



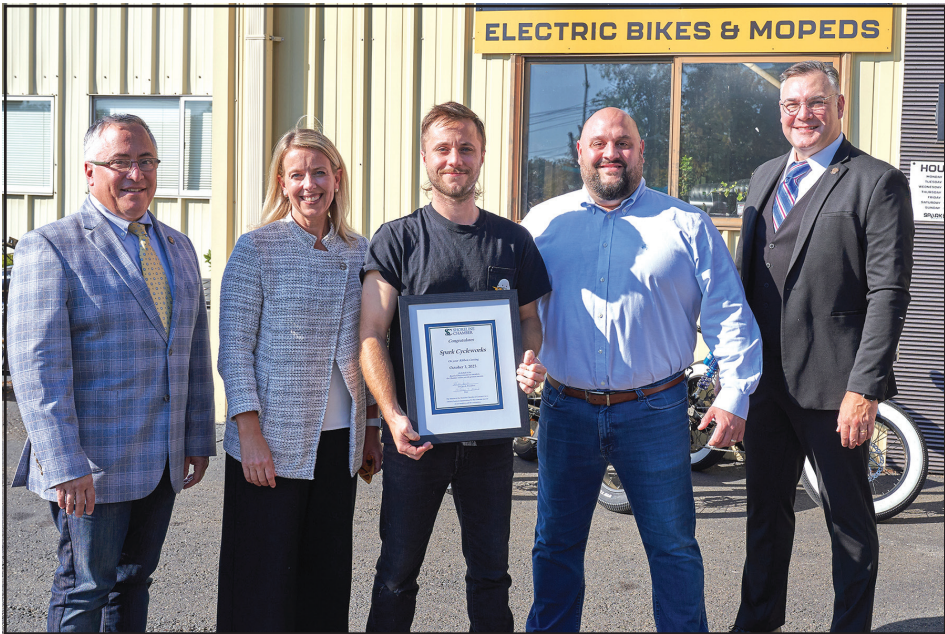
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Welcome Spark Cycleworks

On Tuesday, October 3rd, the Town held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to welcome Spark Cycleworks here to North Branford, along with Mayor Macmillen, Town Manager Michael Downes, State Representative Vincent Candelora, State Senator Christine Cohen, Assistant Town Manager Rory Burke as well as Dee Jacob of the Shoreline Chamber - CT. Spark recently relocated from Branford and they design and manufacture proprietary e-bikes that are more akin to mopeds at their new location on Commerce Drive.

We are thrilled to welcome them to North Branford, and you can learn more about them at their website sparkcycleworks.com.

Photos courtesy of Shoreline Chamber L-R State Representative Vincent Candelora, State Senator Christine Cohen, Spark founder Matt Schell, Mayor Jeff Macmillen and Town Manager Michael Downes.



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For all your advertsing needs as well as your church and event announcements, here is a list of publication dates and deadlines for the rest of the year.

Publication Date	Deadline
November 3rd	October 27th
Novemver 17th	November 10th
December 1st	November 24th
December 15th	December 8th

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North Branford Police Chief to Retire

In a letter to the Chairman and the members of the Board of Police Commissioners, Police Chief, Kevin Halloran tended his retirement notice effective April 30, 2024.

“After careful, consideration, and reflection, I have come to the conclusion that it is time for me to step into a well-deserved retirement.”

The chief has dedicated more than thirty five years to policing, serving the town of North Branford for what will be five years.

In a response to his letter, commissioner Victor Pietrandrea, commented on the chiefs legacy in North Branford. The commissioner stated, “Your legacy in North Branford is one of progress, innovation, and unwavering commitment to the public safety. Even during the most trying times you have set a high standard for excellence and your impact on our town will be felt for generations to come. On behalf of the board of police commissioners and the entire community, I extend my deepest thanks for your service and wish you a well-deserved and fulfilling retirement”. The commissioner, added that they did offer Chief Halloran a renewal of his contract, but iatthis time he chose to retire.

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“We can’t wait to see our voters this year”

Dear Editor,

Registrars have the unique privilege of a front-row seat to our country’s democratic process. We register voters, inform candidates of their requirements to run for office, and we are responsible for administering secure and accurate elections every year.

We and our poll workers are there through early mornings and late nights during municipal, state, and presidential elections, for every budget referendum and special election. We fulfill our duties no matter the time of year or the weather outside. We may be elected officials, but we’re Americans first, and we proudly serve our communities.

We have performed—and continue to perform—our civic duty, and now it is time for EVERYONE else to do theirs. Despite high voter turnout in Presidential election years, participation dips to under 35% in our local elections. Please go out to vote this year.

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State Representative Vincent Candelora



Our community made headlines statewide recently for all the wrong reasons, highlighting a serious issue that my majority party colleagues at the capitol refuse to tackle.

It’s crime, and residents throughout the state are seeing an escalation in the seriousness of incidents that are more synonymous with Baltimore or Detroit than our communities.

As you likely heard, it was mid-morning—yes, broad daylight—on a Sunday when a homeowner in Northford tried to stop an individual from stealing a car out of his driveway. The suspect fled toward a pack of criminals in another car, from which a passenger fired at least one shot at the homeowner. Thankfully, the homeowner was didn’t get hit.

In speaking to the media, our deputy police chief relayed a sentiment shared by people throughout the state: it’s becoming more dangerous day by day.

This local crime occurred on the heels of a headline-grabbing incident in Westport, where thieves attacked a man in his own garage as they stole his car. Officials there quickly held a community forum to discuss an increase in crime there, and themes mirrored messages shared in other parts of the state over the last couple of years. Residents want criminals held accountable, and police officers want more help from the legislature.

Those goals, however, don’t match the agenda of Democrats who control the Capitol. At the heart of their “smart on crime” policies are slap-on-the-wrist jail diversion programs, and funding for community organizations they say encourage residents to avoid criminality.

But for the sake of victims, something has to give. Democrats, including the Governor, must shift their focus from closing every prison—that’s their goal—to sending a strong message that Connecticut won’t stand for abhorrent acts such as car-jackings let alone organized purse snatchings in grocery store parking lots (yes, unfortunately, it’s an ugly trend.)

Many of the proposals I’ve backed in the legislature have fallen on deaf ears. In a state where juvenile crime is rampant, increasing the penalty for an adult who entices a minor to commit and illegal act, such as car theft, makes perfect sense to me. And for the sake of victims, shouldn’t we prosecute serious crimes in the geographical area where they occurred rather than where the perpetrator resides? I think so.

I’ll continue to push for those proposals, and many others, when the 2024 legislative session begins in February.

In the meantime, heed the advice of our police department: If you see a crime underway at your home, don’t confront the criminal—call officers to the scene. As made clear by the incident in Northford, and many others like it in other parts of the state, the people who are committing these scary, illegal acts have no regard for the safety of you or your family.

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LET’S BE “FRANK”

“Halloween is almost here. Witches will be straying. But you do not need to fear. They are only playing.”

That little ditty learned in grade school reminds me of the great times we had at Halloween trick or treating. I’m sure you never did this as you were much older than me (love reminding you of that). We would start out in the late afternoon before the sun went down and go on our Washington Avenue route. Our first stop would be Washington Florist where we would get a rose for mom. Then we would continue. An apple from the vegetable guy Mr. Baldino. The guy at the hardware store would give us a little trinket and Ruley’s Novelty store would give us a smoke bomb, or fake cigarettes or the “loads” to sneak into the old man’s cigarette and they would pop went he lit it up.

Further down we would get a fresh out of the oven hot roll from Marchegiano Bakery. They were so good you didn’t need butter. We would end the tour with a bottle of soda from the package store and finally Marzulo Bakery where we could choose an Italian ice or a pastry.

Then it would be off to Aunt Tess’s house where we would have a bowl of lentil soup (she insisted it would keep us warm all night), and off to the neighborhoods in Foxon. We didn’t have designer Halloween bags, we just used pillow cases. We didn’t have store bought costumes but rather homemade ones from something in the house. Often it was something mom made from Uncle Albert’s old army mutande(or as mom would pronounce it moodans). Those would be excellent for a hobo costume, a clown costume or just to keep us warm.

Back then, many of the neighbors would decorate the homes and let us in for hot apple cider or cocoa to warm us up. Between that and the lentil soup sometimes we had to make pit stops to visit the bathroom. There were no offers of miniature candy. There were full candy bars either hershey, snickers, peanut butter cups, milky ways, mars bars and a variety of others. If they gave us apples, we would toss them in the woods (the animals needed some treats too).

Mom was pretty strict about our bed times but back then Catholic Schools had off Holy Days of Obligation so we were able to spend the entire day after Halloween home. I would give some of the stuff to you and Mary, (did I mention you two were both much older than me). Mom and dad were both diabetics but mom would justify it by telling us they could have sweets on special occasions, I don’t know if she was referring to Halloween or All Saints Day.

It was fun back then. Now to protect our children from a sick society we have to have “Trunk or Treats” Church Halloween parties or anything else that will keep them off the streets. It’s a good gesture but it’s sad that today’s children will never know the independence and trickery we so proudly enjoyed.

As you read this letter you will be celebrating your fourteenth anniversary of your joining mom and dad. it seems like yesterday, I got the call from Mary that you were on the way to the hospital. I never really got to say good bye. I think the night before we were disagreeing with some plans for the Diamond Club dinner and your final comments to me were something like “why do you always have to be such an a...hole.”

You are probably happily looking down with a smile knowing that your wife and two sons are still carrying out your desire to foster the game of baseball with some of these dinners honoring people who have really dedicated themselves to sports especially for the children. They have also continued acknowledging some of the special high school athletes. Not just the best players but the best teammate.

I miss all the things we could have done together. As we got older it seemed as though we became closer in age and we always looked forward to sporting events and dinners. Holiday dinners haven’t been the same as very few still eat the traditional holiday goodies. Gluten free, fat free, dairy free and taste free.

Well that’s it for now. This month is also birthday month for my kids as our baby will be 34 and Gina 37. The time just flies.

As the say in Tennessee, “have a blessed day.” Say hi to the family and I’ll see you soon.

Letters to the editor..

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.

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Estate Planning for Everyone: By Attorney Marc Guertin

How to talk with your parents about their estate plan.

Talking to your parents about their estate plan (or the lack thereof), can be a sensitive and challenging conversation. However, it's a crucial discussion to ensure their wishes are respected and their assets are managed appropriately when the time comes. Here are some key considerations and steps to approach this conversation with care and understanding.

Find a quiet, comfortable, and private setting where you can talk without distractions. Avoid discussing this during holidays, birthdays, or other emotionally charged times. Start the conversation by expressing your genuine concern for their well-being and their desire to ensure their wishes are followed. Use "I" statements to convey your feelings. For example, "I'm worried about your future and want to make sure your wishes are honored. Understand that your parents might have various reasons for not discussing their estate plan. They may fear their own mortality or find the topic uncomfortable. Be patient and prepared for this to be an ongoing conversation. Encourage your parents to share their thoughts by asking open-ended questions. For instance, "What are your thoughts on how your assets should be distributed after your passing?" This allows them to express their views without feeling pressured. Listen to their concerns and priorities, as they may have unique wishes you aren't aware of.

If your parents are open to discussing estate planning, provide them with information on the importance of wills, trusts, and advance directives. Share real-life examples to illustrate the consequences of not having a plan in place. Encourage them to consult with a legal and financial professional who specializes in estate planning. An expert can guide them through the process, answer their questions, and address their concerns.

In addition to financial matters, talk about their healthcare preferences. Ensure they have a healthcare proxy, living will, and durable power of attorney for healthcare to outline their medical preferences.

If you have an estate plan in place, sharing your own experiences can be reassuring. Explain how having a plan has provided you peace of mind and security for your family. Be mindful of any family dynamics or potential conflicts. Addressing these issues early can prevent disputes later. Encourage open communication between siblings and parents if appropriate. Help your parents gather their important documents, such as wills, insurance policies, deeds, and account information. Having everything in one place makes it easier to create or update their estate plan.

If your parents already have an estate plan, discuss the importance of regular reviews and updates, especially after significant life events like a marriage, divorce, birth, or death in the family. Estate planning is not a one-time conversation. Revisit it periodically to ensure your parents' wishes are up to date and that you understand their evolving preferences.

Estate planning can be an emotional process. Offer emotional support throughout, as your parents may be dealing with complex feelings and thoughts. Talking to your elderly parents about their estate plan is a compassionate and responsible way to ensure their wishes are honored and their financial affairs are in order. By approaching this conversation with sensitivity and understanding, you can help them make informed decisions for their future and provide peace of mind for your entire family.

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"Use your right to Vote"

Dear Editor,

With the election coming up in November I would like to encourage you to use your right to vote.

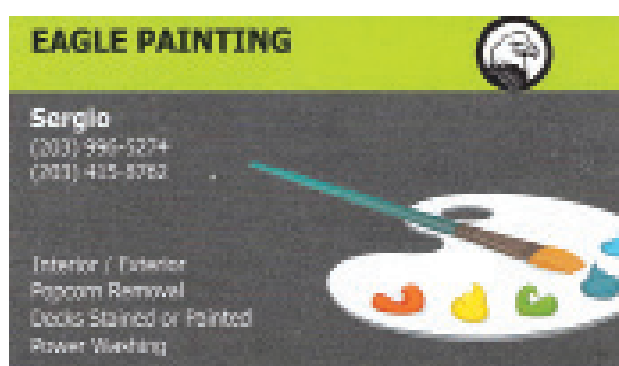
All Republicans, even Democrats and Independents, should vote for our current Council Members who are Republicans. And some Democrats.

This Council has done a great job for the residents of North Branford keeping the tax increase as low as possible considering we are building a new high school and police department. Also, prices for maintaining our services have increased.

They have spent many hours working on our behalf.

They deserve our support.

Sincerely,
Alice W. Lehr



Judy Bannon for Board of Education A Candidate A Cut Above The Rest

Dear Editor:

With the conclusion of the 2023 school year came the sad news of the retirement of Jerome Harrison Elementary teacher Judy Bannon. For any parent who had a child lucky enough to have Judy as their teacher, they know what a true loss this was to the North Branford Public School System.

Judy served our community and dedicated herself to our children for 22 years. While as North Branford residents we are very fortunate to have so many wonderful and dedicated educators, Judy was a cut above the rest. Always going the extra mile for our community, her school and especially her students. The only silver lining to Judy's retirement cloud is that she has decided to continue to dedicate herself to our children by running for the Board of Education this coming November.

Personally, both of my children were fortunate enough to have Judy as their second grade teacher. Judy was someone who in my children's formative years impressed upon them the love of reading, writing and learning. But far more importantly and impressively, at their young ages, she exposed them to the importance of benevolence. Between encouraging the kids to make donations to veterans in lieu of holiday or end of year gifts meant for her, the raising of money for Camp Rising Sun (a camp for children facing a cancer diagnosis), being involved in fundraising efforts for St. Baldrick's and even organizing a town wide night of support for an ill classmate, both of my children learned how important it is to give of themselves through the guidance of Judy Bannon.

Judy's love and dedication to her students did not end once they left her classroom. She would continue to follow them and their accomplishments as they grew. Attending dance recitals, sports activities, awards ceremonies & more in her personal time even throughout High School. The week that my son graduated high school, he even received a letter from Judy along with a letter he had written to himself in second grade. This is the type of person Judy Bannon is. Always going above and beyond. It is no wonder she was awarded North Branford Teacher of the Year as well as being named a Semi-Finalist for CT Teacher of the Year.

I have no doubt that the time and commitment that Judy put into her students will once again benefit our children should she be elected to the Board of Education. Who better than a woman who chose to raise and educate all four of her children in this town? Who better than a woman who has already given so much of her professional and personal time to better our community? Who better to represent our children than a retired district teacher? Who better to fight for what our teachers need in order to provide our kids with the education they deserve? In my opinion, there is no one better for the job than Judy Bannon.

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“I Admire all th energy Judy has for her Town”

Dear Editor:

I have had the pleasure of knowing Judy Bannon over the past 12 years professionally and personally. I would highly recommend her as a great benefit for the Board of Education. She is dedicated, level-headed, and works well with a wide variety of people. You can tell that she takes her time to fully understand the issues she is working on.

I have only known Judy as a 2nd grade teacher in Jerome Harrison School. As I watched her work with the kids, I knew I wanted my kids to have her as a teacher. I was not so lucky with my first child to have had her, but then was truly blessed to have my 2nd child in her classroom. I was able to witness firsthand how Judy was so committed not only to the students presently in her classroom, but also all her past students and families. Even if you didn’t have Judy as a teacher, she still made you feel like you were one of her own. She is very qualified for this position, as she is dependable, organized, stands up for what is right for the kids and their families, and very loyal to anyone that crosses her path.

I don’t know how she has enough time in the day as she goes to all the kids after school sporting events. She will even sit through someone’s recital, which is an all-day affair, just to let her students know how important they are. Judy has family in town, out of town and even out of state that she is very involved in. So, for someone to make this type of commitment to other families speaks volumes about her.

I admire all the energy Judy has for her town. She never let a family down that has been going through any kind of hardships and is still there for all of them to this day. I know Judy will work hard to listen to concerns and any sensitive issues and will do everything she can to make school a great experience for every child. She is such a genuine, fun loving, and easy to talk to person and this is why Judy will have my vote. I know that she will have all of yours too.

Thank you.
Maria Manske

Thank You from the Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC

The Northford-North Branford Women’s Club would like to thank our walkers this year for making the annual Lake Gaillard Walk Fundraiser a huge success!! We couldn’t have asked for better weather last Sunday! All funds raised will be donated to local charities. A special thanks to: our amazing North Branford Public Works. The Regional Water Authority, Lisa our yearly shuttle driver, the North Branford Police Department, the Atwater Library and all our walkers!! A special thank you to Mary Bode for baking cookies for the club staff manning the shuttle!! If you could not attend the walk and would like to donate to The Regional Water Authority Scholarship Fund or the our club, your donation is tax deductible! We accept Venmo!! (@NorthfordWomens-Club)

“I Look Foward to again serving you”

Dear Editor:

I am excited to share that I am again running for the North Branford School District Board of Education in the upcoming November election! I have called North Branford home my entire life and I am lucky to raise my three children here. After graduating with my master’s degree from Southern Connecticut University I opened my daycare which serves the children of North Branford. I am an active member in the North Branford Community, participating in the school PTO, the Totoket Girl Scouts Service Unit, the Northford/North Branford Women’s Club, and multiple parks and rec events. I have worked hard the last two years on the Board of Education to support our teachers, administrators, and most importantly our students. I have shown my commitment to strengthening our educational standards and ensuring that our schools continue to offer a quality education to all students. I look forward to again serving the community and hope to have your vote in November.

Sincerely,
Victoria Lanza

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“We Would Like to Introduce Ourselves...”

Dear Editor:

We would like to introduce ourselves as the Democratic candidates for the Board of Education in the upcoming election.

Jana Balsamo is an incumbent board member who has served on the board since 2017. She also represents North Branford on the ACES (Area Cooperative Educational Services) Board. As a North Branford Board of Education member, Ms. Balsamo has voted and strongly supported the construction of the new high school, expanded the foreign language program, and was instrumental in the high school’s continued funding of two students per year in the ECA (Education Center for the Arts) program. Going forward, Ms. Balsamo supports increasing trade opportunities through a manufacturing department at the high school. In addition to her service as a member of the Board of Education, Ms. Balsamo volunteers as the collection committee chair for the Totoket Historical Society and is a den leader for Cub Scout Pack 455.

Victoria Lanza is an incumbent board member who has served on the board since 2022. She is a strong supporter of the construction of North Branford’s new high school and of the addition of vocational studies through a new manufacturing department. As a board member, Ms. Lanza serves on the Contracts and Pension Committee. Beyond her responsibilities as a Board of Education member, she enjoys working with the PTO at Jerome Harrison and Totoket Valley Elementary School, the Totoket Girl Scout Service Unit, Little League and numerous Parks and Recreation events. She is a member of The Northford/North Branford Women’s Club and the Democratic Town Committee.

Judy Bannon recently retired from a 22 year career at Jerome Harrison Elementary School where she taught students from Pre-K through Second grade. As a board member, Mrs. Bannon will focus on supporting and celebrating students and staff members. Judy is enthusiastic about our growing Pre-K program and supportive of the growing focus on instructional strategies that nurture student learning. She is an advocate for transparent communication and is passionate about sharing her years of experience in education as a board member in order to continue to improve North Branford’s excellence in education.

We all firmly believe in public education and are positive advocates for the schools in North Branford. We are a strong team who will work together with all members of the board to make fiscally responsible decisions that will best serve the students and citizens of North Branford.

We hope to have your support in the upcoming election. Please come out and vote on November 7th.

Sincerely,
Jana Balsamo, Victoria Lanza & Judy Bannon

“...In Proud Support of Kim Dawson”

Dear Editor

I am writing this letter today in proud support of Kim Dawson for re-election to the Board of Education. Kim is a successful product of our school system who will continue working to make our great schools even better. Kim has already proven to be a great asset to the Board and I am pleased to offer my endorsement!

Sincerely,
Nick Palladino,
Town Councilor

“Kim’s Positive Outlook ...is Incredibly Contagious”

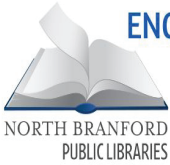
Dear Editor

Kim Dawson is running for her first full term for the North Branford Board of Education. For almost two years her presence as a Board member has been valued and student focused. She has led discussions and votes on numerous policies, student development, safety concerns, capital and permanent projects, and teacher focused initiatives; all while keeping the North Branford Tax payer at the center of the conversation.


Kim is also an active participant on several other sub committee’s where her attention to detail and commitment for the district surpasses expectations. Kim has spearheaded food drives for the food pantry, worked in unison with the North Branford Police Department and also supported the Toy Drive. Kim’s positive outlook on the future of North Branford Public Schools is incredibly contagious that others around her want to emulate.

Her selfless service and activity throughout the town do not go unnoticed. Kim’s devotion to the Town of North Branford, the Board of Education, and her constitutes is all the more reason to vote for her this November.

Sincerely
Zac Canada




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Make a Sweater Pumpkin
Thursday, October 12th @ 6:30PM at Smith
Please join us for this easy, no-sew project for fall! All you need is an old sweater sleeve, a piece of wood for the stem, and your imagination!

UR Community Cares Presentation for Visually-Impaired
Tuesday, October 17th @ 6PM at Smith
For those who wear glasses, have cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration, are blind, or have any other vision impairments, come learn about the latest information, tech tools & devices.

Pizza History Presentation
Thursday, October 19th @ 6:00PM at Smith
Join author, historian and pizza guru Colin Caplan for a lively presentation about our favorite food: pizza. Learn about New Haven and North Branford pizza history and sample some of the area's best! Bobby's, Giovanni's, and LaMonaco's are donating pizza for this event.







MILLPOND GATHERINGS
Steakhouse | Tavern | Event Venue



THANKSGIVING TO GO DINNER
Let us do the cooking for you this year!
Millpond Gathering's is offering a Thanksgiving To Go Dinner for families big and small. We have an amazing selection of dinner options as well as desserts for you and your family to enjoy.

If you'd rather enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday in the beautiful atmosphere of our restaurant, we are also offering a Thanksgiving Dinner Menu.

Call us today at 203-714-4400 to purchase your Thanksgiving meals or book your holiday reservations!



WANTED

We want YOU to come to Millpond Gatherings for a weekly game night. Whether it be Poker Night, LCR, Blackjack, etc. we would love to host it for you. Grab your friends, family, or that guy you've always wanted to beat at your favorite game and lets get a league going! This night is for you and your league so let us know what YOU would prefer. Please call Millpond Gatherings for more information and to inquire. Let the games begin!



Sip & Smoke
CIGAR DINNER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH
6:00PM - 10:00PM | \$200 per person

Join us at Millpond Steakhouse for a night of cigars, food, drinks, and entertainment! Enjoy 3 Premium cigars and a steak and seafood dinner al fresco prepared by Executive Chef Pedro Avila.

\$200 Per Person | Limited availability
Call David at Northford Vape & Cigars to by your ticket today! 203-543-4517

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TO BOOK YOUR SPECIAL EVENT CALL 203-714-4700

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Salvati Raises \$7000 for Tommy Fund

North Branford Public Schools recently participated in a K-12 awareness campaign and fundraising through school-based “Hats for Hope” efforts to support the Tommy Fund. Since 1953, The Tommy Fund for Childhood Cancer, has supported families whose children are undergoing cancer treatments at Smilow Cancer Hospital, Yale-New Haven and its affiliates. On average, the organization provides \$10,000 per month for families dealing with the hardships associated with Childhood Cancer. The NBPS became affiliated with this organization when one of its own, Nicolas Salvati, was battling Childhood Cancer over 3 years ago. Although the battle Nicolas faced was not easy, and it has had its ups and downs even now, Nicolas has never wavered in his support for the organization that helped him so much when he was at Smilow. Since then Nicolas has spread the message to his schools, community and beyond to raise awareness and financial support for the Tommy Fund and has done so through his leadership in student council, his networking and leadership throughout the schools, and his personal campaigns on social media.

Thanks to Nicolas and his efforts NBPS raised just under \$2000 this year for the Tommy Fund, and over the past 3 years he has helped raise \$7000 for the organization. Thank you to Nicolas for your leadership, advocacy, and service, and thank you to the students and families of North Branford for continuing to support this great cause and help those children and families in their darkest days. Your generosity and care go a long way in lifting spirits and supporting treatment. Nicolas and our school community truly continue to show that “T-Bird” spirit of service to others and caring for those in need.

Pictured here at NBIS is Nicolas, now a freshman at NBHS, with Carter Welch, who partners with Nicolas to coordinate the efforts of Hats for Hope across the district.

NORTH BRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
34th ANNUAL COMMUNITY ROUND UP

Each year, the North Branford community celebrates **Make a Difference Day** by holding a food drive. For the last thirty-three years students and parents from NBPS have traveled through the community collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations which were then gathered, sorted, and sent to our town’s food bank.

The food bank distributes the items to our neighbors in need of a little help maintaining nutritious meals for their families. Over the years, thanks to the support of our students, their families, and the staff of North Branford Public Schools, the food pantry shelves have been well-stocked and able to support the needs of our town members.

Always there for us, we try to support the food pantry as best we can. For the entire month of month of October, or Gift-ober as we are renaming it, we are asking for donations of gift cards to supermarkets such as Stop & Shop, Big Y, ShopRite, Aldi’s or T&J Market or cash gift cards for the food pantry to purchase needed items. Donation boxes will be located in the main lobby of our schools for you and your child to drop off the cards.

When making a donation, please ensure the monetary amount is listed clearly. Donations will be accepted throughout the month. At the end of the month, all donations will be given to our food pantry for their use in supporting those in the town who need them.

In addition, on October 28, 2023, starting at 8:30 am, we will hold the traditional community food round up. Teams of students collect canned goods, pasta, and personal hygiene items from all segments of the community. **Please remember to check expiration dates of food items prior to donating them.**

You can assist by placing items by your mailbox on the morning of October 28th

When teams have completed their route, each team will return to the N.B.I.S. cafeteria and present their items for the official tallying. The three teams with the most donations will receive prizes.

The drive is spearheaded by North Branford teachers, administrators and students. In addition, the North Branford Public Works Department has volunteered their services to help deliver the food to the local food pantry.

We appreciate and are very proud of the North Branford community who have made this event such a great success for the past 33 years!

Thank you for your generous support!

NB/Northford 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 on the basis of future promise, 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 on 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, official transcript of at least the most recent two years of undergraduate or graduate work must be received by February 10, 2024.

The application may be obtained by visiting the Northford-North Branford Women’s Club website at www.northfordnbwomensclubgfwc.org. For further information, contact Rose Lynch at 203-483-8395.

NORTH BRANFORD BARBERSHOP



HAIR CUTS
MEN \$14.00
SENIORS & KIDS UNDER 10 \$12.00

Tues, 8:30 - 5:00 Wed 8:30 - 5:00
Thur 8:30 - 5:00 Fri, 8:30 - 5:00
Saturday 8:30 - 2:00
- WALK - INS ONLY -

OWNER- ROBERT VIGLIONE
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NBHS FIELD HOCKEY TEAM UNDEFEATED

At press time the North Branford field hockey team was undefeated at 13-0. The two time state champs are looking to three peat. The team has been led offensively by senior Keana Criscuolo with 21 goals and 10 assists. She is closely followed by her classmate Sophia Toto with 16 goals and 8 assists. Sophomore goalie Ashlyn O’Rourke has nine shutouts as the team has outscored their opponents 51-6.



Criscuolo leads the play with Toto right behind her. O’Rourke staying focused.



Senior Gianna Gamble playing the ball.

Photos Courtesy of Todd Ingarra



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Recycling News

Happy Halloween!

Please remember that most of those candy bar wrappers and bags go into the trash. They are not plastic film and they are not recyclable. When your pumpkin has lost its decorating use, you can throw it into the woods to feed the wildlife. Be sure to remove any non-organic features.

North Branford Fall Leaf Collection is open on Saturdays until November 18th.

North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located to the left of the police station, near the Public Works Facility on Route 22 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Just follow the signs. No brush or grass clippings. The leaf drop off will be open on Saturdays October 21st, 28th, November 4th, 11^h and 18th. Please place leaves in biodegradable leaf bags (no tape please) or empty them loose onto the ground. There will be a curbside pickup of leaves in untapped biodegradable paper bags the weeks of November 27th – December 8th

Scrap Metal Pickup will be the week of October 23rd on your normal trash pick-up day.

Items taken: A/C units, metal lawn furniture, large appliances, hot water tanks, tools, metal fencing, filing cabinets, outdoor grills, small machines, non-riding lawn movers and similar metal items.

Bulky Waste Pickup is only twice a year. The next pickup is the week of November 6th.

Please do not place your bulky waste curbside until that week.

You can find a home for your used furniture before Bulky Waste!!

Help someone else out, unclutter your house and save the cost of sending items to the landfill. You can post on the Facebook page: North Branford & Northford Free Items.

Or, post on the New Haven, East Haven or Milford Freecycle.org site. Or, you can look up furniture in the **New Haven Downsizing Donation Guide**. It lists multiple organizations that want your stuff! Just Google 'New Haven Downsizing Donation Guide'. Some places even pick-up large items.

Electronics Drop Off will be on Saturday November 4th. These items should not be taken by the Bulky Waste pick-up.

The event will be held at Public Works from 9am to noon. Take2 Recycling will be collecting electronics such as TVs, computers, small appliances and almost anything that has a plug. They cannot accept smoke detectors, A/C's or dehumidifiers.

We will also be taking **MATTRESSES** (clean and dry), **BATTERIES** and **USED OIL** for **FREE**.

There is a small fee for recycling **PROPANE TANKS** in reusable condition and **TIRES**.

When you bring us your mattress, you are creating jobs for those who take them apart to recycle the components.

Hazwaste Central will be closing for the year on 10- 28th.

Located right behind the Regional Water Authority's headquarters, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven
Hours are Saturdays from 9am to noon.

Household hazardous waste comes from everyday products used in the home, garage, yard or garden.

Gather your household chemicals so they can be disposed of properly to protect our drinking water. Anything poured down into the storm drains goes into your ground water. Chemicals put into the trash can leach into the ground water where the trash is stored or gets into the air if the trash is burned.

To find the complete list and the registration form go to Hazwaste at rwater.com or call 203-401-2712.

Not Accepted at HazWaste Central: Asbestos, Commercial Waste, Electronics, Fire Extinguishers, Gas-Grill Size Propane Tanks, Medicine, Needles, Smoke Detectors.

Can I recycle it?

Connecticut has a website to help with recycling questions: www.recyclect.com. They also have an app.

TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD OFFICE OF SOCIAL SERVICE THANKSGIVING BASKET SHARE

The Thanksgiving Basket Share Program will take place on Monday, November 20th, 2023.

For those that need some assistance with their Thanksgiving Dinner, you only need to call the Office of Social Service and request to be a recipient in the Thanksgiving Basket Share. The only requirement is that you are in need, and that you reside in Northford or North Branford. Your information is protected, and your name will not be disclosed. You must be able to pick up your basket or arrange for someone to pick it up for you. We are unable to deliver or bring it to your car.

For those wishing to donate a basket or grocery store gift card, call or email the Office of Social Service and express your desire to donate a Thanksgiving Dinner Basket or a grocery store gift card. You may choose the family size you would like to adopt. You may choose to do this alone, or as a group, with neighbors or co-workers.

Although names are not disclosed, a number will be given to both the recipient and the donor. This is used to identify which family is the recipient. All commitments by the donor and recipients will receive written confirmation.

The Thanksgiving Basket Share is scheduled for Monday, November 20th, 2023. Should you have an interest in being a recipient or a donor please contact Office of Social Service by email at ssadm@townofnorthbranfordct.com or by phone at 203.484.6006 or 475-655-0412 by 10/31/2023 for recipients, no end date for donors.

Knights of Columbus Giant Flea Market/Tag Sale has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 21st at Doody's Field from 8:00AM to 3:00PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FALL DANCE



Saturday, October 28, 2023

7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Saint Monica's Church 1331 Middletown Avenue
Northford, CT 06472

Raffle Baskets & 50/50 Raffle

Music by DJ – Anthony Esposito

Setup, Pizza & light desserts are provided

BYOB & Snacks

Tickets \$15/per person

For questions or tickets, please call:

Wayne 203-410-3885 or Damian 203-215-7699

or email: knights6801@gmail.com

**PROCEEDS WILL HELP WITH THE PURCHASE OF
THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS DINNERS FOR
MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY**

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Branford Bible Chapel. 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning : 10:00 - 10:30 Worship & Lord’s Supper, 10:30 11:00 Announcements and Music Minity, 11:00 -11:45 Ministering of God’s Word & Sunday School. . Nursery provided. Vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. www.branfordbiblechapel.org

Hope Christian Church “A Place to Belong”. 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT. 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 Road, North Branford, CT Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:00 AM. On the first Sunday of each month please attend and share communion with us.

Nursery Care is available.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 Remember, all are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life’s journey; you will always be welcome here.

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: northfordcc@gmail.com Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. John Vigneri, 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

Shoreline Community Church located at 9 Business Park Dr., Units 1-4, Branford, CT. Call us at 203.481.8919. Sunday Services at 8:30 and 10:00 AM (Children and Jr. High activities meet during our 10 AM service). For more information, check out our website www.sccbranford.org. SCC is a diverse community that is dedicated to Making the Invisible God Visible.

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!

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). Sunday worship at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship always follows. The Rev. Bryan Spinks is Priest-In-Charge. St.Andrew’s is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry Network (MACM Network), along with St. James (Higganum) and Emmanuel (Killingworth). Please join us - we’d love to get to know you! All are welcome! 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, boots, belts, purses, sheets, blankets, curtains and stuffed animals may be made at the donation shed in the church parking lot, available 24x7. Visit our website at <https://www.saintandrewsnorthford.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; Rev. Spinks, 860-304-5266; or MACM office, 860-345-0058.

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 Kent Jackson. 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.

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford. Our vicar is the Rev. Lucy LaRocca. At this time, we have a single service at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning. Refreshments and fellowship to follow service in the parish hall. Please visit our Facebook page or our website zionepiscopalchurch.org. Zion is an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ. 203-488-7395

Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC Military Whist Card Party

The Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC is sponsoring a Military Whist Card Party on Friday, October 20th at the Stanley T.Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford. CT. Doors open at 5:30PM and games start at 6:00 PM. We are collecting can goods for the food pantry. Anyone bringing a canned food item will receive one free ticket towards our raffle. There will be fun door prizes and the club will raffle off beautiful gift baskets and other donated prizes. Refreshments, including delicious appetizers and desserts, will be served. Entry is \$12 per person. Proceeds benefit various charitable organizations in the local area.

For tickets or more information, contact Elissa at 203-793-7180 or Venmo at NorthfordWomens-Club. The Northford-North Branford Women’s Club is a civic organization dedicated to promoting deeper friendships among women of our town and surrounding areas, participating in community service, and cooperating with the club work of the Connecticut State Federation of Women’s Clubs. Check us out on Facebook: Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC.

All Souls Mass

All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum



North Haven-Thursday, November 2nd, 2023 at 10:00 am. Please join Archbishop Blair as he celebrates Mass on the **Solemnity of All Souls Day**. Mass will be offered for all our dearly departed loved ones. Program books will be provided. Handicapped parking is available around the entrance of the Mausoleum. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact our Outreach Coordinator, Barbara at 203 780-8418 or emailing her at bgode@ccacem.org. We hope to see you there.

HARVEST SUPEPR

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, will hold its Annual Harvest Supper on October 21st. Dinners are available for take-out or dine-in.Dinner choices include Roast Beef, Roast Turkey, Baked Ham and a smorgasbord of side dishes, as well as dessert choices of Pumpkin Pie, Apple Pie and Lemon Meringue Pie. Take-out dinners may be picked up between 4:00 and 5:00, and price is \$30 per person. Dine-in dinners will be served from 5:30 to 7:30, and price is \$30 per person and \$10 for children 12 and under.Additionally, there will be many Raffle Prizes. This event is much more than a fabulous dinner and so many fabulous prizes. It is St. Andrew’s major fundraiser of the year, and helps supports its many community outreach programs.St. Andrew’s supports the North Branford Scholarship Program, the North Branford Social Services Thanksgiving and Christmas food and gift baskets, the Back-To-School Backpack program, and more. Please help us help our neighbors by supporting our Harvest Supper!! Reservations are required and will be taken through Oct. 15th. Dine-in is limited to 75 people. Make your reservations today!1382 Middletown Avenue, Northford. For reservations please contact Nan Monde at 203-710-7005.

Holiday News from the Totoket Historical Society

Our annual holiday bazaar will be held on Saturday November 18th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Christmas and holiday items small antiques costume jewelry and baked goods will be featured if you have any quality items you would like to donate for the sale please call Bunny at203-919-4146. Or drop them off on Wednesday morning at the Reynolds beers house the north Branford libraries will hold a book sale the same day and are now accepting gently used books to sell

in addition to the totoket Historical Society will be selling calendars with photographs featuring doorways to the past a collection of doors to historical homes in north Branford and northford descriptions will be included in the index the calendars are selling for \$20 and you can get yours by calling Nancy at 2035000267. They will also be for sale at the bazaar and make a great holiday gift all proceeds from the bazaar will go towards expenses and maintenance of the buildings under the society’s care the Reynolds pier house the little red schoolhouse the Miller barn and the little white gas station

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Holiday Bazaar

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish is seeking crafters and Vendors for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Christmas Bazaar to be held at St. Therese Church, 555 Middletown Ave., North Haven on Friday, November 10th from 5-8pm and Saturday, November 11th from 9am-3pm. Please call (203) 239-5378 M-F during daytime or (203) 234- 0215 (evening & weekends) to rent a table. Tables and chair will be provided. Table rental is \$45 for both days. You can also email us at office@etrinityparish.org to inquire about a table rental.



October is the Month of Mary. Pray the Rosary!

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For each event attended, receive a raffle ticket to win a movie night basket that includes a \$25 gift card which may be used for the new Five Nights at Freddy's movie, coming out on 10/27!

WEDNESDAY 10/4
Mummy Jars

WEDNESDAY 10/11
Spooky Chocolate Covered Pretzels

MONDAY 10/16
Creepy Bug Picture Frames

WEDNESDAY 10/18
Halloween Cookie Decorating

MONDAY 10/23
Pumpkin Decorating

5:00-6:00 P.M. GRADES 5-8
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Annual Tree Lighting

Friday, December 1st

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Offering after school care until 5:30pm at the STW Community Center on Mondays and Wednesdays for grades K-5.

Fee: \$100/monthly

Our program provides a safe environment where kids can...



- Receive homework support
- Engage in recreational activities
- Enhance social/emotional development
- Most importantly **HAVE FUN!**

TODDLER TUESDAY - OPEN PLAYTIME

Tuesdays in October - STW Gym/Cafe

9:30am - 10:30am

Open Playtime is a great opportunity for all children ages 2 and up to learn, play, and make friends. Join us for this parent-supervised indoor playtime and let your child explore our gymnasium every Tuesday morning!

*Please register in advance

Benefits of open playtime include:
Increased socialization with other children
Play-based activities to build physical and cognitive skills
Positive, shared fun between parents and their children

BASKETBALL - OPEN GYM

Fridays in October - 2:30 - 4:30pm

Our gymnasium will be open for unstructured basketball time. Available to students, families, and/or community members. Please register in advance.

*Under age 15 requires adult supervision

INDOOR PICKLEBALL

Mondays in October - 6:00 - 7:30pm

When the weather won't allow outdoor pickleball, come inside and play in our gymnasium.

Space is limited. Please pre-register.

*Participants under age 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

THE GREAT GOBLIN GIVEAWAY

FOR ALL NORTH BRANFORD STUDENTS IN
KINDERGARTEN THRU SECOND GRADE.

Rumor has it that the Halloween Goblin has been seen lurking around, preparing to leave spook-tacular treats for the boys and girls of our town. So as Halloween approaches - **BEWARE!** Check your mailbox...if you DARE!



— SENIOR CENTER —

2nd Annual

OPERATION CARE KIT

For CT National Guard Service Members currently stationed overseas.

Let's come together as a community and provide care kits to our hometown heroes!

Some examples of items to purchase are personal care items, drink mixes, energy bars and other snack foods.

Please no chocolate or anything perishable

We will be collecting donations until 10/31/23

MEET & GREET THE CANDIDATES

November 3, 2023 - 10:30-11:30am - STW Gym/Cafe

Join us for coffee and refreshments as we meet the candidates for Town Council!

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Stony Creek, CT



A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Enjoy this classic tale adapted and directed by Keely Baisden Knudsen, this story illuminates the journey of one Ebenezer Scrooge and his guided self-reflection amidst the Christmas season in 1800s England.

November 30, 2023

\$60res/\$65nr

Departs 1:00pm

Returns: 5:00pm

Register by Nov 9th

Holiday Classics with Downtown 6 Band!

Featuring a sing-a-long from The Glamour Girls & Santa George & Mrs. Claus!

AQUA TURF CLUB

Tuesday Dec 12, 2023

Bus departs STW: 10:15am Returns: Approx 4:00pm

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Enjoy an afternoon filled with food, fun and music designed to get you in the Holiday Spirit!

Roasted Turkey/ Baked Scrod
Register by: 11/17/23



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The Town of North Branford is accepting applications for Public Safety Dispatcher. The position is responsible for the operation of the Town’s Public Safety Dispatch Center as well as for communication with all public safety agencies in the Town and the Public Works Department. The dispatcher answers all 911 and other calls and is responsible for operating radio systems and dispatching emergency and other services as required to resolve snow events, emergency situations, or disasters. Records emergency calls and maintains any other records as needed.
Candidates must have ability to learn and operate computer, telephone, and radio systems. Candidates must also have or be able to obtain certification as State of CT tele-communicator, Emergency Medical Dispatcher, and for NCIC/Collect. Ability with Spanish, knowledge of local geography, and experience with Nexgen LEAS CAD, ProQA, and as a certified dispatcher or EMT preferred.
A full job description can be found on the Town’s website.
Please submit application and resume via the Town’s website (www.northbranfordct.gov/jobs), via email to rburke@northbranfordct.gov, or by mail to 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471 Attn: Rory Burke. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until position is filled.

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Public Stargazing at Young’s Park

The Astronomical Society of New Haven is hosting a free stargazing event on Saturday October 21st after 7pm at Young’s Park, 60 Blackstone Ave. in Branford. Admission and parking are free. All are welcome, including children and grandparents. The telescopes will be pointed at Saturn, Jupiter and the constellations Pegasus, Andromeda and Cygnus. You will be able to see the Andromeda Galaxy and the great Hercules star cluster. Learn how to find these objects when you get home.
Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted to our website, www.asnh.org or call 866-808-ASNH.

NARFE November Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, November 6, 1:00 pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend.
The guest speaker will be Debbie Herget, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Federal Employees Program, who will discuss the 2024 Health Benefits Plan and provide 2024 brochures.
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