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32nd ANNUAL NORTH BRANFORD COMMUNITY ROUND UP

Each year, the North Branford community celebrates **Make a Difference Day** by holding a food drive. Students and parents from North Branford Public Schools have gone through the community collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations, which were then gathered, sorted, and sent to our town's food pantry.

The food pantry 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.

This year, we are expanding our community event, Make a Difference Day, to Make a Difference MONTH! For the entire 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, 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 North Branford Intermediate School to drop off gift cards. When making a donation, please make sure 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 23, 2021, 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 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 23rd

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. Now, more than ever before, we need to be aware of people experiencing food insecurity. We need to pull together to support each other and come together as one neighborhood and one community. Even though we are socially distant, we are united in heart!

Thank you for your generous support!

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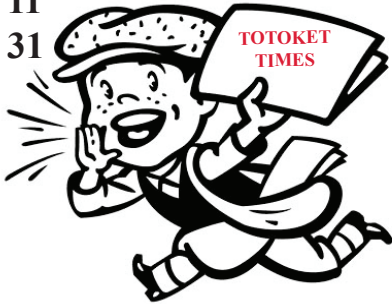
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North Haven Camera Club Featuring Betty Wiley

North Haven Camera Club will be presenting 'Photoshop Layers, Beginners and Advanced' by renowned photographer Betty Wiley on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd at 7pm via Zoom. Betty Wiley is a well known free-lance photographer, educator, and sought after speaker residing on Cape Cod and her images have frequently appeared in various local magazines.

She teaches photography and processing workshops at various venues on Cape Cod and for camera clubs and other organizations throughout the New England area. Her workshops and classes receive rave reviews from attendees and she is well known for her skill in the digital darkroom.

This presentation is designed to demystify layers and masks in Photoshop and you will see the many ways that these tools can be used in your photo editing workflow. Layers and masks are really quite simple to use once you understand the basics. Once you understand how to use layers and masks, you can easily do composite images, use powerful editing features such as levels and curves, edit-non destructively and selectively, as well as use blend modes and so much more to enhance your photos.

North Haven Camera Club is currently meeting virtually on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. The first Tuesday is devoted to informative presentations or workshops. The meeting on the third Tuesday of the month is devoted to a photo competition where members can get great tips for taking better photos. We also host monthly field trips to help members learn photography hands on. For more information about joining our club go to our website www.northhavencameraclub.com.



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State Representative Vincent Candelora

A statewide elections kerfuffle puts
state's absentee under examination (again)



There's an issue percolating in a lot of communities just head of Election Day that again casts a spotlight on our state's absentee ballotting process.

Residents of several towns, including our neighbors in Guilford, have reported that they've received unsolicited absentee ballot applications. That isn't particularly unusual—it's

a tried and true campaign strategy to reach what was once a typically small group of voters. What's controversial now, though, is that these applications arrived with pre-filled voter information such as names and birthdates but without the required real "wet" signature from the individuals who declared themselves as "assistors"—the people who entered the detailed voter data.

These campaigns used scanned, or digital, signatures instead.

What's the big deal? Aside from flaunting the law, using digital signatures allowed these [Democrat] campaigns to send thousands of pre-filled absentee ballot applications into towns, accomplishing a goal that would have been unachievable had the so-called "assistors" physically signed each application as required by law. In the world of campaigning, a pre-filled application is a treasure because it reduces work for voters, increasing the likelihood they send in the application.

Keep in mind, this comes on the heels of legislative action that temporarily added "COVID-19" to the handful of reasons residents can choose to vote by absentee—potentially growing the number of people who will vote that way. Legislative Democrats insisted the measure was needed to keep people safe, but it's unsurprising to skeptics—I'm among them—who are disappointed by the ask for forgiveness-later-approach Democrat candidates and consultants have used as a means to influence the municipal election vote tallies. The COVID provision expires Nov. 3.

Secretary of the State Denise Merrill has taken the blame, with her office indicating it wrongly told Democrat campaigns the digital signature route was fine to pursue. Residents have filed complaints with state elections regulators, though votes cast a result of these applications will still count.

After all, it's not the fault of the unsuspecting voter.

From Cromwell and Shelton to Wallingford and Stratford, the controversy has stoked concern about the absentee ballot system overseen by the effusively political Secretary Merrill.

In a recent—excellent—article in the CT Examiner, Middletown-based elections lawyer Johnathan Shapiro summed up the overall situation perfectly.

"I just don't see how anyone can say that pre-filling these things out, not talking to the people and just cold sending them, would be assistance within the spirit of the statute," Shapiro said. "This is why people question the integrity of elections sometimes, because people will always try to stretch the limits. I don't see how that is assistance because you're not actually doing anything to assist the person."

Rep. Vincent Candelora 86th District

North Branford, Guilford, Durham, Wallingford

House Republican Leader

Election Day is November 2, 2021

LET'S BE "FRANK"

Okay brother, I'll be leaving you alone for a while after this letter. Deadlines have changed for election coverage, holiday schedules and my trip to Miami for my namesake's wedding. It's been a busy month between getting an extra edition out, packing and arranging meds for the wedding, but there was still time for a few things to annoy the hell out of me.

First thing is, I am still irate with the Christopher Columbus debacle and the month of October just exacerbated my feelings. Taking away history and changing it to satisfy a small group is a sad day in our country's story. What gives the squeakiest wheel the right to take down statues and adjust traditions.

I was really saddened to hear that the Columbus Day committee changed its name to something generic like The Italian Heritage Club. When I asked about the new name it was explained that the name was changed because they were trying not to offend people. Well I can tell you my brother, I was deeply offended as were many of my Italian friends and acquaintances.

They also decided to kill a long time tradition as they (using Covid as an excuse) canceled the parade. Another tradition (being flushed into the ocean (pun intended). I can remember as a youngster marching in that parade every year and studying the trips of the crew with the Nina the Pinta and the Santa Maria. I wonder if that's is allowed in schools or if that has been eliminated from our history books as well.

I then read about the Arch Bishop of Hartford's plan to send the Dominicans at St. Mary's in New Haven packing. They claim they offered three choices and the Dominicans who have been serving St Mary and the surrounding area for more than 135 years didn't accept them. Sort of like offering death by a firing squad, a hanging or the electric chair. Sometimes the choices are just not good.

They claim they are losing Catholics in New Haven and the solution to this is not to close churches but put nine of them under one administration. As they have done in the past, this eliminates much of the cohesiveness of the parish family. They did it at our church and we only see our priest on the Altar for Mass. By his own admission anything he does other than say Mass and preach the word is more than he has to do.

As the Pope is preaching the unity of the Parish as the core of the church, this is how the Hartford Diocese has interpreted his words.

If they are losing Catholics, Maybe they should spend their time and their money researching a way to bring Catholics back into the fold. The closing of parishes, cutting back on services and events only makes it more difficult to interest the people, especially our youth. Sometimes the "church even has meeting with the local parishes to discuss the changes. but in my expereince these have only been setup as window dressign because the decisions are already written in stone (pun intended).

My final soap box item is another disturbing change in my life. Going on this two week jaunt, I realized that I won't have enough of some of my meds to get me back home. When I called the pharmacy I was told they are no longer able to override prescriptions. When I run out I am suppose to call them and they will send the prescription to a nearby participating pharmacy in Florida and I can get the meds there.

When I explained that I will not be in any state more that three days there was long silence from the other end of the phone and when she finally came back she had no solution.

In all these cases, the service to the people has taken a back seat to what is easier and what can be done with less noise and less work. It's the easy way out and it is very wrong.

Well that's it for a while brother. There will definitely be something missing at the wedding as you guys will not be there but Frankie reports there are well over 150 people traveling to be at the ceremony and that is agreat tribute to our family.

Through all this I haven't forgotten (how could I ever), that this week makes 12 years since you left us. Sometimes it seems like yesterday and sometimes it seems like forever.

Take care. Guide us on a safe trip and I'll see you soon.

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- ★ Current member of Pension and Finance committees

- ★ Former member of Planning & Zoning Commission, Board of Education
- ★ Lives with husband Frank, has three children and seven grandchildren



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- ★ Former Town Council member, three terms
- ★ 38-year resident
- ★ Chief of Staff to the Mayor of Stratford, CT
- ★ MPA degree with certificate in City Management, Villanova University

- ★ M.S. and B.S. degrees from SCSU
- ★ Married to Tara, lives in Northford with one son attending Jerome Harrison



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- ★ NB Youth Sports Coach

- ★ Married to Patti, two sons, Austin and Miles.



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- ★ Married, two children



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Board of Education



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- ★ Married to Cheryl, one daughter



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- ★ Lives on North Branford side of town raising two children



^{Elizabeth Hintz}
Siena

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- ★ Lifelong resident
- ★ Master of Education degree, SCSU
- ★ Retired teacher
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When Cravings Win Over Willpower

Imagine for a moment that you're at the mall where the wonderful aroma of cinnamon buns welcomes you. You manage to walk by and do some shopping but can't escape that delightful smell. It seems to follow wherever you go...it draws you in. You can almost taste the warm, gooey, cinnamon goodness. Before you leave, you buy two; one for now and one for the drive home. That's a clear example of a psychological craving. Cravings that appeal to the senses know no boundaries and show

up in a variety of places; the movie theater, at a carnival and even at home during commercial breaks, while we watch TV.

By contrast, Physiological cravings occur when we wait too long between meals and blood sugar crashes. At that point, the body truly *needs* fuel and the brain puts out an all points bulletin for carbs. That's why getting to the "hangry" stage compels us to grab the wrong foods in an effort to feel satisfied and regain focus and clarity. When that happens, willpower hardly stands a chance. Eating a balance of protein, fat and carbs helps to keep blood sugar balanced.

Lack of sleep also causes physiological cravings. I personally noticed that when I'm sleep deprived, I overeat. For the longest time I had no idea why. Then I learned there is actually a scientific explanation. It seems lack of sleep decreases the hormone leptin, which signals a feeling of fullness and increases the hormone ghrelin, which signals hunger. (Who knew?)

Keeping Your Battery Charged

Having regular sleep patterns helps regulate those hormones. The adrenal gland is the body's battery. If we start the morning with our cell phone at half power, it won't be able to keep up with our daily demand for phone calls, texts and Zoom meetings. By mid day or sooner, we'll likely be out of power completely. Much like a cell phone, it's important to keep the body's battery charged and start the day in full power mode.

While nutrition is our fuel, sleep is the body's battery charger. Without a consistent sleep rhythm, it's much more difficult to properly metabolize food, manage stress and have energy. While there are times when life happens and being sleep deprived is inevitable, having a regular sleep pattern makes it easier to get back on track. Restful sleep can set the tone for a healthier lifestyle so take the time to prepare yourself for pleasant dreams.

1. Unplug from technology for the last hour before bed
2. Figure out how many hours of sleep you need to feel rested and give yourself the gift of those hours on a regular basis
3. Go to bed at the same time each night and wake at the same time each morning. Your body will adapt to the natural rhythm.

You are What you Metabolize

Keeping blood sugar stable throughout the day, allows more control in minimizing cravings and increases feeling good about choices made. Understanding how the body works and treating it accordingly can empower your willpower so to speak. We get the full benefit of the nutrients we consume when the body is metabolizing those foods properly. Regardless of what triggers a craving, take notice of how eating certain foods makes you feel. If it causes a sluggish or bloated feeling, you don't have to give it up forever (unless you want to). Although it's wise to listen to the body and limit the frequency, remember- this is a guilt free zone.

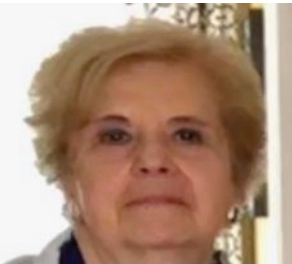
But Halloween is Coming!

Halloween can be a great opportunity to put some of this into practice. It's never too early to teach little ones about choosing wisely while still allowing them to be kids and enjoy kid stuff. (And we're never too old to start learning.)

While doling out the haul of treats your little ghosts and gremlins bring home, (or when you feel obligated to eat all the leftover candy you bought for the neighborhood so it won't go to waste), consider this: Eating protein and fat with candy is the solution to preventing unstable blood sugar levels. For example, having a few slices of deli turkey and almonds with your M&Ms or a couple of pieces of string cheese or low fat Greek yogurt with a Kit Kat bar will make a difference. Candy is processed and refined sugar which leads to blood sugar crashes. So, choose your favorite candy, pair it with a healthy protein and fat and enjoy. The trick is to make a couple of minor adjustments that change the way food is metabolized, and still enjoy your favorite treat!

Food for thought: You don't have to wait until after the holidays to start taking back your health. More on this next time with tips on how to have the healthiest holiday season ever while still enjoying your favorite foods. Until then, please contact me with questions, and/or comments at joann@wellnessfusion.net. This monthly article is here for you-For the Health of it!

Building Today for A Better Tomorrow NBDTC COUNCIL CANDIDATES



Marie Diamond

Resides in Northford at Montgomery Village where she serves as President of the Montgomery Village Condominium Association. Marie has

served on the North Branford Town Council for 8 years and has also served on the North Branford Board of Education and Parks and Recreation Commission. She also was the first President of the North Branford Education Foundation. Marie has a Bachelor of Arts degree in French, a master's in education, and a sixth-year diploma in educational leadership. Marie worked in the North Haven School District for over 40 years and retired as the director of curriculum and instruction. She received a Shining Star Award from the North Branford Education Foundation in 2017.

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Marcey Onofrio Resident of Northford for 44 years, Graduated North Branford High School as did both of her children

BOE member 16 years Vice Chair, Board of Education, Former Chair and Secretary, Board of Education
Former Girl Scout



Vince Mace has been in Northford since 1984, 37 years. He has been married for 48 years, with three adult children and 8 grandchildren. His three children were educated through the North Branford School System and currently he has grandchildren in the North Branford School System.

He has been a member of the North Branford Board of Education for approximately 4 years and supported building a new high school for our community. Through the years he has served the community as a member of the Executive Board of the North Branford Little League. He was involved in the Park Rec girl's softball program and coached the young girls traveling basketball teams.

Vince retired from the United States Postal Service after 30 years of service and currently has his own general law practice.

He is a member of the New Haven Bar Association, the CT Bar Association and the CT Trial Lawyers Association.

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pertise in operations management, telecom policy development and network implementation. He is a passionate North Branford resident who is committed to serving his community. Bruce was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut and has been a resident of North Branford, Connecticut for the past 35 years. He has lived in diverse regions of the United States, from Orlando, Florida to Brighton, Michigan, and 8 other cities in between. At the age of 21 he met his wife Jamie while living in Long Island. As they were looking for a town to raise a family, Bruce and Jamie landed in North Branford and knew it was the perfect place to start a family. Their two daughters, Emily '09 and Alicia '14, benefited greatly from the North Branford Public School system. Over the years as a resident of the community, Bruce has involved himself in numerous ways as a small business owner, a youth soccer coach, helped Emily launch the much loved NBHS Girl's Soccer Team Senior balloon fundraiser and is now a member of the North Branford Democrat Town Council as the co-chair. He hopes to serve the Town of North Branford and it's residents with receptiveness and compassion.

ESTATE PLANNING FOR EVERYONE

By Marc Guertin, Attorney at Law

If 2021 is your year to get your affairs in order, it’s not too late, you have about two months to accomplish your goal. For some it is just a matter of updating their will, powers of attorney and healthcare documents, or adding some life insurance. For others it may be starting from scratch. Whatever the case, there is still time.

In my experience, the toughest part of estate planning is starting the process. Once the process has begun, it rolls along rather quickly. Whether your situation is basic or complex, a lot can be accomplished in a short amount of time.

At a minimum, everyone should have a basic plan in place. A basic estate plan focuses on a people, property and makes plans for those people and that property. Any estate plan, basic or otherwise should answer two questions: “What happens to my stuff when I die?” and “What happens if I am seriously ill?”

The main document in a basic plan is a Last Will and Testament. A Will can be a simple document distributing assets outright to your heirs or it can be more complex; planning for all types of situations from minor children to special needs beneficiaries. Wills only contemplate one thing- your death. What happens if you don’t die and you just become seriously ill or incapacitated? Planning for incapacity is just as important as planning for death.

The main document in an incapacity plan is a Durable Power of Attorney. A Durable Power of Attorney allows you to appoint an agent who can handle your financial affairs if you should become incapacitated. A Durable Power of Attorney is critically important. In the absence of this document no one has the power to manage your affairs while you are incapacitated and the only way to get that kind of power is to go to court. Going to court, even the probate court, is not what I would call a cost-effective solution. This problem is easily avoided with a Durable Power of Attorney.

Healthcare Directives are also extremely important documents when planning for incapacity. A Healthcare Directive appoints someone to interact with healthcare professionals and make decisions if you are incapacitated. Just as with the Durable Power of Attorney, in the absence of a healthcare directive your family would have to petition the court to get the power to make healthcare decisions.

The final piece of a basic estate plan is a Living Will. A Living Will lets you inform your doctors (and loved ones) your wishes regarding what extraordinary medical procedures you want performed if you are in a terminal condition with no hope of recovery. It spells out your exact intentions which takes the weight of a decision like that off your family. In these times it is critically important to have a healthcare agent who can speak for you and a Living Will in place to speak to your wishes regarding end of life decisions.

Planning your estate can be stressful, but it doesn’t have to be. Most people tell me they are pretty relieved when they have gotten their affairs in order. If you’d like to talk to me about your estate plan, please call my office at 203-500-0201 for a free consultation.

Smoke Alarms, Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

If I asked you where your smoke alarms are in your home, could you tell me? If you are like many people, you may not pay much attention to where smoke alarms have been installed. However, location matters when it comes to smoke alarms.

Smoke alarms should be installed inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.

Working smoke alarms are a critical fire-safety tool that can mean the difference between life and death in a home fire. According to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), smoke alarms can cut the chance of dying in a home fire in half. Meanwhile, NFPA data shows that home fires killed 2,755 people in 2018, an average of eight people every day that year. Many of these deaths could have been prevented with the proper smoke alarm protection.

As a member of the fire service, I have seen the devastating effects of fire first-hand; the burn injuries, the loss of homes and possessions are distressing. What is even worse is witnessing a family’s anguish after a loved one has been killed in a fire. It is heartbreaking.

My sincere hope is that all North Branford residents make sure there are working smoke alarms installed throughout their homes. These simple steps can help make a lifesaving difference and prevent the potentially life-threatening impact of fire.

Here are additional smoke alarm tips to follow:

1. Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
2. Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
3. Test alarms each month by pushing the test button.
4. Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are 10-year-old or sooner if they do not work properly.
5. Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound and understands what to do when they hear the smoke alarm.
6. If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside, and stay outside.
Go to your outside meeting place. Call the fire department from outside the home.

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Please help us help you. Sometimes it can be difficult to find the proper address when responding to an emergency. Please have proper house numbers that can be viewed from both directions on the street.

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 2. Visible from the street
 3. If the building is set back by more than 100 feet, the number should be affixed to a post or mailbox not more than 10 feet from the driveway
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- I. To cast their votes for Town Council and Board of Education.

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District 2: **Stanley T. Williams Community Center**, 1332 Middletown Avenue – Route 17

Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be opened at six o’clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o’clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).

Dated at North Branford, Connecticut, this 12th day of October, 2021.

Lisa A. Valenti, MMC
North Branford Town Clerk

TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE OF SEWER USER FEES AND SEWER ASSESSMENT INSTALLMENT CHARGE DUE OCTOBER 1, 2021

Property owners of the Town of North Branford are hereby notified that the first installment of Sewer User fees and Sewer Assessment charges are due on October 1, 2021. Payments not received or postmarked by November 1, 2021, will be considered delinquent and statutory delinquent interest charges will apply.

Interest will accrue at the rate of 1 ½% per month with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00 for Sewer Use and \$5.00 for Sewer Assessment. The annual Sewer User fee of \$475.00 was set by the North Branford Water Pollution Control Authority at its September 21, 2021, meeting. Property owners that are on a **single payment schedule for Sewer Assessment** are hereby notified that payment is due on November 1, 2021, and statutory delinquent charges will apply if payment is not received or postmarked by November 1, 2021.

Bills may be paid at the North Branford Town Hall, Tax Collector’s office Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:30.

If you have lost or misplaced your bill, call the Tax office for a replacement at 203-484-6011.

If remittance is made by mail and a receipt is requested, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Checks should be made payable to the Tax Collector, Town of North Branford.

Dated this 21st Day of September 2021
Kenneth A. Delfini, CCMC Tax Collector

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Sharon Anderson has earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Biochemical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Lia Prato has enrolled at LeHigh University as part of the class of 2025.



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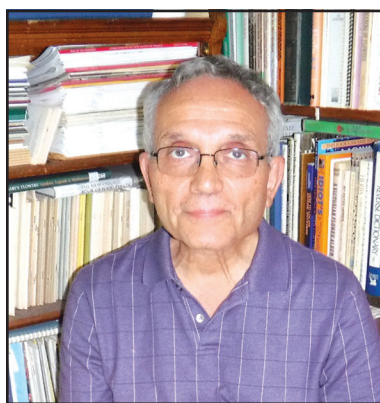
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Back in Action

Trevor Holtzer a 2020 graduate of NBHS is back on the field at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI. Trevor a three sport athlete at North Branford has recently returned from a broken collar bone.



Leonard "Leonardo" N. Franco, art teacher, musician, and art therapist passed into the eternal arms of God on Saturday, October 16th 2021 at his home in Northford. Born in New Haven in 1945 to Louis and Camilla Carbone Franco, he was predeceased by them and his loving brother Donald L. Franco. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Janis Leach Franco, his daughters Debbie, and Maura Franco, two cherished grandsons, his sisters-in-law,

Lorraine Franco and Phyllis Rogovsky, his brother-in-law Dennis Leach, and several nieces, nephews and cousins. A graduate of Notre Dame High School class of 1963, and of Southern Connecticut State University, he also attended Paier College of Art. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve. Known to some of his convalescent home art students as "Mr. Wonderful," Len taught art at several nursing homes including Whispering Pines in East Haven. He also taught for many years in both public and private schools in the New Haven area. As a skilled drummer he had been a longtime member of the New Haven Musicians Union. He was a communicant of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish in North Haven. Len maintained a lifelong interest in religion, natural health, herbs, and meditation, including the teachings of the Self Realization Fellowship. Some of his happiest hours were spent with friends and family in art galleries, museums, and gardens. His favorite trips were to Italy, Medjugorje, Yugoslavia, and the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

In lieu of flowers those who so desire may contribute to a charity of their choice. The family wishes to thank relatives and friends, and the VNA Community Healthcare & Hospice of Guilford for their care and concern.
www.northhavenfuneral.com

Wee Care of North Branford, Inc.



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At Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. all day preschool is available for children ages 3-6 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Some of the highlights of the program are:

- Two licensed Preschool Teachers
- Curriculum and disciplinary procedures aligned with local kindergarten classes
- Teacher directed learning centers
- Morning lessons reinforced by afternoon activities
- Extracurricular activities at no extra cost including Yoga, Music, Library visits, and Science classes

Openings currently available.

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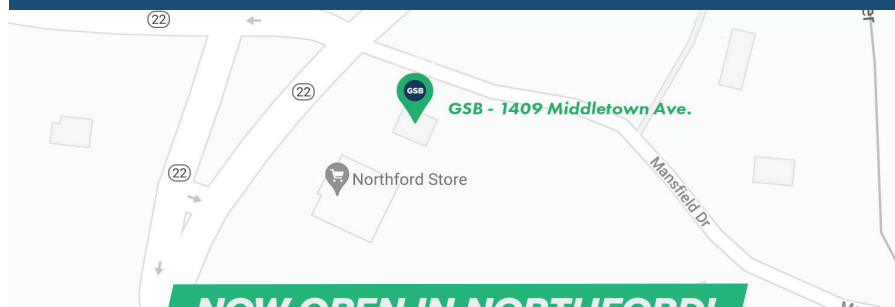
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**North Branford Rotary
Presents:**

Fall Fling & Auction

Wednesday November 10, 2021

at 6:00pm

The Woodwinds

29 School Ground Rd

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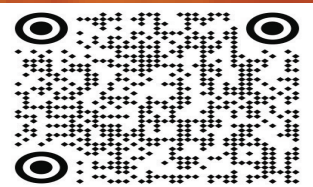
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Questions? Please contact

northbranfordrotary@gmail.com

or

Melinda Fonda at 203-988-0883



Recycling News

HazWaste Central will be closing on October 30th 2021

Located right behind the Regional Water Authority’s headquarters, 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven

Hours are 9am to noon - Saturdays through October 30th, 2021

Gather your household chemicals so they can be disposed of properly.

Accepted: Waste oil, antifreeze, cleaners, pool chemicals, oil-based paints, pesticides, compact fluorescent light bulbs and much more.

The water company collects these items so they don’t go into the trash and pollute your local drinking water.

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

North Branford Fall Leaf Collection

North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located near the Public Works Facility on Route 22 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The drop off is located around the back of the lighted softball field. The leaf drop off will be open: **October 23, 30 and November 6,**

13, 20. Please place leaves in biodegradable leaf bags (no tape please) or empty them loose onto the ground.

Bulk Pickup is only twice a year.

Next pickup is the week of November 8, 2021.

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

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 save the cost of sending items to the landfill.

Scrap Metal Pickup will be the week of October 25th.

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.

Electronics Drop Off will be on November 6th.

Bring your electronics to this collection event to have them recycled properly and save the town the cost of disposing them as bulky waste.

During this November event, we will also be taking clean and dry Mattresses for free. We will take propane tanks and tires for a small fee.

Please remember to empty your plastic bags of food and liquids before placing them in the collection bin. It may just be water to you, but mixed with other things it becomes a sticky mess.

Also, crinkly bags such as candy bar wrappers, chip bags, individual plastic tea bag wrappers and plastic cat litter bags are not plastic film. They go into the trash.

“Please Don’t Feed the Storm Drain”

Storm drains are designed to only carry rainfall runoff from our streets into our local waterways. Anything but water can contribute to water pollution and drainage issues.

I AM ITALIAN AMERICAN
(Author unknown)

Last column dedicated to Italian Heritage Month.

Next time you or your friends are watching a rerun of the Sopranos or the Jersey Shore, and they think Italian Americans are all about organized crime, remember this:

I am an Italian American. My roots are deep in an ancient soil, drenched by the Mediterranean sun, and watered by pure streams from snow capped mountains.

I am enriched by thousands of years of culture. My hands are those of the mason, the artist, the man of the soil.

My thoughts have been recounted in the annals of Rome, the poetry of Virgil, the creations of Dante, and the philosophy of Benedetto Croce.

I am an Italian-American, and from my ancient world, I first spanned the seas to the New World. I am Cristoforo Colombo.

I am Giovanni Caboto known in American History as John Cabot, discoverer of the mainland of North America.

I am Amerigo Vespucci, who gave my name to the New World, “America.”

First to sail on the Great Lakes in 1679, founder of the territory that became the State of Illinois, colonizer of Louisiana and Arkansas, I am Enrico Tonti.

I am Filippo Mazzei friend of Thomas Jefferson, and my thesis on the equality of man was written into the Bill of Rights.

I am William Paca, signer of the Declaration of Independence .

I am an Italian-American; I financed the Northwest Expedition of George Rogers Clark and accompanied him through the lands that would become Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan. I am Colonel Francesco Vigo.

I mapped the Pacific from Mexico to Alaska and to the Philippines; I am Alessandro Malaspina.

I am Giacomo Belinimi, discoverer of the source of the Mississippi River in 1823.

I created the Dome of the United States Capitol. They call me the Michelangelo of America. I am Constantino Brumidi.

In 1904, I founded in San Francisco, the Bank of Italy now known as the Bank of America , the largest financial institution in the world; I am A. P. Giannini.

I am Enrico Fermi, father of nuclear science in America.

I am Steve Geppi, founder of Diamond Comics, the largest distributorship of comics on the planet.

I am the first enlisted man to earn the Medal of Honor in World War II; I am John Basilone of New Jersey.

I am a West Point Graduate; I led NASA’s Apollo Launch Team in launching America’s Astronauts with Cmdr Neil Armstrong to become the first men on the Moon in 1969, as pledged by President John F. Kennedy in 1961; I am Rocco A. Petrone.

I am an Italian-American. I am the million strong thousands of whose names are enshrined in military cemeteries from Guadalcanal to the Rhine. I am the steel maker in Pittsburgh, the grower in the Imperial Valley of California, the textile designer in Manhattan, the movie maker in Hollywood, the homemaker and the breadwinner in over 10,000 communities.

I am an American without stint or reservation, loving this land as only one who understands history, its agonies and its triumphs can love and serve it.

I will not be told that my contribution is any less nor my role not as worthy as that of any other American.

I will stand in support of this nation’s freedom and protect against all foes.

My heritage has dedicated me to this nation. I am proud of my heritage, and I shall remain worthy of it. I am proud to be an Italian-American.

Protect our wetlands and our drinking water by not putting anything in the storm drain.

Please remember to keep loose leaves, grass clippings and yard debris out of the street so they do not get washed or blown into the storm drain, which can cause flooding.

Pesticides from treated lawns and gardens and fluid from motor vehicle leaks can also end up threatening the water quality of our wetlands and your drinking water.

Remember: Only Rain in the Drain!

For more information about recycling in North Branford you can check out North Branford’s Recycling Committee’s website: townofnorthbranfordct.com/government/boards-commissions/hazardous-wasterecycling-committee.aspx or our Facebook page: North Branford CT Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee

Thank You for Your Participation

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
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 Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or 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 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

St. Ambrose Parish is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two church locations; St. Augustine, 30 Caputo Rd. North Branford and St. Monica, 1331 Middletown Ave. Northford. The Pastor is Rev. Robert L. Turner. Temporarily all Masses are being held at St. Augustine during the pandemic to accommodate as many parishioners at each Mass as capacity allows. Weekday Masses are celebrated at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 5:00 P.M. (English Ordinary, no incense) and on Sunday at 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. (Latin Ordinary with use of incense). The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 30 minutes prior to all daily Masses and by appointment by calling the parish office. The parish office is located at 30 Caputo Rd. in the parish center and is open M – F from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Mass is live streamed each Sunday morning on our St. Ambrose Facebook page. You can access the parish bulletin and staff emails on our website at NBcatholics.org. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us!

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1382 Middletown Avenue, Northford - The White Church On The Hill In The Heart of Northford (at the intersection of Rtes. 17 & 22). St. Andrew's is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry Network (MACM), along with Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Killingworth and St. James Episcopal Church in Higganum. The Rev. Bryan Spinks is Priest-In-Charge at St. Andrew's. Regular worship services are held each Sunday - summer services begin at 9:00 a.m., and starting in Sept. go back to 10:00 a.m. starting time.

St. Andrew's is the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford, located in the lower level of the church's parish hall. And, the Community Dining Room utilizes the church kitchen and parish hall to prepare and deliver meals to the homebound in Northford and North Branford. These are 2 vital community resources serving families in need in our community.

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 clothing, shoes, boots, belts, purses, sheets, blankets, curtains and stuffed animals may be made at the donation shed located in the back of the church parking lot. Like us on Facebook: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Northford CT.

For more information contact Nan Monde, Senior Warden, 203-710-7005; or MACM Network office, 860-345-0058; or Rev. Spinks, 860-304-5266.

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. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. Please visit our Facebook page or our website www.zioneiscopalchurch.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.

North Branford Congregational Church

Please join us for our annual

HOLLY FAIR

November 20, 2021 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

The Holly Fair everyone has been asking about is back! Save the Date and get ready to do Christmas shopping from the many tables in our Fellowship Hall as well as outside where other holiday tables will be set up. Then browse through all the treasures in the White Elephant Room. Don't forget about our wonderful Raffle Baskets and favorite the Cookie Walk. We are excited to welcome all our friends back to our NBCC Holly Fair. All covid restrictions will be in place so please wear a mask when shopping indoors. Please join us!

All Souls Mass- November 2nd, 2021



Please Join Archbishop Blair for a Memorial Mass offered for our dearly departed loved ones on All Souls Day.

Tuesday at **10:00 AM** in the **Mausoleum** located at **All Saints Cemetery** in North Haven at 700 Middletown Avenue.

Questions?

Please contact our Outreach Coordinator, Barbara Gode at (203) 780-8418 office or email her at bgode@ccacem.org

DEATH NOTICE



Edwin J. Cann, Jr., 69, of Northford, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 10th, 2021, at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Born in New Haven on October 25th, 1951, son of the late Edwin J. Cann, Sr. and Florence Lupoli Cann. Ed was a 1970 graduate of North Branford High, where he was an all-league tight end on the football team. He's best remembered for scoring the only touchdown in a 6-0 win against Hillhouse, which many sports writers called the biggest upset of the 1969 high-school season. He worked for 48 years in the

Maintenance and Custodial Dept. for the North Branford B.O.E., and will be remembered for his quiet demeanor and intelligent conversation across a broad range of subjects. He enjoyed many happy Friday and Saturday nights watching 1930's-70's movies and TV shows together with his brother and 2 nephews. Ed was a lifelong NY Giants fan, deep thinker, writer, and an excellent photographer. He had amassed a 60-year history of his family through photographs, in addition to many of the natural settings of New England's woods and fields, where he spent much time as a lover of nature and animals.

He leaves behind his brother Louis, nephews Jason, Quintin (Victoria), and niece Aubrey (Nick), as well as his cats Kitty and Blackie. Predeceased by his brother Donald Cann.

HOLIDAY JEWELRY SALE

The St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Women's Club will be holding a Huge Holiday Jewelry Sale at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 57 Pond Hill Rd., North Haven (off of Rte. 22 towards Northford). The Sale will be held on Saturday, October 30th from 9am to 3pm and the church is handicap accessible.

We will have a large selection of quality costume jewelry including rhinestone pieces, pearls, jewelry sets, name brand quality pieces, vintage pieces – necklaces, bracelets, earrings, pins etc. - all of which are new or gently used. These will be bargain priced for your holiday gift giving.

Come one and all to start your holiday shopping.

October is the Month of Mary. Pray the Rosary



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OCTOBER 23RD
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TOTOKET VALLEY PARK
Pre-registration is strongly
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\$15 per person
\$20 at the Door (based on
availability)
This terrifying walking trail
winds along the Farm River
on the historic Augur
Property

TOP-SECRET MEMO AND URGENT REQUEST TO ADOPT A ZOMBIE

Though many rumors have surrounded the cancellation of the PoCo Festival for the past two years, they are all far from the truth...

While meeting to plan our town's beloved festival, The PoCo Committee consumed contaminated baked potatoes and were turned into zombies. We have been containing them in an abandoned trailer and sustaining them with our local corn. With corn season quickly coming to an end, we need your help so they don't overtake visitors at the Nightmare in North Branford!

Please visit nbrecreation.com to adopt your zombie today! Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out the North Branford Parks & Recreation office at (203)484-6017.



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Ages 7-12
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Chocolate Peppermint Energy Bites,
Apple Pie Parfaits, Pumpkin
Cheesecake Cups and Peppermint
Bark Dip
Ages 7-12 at STW Community Center
Wednesdays, 5-6pm
November 3 - December 8
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Mary's Culinary Classes

Ages 5-14 • STW Community Center • 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Cost \$40 res/ \$45 non res per class

Join Mary Amter in this unique, hands on Culinary experience that will engage children in creating delicious creations. They will explore, create, and learn basic cooking techniques!

OCTOBER 26, 2021

Apple Jack-O-Lantern Pot Pies and Dracula Dentures

NOVEMBER 9, 2021

Cranberry Stuffed Pork Chops and Turkey Apple Slices



**WE'RE
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Part-time Van Driver: Must have a valid CT CDL with 'P' and 'F' endorsement. Seeking Monday, Wednesday, Friday driver to provide transportation services for senior and individual with disabilities to local medical appointments, shopping and other trips as needed. Hours vary but operating hours are between 8:30am and 3pm. Hours: 10-19 hours weekly. Salary range: \$17.50-\$18.50 based on experience, no benefits.

Part-time Front Desk Attendant: Seeking enthusiastic individual for a variety of shifts including but not limited to evening and weekend hours. Must have exceptional customer service and computer skills. Hours: 3-19 hours weekly. Salary range: \$13.00-\$13.50 based on experience, no benefits.

Part-time Custodian: This position is responsible for custodial tasks such as general cleaning of facility and fitness center, maintenance and setting up/break down for events at the Stanley T. Williams Community Center. Two years in custodial maintenance is preferred. 15-19 hours per week; evening and weekend hours are mandatory and starting wage is \$16.00 per hour, no benefits.

Substitute Cook: Must have experience working in a commercial kitchen and valid ServSafe certification. Prepares daily lunches, refreshments, and assists with special holiday meal preparation. Per diem basis. Salary: \$15.00 per hour, no benefits.

To apply: download the application from our website and return to the Parks and Recreation office 1332 Middletown Ave.

AFTER SCHOOL PUMPKIN DECORATING



Grades 3-5 — STW Classroom
Tuesday, October 19 - 3:00-4:30pm
Instructor: Kari Zargo
\$10 res/ \$12 nr

Come join us for an after school pumpkin decorating class! No carving necessary! Students of TVES will be walked over after school! Please pack a peanut-free snack

MOBILITY, STABILITY & STRENGTH

Ages 16+ — STW Classroom
Wednesdays, October 20 - November 24 - 5:30-6:30pm
Instructor: Jennifer Arabolos
\$50 res/ \$55 nr

A workout designed with key elements of dynamic stability and explosive power. Calm your mind, increase joint stability, and enhance your recovery with breathing, stretching, and mobility drills.

GLASS PAINTING & MOCKTAILS



Ages 18+ — STW Classroom
Friday, October 22 - 6:00-8:00pm
Instructor: Robyn Levine
\$35 res/ \$40 nr

Bring your friends down to the Recreation Department, and enjoy an evening of stemless-wine glass painting and mocktails! You will be given step-by-step instructions by Robyn to create beautiful and functional works of art. No experience necessary!

LAKE GALLIARD FALL WALK

Friday, October 22, 10:00 a.m.

Meet at the end of Great Hill Rd. for a guided lake walk. Opposite RT 139
\$5/per person—Register online nbrecreation.com

SENIOR CENTER

Stitch & B*tch: Every Wednesday at 12:30pm

Bring your knitting, crochet, cross-stitch, or whatever you are working on and join us for some fiber arts and great conversation with friends. Don't have anything to work on? No problem- we will have extra yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks, and patterns to use.

SCRAPBOOKING

October 19 & 26, November 2 & 9—12:30-2:30pm
\$32/res \$37/nr

In this 4 session program take your most cherished moments and create a one of a kind memoir. Scrapbooking supplies included, bring your favorite photos and memories.

WREATH MAKING

October 21—Fall Wreath
November 4—Thanksgiving/Autumn Wreath
December 2—Holiday Wreath
12:30-2:30pm
\$20/res \$25/nr per session

Lets get festive with 3 separate wreath making classes! All materials included.

PUMPKIN CARVING

October 28, 12:30-2:30pm
\$10/res \$15/nr



Celebrate Halloween with a fresh carved Jack-o-lantern! This class will be offered right after the Senior Halloween Party. All materials provided.

LEARN TO PLAY BOCCIA

October 27, 10:00-11:00am
\$5/res \$5/nr



Boccia is a game similar to bocce, but played indoors! Join Coach Debbie at this learn to play workshop. Boccia can be played solo, in pairs, or in teams of three. The aim of the game is to throw red or blue leather balls as close as you can to the white target ball.

Let's learn the rules so we can play together this winter!

Halloween Party

Join us on October 28th for a Halloween party! After lunch at 12:00 pm we will have special treats, a Halloween craft and a play a Halloween themed trivia game!

Please register by October 21st!



CLASSIFIED AD RATES

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Wanted Gold, Silver scrap jewelry. Fair Prices offered.
Call 203-627-6826 or 203-376-1249

LOOKING TO LEASE

Looking to lease 2 -4 acres of farmland for the 2022 season to grow vegetables. Please contact nordstr6589 @gmail.com.
Looking for greenhouse space within 20 minute drive from New Haven, to start vegetables for 2022 season. Please contact nordstr6589@gmail.com

TAG SALE

We are seeking vendors for the St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Holiday Bazaar at St. Barnabas Church, 44 Washington Ave. North Haven which will take place on Friday, November 12th from 5-8pm and Saturday, November 13th from 9am-5pm.
Please call the parish office at 203-239-5378 or email office@etrinityparish.org for an application.
COVID restrictions will apply and all participants will have to wear masks.

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HELP WANTED

We are in search of a part time home caretaker for an elderly couple with medical disabilities. Tasks entail preparing meals, running errands and assisting with daily life chores. Looking for someone for 4-5 days a week, 4-5 hours a day, located in the Northford area. Please contact me if interested @ 203.996.6474.

Part Time Drivers Needed. Make your own schedule: Must have good driving record and be on time.

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Apply in person at Petals 2 Go in Central Plaza, North Branford, or call Dave at 203-484-7800.

Public Works Superintendent – The Town of North Branford is accepting applications from qualified individuals to serve as Public Works Superintendent. Assists the Director of Public Works with prioritizing town projects and with preparation of Highway Department budgets, supervising personnel. Prepares work schedules and inspects work along with other duties and responsibilities as assigned.

Requires a High School or Vocational School Diploma, or equivalent; B.A. Preferred. Minimum of five years of experience in highway maintenance or construction work, including at least three years in a supervisory capacity, experience in a union/municipal union shop preferred. Public Works Management and/or Leadership training preferred. Must possess a valid Connecticut Motor Vehicle Operator’s Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) Class A. This is a condition of Employment. Salary range: \$80,000-85,000 plus benefits. Send application, cover letter, resume, and references to: Town Manager’s Office, 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471, this position will stay open until filled. EOE/AA

Full job description and application on the Town’s website: www.townofnorthbranfordct.com



Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805

The next lodge meeting is Tuesday, November 2, at 7:00 at St. Frances Cabrini Church in North Haven. The entire community is invited to see what they have to offer.
Come and enjoy great company in the spirit of communitiy and giving.