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## Welcome Tactical Paintball & Airsoft

Mayor Anthony Candelora (second from right) welcomes another new business to North Branford at a recent ribbon cutting. Owner Todd Talmadge proudly presents his family and the staff of Tactical Paintball & Airsoft, located at 1213 Foxon Road in North Branford.

## Last Tractor Pull of the Year



Time to enjoy the Fall weather with the last Tractor Pull of the year. The event will take place on Saturday, October 18th at the Augur Farm on Forest Road. Weigh in is at 8:00am with the pulling starting at 9:00.



## Cub Scouts Enjoy a Day at the Orchard

North Branford Cub Scout Pack 455 enjoyed a day of hayrides and apple picking at Rose's Orchard. If you are interested in scouting, please contact Jadeane Grant at northbranfordcubscouts@yahoo.com

## 25th Annual Community Food Drive Will Kick-Off Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

The 25th Annual North Branford Community Food Drive will be held on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. The drive helps to stock the food closets of both Northford and North Branford. It is the largest single contributor to stocking the food closets.

Major support for the drives comes from the students of North Branford Intermediate School and North Branford High School. Teams of students collect canned goods, pasta, and personal hygiene items from all segments of the community. You can assist by placing items out by your mailbox on the morning of October 25<sup>th</sup>. Elementary school students participate by collecting personal hygiene items at their respective schools.

Anyone wishing to make a monetary contribution may do so by making a check payable to *North Branford Food Drive/NBIS*. Payments may be mailed to: **North Branford Intermediate School, 654 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471. Attention: Alan Davis, Principal**

Supermarket gift cards are also an ideal way to contribute to the food drive.

Teams vie for the most items collected – receiving one point for every item received. Teams with the most points receive gift certificates from local businesses.

A large number of North Branford Public School employees as well as parents and community-minded individuals assist at the drive. If you would like to participate please contact North Branford Intermediate School (203) 484-1500 for more information.

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

## Fall Youth Programs at the Smith Library and FRC.

### Programs for Preschoolers:

**Mondays – Learn and Play** (for children birth-5 yrs. old) from 10:00 am-noon and 1-3:00 pm with Miss Erin at Stanley T. Williams Elementary School.

**Tuesdays – Tots and Tunes** (for children 18 mos.-3 yrs. old) at 9:00 am with at the FRC building on Merrick Dr. behind Jerome Harrison Elementary School.

**Tuesdays – Lunch and Learn** (for children 3-6 yrs. old) at noon with at the Edward Smith Library. Bring your lunch and stay for stories and a craft!

**Wednesdays - Time for Baby and Me** (for babies birth-18 mos.) at 10:00 am with Mrs. Debbie, Miss Donna and Miss Erin at the Edward Smith Library

**Thursdays – Crafty Kids** (for children birth-5yrs. old) from 9:30 am-noon at the FRC building on Merrick Dr. behind Jerome Harrison Elementary School.

**Fridays – Tots and Tunes** (for children 18 mos.-3 yrs. old) at 9:30 am with Mrs. Debbie and Miss Erin at the Edward Smith Library

**Fridays - T.G.I.F.** from 1-3:00 pm at Stanley T. Williams Elementary School.

### After School Programs:

**Lego Club** (suggested ages: 8 and up) – October 6<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm at the Smith Library. Bring your legos!

**After School Crafts** (suggested for ages: 6 and up) – Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 pm at the Smith Library. Crafts include: autumn tree sculptures, carve a Fun-kin Pumpkin and bat craft. Call the Smith Library for details.

**Best Ever Tweens and Teens Book Club!** (suggested for ages: 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up) – Last Monday of the Month from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Smith Library. Call the Smith Library for the next book title.

**Fall Festival** (suggested for all ages!) - Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-8:00 pm at the Smith Library. A Halloween celebration with food trucks in the parking lot and a “Creepy Critters” program by Creature Teachers at 6:30 pm.

Call the Smith Library to register.

**No Programs on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.** For more information contact: Erin Collins – Parent Educator, North Branford Family Resource Center-email:

[Ecollins@northbranfordschools.org](mailto:Ecollins@northbranfordschools.org) or phone: 203.484.2609. Debbie Verrillo -

Children's Librarian, Smith Library- email: [smithlibrarynorthford@gmail.com](mailto:smithlibrarynorthford@gmail.com),

phone: 203.484.0469

### Deadline

October	10
October	24
November	7
November	21
December	5
December	12
December	28
January	11

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October	17
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November	14
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December	12
December	19
January	4
January	18

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## “This Proposal is not Unstoppable”

Dear Editor;

I'm a former 30 year resident of Harrison Road and a 15 year retiree of Tilcon North Branford. I'm acutely aware of the hazards of a propane storage facility as I filled the tanks from bulk storage while working for Tilcon. I also had a mishap while building my in-law apartment.

We hadn't installed windows or doors and were roughing in when someone in the North Farms condos released the remaining gas in his grill tank so he could “get a full tank for his money”. The gas is heavy and hugs the ground. It enveloped the apartment and my house. A spark would have been a catastrophe, never mind that a youngster among the onlookers out in the street was smoking a cigarette.

Every day I see people smoking cigarettes and using cell phones while pumping gasoline. Do you think anybody in the vicinity of this facility will be MORE diligent? Will the Town ban smoking on Ciro Road? As for the Town P&Z, Rivezzi's closed one day after Christmas. I knew something was a foot when soon after there was a gaggle of P&Z Board members walking the site. Two weeks later came the announcement that a Big Y was coming. No hearing, no referendum.

My former wife and I fought down a proposed Industrial complex on the bend in Route 139 near School Ground Rd and we were successful in getting a buffer between our yards and the North Farms condos which, incidentally was proposed as a 325 unit complex with a rec center, pool, Tennis Court and instead 525 living quarters were built.

The Town has always striven to bring in tax base at any cost and under the radar when possible. The more isolated Northford section of town is less of a risk being less populated and 5 years since I moved to Florida, there is still no Industry at that end of town. Maybe the residents of Northford have always had the right idea. McDonald's brought traffic and trash, Big Y put Central Market out of business and

industry brought both noise and air pollution. This proposal is not unstoppable and I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,  
John E. DeGennaro

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## Totoket Historical Society



Did you know.....that the “Soldier’s Monument” located at the North Branford Congregational Church is one of the oldest Civil War Memorials in the United States? According to “The History of North Branford and Northford” by Herbert C. Miller, MD the movement to build it was begun shortly after the declaration of Peace in 1865. It was erected in 1866. Two other Connecticut towns, Berlin and Bristol, also claim the oldest monument. An internet search reveals that there are several memorials erected as early as 1863.

Visit us on the web at TotoketHistoricalSociety.Org

## Declare Personl Property

### PERSONAL PROPERTY

All Personal Property must be declared to the Assessor's Office by NOVEMBER 3, 2014 for the Grand List of 2014.

Personal Property is described as follows: Business machinery & equipment, computers & computer equipment, office furniture & fixtures, unregistered motor vehicles, farm tools & machinery, and other miscellaneous personal property. *Real estate and registered motor vehicles need not be declared.*

**ALL declarations *must* be either returned or postmarked no later than November 3, 2014 in order to avoid a 25% penalty. Requests for an extension of up to 45 days is available *for just cause*. All accounts are subject to audit.**

Declarations are available either on-line or in the Assessor's Office. For more information, please contact the Assessor's Office at 203.484-6013.

### FARM AND FOREST LAND

New applications for property owners claiming land as FARM or FOREST land must be filed by October 31, 2014 in order to qualify for PA490 for the 2014 Grand List. Applications are available on the Assessor's Web Page.

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This paper encourages all readers to voice their opinions and comments.

The Totoket Times is not responsible for erroneous information or statements in letters to the editor. Letters should be as brief as possible.

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

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## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

*By Attorney Marc P. Guertin*

The new mantra of the baby boomer generation is beginning to sound something like: "I'm getting older, I'm not in the best of health, I'm worried about the costs of long term care, and I'm scared to death." This is the kind of stuff that keeps people (including myself) up at night. I wish that I could tell my clients not to worry, that it's going to be alright, but often times it's not alright. The effects of aging take over and many people end up in a nursing home and then the financial pain begins. A long term stay in a nursing home can be financially devastating. It can completely exhaust your estate, leaving nothing for your surviving spouse or heirs.

The sooner you plan for this possibility the better. Time can be both your worst enemy and your biggest ally, depending on how you approach the problem. Often, I am contacted by the families of people who are literally on their way to a nursing home- at this point time is not on their side. Sure, we can preserve some assets but only a fraction. I call this approach the "emergency planning mode." It is kind of like being on a game show, but the prize is your own "stuff" and you win by getting the privilege of keeping some of your own "stuff." Emergency Planning Mode is, of course, not the best approach to the problem.

The best time to plan is well in advance of needing nursing home care. Given enough time and proper planning all of your assets can be preserved and sheltered from the costs of nursing home care. Many people utilize irrevocable trusts to protect and preserve assets long term. This is the best option for dodging the nursing home cost bullet, which can be financially devastating for you and your family. Irrevocable trusts are also a great way to avoid probate and to ensure that you can pass something on to your heirs or favorite charity.

If you're worried about the cost of long term care, get out in front of the problem. Make an appointment with a qualified estate planning attorney and see what can be done to protect your assets. Just because you can't take it with you doesn't mean that you have to give it to the nursing home.

If you would like to learn more about how trusts work to protect your assets, Guertin and Guertin, LLC will be hosting a series of workshops in January and February. Please join us on Saturday October 18th at 10am for *Coffee, Donuts and Trusts*. Please call my office (203)-234-7400 to reserve your seat. Seating is limited so please call ahead.

**Marc Guertin, is a partner at Guertin and Guertin, LLC. Guertin and Guertin, LLC is dedicated to Estate Planning, Elder Law, Trust and Probate Administration. He is co-author of *Planning for the Future: A Practical Guide to estate Planning and Avoiding Bad Heir Days*. Visit Guertin and Guertin, LLC on the web: [www.guertinandguertin.com](http://www.guertinandguertin.com).**

## Senator Ed Meyer

### More Chances to Vote



During the last few years, the majority of states in our country have increased voting rights by, for example, permitting no excuse absentee ballots and by permitting voters to vote early before Election Day. Connecticut has not yet made those advances, but our voters will have the opportunity on November 4 when we will be able to approve a ballot resolution which will open up our voting rights. Don't miss that resolution on the top of your ballot on Election Day!

The Connecticut Constitution currently restricts voting by absentee ballot. A voter can only use such a ballot if he or she will be out of town or are disabled or are members of a religion that prohibits secular activity on Election Day. The November 4 ballot resolution this year will allow our State Legislature to expand the absentee ballot system, probably to allow any voter for any reason to vote by absentee ballot by mail.

Early voting will also be permitted if we approve the ballot resolution on November 4, although the State Legislature will have the discretion as to the conditions of such a vote. How many days before Election Day? Where can you cast your early vote and at what hours?

A bill is likely to be drafted in 2015 which will describe these specific details, and a public hearing will be held on the proposal with plenty of opportunity to be heard. In my personal view, I would not like to see early voting of any more than five days before Election Day.

The experience of other states which have extended these voting rights has been an increase in the number of voters by 2% to 10%. That is progress in the exercise of our fundamental voting right in a democracy.

Expanded voting rights are particularly suggested by the historical fact that only about 60%, on the average, vote in general elections and only about 20% in primary elections. For that reason, I thought it extraordinary that when our state legislature voted recently on these new voting rights, the vote was strictly partisan, all Democrats voting yes and all Republicans voting no.

Let's be more non-partisan on this issue when we vote on November 4.

## WIT & WISDOM

I am confident that Northford is about to become internationally famous as the home of the world's oldest living chicken. Probably as the home of the oldest chicken to have ever lived. "Banty" didn't have an official name until now, but since those listed on the internet and in the Guinness Book of Records are all glorified with names it's time she goes down in history officially as "Banty".

For years we have watched in awe as this Banty Cross goes on living and laying eggs regularly. Figuring that I was 74 when I bought her and am now 97 she has to be at least 23 years old. I remember looking to buy some chickens those years ago, when I saw an ad in the old Farmers Bulletin advertising laying pullets for sale by a person in the Bridgeport area. When we got there I saw the most motley group of chickens I ever laid my eyes on. No two were alike, but it was evident that all had some Banty in them. The fellow selling them gave me a lengthy sales pitch as how they were excellent layers. Having been brought up on a farm in which chickens were our main source of income it was my job to earn my 35 cents weekly allowance by helping Pa deliver the egg route every Saturday morning. Knowing the importance of the eggs having to be all the same color and about the same size I knew these weren't going to be that, but since they were just for us, so they were a little different in size and color. The gentleman was walking with obvious pain so asked if his legs bothered him. "I hurt all over. I'm too old to take care of the chickens that's why I'm getting rid of them". Asking how old he was, he said, "You won't believe I'm 68".

My usual response to these young old people was, "Your just a kid". "How old are you"? came the usual response. When I said, "74" he couldn't believe it and obviously thought I was kidding him. I am using this as my proof of Banty's age.

Now, all the records I can find on the internet relate of one hen that lived to be 16, but never laid an egg. Another in Britain was 17 and aroused much notoriety, because she had suddenly laid a couple of eggs after a 13 year hiatus. She got a full page pictorial with her owner holding a white egg that a viewer questioned the authenticity of since he said only chickens with white waffles laid white eggs and this one certainly didn't. Another claimed his parents had the oldest some years previous that died at 22.

Now you won't believe the wonder Banty is. Oh yes, Banty has never lived a

pampered life like those on the internet all of which are or were pets, living in special cages under ideal climatic conditions. Banty lives with the other chickens battling for her share of the food and earning her space in their society. She lays, about a pullets size white egg and has been laying without stop, except for the time she is moulting, which is at least every two months. During this time she clucks and jumps in any nest there are eggs to sit on. If we steal them from under her she jumps in any other nest until she gives up and starts laying again. In fact there are 3 eggs sitting in our refrigerator right now and will be part of whatever member of the family stops for the eggs needed for whatever.

Not only is she a wonder, I doubt there are any older people than we who can lay claim to the privilege of having such a wonder blessing their lives. Our chickens are never put in a pot or denied the fruits of their labor. In fact we even eat the same food as they. Well, not quite. We don't eat theirs, but we feed them any left overs they relish as desert. When their laying days are over they go on in retirement with the same privileges they enjoyed while working.

**Alton Eliason**

### Voter Registration Sessions for North Branford

The North Branford Registrars of Voters will conduct the following Voter Registration Sessions for electors to register to vote in the State Election to be held Tuesday, November 4, 2014:

Tuesday, October 14, 2014: North Branford Town Hall, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Saturday, October 18, 2014: North Branford Town Hall, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tuesday, October 21, 2014: North Branford Town Hall, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

\*Tuesday, October 28, 2014: North Branford Town Hall, 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

\*\*Monday, November 3, 2014: North Branford Town Hall, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

\*Please note that Tuesday, October 28th is the last day to register to be eligible to vote in the November election, except for those whose rights mature. Electors must appear in person with proper identification.

\*\*This is a special session for those whose rights mature: have reached the age of 18; people who have become citizens and/or have moved into town after October 28, 2014.

Please also note that mail-in voter registrations must be postmarked by October 21, 2014.

Identification and proof of residency is required. Should you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's office at 203-484-6015.





***NCC Donates Backpacks to “Covenant to Care”***

Members of Northford Congregational Church, and their partner St. Andrews Episcopal Church, recently completed a project to create a total of 37 back-to-school backpacks, which were blessed during a special joint service in late August. The backpacks contained various school supplies in addition to several pairs of socks, toothpaste, and a toothbrush.

Standing among the backpacks are, from left, Leslie Williams from St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Anyssia Blue, the church’s adopted social worker with the Milford DCF, and Nancy Tipping from Northford Congregational Church. Both Northford churches have partnered with Covenant to Care for Children and their Adopt a Social Worker Program for the past few years. The organization’s mission statement is: Covenant to Care for Children mobilizes and channels the generosity of caring and faithful people to advocate for, mentor and provide direct assistance to Connecticut’s children and youth who are neglected, abused or at-risk. For information on Covenant to Care, go to [www.covenanttocare.org](http://www.covenanttocare.org).

***Support Breast Cancer Awareness***

Please help support “Breast Cancer Awareness” with our North Branford High School Girls Volleyball Team at the North Branford High School Gymnasium. They are playing against Coginchaug Regional H.S. on Friday October 10th, JV girls start at 4:00 pm, V girls start at 5:30.

All proceeds from the Dig Pink Rally will go to the Side-Out Foundation, 877.DIG.PINK or visit their website, [www.Side-Out.org](http://www.Side-Out.org) and search North Branford. Free admission to those who wear PINK!

**Haz Waste News**

**Next Quarterly Recycling & e-Waste Event**  
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**North Branford Recycling Center**  
**(Public Works area Rte 22 Forest Road)**

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**North Branford Fall Leaf Collection**  
**Fall into raking!**

North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located at the Public Works Garage on Route 22 from 9:00am to 3:00pm on the following Saturdays this Fall: **October 18 and 25, November 1, 8, 15 and 22.** Please place leaves in biodegradable leaf bags (no tape please) or empty them loose onto the ground.

Curbside leaf pickup takes place for 2 weeks: **Nov 24<sup>th</sup> thru Dec 5<sup>th</sup>.** Please also use biodegradable paper bags without any tape. For more information, call the recycling hotline at **203-484-4091.**

***Good Nutrition for Good Health***

The **Diabetes Wellness Group** will present a program called “**Eating Well, Living Right**” on Monday, October 6th, from 7:00-8:30 PM at St. Augustine’s Church Hall, 30 Caputo Road, North Branford. **Nutritionist Cassidy Schmidt, RD, Health and Wellness Coordinator for Shop Rite in East Haven** and the Milford Markets, will speak on the important role of good nutrition in the management of Diabetes and many other chronic illnesses, such as high blood pressure, heart disease, and cancer. The meeting is open to the community free of charge. Healthy snacks and useful handouts will be provided. For information, contact Mary at (203) 483-7142 or [calicocreations@sbcglobal.net](mailto:calicocreations@sbcglobal.net).

***Breast Cancer Fundraiser at Natureworks***

Northford, CT. Natureworks Garden Center presents their 5<sup>th</sup> annual Bulbs for Breast Cancer Fundraiser on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm and Sunday, October, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

This year’s event will feature an Artist Fair on Saturday from 9:00 to 2:00 pm. Gmon-key, the mobile organic food truck will be selling eats and treats. Also scheduled are two workshops, Bulb Basics for Beginners, 9:30-10:30 am and Bulbs in Bloom February thru July, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. Natureworks owner, Nancy DuBrule-Clemente will talk about the wonderful world of spring and early summer bulbs and show how you too can have bulbs blooming from late winter to mid-summer.

Natureworks is deeply committed to helping those who have been affected by breast cancer and the Bulbs for Breast Cancer Fundraiser. For every bulb sold October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 10% of the sale will be donated to After the Storm Inc., a local non-profit foundation that assists cancer patients with their healing process.

Natureworks is located at 518 Forest Road in Northford. For additional information go to the Natureworks website at [www.naturework.com](http://www.naturework.com) or call 203-484-2748.

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### Home Fires

In 2011, U.S. fire departments responded to 370,000 home structure fires. These fires caused 13,910 civilian injuries, 2,520 civilian deaths, \$6.9 billion in direct damage. On average, seven people died in U.S. home fires per day from 2007 to 2011.

Cooking is the leading cause home fires and home fire injuries, followed heating equipment. Smoking is a leading cause of civilian home fire deaths.

Most fatal fires kill one or two people. In 2012, 8 home fires killed five or more people resulting in a total of 44 deaths.

### Smoke Alarms

Almost three of five (60%) of reported home fire deaths in 2007 to 2011 resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half. In fires considered large enough to activate the smoke alarm, hardwired alarms operated 93% of the time, while battery powered alarms operated only 79% of the time. When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected, or dead.

An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, or where extra time is needed, to awaken or assist others, both types of alarms, or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms are recommended.

### Escape Planning

According to an NFPA survey, only one-third of Americans have both developed and practiced a home fire escape plan. Almost three-quarters of Americans do have an escape plan; however, more than half never practiced it. One-third (32%) of respondents who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening. The time available is often less. Only 8% said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!

### Cooking

U.S. Fire Departments responded to an estimated annual average of 156,600 cooking-related fires between 2007-2011, resulting in 400 civilian deaths, 5,080 civilian injuries and \$853 million in direct damage. Two of every five home fires started in the kitchen. Unattended cooking was a factor in 34% of reported home cooking fires. Two-thirds of home cooking fires started with ignition of food or other cooking materials. Ranges accounted for the 57% of home cooking fire incidents. Ovens accounted for 16%.

Children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking and hot food and drinks than being burned in a cooking fire.

Microwave ovens are one of the leading home products associated with scald burn injuries not related to fires. According to the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System, two out of five of the microwave oven injuries seen at emergency rooms in 2011 were scald burns.

Clothing was the item first ignited in less than 1% of home cooking fires, but these incidents accounted for 15% of the cooking fire deaths.

### Heating

The leading factor contributing to heating equipment fires was failure to clean, principally creosote from solid fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys. Portable or fixed space heaters, including wood stoves, were involved in one-third (33%) of home heating fires and four out of five (81%) home heating deaths. Half of home heating fire deaths resulted from fires caused by heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattresses or bedding. In most years, heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires, fire deaths, and fire injuries. Fixed or portable space heaters are involved in about 4 out of 5 heating fire deaths.

### Smoking Materials

During 2007-2011 smoking materials caused an estimated 17,900 home structure fires, resulting in 580 deaths, 1,280 injuries and \$509 million in direct property damage, per year. Sleep was a factor in 31% of the home smoking material fire deaths. Possible alcohol impairment was a factor in one in five (18%) of home smoking fire deaths.

In recent years, Canada and the United States have required that all cigarettes sold must be “fire safe,” that is have reduced ignition strength and less likely to start fires.

### Electrical

About half (48%) of home electrical fires involved electrical distribution or lighting equipment. Other leading types of equipment were washer or dryer, fan, portable or stationary space heater, air conditioning equipment water heater and range. Electrical failure or malfunctions caused an average of almost 48,000 home fires per year, resulting in roughly 450 deaths and nearly \$1.5 billion in direct property damage.

### Candles

During 2007-2011 candles caused 3% of home fires, 4% of home fire deaths, 7% of home fire injuries and 6% of direct property damage from home fires.

On average, there are 32 home candle fires reported per day.

More than one-third of these fires (36%) started in the bedroom; however, the candle industry found that only 13% of candle users burn candles in the bedroom most often.

Nearly three in five candle fires (56%) start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in, please contact the Fire Marshal’s Office at 203-484-6016 or email [deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com](mailto:deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com). To learn more about smoke alarms and “Working Smoke Alarms Saves Lives”, visit NFPA’s website at [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

### Free Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

NEWS 8, Kidde and The Home Depot, has teamed up with Connecticut Fire Departments for Operation Save A Life, to promote fire and carbon monoxide safety.

Fire fatalities and Carbon Monoxide poisonings are often preventable through education and the use of working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

The Home Depot has donated Kidde-brand smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to the North Branford Fire Department. **NBFD has a limited supply of new battery operated smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. If you don’t have a working alarm, call or email us @ 203-484-6016 or [deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com](mailto:deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com)**

## A Letter to My Senior Year English Teacher

by *Lindsay Lee Wallace*

The year was 2002, the thick of my early childhood, and there was no doubt that I was getting out of hand. My voracious need to read, coupled with my near-complete lack of comprehension of context, created the perfect storm of inappropriate comments and uncomfortable public moments. The first time my piping five-year old voice chirruped to my mother, in front of friends, that she was a ludicrous [insert expletive here], some amendments were made to my reading list—more Seuss and less Salinger.

As I grew, becoming more capable of identifying the correct situation in which to utilize my vocabulary, and the awkward swearing incidents decreased in frequency. My reading, however, remained as constant as always.

English classes have always been my favorites, my joking argument being that with the subjectivity of multiple correct answers to any given question, I’m more likely to stumble across one purely by chance. In truth, I love English for more than the increased statistical probability of right answers. Having had a stereotypically lonely childhood as “Lindsay Wallace: The Girl Who Reads for Fun,” books have always been my refuge. While I’ve had a few English teachers who have maliciously attempted to dampen my enthusiasm, their dastardly attempts have been continually thwarted by my stubbornness, cunning, and spy-like gymnastics abilities.

While it may be painfully cliché, I must say that I’m hoping to be challenged in class this year. My freshman year of high school, I was introduced to more authors than in my past eight years of English class combined. Sophomore year, I was for the first time taught, truly, how to write, and to my immense relief, was informed that there existed forms of essay beyond the middle-school five-paragraph model. Also, I got munchkins once a week. Food is always a plus. In my junior year, I rested on my laurels. While still enjoying class, I never strived to improve my writing, and as a result of my lack of fulfillment, turned to a life of sex, drugs, and rock and roll. Or, well, more like Netflix and trail mix.

As I’ve already told you of my desire to be challenged, it seems counterintuitive that my fear for the year is of failure. Not failure of the class—without the burden of college, I’ll have far more time to focus on honing my bocce skills—but failure to write well, and to improve as a writer. I am very much willing to learn, although my sarcasm may at times make me appear otherwise. My entire life, I have known without doubt that writing it something I want to do for the rest of my life, whether it be fiction, non-fiction, articles in the Totoket Times for the rest of my life, or all of the above. Since my other fear—that you, my teacher, would be a fire-breathing dragon—has not come to pass, I can say without apprehension: please teach me.

*Lindsay Lee Wallace is a local student who continues to write columns that can be insightful to both parents and students.*



## Fall Festival at the Smith Library!

Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

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If it is a warm night, bring lawn chairs/blanket for a picnic on the lawn with our delicious food before the “Critters” Program.

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## 50 Year NBHS Anniversary Events

NBHS Graduates who attended NBHS during the 1964-65 school year and members of the NBHS Class of 1965, 1966, 1967, & 1968, are cordially invited to attend two events during the fall to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of North Branford High School. In order to keep this important celebration manageable, we are respectfully inviting the members of the aforementioned classes listed above.

Thursday October 23<sup>rd</sup> Homecoming Game vs Old Saybrook/Westbrook at 6:30 PM – Members of the classes of 1965, 1966, 1967, & 1968 will be provided a complimentary ticket to the annual homecoming game. Also, during the half time ceremonies, each class will be introduced to our fans with members of each class being escorted onto the field. In order to prepare for this event, please contact Mrs. DelGaudio at the main office, 203 484 1465 or via email, [sdelgaudio@northbranfordschools.org](mailto:sdelgaudio@northbranfordschools.org) Please provide Mrs. DelGaudio with your name (while attending NBHS) and your graduating class (1965, 66, 67, or 68)– this information will be used to create our guest list for your complimentary tickets and to determine an expected number of guests so that a memento in honor of this special occasion can be provided to each attendee. Please contact Mrs. DelGaudio by 10-16

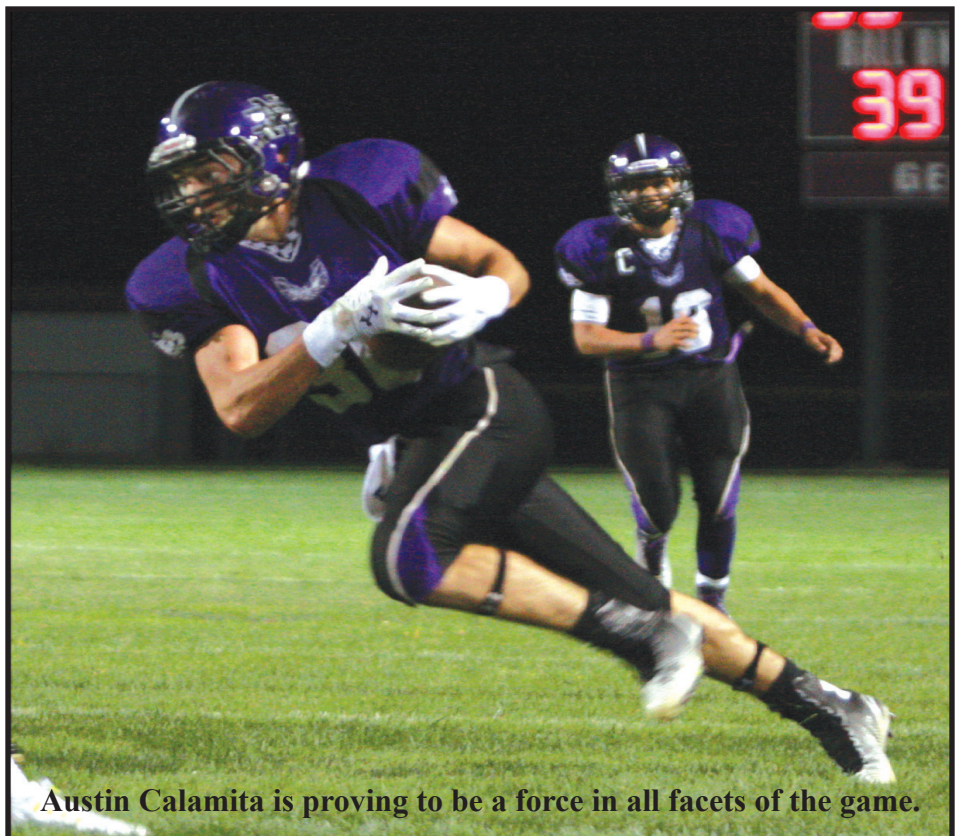
Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup>, Election Day, Members of the classes of 1965, 1966, 1967, & 1968 are cordially invited to a ceremony beginning at 9am in the North Branford Auditorium. The event will commence with our National Anthem and with a welcome provided by our current NBHS Senior Class President, Maggie Vergati. During the opening portion of this event, our NBHS Music Department will provide a presentation featuring our most talented musicians from our Choral Program, our Chamber Ensemble and Jazz Bands. Our NBHS Student Council and National Honor Society will then provide guided tours throughout the morning that will include various stops in all areas of the campus. Light refreshments will be served in the NBHS café following the tours. In order to prepare for this event, please contact Mrs. DelGaudio at the main office, 203 484 1465 or via email, [sdelgaudio@northbranfordschools.org](mailto:sdelgaudio@northbranfordschools.org) Please provide Mrs. DelGaudio with your name (while attending NBHS) and your graduating class (1965, 66, 67, or 68)– this information will be used to create our guest list in order to determine an expected number of guests so that we can plan accordingly for the refreshments and ensure that each attendee is provided a memento. Please contact Mrs. DelGaudio by 10-16

We look forward to both of these important events and our staff and student body look forward to meeting members of the classes of 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968. A fifty year celebration is an important mark in the history of any organization including our own North Branford High School. It is our hope that these events will provide class members with the opportunity to re-connect with classmates, participate in the Homecoming Event on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and allow for informative tours led by our current students on the campus on November 4<sup>th</sup> that will include stops at classrooms still in existence from 1964-65 and other learning areas that have been added with new programming opportunities for students during the past decade.  
**Sincerely, Todd Stoeffler, NBHS Principal**

## Mastriano Named Commended Student

Congratulations to NBHSSenior Carly Mastriano who was named a CommendedStudent, based upon her performance on the PSAT by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Carly was one of 34,000 high school students identified for the entire nation - 1.5 million high school students participated in the test last year.



Austin Calamita is proving to be a force in all facets of the game.

## T-Birds Win Two More

The North Branford football team continued to dominate with a 64 - 14 victory over Hadam Killingworth. with 233 yards on the ground and 128 yards in the air, the offense was helped by a strong defense who recorded 4 sacks, a 22 touchdown a fumble recovery by Shelby Franklin and a Nick Sagnella sack for a safety. Special teams pitched in with a 90 yard kick off return for a touchdown by Austin Calamita.

Quarterback Eddie Miller led a balanced ground game with 86 yards and junior Justin Reilly had 40 yards in 8 carries and first year player Exavier Santiago had 37 yards on just 4 carries. Tyler Hawk scored twice on runs of 1 and 2 yards while Nick Sagnella added a 1 yard TD run. Calamita caught 2 , 36 yard touchdown passes.

Defensively, Mike Kaiser had 8 tackles and 2 assists, Nick Sagnella had 9 tackles and Lou Distasio had 6 tackles with 2 assists. George Poleschek had 5 tackles with 1 assist and Hawk, Calamita and Reilly had 4 tackles each. Sagnella and Kaiser had 2 sacks each and Calamita added a 47 yard interception.

Austin Calamita had had 294 all purpose yards and scored 36 points as the Thunderbirds went 3-0 with a 68 -19 victory over Lewis Mills. Calamita ran for 78 yards, had 91 yards in receptions and 68 yards in kick off returns and 57 yards in punt returns and returned a 54 yard fumble recovery for a touchdown. Ryan Reilly had 74 yards, Christian Iuteri had 66 yards and Tyler Hawk had 62 yards as both Hawk & Reilly also scored.

Matt Chamberlain had 3 receptions for 58 yards and a touchdown and Eddie Miller was 9-16 for 158 yards and he threw for 4 touchdowns.

Mike Kaiser led the defense with 7 tackles and 3 assists, while Nick Sagnella had 6 with two assists. Reilly added 4 tackles and Tyler Hawk had 3. Hawk and Nick Dimaggio added interceptions.

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Kaiser gets up to make the play!

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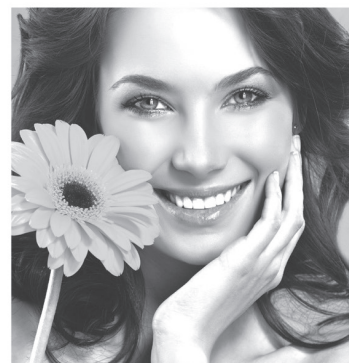
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## Field Hockey Starts off at .500

The North Branford Field Hockey team started the season with an away game against a tough "L" division Stamford High School. With a great team effort, senior captain Sarah Hemstock fed fellow captain Stephanie Hogan for the loan score in the 1-0 victory. Senior Ally Rubino was aggressive to the ball and Sophomore MacKenzie Kaiser made several key saves to get her first shut out.

The ladies were not as fortunate as they followed with another road game against Old Saybrook. It was a solid effort led by Junior Sabrina LeMere and Hogan but the T-Birds could not put the Ball in the back of the net and were shut out 4-0.

Staying on the road the ladies came back with a vengeance by defeating Valley Regional 2-0. Freshman Emmy Norton scored her first varsity goal and senior Eria Sheehan added another as Kaiser recorded another shutout.

In a night game against H-K, Haley Basil started the scoring with an unassisted goal, but H-K came out strong and netted two quick goals to start the first half. With less than ten minutes to go, sisters Sydney and Stephanie Hogan connected to tie the game and force an overtime. But the euphoria ended quickly as the opponents scored on the six minute mark in overtime to take the victory,

The T-birds then went on to play undefeated Westbrook. Stephanie Hogan connected on a penalty corner when teammate Erin Sheehan sent her the ball to the top of the circle for the assist. Westbrook continued to chase the loan goal but could not send it home as the T-Birds got the victory.

### St. Therese Church To Host

#### 15th Annual Ann Florio Memorial Golf Classic

You are invited to participate in the 15th Annual St. Therese, Ann Florio Memorial Golf Classic. The Classic will take place at the Wallingford Country Club, on Monday, October 6th with a shotgun start at 8:30AM.

\$10,000 is the hole in one prize and there will be many other awards. All those over 65 who bring in a new tee spnsor can golf for \$60.00.

Sign up your foursome today. For more information contact Father Tim Meehan at 203-239-1671. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Smilow Cancer Research Center at Yale New Haven Hospital in memory of Ann Florio.

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## Cross Country Round-up

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**, the North Branford Cross Country Team participated in the 27<sup>th</sup> Going to the Sun Invitational at Coginchaug Regional High School. Bryce Mase and Keane Regan were the top two finishers for the boys' varsity team. Bryce came in at 17:12.69 (8<sup>th</sup>) and Keane came in at 18:10.02 (23<sup>rd</sup>). Also finishing for the boys were Co-Captain Richard Hernandez 18:48.7 (39<sup>th</sup>), Michael Madoule 19:07.49 (53<sup>rd</sup>), Issac Cammarate 19:12.98 (57<sup>th</sup>), Spencer Bryden 19:48.78 (71<sup>st</sup>) and Austin Gibilisco 20:20.25 (91<sup>st</sup>). The boys team came in 7<sup>th</sup> place out of 17 teams with an average time of 18:30.37. Michael Madoule was the 6<sup>th</sup> top freshman to finish the varsity race.

The girl's varsity team field only six runners. The team was made up of 2 sophomores and 4 freshmen. The team came in 14<sup>th</sup> place out of 15 teams with an average time of 24:40.34. Victoria Pawlak and Winnie Chan were the top two finishers for the girls' varsity team. Victoria came in at 24:10.59 (61<sup>st</sup>) and Winnie came in at 24:23.42 (65<sup>th</sup>). Also finishing for the girls were Marie Zampano 24:28.57 (68<sup>th</sup>), Olivia Hemstock 24:29.22 (69<sup>th</sup>), Theresa Guadagnino 25:49.9 (81<sup>st</sup>) and Grace Little 25:57.58 (84<sup>th</sup>).

Boys and girls results in the junior varsity race were: Hayley Murphy 27:52, Lauren Stelmazczyk 28:25, Britney Beardsley 29:51, Jessica Munck 33:49 and Parker Nadeau 23:24.

The North Branford Cross Country Team competed at the Shoreline Conference Large School Meet on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at Cromwell High School. The schools competing were Coginchaug, Cromwell, Haddam Killingworth, Morgan, and Valley Regional. The Girl's Team lost to all the competition. The Boy's Team came away with beating Valley Regional and Morgan and losing to Cromwell, Coginchaug and Haddam Killingworth.

For the boys the top finishers were, Co-Captain Richard Hernandez 16<sup>th</sup> 18:24, Michael Madoule 28<sup>th</sup> 19:09, Isaac Cammarata 31<sup>st</sup> 19:18, Spencer Bryden 33<sup>rd</sup> 19:22, Austin Gibilisco 44<sup>th</sup> 20:09 and Parker Nadeau 73<sup>rd</sup> 22:32. Finishing for the girls were Winnie Chan 23<sup>rd</sup> 23:13, Victoria Pawlak 24<sup>th</sup> 23:15, Olivia Hemstock 27<sup>th</sup> 23:58, Theresa Guadagnino 45<sup>th</sup> 25:42, Grace Little 48<sup>th</sup> 26:34 and Lauren Stelmazczyk 57<sup>th</sup> 27:29.

On Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup>, the North Branford Cross Country Team traveled to Winding Trails Center in Farmington to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Winding Trails Invitational Cross Country Meet. The competition was very challenging. The Boys Varsity team came in 8<sup>th</sup> out of 9 schools. The Girls Varsity team came in 7<sup>th</sup> out of 7 schools. Finishing 1<sup>st</sup> for the boys was Keane Regan 23<sup>rd</sup> at 18:20 and for the girls was Olivia Hemstock 25<sup>th</sup> at 23:52.

The remaining varsity girls finishing were Marie Zampano 30<sup>th</sup> at 24:06, Victoria Pawlak 31<sup>st</sup> at 24:16, Theresa Guadagnino 39<sup>th</sup> at 25:25, Grace Little 40<sup>th</sup> at 25:40 and Lauren Stelmazczyk 45<sup>th</sup> at 28:58. Finishing for varsity boys were Michael Madoule 36<sup>th</sup> at 19:36, Isaac Cammarata 38<sup>th</sup> at 19:09, Spencer Bryden 45<sup>th</sup> at 19:30, Richard Hernandez 47<sup>th</sup> at 19:36 and Austin Gibilisco 51<sup>st</sup> at 19:53.

## Volleyball Team Gets First Win

North Branford Girls Volleyball team continues to compete as they win their first match. Against an undefeated East Hampton team, the Lady T-Birds went the distance but fell short 3-2 in sets. Deanna Gallo had 15 kills and 6 digs, while Nicole Messori had 5 aces, 19 digs and 12 serving points.

The ladies were then swept by Coginchaug 3-0 as they played tough sets losing 20-25, 20-25 and 22-25. Nicole Messori had 9 points serving, 22 serve receive passes and 13 digs as Allie Sanzari had 2 aces and 20 assists.

Coming right back to face Cromwell, the ladies once again fell short in 5 sets. Sanzari & Gallo continued their tough play as Sanzari had 19 assists, and 9 digs as Gallo contributed 8 serving points, 8 kills and 12 digs. Taylor O'Neil aces and 6 kills.

Once again the girls fell short against Old Lyme but Gallo stepped up again with 2 aces, 8 kills, 3 digs and 11 points. Messori added 8 points with 13 digs.

With a total team effort the girls defeated Two Rivers Magnet School in straight sets, 25-2, 25-11 and 25 - 13. Briana Lucatino had 3 kills, 4 Aces and 6 points serving. Meagan Hanratty had 2 kills, 7 aces and 11 points serving.

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## ADULT PROGRAMMING

### ONE STROKE FLOWER PAINTING

**When:** Thursday, Oct. 16th 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
**Where:** STW Comm. Center **Fee:** \$22

### AARP “Smart Driver Course” FOR DRIVERS 50+

**Who:** Drivers 50 and over  
**Session:** Wednesday, October 15  
**Time:** 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
**Where:** STW Community Center  
**Fee:** \$15 AARP members w/ AARP card  
\$20 non AARP members  
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### ADULT SWIM

**Who:** Adults 55 & over  
**Session I:** Oct. 27 - Dec.15  
**Time:** Mon., 1:30 – 2:30  
**Session II:** Oct. 29 - Dec. 17  
**Time:** Wed., 1:30 - 2:30  
**Where:** Soundview YMCA  
**Fee:** \$45

### TAI CHI / CHI GUNG

**Who:** Adults  
**Session:** Oct. 7 - Dec. 2 (no class Nov. 4)  
**Time:** Tuesday., 6:30– 8:00 p.m.  
**Where:** STW Community Center  
**Fee:** \$70

## ALL AGE PROGRAMS

### FIERCE FUNK

**Who:** Teens - Adults  
**Session:** Oct. 7 – Nov. 18 (no class Nov. 4)  
**Time:** Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
**Where:** STW Community Center  
**Fee:** \$35

### BODY CONDITIONING / BOOTCAMP

**Who:** Teens - Adults  
**Session:** October 16 - November 24  
**Time:** Mon. & Thur., 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** STW Community Center Gymnasium  
**Fee:** \$75 (\$6/class)

### TOTAL CONDITIONING

**Who:** Teens - Adults  
**Session:** Oct. 14 - Dec. 9 (no class Nov. 4)  
**Time:** Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** STW Community Center  
**Fee:** \$70

### YOGA FOR ALL

**Who:** Teens - Adults ~ All Levels Welcome  
**Session:** October 8 - November 19 (no class Oct. 22)  
**Time:** Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** STW Community Center  
**Fee:** \$55

## TODDLERS & YOUTH

### BALLET ‘N RHYTHM

**Who:** Ages 2 & 3  
**Session:** Oct. 7 - Nov. 25  
**Time:** Tuesdays , 9:15 – 10:00 a.m.  
**Where:** STW Community Center  
**Fee:** \$45

### PRE-BALLET

**Who:** Ages 3 & 4  
**Time:** Thursdays, 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.  
**Who:** Ages 5 & 6  
**Time:** Thursdays, 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.  
**Session:** Oct. 9 - Dec. 4 (no class Nov. 27)  
**Where:** STW Community Center  
**Fee:** \$45

### BALLET AND TAP COMBO

**Who:** Ages 3 & 4  
**Time:** Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
**Session:** Oct. 8 – Nov. 12  
**Who:** Ages 5 & 6  
**Time:** Tuesdays, 4:30 -5:30 p.m.  
**Session III:** Oct. 7 – Nov. 18 (no class Nov. 4)  
**Where:** STW Community Center  
**Fee:** \$35.

### JAZZ DANCE

**Who:** Ages 5 & 6  
**Session:** Oct. 7 – Nov. 18 (no class Nov. 4)  
**Time:** Tuesdays, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.  
**Where:** STW Community Center  
**Fee:** \$35

## TRIPS

### MINI GOLF/LUNCH/ICE CREAM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17th

**Cost: \$18 resident / \$23 non-resident**

Join us as we head to Farmington Mini Golf and enjoy a fun round on their course! Afterwards you can enjoy a hotdog, chips and a beverage and then top it off with a cup or cone of ice cream!

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### LYMAN ORCHARDS. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20th

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### MACY’S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE, NOVEMBER 27th

**Cost: \$45 resident / \$50 non-resident.** RT motor coach transportation with drop off on 5th Avenue.From here join the parade route along 7th Avenue. Leave early, enjoy the parade & arrive home for a late afternoon Turkey Dinner!

## EVENTS

### Apple Pie Social. Friday, October 24th @ 12:30

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**North Branford Congregational Church, UCC.** 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranforducc.org. Acting Pastor Rev. Price van der Swaagh. Daniel Jared Shapiro, Music Director. 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; ncchurch@snet.net. Reverend Kathryn King. Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday worship service and Sunday School, 10:00AM. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is [www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com](http://www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com)

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,** Middletown Ave. (Rte 22 & 17) Northford. 203-484-0895. or <http://standrewsnorthford.org> We are a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Reverend Jim Bradley, Interim Missioner in charge of MACM, 203-525-6846. The Cluster office is 860-345-0058. Sunday morning Eucharist is 10am. We have a rotating clergy & choir during the academic year. Join us for coffee and fellowship following service. All are welcome.

**St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church.** The church is located at 30 Caputo Rd., North Branford. The Parochial Administrator is Reverend Robert Turner and Deacons are John Hart & Robert Macaluso. Daily Mass and Homily are celebrated Mondays & Wednesdays at 9am. On weekends, Mass is celebrated on Saturday at 4pm & 11am on Sunday mornings. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 - 3:30PM In addition, you can make an appointment for reconciliation by calling the parish office at 203-484-0403. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us. You can contact the church office at 203-484-0403 or fax 203-484-0132 weekdays, 9am to 1pm or visit us online at [www.staugustinenobfdct.com](http://www.staugustinenobfdct.com)

**St. Monica Roman Catholic Church.** The Church is located at 1331 Middletown Ave. Northford. The Parochial Administrator is Reverend Robert Turner and the Deacons are William B. Bergers, Louis P. Fusco and Joseph Marenn. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturdays at 5:30pm and Sunday at 9am. Weekday Masses are Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 9am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated Saturday morning from 8:30 - 9:00AM. In addition, you can make an appointment for Reconciliation by calling our parish office. You can contact the parish office by calling 203-484-9226 or fax 203-484-1189 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10am - 2pm. You can contact the Education Center at 203-484-2434 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9am to 2pm.

**Zion Episcopal Church.** 326 Notch Hill Rd., North Branford. 203-488-7395. The Reverend Lucy LaRocca, Vicar; Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:00am. Coffee hour follows both services. Child care available. Email; [www.zionepiscopalchurch.org](http://www.zionepiscopalchurch.org).

Wine Tasting Event at St. Frances Cabrini

A Wine Tasting Event to be held at St. Frances Cabrini Church Hall, 57 Pond Hill Road, North Haven on Saturday, October 18, from 6:30-9PM.

Come and sample some wine with a light fare dinner and desserts. A home-made Limoncello Contest will also be held. Anyone may enter their homemade Limoncello for Judging that evening.

Come for fun, great wine and great food! Tickets are \$25.00 per person and can be obtained by calling Marie Barecchia at 203-281-1786 or the Rectory Office at 203-239-5700.

K of C Council Fundraiser Cruise

Knights of Columbus Council #9921, St Augustine Church, North Branford, is proud to announce their 3<sup>rd</sup> fundraiser cruise aboard the recently renovated Carnival Sunshine. We will be leaving from Port Canaveral, Fl, and visiting Aruba, Curacao, and Grand Turk, along with 3 relaxing days at sea. The cruise leaves August 8, 2015 for 8 fun filled days in the Southern Caribbean.

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Bell Tower Fundraising Dinner

Enjoy an old fashioned New England pork loin dinner to help raise funds for Northford Congregational Church's Bell Tower Fund. Save the evening of Saturday, November 8, for the dinner in the church's social hall. Details will be announced soon regarding reservations and advance payment for the two limited seatings.

The historic Northford Congregational Church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford section of North Branford. Website: [www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com](http://www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com). Email address: [ncchurch@snet.net](mailto:ncchurch@snet.net).

Book Sale & Car Wash

The Montowese Baptist Church will be hosting their First Annual Book Sale & Car Wash on Saturday, October 18, from 8:00am to 3:00pm.

The Church is located at 201 Quinnpiac Avenue in North Haven. Please call the Church office to make arrangements to drop off books, CD's or DVD's (no magazines please).



**Joseph Bellonio, Jr.**, 81, of Northford passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 21, 2014 at the Regency House, Wallingford. He was the husband of 58 years to Gloria Prentice Bellonio. Joseph was born in Hamden on August 27, 1933; son of the late Joseph Bellonio, Sr. and Giovina Carafa Bellonio; was the owner and operator of the Northford Mason Contractors for 48 years until his retirement. He was a lifetime member and obtained the rank of Lieutenant of the Northford Acres Volunteer Fire Department Company #3, helped build the firehouse; enjoyed traveling and was a member of the Northford Congregational Church. Father of Deborah Austin, Steven (Mona Lisa) Bellonio and the late Paul Bellonio. Grandfather of Daniel & Christopher Austin and the late Jessica Bellonio. Brother-in-law of Emily and Joyce Bellonio. Predeceased by brothers, John & Anthony Bellonio.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Northford Congregational Church Steeple Fund, Old Post Rd., Northford, CT 06472 or the Northford Acres Co. #3 Scholarship Fund, 1958 Middletown Ave., Northford, CT 06472.



**George F. Pecoraro, Sr.**, 85, of Norwich, formerly of North Branford passed away Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at Wadsworth Glenn Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, Middletown. He was the husband of forty-six years to the late Gertrude Vincent Pecoraro. George was born in New Haven on December 19, 1928; son of the late Frank and Mary Curtin Pecoraro; had worked for the former Armstrong Rubber & Tire Company for over forty years; was a former president and coach of the North Branford Little League in 60's & 70's; was a member of the Knights of Columbus; was an avid poker player and enjoyed many frequent trips to the casino. Father of George F. (Edith) Pecoraro, Jr., David L. (Rose) Pecoraro, Richard J. (Georgette) Pecoraro and Kathleen M. Pecoraro. Brother of Leonard Pecoraro. Also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to any local catholic charity of your choice. [www.northhavenfuneral.com](http://www.northhavenfuneral.com)

Historical Society Looking for Donations

Totoket Historical Society accepting donations for their Holiday Bazaar  
The Totoket Historical Society is now accepting small collectibles and antiques to sell at their Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 22 including costume jewelry, old linens, antique Christmas decorations and finer items such as old paintings or prints. All donations should be in good condition. Please drop off items at Reynolds-Beers House any Tuesday night between 5 – 8 p.m. or any Wednesday afternoon between 2 – 4 p.m. The House is located on the campus of the Atwater Memorial Library at 1720 Foxon Road in North Branford. If you are homebound and wish to donate, please call the THS at 203 488-0423 or send an email to: [totokethhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:totokethhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

A Military Whist Card Party

Enjoy a fun-filled evening playing Military Whist at a card party to be held at Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue, Northford, on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. The doors open at 6:30pm and the games begin at 7:00pm. Admission is \$8.00 per person. Refreshments will be served and there will be raffle prizes. For more information and tickets, contact Elissa Orio at 203-793-7180. This event is being sponsored by the Northford Women's Club, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Holiday Fair at St. Monica

St. Monica's Rosary Society will be having their annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Monica's, 1331 Middletown Ave., Northford. The fair will feature handcrafted items by local artisans such as American Girl doll clothes, hair ribbons, jewelry, painted glass items, wood crafting, a bake table, and raffles and more. Breakfast and lunch are available. Come and enjoy great food, crafters, raffles, face painting and much more. Tables are available, call Lucille at (203) 484-9737.

Holiday Fair at Evergreen Woods

Evergreen Woods, 88 Notch Hill Road, North Branford, holds its 20th annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 9am to 2pm. The fair features arts and crafts, soaps, stained glass, baby clothes, jewelry, maple syrup, and much more. Proceeds from our Food Court, Cookie Walk, White Elephant and Raffle sales will benefit Camp Rising Sun and the Yale New Haven Hospital Toy Closet programs. For more information or to be a vendor, contact Jaclyn Martinelli at 203.483.3231 or [jmartinelli@evergreenwoods.com](mailto:jmartinelli@evergreenwoods.com) <<mailto:jmartinelli@evergreenwoods.com>>

K of C to Host Fish Fries

The fabulous Fish Fries are back at the Guilford Knights of Columbus at 390 South Union Street in Guilford. The fish feast will run on the first four Fridays in October, from 5:00 to 7:30PM. Fried or baked fish, clam chowder, stuffed clams, brownie squares and much more will be on the menu.  
Profits will benefit local charities. For more info call 203-453-2801.



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TAG SALES/FLEA MARKETS

**Flea market/tag sale to be held at St. Frances Cabrini Church** parking lot,57 Pond Hill Road, North Haven on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm. Rental space is available. Single space is \$20 and double space is \$30. For more info or rent a space. Call Lisa Gagliardi at 203-484-2486 or the Rectory office at 203-239-5700.

**Vendors being sought for Holiday Fair at St. Frances Cabrini Church** Hall, 57 Pond Hill Rd., North Haven on Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 9am-3pm. Rental for space which includes table & chairs is \$35 for single and \$50 for double. For application for rental space please call Sharon at 203-234-0215 after 3pm or at 203-239-5700 during daytime.

**Northford Multi Family Tag Sale.** Saturday & Sunday, 9/27 - 9/28. 164 Reeds Gap Rd. East. 9am - 2pm. Household items, games & furiniture. Rain date 10/4 -10/5.


**Masonicare at Ashlar Village** on Cheshire Road in Wallingford will be holding a Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair and is looking for vendors and crafters to participate. The fair, which will be open to the public and to all Masonicare employees, residents and their families, will be held on Saturday, November 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Hartog Activities Center Auditorium. at Ashlar Village. A \$50.00 registration fee is required, and all fees collected will benefit The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut. Registration fees are non-refundable. Receipt of payment will be provided for your tax deductible donation. All vendors will have a choice of either a 6-foot long table or a round table for displaying their sale items.

For additional information, or to reserve your space, please contact Alyssa Pagan at 203-679-6015 or Noreen Caffrey at 203-679-6402.

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Artist’s Work Displayed at Smith Library



Northford artist Donna Lee Woolcott will be displaying her artwork at the Edward Smith Memorial Library, 3 Old Post Rd. Northford, for the month of October. Donna specializes in pet portraits in a wide variety of mediums including pastel, colored pencil, acrylics, tooled leather, painted clothing and sculpture. Also on display will be her hand stitched Teddy bears, painted Christmas ornaments, and carousel art. Many pieces are available for purchase and information is available if you are interested in commissioning a portrait of your pet or other customized artwork.

Dudley Farm Farmers’ Market

The Dudley Farm Farmers’ Market is held every Saturday through October from 9 AM to 12:30 PM. It takes place on the picturesque grounds of the historic Dudley Farm Museum, located at 2351 Durham Road in North Guilford. The Market provides the opportunity to purchase local and organic seasonal produce and handmade arts and crafts, while enjoying the beauty and serenity of the Farm as it was in the year 1900. In addition to the fruits and vegetables offered, also available are baked goods, eggs, fresh cut flowers, herbs and potted plants, honey and maple syrup, jams, jellies, naturally-raised meat, and pickles. Our handmade items include handspun yarn, paintings, photographs, cards, jewelry, soap, woodworking, pottery, sewing, quilting and more. On October 18 Harvest Day will be celebrated with many special activities and on October 25, closing day for the season, all children (accompanied by adults) are invited to come to the Market in costume for a Halloween celebration that will include a scavenger hunt, pumpkin decorating and trick or treating at vendor tables where many vendors will also be in costume. There is no charge for these special events.  
Contact 860-349-3917 or visit [www.dudleyfarm.com](http://www.dudleyfarm.com) for more information. The Market is subject to cancellation due to inclement weather.

Lake Gaillard Walk-A-Thon Returns!

The North Branford Women’s Club, Inc. GFWC/CT in conjunction with the Regional Water Authority, is sponsoring its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk/Run-A-Thon at Lake Gaillard in North Branford on Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. Proceeds from this event will be used to benefit the North Branford Scholarship Association, the Watershed Fund, the Greater Federation of Women’s Clubs/CT state project Manes & Motions Therapeutic Riding Center and other charitable club projects.  
On the day of the walk, buses will be available for transporting participants to the Lake Gaillard property from Jerome Harrison School on Route 80 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Access to the Beech Street entrance will be by bus or on foot only. Parking will be prohibited on Beech Street and Poms Lane where posted. No bicycles, roller blades or pets will be allowed on the trail.  
The distance around the lake is 7 miles but participants, as always, may choose any distance with which they are comfortable. Distance markers will be posted around the lake. Water and comfort facilities will be available. No participants will be allowed on the trail after 11am.  
Registration fee is \$8.00. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged! Participants may also register on site the day of the walk. Prizes will be awarded to the top four participants who raise and submit the most money through pledges from sponsors on or before October 11, 2014. First and Second Prizes will be Gift Certificates to area restaurants. Third and Fourth Prizes will be Regional Water Authority recreation permits.  
For additional information call Eileen at 203-481-3553.

Annual Grace Marx Colonial Dinner

The Totoket Historical Society will host the annual “Grace Marx Colonial Dinner” to be held at the historic 1786 Reynolds-Beers House located at 1720 Foxon Road in North Branford on Sunday, Oct. 19. This is the major fundraiser for the Society, so please help keep our Historical Society alive! Save the date and give your support!  
The “authentic” dinner will be limited to 2 seatings of 40 with the first seating at 1:00 p.m. and the next seating at 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$30.00 per person. Our menu includes delicious roasted Cornish game hens with cider sauce, parsley potatoes, beet salad, and succotash served with coffee or tea. On the tables there will be home-baked cranberry and pear breads with butter and cider. For dessert you will enjoy pumpkin cake with whipped cream.  
Proceeds from the dinner will be used to help with the maintenance, restoration projects and expenses for the Reynolds-Beers House, the Little Red Schoolhouse, the Miller Barn and the Little Gas Station.  
For reservations call 203 488-0423 and leave a message or visit the Reynolds-Beers house during open hours: Tuesdays 5 – 8 or Wednesdays 2 - 4. Checks may be mailed to the Totoket Historical Society at P.O. Box 491, Northford, CT 06472.

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