state fees, such as the Passport to Parks levy on our motor vehicle registrations
- Eliminate the state's 1 percent tax on prepared meals

These aren't abstract goals to me. They are achievable, and they're about making sure people can afford to stay in the communities they love, save for their kids' futures, sock away money for retirement, and not dread seeing their property tax bills.

The next few months will be busy because the time frame is compressed. While there is room to tackle a variety of other issues such as those described in the report, it is the "short" session—ending May 6—where the legislature's primary mission is to keep the second year of the two-year budget in balance. Expect to hear a lot of debate about how to use surplus dollars, whether paying down pension debt, expanding the state's social services programming, or delivering tax relief.

So, please reach out. Take the survey. Send me an email.

This is your government. Let's make sure it works for you.

TAKE MY SURVEY!
SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE



Let's Be "Frank"

Well brother, this past weekend I took a couple of more trips. No it wasn't Europe. It wasn't Canada. It wasn't even Rhode Island. The first trip was from my family room into the dining room. I missed the step and crashed into the dining room hardwood floor.

I was able to get up with the help of SueAnn, get over to the chair and even get to the bathroom. But when I sat back down in the chair, my knee and my thigh blew up like a beach ball. Unable to walk we were forced to call 911. The gentleman they sent in the ambulance were first class and with a little sweat they were able to get me into the ambulance and to the hospital.

At the hospital, the ordeal started. First thing was "let's take x-rays to see if anything's broken". Fortunately, I drank a lot of milk as youngster, so my bones are pretty good and I have a lot of padding that also protects my bones. With nothing broken the next test were scans to check the vessels. Fortunately, the large vessels were intact, but the small vessels were bleeding, and added to the trauma, the swelling was not a good thing.

After two days of blood test every four hours, it was decided that the bleeding had stopped and I could start doing some exercises on the legs and with the help of a walker try to walk.

The nurses is at the hospital are A1. Those ladies and gentlemen are angels. They take grief all day and most of them do it with a smile. I try to joke with them and let them know how appreciated they are.

The food service on the other hand, is a complete joke and should be an embarrassment. A hospital with as much money as Yale should be ashamed of themselves. My first day it was to late to order lunch so they came up with a "diabetic lunch tray". The diabetic diet consisted of penne with red sauce, which was ice cold, lemonade, a brownie, and a roll. Are you following my drift yet?

The next day, I ordered a Caprese wrap with hot tea an a salad. The wrap came up on a bun, the salad was a Caesar salad with two soggy croutons and they gave me a fruit cup and a sugar-free lemon ice that wasn't sugar-free. I also was in the mood for tomato basil soup. The cup was only half filled, and the soup was cold.

On Sunday morning, I ordered from the dietitian who came in the room. I didn't want breakfast so for lunch I ordered a grilled chicken with a ginger, lemon tea and another one of those wonderful Caesars salad. When it didn't come at 1:30 and everybody on the floor had gotten theirs, I called and was told they deliver by floor. I said I know I'm on the floor. I know everybody got their dinner but me. She then told me it was in the nurses office, I already checked. It's not OK I'll send it up. She sent it up and then 15 minutes later she sent it up again. One was with cheese. One was without cheese. My tea was a black coffee. I didn't eat that meal either.

Finally, for dinner, I ordered pot roast. The pot roast was cold. The carrots were cold. The mashed potatoes were cold and powdered and for some reason she sent me up a container of low-fat milk which I didn't order and an apple juice which I didn't order she did get the banana right.

I hope when I get home, I weigh myself and I've lost weight cause I haven't eaten in four days number one because the food stinks number two because me and my size does not want to use a bad pan

My sugar which I have kept under control for the last two months is 300 every day when I'm not eating. They are giving me less than a 10th of the insulin that I take at home and they eliminated the two pills I take to go with that insulin when I'm home.

All in all, it wasn't a bad week to get hurt. There were a lot of football games on, and UCONN men's basketball game. There's a lot of snow out there which would have would probably caused a fall anyway.

I did get to help a nurse out with our language. As she was trying to draw blood, before she put the needle in my arm, she warned "little prick". I told her she shouldn't have called me that. It took her a few minute to get it but she will now be warning with the words, "a little pinch".

So that's it for now. Take care and I'll see you soon.

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Scott Schoonmaker, Superintendent of North Branford Public Schools, announces that Kindergarten registration for North Branford residents with children eligible to enter school in the fall of 2026 will be as follows:

All school registrations are completed solely online. Registration will be open from February 2 – February 6, 2026.

PLEASE NOTE: Registrations will not be considered complete until all required documents are provided and verified including proof of residency, original birth certificate, immunization and health assessment records (HAR-3). You may be required to bring in your child’s original birth certificate as well as your proof of residency documents.

On February 2nd please visit our website <https://jerome.northbranfordschools.org/> and click on the “New Registrations” button. Here you will see detailed directions on the registration process.

In order for a child to be registered in Kindergarten, the following requirements must be met:

- 1. The child must be five (5) years of age on or before September 1, 2026.
- 2. The original birth certificate, with seal, has been uploaded and examined by the principal or designee.
- 3. Your child must have a current physical exam and immunizations; one that was completed after September 1st, 2025. The physician and the parent must complete the State of CT Health Assessment Record. The form must be on file with the school nurse prior to the first day of Kindergarten unless alternative arrangements have been made with the building principal.
- 4. The child must physically reside in North Branford/Northford.
- 5. Proofs of residence have been uploaded, examined and approved by principal or designee such as: deed to home or current dated rental agreement, escrow papers or signed mortgage commitment, current utility or telephone bill, and/or notarized letter from landlord or owner acknowledging parent/guardian’s and student’s residence.

If you have any questions, concerns or problems during the registration process, please call 203.484.1235.

In addition, if you have specific concerns about your preschool child’s development, please call 203.484.1235 for information.

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The Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC Is Accepting Scholarship Applications

The Connecticut Federation of Women’s Clubs has announced two scholarships that are available to Connecticut women pursuing advanced courses of study at Institutions of higher learning. Awards are granted based on future promises, scholastic ability, and financial need.

The Dorothy E. Schoelzel memorial scholarship has a maximum award of \$2,000. Candidates must have completed three or more years of undergraduate work in an accredited institution with a 3.0 average or higher in the field of Education.

The Phipps scholarship has a maximum award of \$1,000. Candidates must have completed two or more years of undergraduate work in an accredited institution with a 3.0 average or higher toward a bachelor’s or post graduate degree.

Completed applications, including general and personal information, a financial statement, instructor/employer references, and official transcript of at least the most recent two years of undergraduate or graduate work must be received by February 10, 2026.

The application may be obtained by visiting the Northford-North Branford Women’s Club website at www.northfordnbwomensclubgfwc.org.

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St. Ambrose Parish – Roman Catholic Parish with two church buildings, St. Augustine, located at 30 Caputo Rd. North Branford and St. Monica, located at 1321 Middletown Ave. Northford.

The pastor is Rev. Robert L. Turner. All are welcome and invited to join us for Mass! Summer Mass times include: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 9:00 AM at St. Augustine. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4:30 PM at St. Augustine (English Ordinary no incense used), Sunday at 9:00 AM at St. Monica (English Ordinary, no incense used) and on Sunday at 11:00 AM at St. Augustine (Latin Ordinary with use of incense). The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered a half hour before all Masses, excepting Sunday, and on Monday evenings from 5-6 PM during Adoration. The parish office is located at St. Augustine Church and is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-1. You can access the bulletin and staff emails at NBCatholics.org. If you are new to the area and looking for a wonderful parish or homeschool co-op to join, please visit us or give us a call!

Hope Christian Church (we are an Assemblies of God affiliated church) 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven C T www.hopeag.com. Sunday Service 10:00 AM, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM. Follow us on Facebook. “realpeople realhope reallife” (203) 234-7328

Community Baptist Church. 53 Hopson Avenue, Branford, CT. Pastor Jon Bickel. Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Nursery is provided. Adult bible study and prayer meeting, and children’s clubs on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. For more info.: 203-488-8581; info@cbcbbranford.org; www.cbcbbranford.org

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, the White Church on the Hill in the Heart of Northford, has been an integral part of Northford since 1763! Worship services are held Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship always follow. Please join us - we’d love to get to know you! All are always welcome!! The church is also open to all in the community for individual prayer, Tuesdays from noon to 2 p.m. St. Andrew’s supports many community programs, and contributes regularly to the North Branford Scholarship Program; North Branford Social Services (NBSS) Thanksgiving Basket Share and Christmas gift and food basket share programs; NBSS Back-To-School Backpacks; clothing donations (donation shed located at the back of the church parking lot); and more. A number of fundraising events are held throughout the year to help us help our neighbors, such as an Annual Rhubarb Fest, summertime Ice Cream Socials, and the annual Harvest Supper. Please join us for the events, and help us help our neighbors! Additionally, the church’s Parish Hall is available for rent for birthday parties, showers, receptions, etc. The Rev. Bryan Spinks is St. Andrew’s priest; Nan Monde is Sr. Warden. For more information please contact Nan at 203-710-7005

Northford Community Church. 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: northfordccc@gmail.com. Office Hours: Tuesday 9am-1pm; Other days by appointment. John Vigneri, Pastor. Catherine Klouda, worship leader. 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.northfordcommunity.church.

The North Branford Congregational Church, NACCC, 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford CT. Join us for meaningful worship and Bible based teaching every Sunday at 10 am. Sunday School for children during service. Communion on the first Sunday of the month. We offer Bible study, choir, lunch bunch, 2nd Sunday brunch, charity work, book club, praise team, men’s fellowship and more. To contact our church: Office hours are Wednesday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Phone: 203.488.8456, email: nobdcong@sbcglobal.net, website: www.northbranfordcongregational.org Come grow in faith with us!

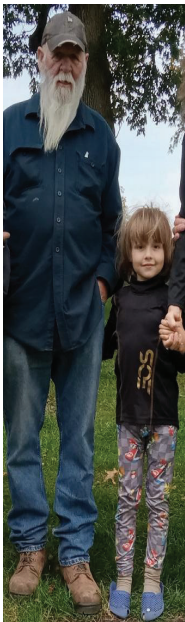
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Please join us for worship at St. John’s Episcopal Church at 129 Ledge Hill Road in Guilford, CT 06437. Our services are at 10 am each Sunday with Youth Spiritual Foundation for ages 5 and up every first and third Sunday. Coffee hour after our service in our parish hall. See our Facebook page St. John’s Episcopal Church, Guilford CT. 203-457-1094. check our website at www.saintjohnsguilford.org

United Methodist Church, Branford 811 East Main St, Branford (Route 1, across from Bill Miller’s Castle). www.umcbranford.org or (203) 488-0549. Sunday service 9:30am - both in-person and live on our website. “The Church on the Rock,” led by Pastor . We invite you to discover the power of faith in Jesus Christ bringing God’s love to the world. Join us to worship, experience God’s word, and stay connected.

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The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are now behind us, but the spirit of community generosity and thoughtfulness remains. There are many things in life we must do, things that we are required to do but the sincerity to care for our neighbors is not required although it is prevalent within this community.

Thank you to all the people that reached out without being solicited. People that called sincerely wishing to help another family. People that had the patience and endurance to work with me through voicemails, emails, busy signals, weekend and night calls, and the juggle.

Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and warm hearts. Truly a community composed of integrity and compassion. May you have a spectacular New Year! Stay well, stay safe.

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Madison Hoop Dreams February Vacation days (Feb 16 & 17) Basketball Camps

Madison Hoop Dreams has arranged for use of the Robert H Brown School (890 Durham Rd Madison) for the Feb vacation days of Feb 16 and 17. The objective is to help every camper improve their skills and their enjoyment of basketball. They also see it as a service to parents who are working and want a structured, well supervised, fun camp that will promote good sportsmanship and positive social interaction. The camp is for players in grades 3 - 8 and is from 9 AM to 3 PM. Players are encouraged to register early to ensure a spot. Their limit is 60 campers and they will draw from over 15 towns. All of their programs are co-ed.

Each day starts with an hour of skill development. Then, campers will

have fun participating in competitive basketball games for the remainder of the day. During the games, the coaches give instruction to help each player improve their knowledge and understanding of the game. This is an excellent opportunity for all players to Improve their skills for the basketball season. In addition, they usually have an outstanding guest speaker to motivate the campers.

The cost is \$60/day for the 6 hour camp. However, to encourage teams to attend, if there are 3 or

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Recycling News

You should have received a Light Blue 2026 Recycling/Trash Card in your last issue of the Totoket Times. Please keep this card handy all year. It has important dates and information that you will need concerning your trash pickups and what can be recycled. If the card was missing or you misplace yours, there will be copies at both libraries, public works, STW Community Center and Town Hall. You can also download a copy from the town website or from the North Branford Community Pride Facebook page.

**Scrap Metal Pickup will be the week of April 6th.
The Electronic Waste Drop-Off will be on April 18th where we
will be taking most electronics, mattresses and propane tanks,
all for free.**

Bulky Waste pick up will be the week of April 20th.

Are you interested in getting involved on a town committee?
Does it upset you when you see littering?
Do you wonder where the trash goes and how recycling works.

The Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee is looking for new members.

The new year is full of possibilities and we could use some fresh ideas.
Please contact the Town Manager's office if you are interested.

Reduce – Reuse - Recycle

For the New Year it is a good time to re-evaluate your waste footprint.

Donating = Reuse

For items that still have some life in them, consider posting them on the Facebook page: [North Branford & Northford Free Items](#). Help someone else out, unclutter your house and help the environment at the same time.

There are also a few [North Branford and/or Northford Tag Sale](#) Facebook pages.

For a larger audience check out [Freecycle.org](#) in East Haven or New Haven.

You can also look up your item in the [New Haven Downsizing Donation Guide](#). It lists multiple organizations that want your stuff! Just search for 'New Haven Downsizing Donation Guide'.

Try the [One-A-Day Declutter Method](#). Every day, commit to purge ONE item from you home.

Try to donate your items so someone else can use them.

Plastic Film Reminder

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For more information about recycling in North Branford you can check out North Branford's Recycling Committee's website: <https://www.northbranfordct.gov/245/SolidHazardous-Waste-Recycling-Committee> or our Facebook page: North Branford CT Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee

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 (or whatever feels right to you, just reach out to us)
 All proceeds go toward food and future dinners.

Kindly RSVP!

nbrecreation.com or call the office (203)484-6017

*** NEW ***

BREAKFAST AT STW

\$3 Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria. Please pre-register for meals at least one day prior, by 9am

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 8:30AM - 10:30AM
CORN BLUEBERRY PANCAKES FEB. 10
 8:30AM - 10:30AM

*** STW COMMUNITY CENTER**

SNOW TUBING



Spend a Thursday night snow tubing with friends at Powder Ridge! Dress for fun in the snow with snow pants, jacket, gloves and hat.

Transportation, tubes, and helmets are provided. Grades 6-8

January 29, 2026 - \$45res/\$50nr

Register by: 1/23

February 26, 2026 - \$45res/\$50nr

Register by: 2/20

Departs from STW: 4:15 pm

Returns appx: 8:30 pm

Chaperoned by Parks & Recreation staff

Waivers for snow tubing are required and must be filled out and signed by a parent or guardian in order to participate. The waiver can be found under the program information.

COOKIES WITH A COP

Tuesday, February 17

4:00 - 5:30pm

STW Community Center



Cookies with a Cop is a community program aimed at fostering trust and open communication between residents and local law enforcement. Participants share cookies and hot cocoa while asking questions and connecting in a relaxed setting. This program encourages meaningful conversations and builds stronger relationships. It's a sweet way to strengthen community ties and mutual understanding. Kindly register by 2/13

— SENIOR CENTER —
DINER DASH

Colony Diner and Neil's Donuts Wallingford
February 4, 2026

Departs STW at 10:00am Returns 2:00pm

Come for a meal on your own at the Colony Diner then we will head over to Neil's Donuts in Wallingford! . Please register by 1/26.

Embrace
 An Adaptive Dance Program

*Join us for an adaptive, sensory
friendly dance class for individuals
of differing abilities!*

February 3 - March 3, 2026

Ages 16 and under

6:00- 6:45pm - \$65 or Drop-in for \$15/class
STW Community Center

**SENIOR CENTER
 VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE**

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

1:30 - 3:30PM - \$5

Departs STW at 12:30pm
 Approximate return 4:30pm.

Lauralton Hall Key Club Valentine's Day Dance for the senior center community! Featuring lively music entertainment by DJ Buddha, light refreshments, and an opportunity to tour Lauralton's Victorian Gothic Pond-Taylor mansion. A student choreographer will be offer free dance lessons!

Register by 1/30

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Madison Hoops continued

4 teammates attending, they offer a discounted price of \$55/player each day. If there are 5 or more teammates, the cost is \$50/player/day. Please have one of the parents text Coach Bill Barker with the names of the teammates attending (203-494-6905). If possible, they will put teammates on the same team. However, trades may be necessary to balance the competition. In addition, they are combining the 3 days to offer a discount to families who have a total of 4 or more days of camp. Examples: 2 siblings attending 2 or 3 days would pay \$55/player/day; 3 or more siblings attending 2 or 3 days would pay \$50/player/day. (Family friendly pricing). Please select the discount that is of greatest benefit to you (team or family discount). We also offer financial assistance where needed.

For more information and to register, please go to www.madisonhoop-dreams.com. If you have any questions, or need financial assistance, please call or text Coach Barker at 203-494-6905 or email him at wab6933@gmail.com.

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AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE

New Haven Sail & Power Squadron, part of America's Boating Club, will hold an eight-hour America's Boating Course in two 4-hour sessions on Sat., Mar. 7 and Sat., Mar. 14 at Essex Veterans Memorial Hall, 3 Westbrook Rd., Centerbrook. Class runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. In addition to basic boating, the course will also include personal watercraft operation. Successful completion of this course and the proctored exam satisfies Connecticut's state licensing requirements and allows students to buy the \$50 license.

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://ct.aspirafocus.com/internetsales> to obtain the number unless you already have a number from a fishing or hunting license.

All students must register by March 1. The class will cost \$60 per person. Prospective students should pay and register at www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/americas-boating-course or text Peter DePascale at 203-671-2420.

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