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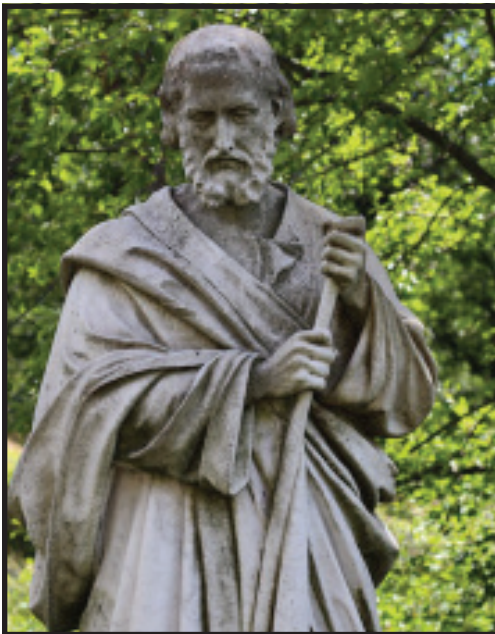
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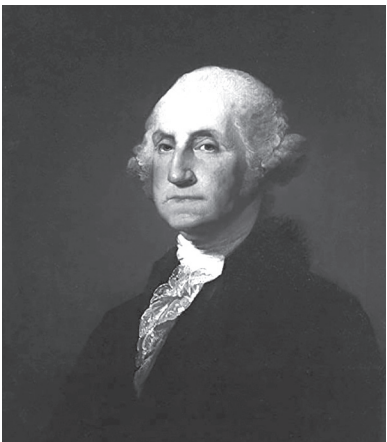
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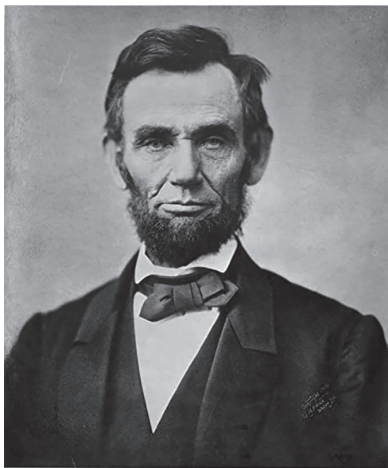
Interesting Facts about George Washington

1. He was born on Feb. 22, 1732, at Pope's Creek, Virginia
2. His family arrived in America in 1657, on a ship called the *Sea Horse of London*.
3. He was an excellent dancer.
4. He did not throw a silver dollar across the Potomac River. The Potomac is over a mile wide, and silver dollars did not exist then. His grandson did say once that George threw a piece of slate across the

Rappahannock River in Fredericksburg, which is narrower.

5. He had no middle name.
6. The cherry tree story is just that: a story. The tale is that Washington, as a little boy, chopped down a cherry tree in his family's yard and told his father the truth about it, even though it meant punishment. This story was fabricated by Mason Locke Weems, a bookseller who wrote the first biography about Washington (after George died in 1799).
7. George Washington had really bad teeth and was afflicted with many dental diseases and pain.
8. Washington's white hair was not a wig, although he did powder his hair for the white appearance.
9. He only had a grade-school level education.
10. George Washington never had any biological children.

—Amber Guetebier



Interesting Facts about Abraham Lincoln

1. His stovepipe top hat served as more than just a signature look: He used to stash his important documents there.
2. He loved animals and had a cat named Tabby and a dog named Fido. He loved his cat so much she ate dinner at the White House table.
3. He was born on Feb. 12, 1809, in a one-room log cabin in Kentucky (So in a way, he brought you Lincoln Logs, too).
4. At 21, he left home and canoed from Macon County, Illinois to New Salem, Illinois.
5. Lincoln's favorite food was fruit.
6. He was a wrestler. Over 12 years, he only lost one match out of 300.
7. Abraham Lincoln is the only U.S. president to ever hold a patent. He invented an inflatable bellows system to help boats navigate in shallow waters.
8. Abraham Lincoln supported the right of women to vote and said so as early as 1836. Women did not gain the right to vote officially until 1920!
9. Lincoln lost five separate elections before he became President of the U.S. (Never, ever, ever give up!)
10. Apparently, he did not like being called Abe and preferred people to call him Abraham.
11. Lincoln was the first president to be born outside the original 13 colonies.
12. Lincoln and his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, held séances in the White House.
13. At 6'4," he was the tallest president.
14. Abraham Lincoln never slept in the Lincoln bedroom.
15. On the night of his assassination, General Ulysses S. Grant had been invited to attend the play with Lincoln but declined because his wife did not like Mary Lincoln.

—Amber Guetebier

Roving Lens of Local Photographer Nick Carlino



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February	24	March	3
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March	24	March	31
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May	5	May	12



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Sen. Cohen Votes for Free School Lunches, Extending State Budget Safeguards

HARTFORD – State Senator Christine Cohen (D-Guilford) voted with her colleagues today to fund free student breakfasts and lunches through the end of the current school year for half a million Connecticut students, and to continue for another five years Connecticut's tough budget safeguards that have allowed our state to build up its largest budget reserve ever while putting billions of dollars toward old, unfunded pension debt.

"I'm so happy that we're able to keep funding free student meals for the remainder of the school year. This was a wildly popular program during the two years of the pandemic, and I think it also had the ancillary effect of reducing some of the embarrassment that some students may feel in getting a free or reduced-price meal," Sen. Cohen said. «I am hopeful that we'll be able to afford to fund more programs like this in the coming budget, in part because of the fiscal restraint that we've exhibited over the past half-decade and which I've pledged to continue for at least the next half-decade. Connecticut is in a far, far different fiscal place today than we were just five years ago, and today we renewed our commitment to protecting taxpayer funds.»

Free meals

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government extended its free and reduced-price meals policy to all 50 million public school students nationwide – including those in Connecticut. But, like many federal grants tied to the pandemic, that funding was for a limited time only. The federal funding for free school meals for everyone expired on September 30, 2022, although last spring Democrats set aside \$30 million from the federal American Rescue Plan

Act and out it in the state budget to continue providing free school breakfast and lunch to Connecticut students through December 31, 2022.

Now, those funds have run dry. Today's vote moves \$60 million from the Invest CT program and into the Free Meals for Students program to provide free school meals through the end of the current school year, usually around mid-to-late June. Free meals will be provided to more than 500,000 students in all 169 towns.

Budget safeguards

Sen. Cohen also voted today to continue the financial restraints that were first put in place in 2017.

Today's bill will:

- Continue those 2017 fiscal constraints for at least another five years, until July 1, 2028, and potentially for another five years after that until July 1, 2033.
- Raise the maximum amount of Connecticut's Budget Reserve Fund – also known as our "Rainy Day Fund" – from 15% of budgetary expenditures to 18% of expenditures – essentially raising Connecticut's financial cushion from its current \$3.3 billion to about \$4 billion. Right now, when our budget reserve fund exceeds 15%, any excess state revenues are used to pay off old pension debt. Under the new plan, once the budget reserve fund exceeds 18%, all excess revenue above that will go toward paying off Connecticut's 70 years of legacy pension debt
- Maintain Connecticut's current "Revenue Cap" at spending just 98.75% of all funds, instead of continuing with a planned phase-out to 98%. That means that the legislature can only continue to spend 98.75% of all the projected revenue coming into state coffers.
- Change the Bond Allocation Cap base from \$2.1 billion to \$2.4 billion, meaning that the maximum amount of state bonding (long-term borrowing) that the State Bond Commission can potentially

approve in any given calendar year will increase from the current \$2.1 billion (adjusted for inflation) to \$2.4 billion (adjusted for inflation in subsequent years). Due to Connecticut's recent budgetary restraint, our state bond ratings increased in 2021 for the first time since 2001, saving taxpayers millions of dollars in annual higher interest costs. Change the Bond Issuance Cap – the amount of state bonds that the state treasurer can sell in any given year - from \$1.9 billion to \$2.4 billion.



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↑ 20.0% (5) from Jan 2022

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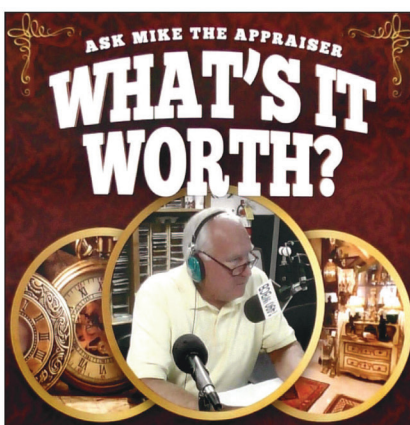
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State Representative Vincent Candelora



The governor last week stood before the General Assembly to release his 2024-2025 budget proposal, and a core theme of his speech to the assembled crowd of state representatives and senators was the need to build economic growth. I couldn't agree more. That mission, however, is easier said than done.

We face many challenges, some of which were highlighted in a report that generated a recent headline you may have seen that decried, "Connecticut 2nd Worst State to Start a Business." Such pronouncements have been common here for more than a decade, and whether you appreciate the sources—this time, it was financial website WalletHub—it's hard to ignore the consistent conclusion.

Among the factors typically analyzed are cost of living, housing availability, taxes, regulations, or transportation. While Connecticut typically trumps most other states in categories such as education and access to skilled labor, it's our costly red tape that usually sparks poor marks for the Nutmeg state.

The Governor's budget proposal has received positive reviews from the state's business community, particularly for adopting the Republican push for the full restoration of the pass-through entity tax credit. While the plan's failure to honor the expected sunset of the much-maligned 10 percent corporation surcharge is a disappointment, the governor's attempt to tackle the childcare shortage affecting workers by incentivizing more on-site care at businesses has garnered early nods.

Scratch the surface, however, and you'll see a barrier. It's the legislature. Specifically, progressive Democrats who have grown in number and influence.

A bevy of anti-employer proposals threaten to undermine the effort to improve our state's business climate, such as allowing striking workers to secure unemployment benefits from the fund employers pay into!

It's hard to believe that what amounts to paying workers to go on strike will do much to enhance our state's reputation as a place where businesses can thrive, nor would preventing an owner of a warehouse from setting a quota that would help the employer judge the productivity of a worker. What message are we sending by increasing the amount of unemployment fraud someone can commit before being charged with a felony?

Connecticut didn't land in a place where it scores poorly in business surveys overnight—it's a result of years of wrongheaded policies. Consequently, changing our state's reputation will require the overwhelming majority of us to row in the same direction if we want true economic growth.

But in a legislature where a proposal to prevent a sit-down mom and pop restaurant from putting a straw in your drink—unless you explicitly ask for one—generates more enthusiasm than simply reducing business filing fees?

It seems unlikely we'll see much movement in our WalletHub ranking any time soon.

Rep. Vincent Candelora
House Republican Leader 86th District
North Branford, Durham, East Haven, Guilford

Estate Planning for Everyone:
Planning For People With Disabilities
By Attorney Marc Guertin

I strongly discourage people from establishing custodial accounts or leaving cash outright to beneficiaries with disabilities. The outright distribution of assets may cause unintended problems for the beneficiary. When the assets of an individual with special needs exceed the governmental financial resource limits, the individual may be disqualified from both Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid.

A more appropriate way to pass an inheritance to a special needs beneficiary is to utilize a Supplemental Needs Trust. A Supplemental Needs Trust containing certain provisions may be established to administer and distribute Trust assets to a beneficiary with special needs without otherwise disqualifying them from governmental benefits.

Let's Be "Frank"

For many years, I served as an Operations Manager and later as General Manager for local newspapers and printers. One of my responsibilities was to oversee the mail of more than 100,000 pieces a week. I served on the Greater New Haven Postal Customer Council and even held the office of president for quite some time. The post office worked with the customers to create the best possible means of delivering the mail. The post office was also the place to work if you skipped college and went right into the work force. Good benefits and working conditions were two of the main positives.

Unfortunately, much of that has changed. Our Northford Post Office has become an embarrassment for serving the people of the community. I have spoken to clerks, acting postmasters, a permanent postmaster and even a representative in Bridgeport. Although all are quite pleasant, the problems still persist. Short staffs, new people and inner personnel problems are only a few of the reasons I have received for failed services.

No one has been able to give me a reason for people not receiving the mail. I am not only talking about the Totoket Times but first class mail as well. One of the "answers" was "perhaps your printer gives us the wrong counts" (a problem I have not encountered in 21 years). Another answer was that "they all get it, its just a matter of when."

At one point it was very difficult to get your PO Box mail as they were often closed although I was told they were always open even though the door was locked and there was a sign telling me to go to another post office. That doesn't work when your PO Box is in that Post Office.

I was given a number to call and speak with the Post Master but no one answers the phone. It just goes to a voice mail asking you to put in your code.

Today was the best. As I was walking in the PO to get my mail and purchase stamps, a lady came out in a very aggitated manner saying "These people are @!%&@! morons. They can't ven sell me stamps"

There were no hours posted on the door so I guess I should have known they cahnged the hours on saturday to 9:00AM. When I got in, I waited fifteen minutes as the "manager" was trying to get into the safe to get stamps. If they were opening at 9:00, perhaps they should have started that task at 8:30.

At the beginning of January, I was given a letter telling me the PO Box charge would be going up on January 23rd and I understood it to read, if I wanted to beat the increase I should pay the fee now. When I questioned the fact that I never got a bill I was told they weren't out yet and they couldn't take my payment without the bill. It is now mid February and I still never got that bill. Had they not put that letter in my box I would never have been alerted to the incompetency. I won't even mention the drive up mailbox being moved to the front door(I guesss I just did). Several contradicting explanations just added to the confusion

I must admit and compliment North Branford as I have never heard of an issue or had delivery problems.

Please e-mail me if you are having problems getting the paper. Totoket-times@comcast.net. I have been assured that the delivery is improving and it's just a temporary situation but if you aren't getting the paper send me an e-mail and for that issue just read it online at www.totokettimes.com.

Well, brother not much time to talk with you. No worries, I'll see you soon.

With a properly drafted Supplemental Needs Trust, assets in the Trust are not counted for the purpose of determining eligibility for governmental benefits. Supplemental Needs Trusts can be a valuable tool in planning for disabled individuals and their families. The process requires careful consideration of many issues and should be approached with care by a qualified professional.

If you would like to learn more about Supplemental Needs Trusts, I offer free initial consultation. Virtual, phone and in person consultations are available. Call me at 203-500-0201 to schedule an appointment.

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Recycling News

March 4th - Electronic Waste Drop Off

Public Works on Rt 22 – 9am – noon

Take2Recycling is collecting electronics including TVs, computers, small appliances and almost anything that has a plug. We cannot accept smoke detectors, A/C's or dehumidifiers.

We will also be taking mattresses and box springs (clean and dry), batteries and used oil for free.

There is a small fee for recycling propane tanks in reusable condition.

1 lb. = \$1; 5, 10, 20 lb. = \$3; 30, 40 lb. = \$5

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

Littering of Miniature Alcohol Bottles

The littering of miniatures is a significant problem in communities across Connecticut. In total, North Branford's package stores are selling an average of 135,000 nip bottles every six months. Many of these wind up on people's lawns and in our parks. Please be responsible and dispose of the bottles in the nearest trash can. The bottles are too small to be recycled.

New Members Wanted!

Become a recycling ambassador for our community. Have an impact by volunteering on the Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee.

Whether you can help out for one event or want to become a permanent member of our town committee, we want you! Please call the Town Manager or listen in on our next meeting if you think you may be interested. You can see the agenda on the town's website.

Upcoming events

Saturday March 4 – Electronics drop off

Week of April 3 – Scrap Metal pick up

Week of April 17 – Bulky Waste pick up

Please do not put Bulky Waste out yet. It won't be picked up for another 2 months!

Please call a junk company or bring your bulk waste to a transfer facility. Keep our town looking clean and inviting.

Please remember:

PLASTIC BAGS SHOULD NOT GO INTO THE BLUE RECYCLE BIN.

If you bag your recyclables to bring them to the blue bin, please dump them out of the bag into the blue bin and then bring the bag to a plastic film drop off location.

When you put the plastic bag into the blue bin it can get tangled in the sorting machinery and stops the workflow at the recycling plant.

As a reminder, the town collects plastic film at the following locations: Country Paint and Hardware, T.J's Launderette, Town Hall, Atwater and Smith Libraries, STW Community Center, Northford Store and The Food Pantry of North Branford.

We have taken over 13 tons of plastic film taken out of the waste stream!!

Thanks to all that participate!!

Reduce – Reuse - Recycle

Many people declutter during the winter months. Please consider giving away or selling the items you don't want anymore.

Donating = Reuse

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

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

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

Can I recycle it?

Connecticut has a website to help with recycling questions: [www.recyclect.com](#). They also have an app.

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:



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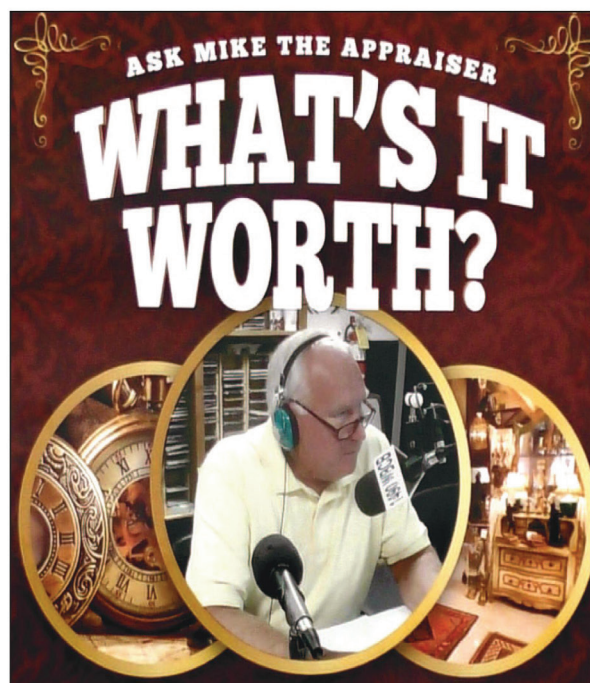
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Allan, Taylor

Altland, Gabriel
Baxter, Asher
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Hench, Clifford
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Intravia, Natalie
Knoob, Tyler
Konesky, Nikolas
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Negron, Ellexis
Patel, Dhanvi
Rodican, Natalie
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Bello, Brynn
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Camejo, Hannah
Cappetta, Nathan
Collins, Natalia
Cucinotta, Jackson
Dennis, Lilianna
Downes, Alexandra
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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Branford Bible Chapel. 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning : 9:15 - 10:30 Worship & Lord's Supper, 11:00 -12:15 Ministering of God's Word & Sunday School. . Nursery provided. Awana for kids, vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. www.branfordbiblechapel.org

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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 Congregational 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

St. Ambrose Parish is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two churches. St. Augustine Church is located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church is located at 1321 Middletown Avenue in Northford. The Pastor is Rev. Robert L. Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at 9:00 AM at St. Augustine. Friday Mass is celebrated at 9:00 AM at St. Monica. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday evening at St. Augustine at 4:00 PM (English Ordinary, no incense) and Sunday at St. Monica at 9:00 AM and St. Augustine at 11:00 AM (Latin Ordinary, with incense). The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 30 minutes prior to all Masses excepting Sunday and by appointment by calling the office. The Parish Office is located at 30 Caputo Road and is open M-F from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Wednesdays until 6:00 PM). You can access the parish bulletin and staff emails at our website NBcatholics.org. If you are new to the area and looking for a parish to join or a homeschool co-op, please visit us!

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 (Higginum) 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. 203-488-7395. Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar.Sunday Worship at 9:15, coffee and fellowship follow. Masks are required in worship while North Branford is in the 'red' zone for COVID positivity. Worship is also accessible through Facebook Live. ALL are invited. Zion is an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ. www.zionepiscopal.org

Sunday Services at Northford Congregational Church

Please join us with Pastor John every Sunday at 10 a.m. for our weekly church service. In addition, we will have coffee, tea, and snacks for everyone immediately following our service. ALL are welcome.

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 village in North Branford. Check us out at www.northfordcongregational.church. Like us on Facebook.

Coffee & Questions with Pastor John at Northford Congregational Church

Join us for "Coffee and Questions" with Pastor John and his wife Michele! - Saturday 2/18/23 at 8:00 a.m. in the Social Hall . All are welcome to come and ask questions about life, the church, any Biblical items, or just to have conversation...

Always remember, you are not alone...God Loves you!!!

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North Branford Congregational Church

Ash Wednesday morning, February 22, please drive through the North Branford Congregational Church parking lot for our "Ash on the Dash", to receive ashes if you are going to have a busy day. They will be given out from 7:00 – 8:00 AM.

DEATH NOTICE

Adele Huhla Mangino, 95, of North Branford passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 28th, 2023 at her home with her family by her side. She was the beloved wife of 64 years to the late Harry C. Mangino. Adele was born in Guilford on February 26, 1927 and was the daughter of the late Kazimier and Agnes Wotjak Huhla. She had worked at the former Gants and Sero Shirtmakers, the former Ashley's and Angra of Branford. Predeceased by her sisters Jennie and Catherine Offredi, Wanda Rice, and brothers Benny, Alfred and Edwin Huhla. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews

. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929. www.northhavenfuneral.com

Ash Wednesday - February 22



Here are the Church regulations for fasting and abstinence during Lent:

Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is al-

lowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

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Facilitated by: Ashley McClain of Dobler College Consulting

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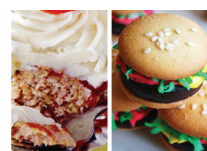
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Part 4 - Community Connections

February 28, 2023 1:00-2:00pm register by 2/24

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MOHEGAN SUN BUS TRIP

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Monday, March 27 - 8:00am - 4:00pm \$20 res / \$25 nr

If you are meeting at the STW Community Center, we will be leaving at 8:00 a.m. Per Mohegan Sun, the buses are not being greeted by staff and no packages are being issued out. Please register by 2/22 & 3/22

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2/21/23 1:00pm STW Art Room

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