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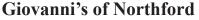
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A Tasty Town

For about a decade my daily drive on the 22/17 corridor - from North Branford to Northford has seen some wonderful growth in our Town. First, a winery, Rosabianca Vineyards, exploded into business, serving their tasty local wines and drawing crowds every weekend. Directly across Middletown Avenue Millpond Gatherings grew to mammoth yet graceful dimensions with fine dining and wonderful atmosphere. Then a micro-brewery Stewards of the Land – gave us yet another niche business that now attracts its own bevy of patrons just a bit further South. At the other end of town Rose Vineyards has blossomed into a beautiful place with its own array of fine wines, dining and eye-pleasing grounds and architecture.

Most recently, over the past six months, we've watched the transformation of what was Tony Z's Apizza at 1874 Middletown Avenue into something new. It was to be a "grab and go," finally, I thought, a place to get a bacon, egg and cheese at the North end of Town. After six months of watching, I saw cars in the lot on an otherwise unremarkable Friday afternoon, so my wife and I walked in for our long-anticipated sandwich.

"Kiki's Grab & Go Kitchen" is, however, something peculiar because, as much as the transformation of the exterior gave reason to expect something good, the culinary experience was greater and far different than anticipated. Most special about Kiki's was an incredible range of flavors: from a tasty rosemary chicken to fabulously tender and flavorful smoked barbequed ribs, a rigatoni Bolognese, chicken wings in a Korean chili paste, and sausage and peppers with caramelized onions to die for! Kiki's array of flavors was outstanding and unexpected!

While it was a soft opening and didn't include Kiki's every-day menu, the chef told me that they would rotate such specials on a weekly basis. BTW, I had Kiki's bacon, egg and cheese on Saturday -- worth the wait.

While our Town is special for many reasons - not the least of which its wonderful farms and produce – I'm a very big fan of good food and applaud all of our Town's growing culinary standouts.

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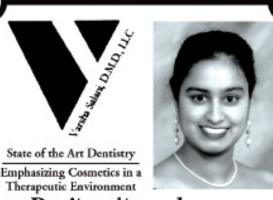








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State Representative Vincent Candelora



An election-related controversy exploded into Connecticut headlines recently when video surfaced of a woman stuffing absentee ballots into a drop box before sunrise outside a municipal center in Bridgeport. For many residents and lawmakers, me included, the footage substantiated long-held concerns about the integrity of our absentee vot-

Bridgeport, as you likely know, has long been a place where accusations of ballot fraud and other nefarious campaign activities have flowed like water. So, on some level, the video tied to the Democrat mayoral primary on Sept. 12 wasn't a total shock.

Turns out, the real surprise would come days later. Not from Bridgeport, but from Democrats who control the state legislature. Working with Governor Lamont, they created a Sept. 26 special session agenda that included a small but critical—to them—rewrite of the state's campaign finance rules that would allow their statehouse candidates to access a wider pool of donors.

"Never let a good crisis go to waste," it seems, is a saying our colleagues across the aisle take quite literally.

Connecticut residents, meanwhile, figured there would be some sort of proposal on the table to bolster the integrity of our elections—particularly, because the agenda was largely election-focused. There was bipartisan agreement to change the date of the presidential primary as well as agreed-upon technical changes to legislation focused on towns whose election dates were recently moved from May to November. We also fixed a glitch that prevented Bridgeport from receiving money included in the state budget last spring for an election monitor.

But the campaign finance change inviting dark money into our state's clean elections program? Out of left field, and it was certainly at odds with what Bridgeport residents were asking for. Some people there were saying penalties are too lax on criminal elections violations.

I agree on that point, and after raising enough dust in the media to get Democrats to yank their campaign finance rewrite from the agenda, I introduced three reform-focused proposals:

Eliminate the use of absentee ballot drops boxes, which were installed in 2020 over fears of COVID;

Require a 1-year mandatory minimum prison sentence for criminal election law

Empower the Bridgeport election monitor to eliminate the drop boxes if he/she deems it necessary to preserve the integrity of the vote.

Unfortunately, my Democrat colleagues voted down the latter proposal, and refused to hold a vote on the first two over procedural issues.

Eliminating the drop boxes, which are at the heart of the Bridgeport case, just makes sense. Early voting begins next year, allowing residents to vote over a 14day period that precedes Election Day. To boot, COVID was the reason for the drop boxes, and that crisis has gone.

As far as doing jail time for breaking election law goes—it's very rare, and that means bad actors are hedging their bets. They're willing to break the law to get the candidate they support over the line, understanding that time in a cell is a longshot while also knowing that it's nearly impossible to undo an election result in court.



This discussion over election reform will continue into the next legislative session, which starts in February. Democrats have little choice but to confront it. Unlike so many of the Bridgeport campaign controversies before it, this latest fiasco involving Democrats in the Park City lives in infamy in the form of a recording that will be replayed over and over for some time to come.

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Let's Be "Frank"

"Have a blessed day." This is what SueAnn and I heard over and over again on our trip to Tennessee. It was quite effective and heart warming to hear people with a greeting of that nature. What was most heart warming was when I stopped to let a man pass in the crosswalk and he smiled and told me to have a blessed day. At that moment the car next to me flew through the intersection and the same wonderful man gave him the finger and hurled several words that did not really go with having a blessed day.

All in all the trip was great. We decided to drive and at the recommendation of Jim from Guilford Texaco North, we took SueAnn's CRV instead of my Pilot. I am more comfortable in my larger and older car but Jim said the Pilot should make it but he would go with the car with the 20,000 miles not the 200,000. miles.

Being a newer car the CRV has many more bells & whistles than the Pilot. When you switch lanes without putting on your signal light (which I do quite often) it gives you a warning. When you swerve into the other lane (something I am famous for as I like to use the entire road) it also lights up a warning. At one point the dashboard lit up and told me it was time for a cup of coffee. Finally when you turn on the car the lights go on automatically.

This caused two problems. At one point during the trip I thought I had to go to the bathroom but the car didn't let me know so I passed the exit and almost wet myself. Upon returning home I got in my car at night and started it and after driving for ten minutes and really struggling to see, I realized I didn't turn on my headlights.

All in all, the trip was great. Very calm and relaxing. We went to a dinner theatre Stampede. The food was good and the horses and riders did some amazing things. They even had pig races.

We also went to a country music festival and finally a Red Skelton review. The man who performed is the only certified Red Skelton impersonator and he does all the old jokes. Sixty years later with no foul words or off colored stories, the evening was hysterical and quite entertaining.

There was a lot of walking involved and I think my butt visited every bench in Pigeon Forge and Gattlinburg.

One day we took a ride up the mountain. It was so come and beautiful, when I got to the top I was reminded of grammar school when Sister Angelica Marie would drop a pin and if she didn't hear it drop we would all have to stay after school. I swear if I had a pin I would have tried it.

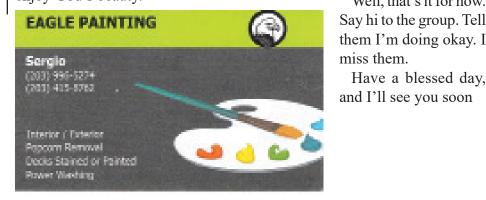
One day we were driving through the town and in the middle of a main street, traffic was stopped to allow seven elk to pass the road. They were simply going for a summer walk in the town.

It was so calm and comfortable we were looking at places to purchase for a second home. The pace is very laid back and the people (except the guy swearing at the driver) were quite nice.

At one point I was so inspired, I decided to take the open chair ski lift up the mountain. I thought it was a good idea, but halfway up I dropped a quarter and when I saw how far it went down, the rest of the trip was killing my carpel tunnel as I was gripping the rail so hard. As SueAnn was enjoying the scenery and pointing out some highlights, I was begging her to stop and closing my eyes. When we got to the top they had to stop the swing so I could pry my hands off the railing. Very scary but I can say I did it. That also stopped me from taking the helicopter tour around the area,

I hate to admit it but I'm starting to enjoy traveling. Too bad I didn't enjoy it when my legs and back were better and I could handle the walking better.

We didn't see any bear but what we did see was amazing. The Smokey Mountains are so beautiful we drove up the mountain road twice just to enjoy God's beauty.



Well, that's it for now. them I'm doing okay. I miss them.

Have a blessed day, and I'll see you soon

Letters to the editor...

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The Editor

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Local Woman Writes Book About Growing Through Sports



In her Amazon bestselling book Everything I Got: 30 Lessons on What You Give, What You Get, and How You Grow Through Sports, former NBHS soccer player and current sport psychology consultant Julia Allain explores lessons from growing up in a world of sports to help players find success both on and off the field. Below is an excerpt from Lesson #23: Embrace Failure.

In our process of becoming our best, some of the greatest educational experiences can be our own failures. However, it is an experience we exert a lot of effort and energy to avoid. We want success, and as a result, that is what we focus on in our goal

setting, in our visualization practices, and in our self-evaluations. What is it we want to win? How is it we will win? Did we win? The reality is, very few people experience "winning it all." Once you reach the playoffs, every team's season ends in a loss, except for one. Losing is one of the most common experiences in sport, but while we are in it, we often feel alone.

Part of this loneliness stems from the culture of success that we have cultivated as a society. Today more than ever, we idolize winners. We study them, we learn from them, and we worship them. In our media-driven world, those successful individuals are put on a pedestal along with their highlight reel moments with their failures hidden in the shadows. As a result, it provides us with a skewed marker for how to measure our own progress and achievement as we try to live up to an incomplete picture... But the reality is, we can't all be winners. However, all winners know what it's like to lose; they just didn't let it stop them.

If you never lose, you will never reach your full potential because there are so many lessons you have not had the opportunity to learn with only knowing what it is like to succeed. When you set goals, a bad goal only gives you one type of experience: success. A good goal requires you to fall a few times before you accomplish it. That failure is simply the early process of success.

From time to time.



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The Totoket Times
will be posting excerpts from
Julia Allain's book.
Julia was a North Branford
resident who attended
North Branford High School.

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For the Health of it... Trick Your Body or Treat it Right? Avoiding the Halloween Hangover



Fall's majestic bounty has much more to offer than candy. Halloween is just one highlight of the magical fall season and although candy is a time-honored tradition, indulging in too many sweets can leave both kids and adults with a Halloween hangover that lasts much longer than a jack-o-lantern's glow.

Apples, pears, and pumpkin make for delightful and nutritious treats. Fall and pumpkin spice are like the dynamic duo of seasonal flavors. It's a classic combo that's pleasing to the senses, however options of the ed-

ible nature tempt us in the form of lattes, donuts, and fritters. So what if instead of tricking your body with empty calories, you were to treat it to healthier choices?

Hold up. I'm not suggesting you forego Halloween or even seasonal fun. This is about keeping the fun and even keeping your favorite treats while leaving behind the sugar rush/crash cycle that will leave you feeling drained and may keep your kiddos wound up for several days to come!

While doling out the haul of treats your little ghosts and gremlins bring home (or when you feel obligated to eat the leftover candy you bought for the neighborhood so it won't go to waste), consider this: eating protein and fat with candy is a solution that can prevent unstable blood sugar levels. Have a few slices of deli turkey and almonds before your Starbursts or a couple of pieces of string cheese or low fat Greek yogurt with a Kit Kat bar. Simply choose your favorite candy, pair it with a healthy protein and fat and enjoy. It's never too early to teach little ones about choosing wisely, while still allowing them to enjoy kid stuff (and we're never too old to learn). The trick is to make a couple of minor adjustments that will change the way food is metabolized, and still savor your favorite treat!

By making mindful choices, it's very possible to embrace the fall season, prioritize well-being, and avoid the dreaded Halloween (or anytime) hangover. Then, everyone can enjoy the festivities and still feel refreshed and revitalized the next day—imagine that! These additional tips might be helpful too:

As the nights grow longer and the air gets cooler, it's essential to stay active. Fall offers a variety of outdoor activities, like hiking through colorful wooded areas or taking scenic bike rides. Make it a family affair and explore the vibrant foliage together.

When the temperature drops, we might forget to stay hydrated. Keeping a bottle of water handy is just as crucial in fall as it is in summer. Proper hydration aids digestion, keeps energy levels up, and helps avoid the sluggishness that can accompany a sugar binge.

Fall's cozy ambiance is perfect for practicing mindfulness. Take a moment each day to appreciate the beauty of the season. Mindfulness can help reduce stress and promote overall well-being. Tune into your body's natural rhythms and adjust your lifestyle accordingly.

So will you trick your body or treat it right? These autumnal delights are rich in vitamins and minerals, making them the perfect antidote to sugar-laden sweets. First up is a fun way to get kids to pair a "good for you" treat with their candy. Years ago, a co-worker brought these adorable snacks to our annual "Mingleween" party and I've been making them ever since. I added the side of string cheese for nutritional balance. Enjoy it "as is" or as a great solution to balancing a candy snack.

Clementine Pumpkins with a Side of String Cheese.

(Clementines are rich in vitamin C, thiamine & folate, string cheese boasts protein and vitamin B12)

Ingredients

- Clementines (peeled)
- Celery
- String cheese

Cut celery into tiny "stems" and insert into top of peeled clementines. Arrange on a platter. Add some raisin "fingernails" to the string cheese for a spooky treat. The next recipe is something I whipped up on short notice to share at a family

gathering. They said it's a keeper.

Pumpkin Spice Protein Dip

(Pumpkin is loaded with nutrients including vitamins A, B1, B6, C and fiber, copper, and zinc, the addition of the protein powder and apple slices make it a delicious treat you can feel good about)

Ingredients

- 2 scoops vanilla protein powder
- ½ cup organic pumpkin puree
- ³/₄ tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp nutmeg
- Dash of ginger, Drop of orange extract, Drop of vanilla extract
- A sprinkle of coconut sugar
- Almond milk (I used unsweetened)

Slowly add almond milk to the protein powder until its a pudding-like consistency Add spices, coconut sugar and extracts to pumpkin puree, then add the pumpkin mixture to the protein "pudding" stirring until well blended. Add a little more almond milk if needed. Refrigerate for 1 hour or more.

Serve with sliced apples sprinkled with cinnamon and some walnuts and dark chocolate chips to sprinkle on top.

JoAnn Begley is a Certified Health & Nutrition Coach and Reiki Master with years of experience in holistic, mind/body therapies. She and her husband Jerry have two children and live in North Branford. Reach out with questions or comments to joann@wellnessfusion.net or wellnessfusion.net.

Join us for a Re-Launch of the Explorer Program

Youth & Parents are invited
Thursday, October 19, 2023 7 p.m.
NBFD Company 4 Training Room
1351 Middletown Avenue, Northford

Come and learn about this exciting program where interested youth age 14 or older will learn the skills of firefighting and EMS



North Branford Education Foundation is Looking for Help!

The North Branford in Education Foundation, is looking for anyone interested in becoming a board member.

The members have six to eight meetings a year and 2 to 3 events.

All profits raised, go to grants and scholarships for the children in the North Branford and Northford community.

Anyone interested is asked to call Frank at 203-410-4254.

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Noah Ackermann, Brianna Annunziato, Candice Opie and Catherine Moran recently graduated from the University of Hartford.

Alyssa Kendrick has been chosen to play on the fall field hockey team at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic, CT.

Sarah Charlesworth, Jailenne Jofre, Nathan Tranquilli, Carl Jackson and Jaiden Sorrell are in the first semester at Eastern Connecticut State University.







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MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

34th ANNUAL COMMUNITY ROUND UP

Each year, the North Branford community celebrates wake a Difference Day by nothing a food drive. For the last thirty-three years students and parents from NBPS have traveled through the community collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations which were then gathered, sorted, and sent to our town's food bank.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NBHS Football starts the season at 3-0

The North Branford Thunderbird football team won their first home game by drubbing Capital Prep by a score of 41-6. The win starts the T-Birds off at 3-0.

Junior Tommy Hansen(top photo #33) continues to carry the offensive load as he had 30 carries for 182 yards. Not far behind him was sophomore quarterback AJ Sigel who added on 127 yards in a fierce groud game in the pouring rain.

On defense, senior Aiden Chittendan (above photo #50) had 11 tackles and Hansen added six. *(photos courtesy of Todd Ingarra)*

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCTOBER 8th -14th "Cooking Safety Starts With You"

About Fire Prevention Week

In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during October in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

Importance of fire prevention

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and tragedy. Fire safety education is not just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen

This year's theme for Fire Prevention Week, North Branford Fire Department's focus is on cooking safety comes in response to home cooking fires representing the leading cause of U.S. home fires, with nearly half (49 percent) of all home fires involving cooking equipment; unattended cooking is the leading cause of these fires. Most of these fires are preventable. This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign works to better educate the public about where potential cooking hazards exist and basic but critical ways to prevent them.

Key messages around this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Cooking Safety Starts With You" will include the following:

- Always keep a close eye on what you are cooking. For foods with longer cooking times, such as those that are simmering or baking, set a timer to help monitor them carefully.
- Clear the cooking area of combustible items and keep anything that can burn, such as dish towels, oven mitts, food packaging, and paper towels.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
- Create a "kid and pet free zone" of at least three feet (one meter) around the cooking area and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- "Staying in the kitchen, using a timer, and avoiding distractions that remove your focus from what is on the stove are among the key messages for this year's Fire Prevention's week campaign.

Make and Practice an Escape Plan

Consider this scenario: it is 2 o'clock in the morning. You and your family are fast asleep when you awaken to the smoke alarm sounding and the smell of smoke. What do you do? If you and your family do not have a plan in place, it could jeopardize your safety, or even prove deadly.

In a typical home fire, you may have as little as two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. That is why home escape planning is so critical in a fire situation. It ensures that everyone in the household knows how to use that small window of time wisely.

Developing and practicing a home escape plan is like building muscle memory. That pre-planning is what everyone will draw upon to snap into action and escape as quickly as possible in the event of a fire.

Home escape planning is one of the most basic but fundamental elements of home fire safety and can truly make the difference between life and death in a fire situation.

North Branford Fire Department offer these additional tips and recommendations for developing and practicing a home escape plan:

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you cannot help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave this will slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.
- Make sure you have working smoke detectors on every floor of your home.

Fire fatalities are often preventable through education and the use of working smoke detectors.

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Recycling News

North Branford Fall Leaf Collection opens on 10/14/23

North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located to the left of the police station, near the Public Works Facility on Route 22 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Just follow the signs. No brush or grass clippings. The leaf drop off will be open on Saturdays October 14th, 21st, 28th, November 4th, 11^h and 18th. Please place leaves in biodegradable

leaf bags (no tape please) or empty them loose onto the ground. There will be a curbside pickup of leaves in untapped biodegradable paper bags the weeks of November 27th – December 8th

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

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

Bulky Waste Pickup is only <u>twice</u> a year.

The next pickup is the week of November 6th.

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

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

Help someone else out, unclutter your house and save the cost of sending items to the landfill.

You can post on the Facebook page: <u>North Branford & Northford Free</u> Items.

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

Some places even pick-up large items.

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

up

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

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

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

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

Hazwaste Central will be closing for the year on 10/28/23

Located right behind the Regional Water Authority's headquarters,

90 Sargent Drive, New Haven Hours are Saturdays from 9am to noon.

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

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

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

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

KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
FALL DANCE

Saturday, October 28, 2023

7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Saint Monica's Church

1331 Middletown Avenu council 6801 Northford, CT 06472 COUNCIL 6801

Raffle Baskets & 50/50 Raffle

Music by DJ - Anthony Esposito

BYOB & Snacks

Setup, Pizza & light desserts are provided by: Knights of Columbus

Tickets \$15/per person

For questions or tickets, please call: Wayne 203-410-3885 or Damian 203-215-7699 or email: knights6801@gmail.com

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



Come to our final antique tractor pull of 2023!
October 28th 298 Forest Rd.
Northford
Weigh in 8am Pulling starts at 9

Come to the Augur Farm and have Fun

Can I recycle it?

Connecticut has a website to help with recycling questions: www.recyclect.com.

They also have an app.

Plastic Film Reminder

The town's drop off locations are:

Atwater and Smith Libraries, Northford Store, STW
Community Center, The Food Pantry of NB, Country Paint
and Hardware, T.J.'s Launderette

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

Sons & Daughters of Italy #2805



Italian Heritage Month



October 4, 2023 7PM

Frances Calzetta - President American Italian Women of Greater New Haven

Discusses Christopher Columbus - Past & Present

October 14, 2023 6PM

Meat Loaf Dinner \$10.00

October 20, 2023, 6:00 PM

Enzo Boscarino

Singing Story Teller Fried Dough Pizza, Salad Show and dinner \$10.00 Pizza to go \$6.00 each



October 27, 2023

Italian Pasta Sauce Competiton & Ziti Dinner \$10.00

Coffee & Dessert and Bottled Water at all events!

For more information call SueAnn at 203-710-4186

E-mail sueann.mentone@yahoo.com

All events at St. Frances Cabrini Church

Thank You North Branford

The 2023 NB PoCo Coordinators would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to all of our sponsors, volunteers, and attendees at this year's 21st annual Potato and Corn Festival.

To all of our sponsors: No matter how big or small your donation was we could not put together a festival of this magnitude without support from our local businesses....for this we are truly grateful. All of our sponsors are a vital part of the festival and we appreciate all you do to support the North Branford community. Please visit our website: northbranfordpocofestival. com for a complete list of the 2023 sponsors.

To all of our volunteers: A special THANK YOU for your continued commitment and support of this monumental community event. Our seasoned volunteers operate their committees like well oiled machines and welcome our new volunteers with open arms. We also appreciate all of the support from the NBHS sports teams. Thank you to Coach Nuhn and the NB Field Hockey Team, Coach Salvati and the NB Football Team, and Coach Donohue and the NB Boy's Basketball Team. New this year was our grounds crew – Boy Scout Troop 633! They did an amazing job keeping the grounds neat & clean. Our volunteers are amazing and have worked tirelessly with the committee to provide a fun-filled family weekend for 21 years. We are always looking for volunteers...watch for meeting notices in the Totoket Times in early 2024.

To all of our attendees: THANK YOU!! We hope you enjoyed all the new events in addition to the returning events you have come to love. Mother Nature did her part this year and we enjoyed record crowds to enjoy all the food and fun. We are pleased to support the NB community again this year and will be making contributions to the following: NB Food Pantry; NB Senior Center; JHS, TVES, and NBIS PTO; Project Graduation; NBHS sport teams that volunteered; and Boy Scout Troop 633.

We hope to see everyone at the 22nd Potato & Corn Festival at Augur Park on Aug 2-4, 2024!

Sincerely,

Jessie Caetano – Director NB Parks/Rec

Steve Torino, Mary-Elissa Giovanni, Elisa Pannone, Rose Angeloni

Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC

Military Whist Card Party

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

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





Atwater Memorial Library Edward Smith Library 1720 Foxon Road 3 Old Post Road North Branford, CT 06471 Northford, CT 06472

203-315-6020 203-484-0469 www.nbranfordlibraries.org



ADULT DEPARTMENT NEWS - OCTOBER 2023

Medicare Planning Seminar

Wednesday, October 4th @ 6PM at Atwater

Sort through the various parts of Medicare coverage and review the pros and cons of Medicare Supplement Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans. Presented by Pelletier Senior Planning.



Why Choose a Community College

Thursday, October 5th @ 6:30PM at Smith & Wednesday, October 11th @ 6:30PM at Atwater

Each fall, high school college bound students begin their quest to find the perfect college to meet their dreams, needs and affordability. Learn how a community college might ease your student's college search burden. PACT (Pledge to Advance CT) offers up to 3 years and up to 72 credits of community college for free.

Pat's Picks Movie Club, "Terms of Endearment

Thursday, October 12th @ 1PM at Atwater

This month's title is, Terms of Endearment, a Comedic-Drama from 1983! "Widow Aurora Greenway and her daughter, Emma, have a strong bond, but Emma marries teacher Flap Horton against her mother's wishes" - IMDB

Make a Sweater Pumpkin

Thursday, October 12th @ 6:30PM at Smith

Please join us for this easy, no-sew project for fall! All you need is an old sweater sleeve, a piece of wood for the stem, and your imagination!

UR Community Cares Presentation for Visually-Impaired

Tuesday, October 17th @ 6PM at Smith

For those who wear glasses, have cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration, are blind, or have any other vision impairments, come learn about the latest information, tech tools & devices.

Pizza History Presentation

Thursday, October 19th @ 6:30PM at Smith

Join author, historian and pizza guru Colin Caplan for a lively presentation about our favorite food: pizza. Learn about New Haven and North Branford pizza history and sample some of the area's best! Bobby's, Giovanni's, and LaMonaco's are donating pizza for this event.





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Movie Matinee, "Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret."

Friday, October 20th @ 1PM at Smith

This month's movie is, Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret, a Comedic-Family Drama from 2023! "When her family moves from the city to the suburbs, 11-year-old Margaret navigates new friends, feelings, and the beginning of adolescence" - IMDB.

Paint Your Pet

Saturday, October 21st @ 11AM at Atwater

Create a portrait of your family pet with watercolor artist, Nancy Roman! No experience necessary! You will need a 5" x 7" photo of your pet. A color copy is just fine.

Social Security Strategies & Your Retirement Future

Wednesday, October 25th @ 6PM at Smith

This is a great opportunity to learn key concepts you need to know before applying for Social Security. Presented by USA Financial & Tax Services.

Ask-a-Lawyer

Wednesday, October 25th @ 6:30PM at Atwater Free, 15-minute consultation with a lawyer to help you with your legal issues.



Annual Book Sale

Saturday, October 14 @ 9AM - 2PM at Atwater Browse through hundreds of titles. Find old favorites and discover new ones! Other items that will be sold include: puzzles, DVDs, children's games, and much more!

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

Hope Christian Church "A Place to Belong". 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT. <u>www.hopeag.com</u> Sunday services 10AM. Coffee served every Sunday 9:00 am. Church open for prayer Tuesdays noon to One. Thursday Bible study 7:00 PM. Like us on facebook.

North Branford Congregational Church, UCC, 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:00 AM. On the first Sunday of each month please attend and share communion with us.

Nursery Care is available. To contact our church: Office hours are Wednesday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Phone: 203.488.8456, email: nobdcong@sbcglobal.net, website: www.northbranfordcongregational.org Remember, all are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey; you will always be welcome here.

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

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

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

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

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1382 Middletown Avenue - The White Church On The Hill In The Heart Of Northford (at the intersection of Rtes. 17 & 22). Sunday worship at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship always follows. The Rev. Bryan Spinks is Priest-In-Charge. St. Andrew's is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry Network (MACM Network), along with St. James (Higganum) and Emmanuel (Killingworth). Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! All are welcome! St. Andrew's is the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital community resource serving families in need in Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew's also partners with St. Pauly Textile in a broad outreach program to help people in need here in the U.S. and around the world. Donations of usable clothing, shoes, boots, belts, purses, sheets, blankets, curtains and stuffed animals may be made at the donation shed in the church parking lot, available 24x7. Visit our website at https://www.saintandrewsnorthford.org Like us on Facebook - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Northford, CT. For more information contact us at 203-484-0895; Nan Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-710-7005; Rev. Spinks, 860-304-5266; or MACM office, 860-345-0058.

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

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

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Holiday Bazaar

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

Northford Community Church to hold Fall Festival

Northford Community Church will be having our Fall Festival and Flower Sale on October 6th, 7th, and 8th with Craft Vendors, Food, Bounce City, Face Painting, Fall Flowers and Much More! We will have Pony Rides on Saturday 12pm to 2pm. Free Admission and open to the public, bring the family! Hours are Friday October 6th from 10am to 5pm, Saturday October 7th from 10am to 5pm and Sunday October 8th from 9am to 1pm. We are located at 4 Old Post Road Northford, CT 06472. Additional parking available as needed at the Library. For more information visit our website at https://northfordcongregational.church or Like and Follow us on Facebook at Northford Community Church.

All Souls Mass

All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum



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



Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, will hold its Annual Harvest Supper on October 21st. Dinners are available for take-out or dine -in. Dinner choices include roast beef, roast turkey, baked ham and a smorgasbord of side dishes, as well as dessert choices of pumpkin pie, apple pie and lemon meringue pie. Take out dinner may be picked up between 4:00 and 6:00 and the price is \$30.00 per person. Dine-in dinners will be served from 5:30 - 7:30 and price is \$30.00 per peson and \$10.00 for children 12 and under.

Additionally, there will be many raffle prizes. This event is much more than a fabulous dinner and fabulous prizes. It is St, Andrew's major fundraiser of the year and it helps support its many community outreach programs. St. Andrew's supports the North Branford Scholarship Program, The North Branford Social Services Thanksgiving and Christmas food and gift baskets and the Back to S\chool Backpack program and more. Please help us support our neighbors bu supporting our Harvest Supper.

Reservations are required and will be taken through October 15th. Dine-in limited to 75 people. Make your reservations today! 1382 Middletown Avenue, Northford.

For reservations contact Nan Monda at 203-710-70026



"Look at the stars, Look how they shine for you, and everything you do"

Dawn Jara (Dr. Dawn) passed away peacefully at home on Sept 14TH, 2023 surrounded by her family after a courageous and tenacious battle with colon cancer. This tenacity, love for life and love of family served her well as she bravely fought for more time to do the things and be with the people she loved. Dawn was born the eldest child of Craig and Donna Browell of Northford, CT. She was mar-

ried to Jose Jara of Cuenca, Ecuador and loving mother to Javier and Nicolas Jara. She is survived by countless family members and friends. Dawn graduated from Southern CT State University in 2007 with a degree in Public Health, but later found her passion in teaching Special Education, earning her Master's degree from Southern CT, and ultimately earning her Doctoral Degree from North Central University. She taught for 16 years at Fairfield's Warde High School as both a special education teacher and Department liaison. Dawn was a well loved and respected educator, integral in the lives of many students and their educational successes. Outside of the classroom, Dawn could most often be found at a soccer field, watching her two boys shine. An avid lover of the game, Dawn enjoyed sharing this passion with her boys, and taking them to games whenever possible. Hot fudge brownie sundaes with Chocolate Marshmallow ice cream, relaxing on the beach, and spending time with her family, including her nieces and nephews were all a big part of the life she loved so much. She loved a good murder mystery or spending time outdoors. Most of her adventures ended with delicious food like thai drunken noodles, spanish papusas, or her uncles' tomato sauce.

. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a memorial account for her boys. Venmo @JaraBoysFund

"Look at the stars, Look how they shine for you, and everything you do." The stars shine a little brighter today with you among them.



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

WEDNESDAY 10/4 **Mummy Jars**

WEDNESDAY 10/11

MONDAY 10/16 Spooky Chocolate Covered Pretzels **Creepy Bug Picture Frames**

WEDNESDAY 10/18 Halloween Cookie Decorating Pumpkin Decorating

MONDAY 10/23

5:00-6:00 P.M. GRADES 5-8 \$5/PER REGISTRATION





Tuesdays October 10-31 STW Community Center Senior Room

4:15-5:00pm \$40 res/\$45 nr



Learning the fundamentals of guitar will help you develop a greater appreciation for music - and it's a lot of FUN! Topics covered include notes, right/left hand technique, beats, chords/chord theory, and basic song structure. *Class is intended for students with little or no instrumental experience. Instructor: Carl Fazzio

Equipment: *Please bring a guitar (style is unimportant; acoustic or classical, even electric - if student brings an electric, an amp is NOT required). *Notebook and pen to take notes.

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



NIOR CENT

2nd Annual

For CT National Guard Service Members currently stationed overseas. Let's come together as a community and provide care kits to our hometown heroes!

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

Please no chocolate or anything perishable

We will be collecting donations until 10/31/23

COFFEE WITH A COD

Join us and some of the North Branford Police Officers for coffee (and donuts) and conversation at STW! No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions and get to know the wonderful officers in our Town.

October 11, 2023

STW Senior Room 10:00-11:30am Register by 10/6



A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

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

November 30, 2023 \$60res/\$65nr

> Departs 1:00pm Returns: 5:00pm

Register by Nov 9th

Holiday Classics with Downtown 6 Band!

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

AQUA TURF CLUB

Tuesday Dec 12, 2023 Bus departs STW: 10:15am Returns: Approx 4:00pm

\$57res \$62nr

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

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



CLASSIFIED AD RATES

Personal, For Sale, Help Wanted, Tag Sale, and all non-business classified 1 issue \$9.00 2 issues \$12.00 3 issues \$15.00

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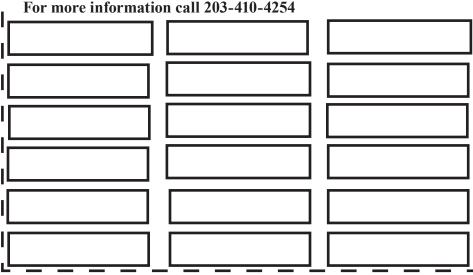
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Send ad along with your check to:

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PLUMBING

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Tree Service - A Better Cut, Tree Service - Local, full service tree company - we provide tree removal, chipping, and grinding. Please call 203-945-1808 for a free estimate.

HELP WANTED

Sales/Estimator. Experienced Flooring Professional. Ability to measure, draw floor plans, estimate scope of all aspects of the job. Communicate with installers, customers and vendors. We have been in business over 30 years. Friendly casual atmosphere and team environment.

Email Teresa914@msn.com

Special Education Paraprofessionals needed - permanent and substitute positions available. Visit Northbranfordschools.org and click on the Employment Tab.

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Did you know:

There is an official ruling on how many tootsie roll pop licks it takes to get to the center - 364.

Live streaming available at no additional cost



Burials ~ Cremation ~ Pre Planning



Totoket Times October 6, 2023

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For Immediate RELEASE: REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

Notice is hereby given to all enrolled Republicans of the Town of North Branford:

A caucus will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall 909 Foxon Road North Branford for the purpose of approving changes to the By-Laws to the North Branford Republican Town Committee.

Edward J. Boughton, Jr. Chairman, North Branford Republican Town Committee

An Event That Stocks The Food Pantry of North Branford Saturday, Oct 14, 2023

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Handcrafted vendors, raffles, and more! NO FOOD DRIVE THIS YEAR

465 Foxon Rd. North Branford