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REST IN PEACE - TONY TORINO



Anthony "Tony" Torino Tribute

NORTHFORD - Anthony (Tony) R. Torino, 72, departed this life on February 8, 2024 at Yale New Haven Hospital. He was the beloved husband of Laura (Onofrio) Torino. Anthony was born in New Haven, CT on May 16, 1951 to the late Francis and Louise (Polino) Torino. Tony was the epitome of a family man and business owner. He was married for 51 years to the love of his life and high school sweetheart, Laura. He was an incredible father to Christine, Steven and Cheryl, and amazing

Pop to Gavin, Mason, Charlotte and Juliette. The love for his 3 children and 4 grandchildren was unwavering. Tony was a loving brother, uncle, brother-in-law, cousin, friend, coach, and boss to many. He was known to many others as their second dad. He was well known for proudly running and operating Torino Services LLC for over 40 years. A man of honor, integrity, loyalty, and devotion, he is remembered for his story telling and always keeping his word. To so many, he was simply known as Mr. T or Coach T. If you played for him, you heard his mantra "Refuse to lose, Never give up, and Failure is not an option." And if you knew him, you knew "Family is everything."

You would see him daily in the center of Northford at the gas station, Dunkin, or driving around town in his truck. Aside from running the family business, he would spend his free time at the rink or at the field watching his children and grandchildren play the sports they loved, with a coffee in hand. The unwavering support he showed their teams was endless. He coached all 3 of his children in any sport they were involved in. He was best known for his role as assistant field hockey coach for 17 years at North Branford High School alongside his buddy, Babby Nuhn. In 2009, he was honored with Assistant Coach of the Year.

Tony was available at all hours of the day and night to give advice and was known for his stories and life lessons. All were welcome at his house whether it was for a cup coffee, or a place to stay with no questions asked. To him, the more the merrier. He loved having a house full of family and friends, endless food, laughter with the kids running around. He loved his coffee, donuts, making chicken soup and sharing his recipes.

He was an avid supporter of many charities and organizations including the North Branford Police Department, Fire Department, and POCO Festival.

Tony grew up on Columbus Ave in New Haven, attended St. Anthony's grammar school, then Richard C. Lee High School. He graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering from University of New Haven. Tony honorably served his country as a Military Police Officer from 1970- 1976. He was employed for many years by US Motors. He would proudly discuss his engineering of Disney's Space Mountain and the Anheuser-Busch Factory.

Tony is survived by his wife Laura, his 3 children Christine (Ed) Gierla, Steven (Brittni) Torino, Cheryl (Zac) Canada and 4 beautiful grandchildren; Gavin, Mason, Charlotte and Juliette. Brothers Butch (Pearlene) Torino, Jeff Polino, Richard (Joyce) Polino and Alex (Karen) Polino. He is also survived and loved by so many cousins, in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends. The amount of people who loved him, and whom he loved, is endless.

On behalf of the Torino, Gierla and Canada Families, a heartfelt thank you to the North Branford Community for their love and support during this difficult time. To our family and friends near and far, Tony would want nothing more than sharing stories and memories, while celebrating his life enjoying coffee and a donut. **SUBMITTED BY THE TORINO FAMILY**

Thomas W. Prete Inducted into The National Academy of Engineers



Thomas Prete of Northford was recently inducted into The National Academy of Engineers which is amongst the highest professional distinctions accorded to any Engineer. He was selected through the NAE for engineering leadership in the design, development and servicing of the worlds most advanced military and commercial jet engines. These include the propulsion systems for USAF front line fighter aircraft such as the F-22 Raptor and the most recent F35 Lighting II Joint Strike Fighter. The NAE has more than 2,000 peer-elected members, senior professionals in business, academia, and government who are among the world's most accomplished engineers. They provide leadership and expertise for projects focused on the relationships between engineering, technology and the quality of life.

Prete has been with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Engines since 1989, holding various positions of increasing responsibility in Engineering over that period of time. His current position is Vice-President, Military Engineering.

Prete was also inducted into the UConn Academy of Distinguished Engineers in 2008 and is a member of the School's advisory board which provides input and advice on issues of importance to the school. Prete is also a recipient of the 2001 ASME Engineer of the Year Award and the 2003 William G. Chamberlain Award for Outstanding Military Customer Service. Prete is also heavily engaged in various leadership positions focused on helping underrepresented community and the engineering profession through organizations such as the Ct Stem, United Way, Engineers Without Borders, ASME and Women Engineering Ambassadors. He received a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from UConn in 1985, a master of science in mechanical engineering from Rensselaer at Hartford in 1993, and a master's of business administration from UConn in 2001.

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March	29	April	5
April	12	April	19
April	26	May	3
May	10	May	17



Live Music

2/9: Bernie Gagliardi
2/23: Mark Rabuffo
3/2: Dave Lefkin
3/29: Welchs Jam
4/13: Dave Lefkin

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WELCOME to the newly renovated
SUPREME SEAFOOD!

We were thrilled to recently join in celebrating the newly renovated Supreme Seafood with a ribbon cutting. They are now under the new ownership of Robert Marcarelli and his partners, keeping alive a tradition originally brought to us back in 1989 when it was opened by Ralph Amendola and Vinny Caprio.

The new group brings over 70+ years of experience in the restaurant and hospitality industry, and have a great new menu to check out! They are located at Twin Lakes Commons, 999 Foxon Rd.

On hand to celebrate this occasion are Mayor Rose Angeloni, Town Manager Michael Downes, Scott Dolch President & CEO if the CT Restaurant Association, Jim Fennell Shoreline Chamber Board Chair, Shoreline Chamber Staff and Ambassadors, friends, and patrons! Supreme Seafood is a great place to dine in (or outside on their patio), grab take out, or order catering – they aren’t just seafood! Photos courtesy of the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce.

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149	-42%
TOTAL SALES	FROM 2022
\$550K	+24%
MEDIAN SALE PRICE	FROM 2022
44	+11%
DAYS ON MARKET	FROM 2022
102%	+2%
SALE TO LIST PRICE RATIO	FROM 2022

Data source: SmartMLS, 1/1/23-12/31/23 vs 1/1/22-12/31/22, Single Family Homes, Branford.

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State Representative Vincent Candelora



I’m using my space in this edition to offer a bit of a follow up to my last column, which centered on legislative priorities from my Democratic colleagues—in particular, their focus on undocumented immigrants.

The latest proposal to make headlines comes from Gov. Lamont, who wants the special drive-only licenses the state provides to people who are in our country illegally to be virtually indistinguishable from the driver’s licenses issued to Connecticut citizens. The proposal will soon be debated in the Transportation Committee, which is responsible for topics tied to the state’s Department of Motor Vehicles.

The gist is that Gov. Lamont’s proposal is a response to action taken last May by Gov. Ron DeSantis in Florida, which doesn’t honor the out-of-state drive-only licenses issued by states such as Connecticut. Our governor wants to limit the possibility of a “vulnerable” drive-only license holder from Connecticut ending up with immigration problems if he or she happens to be driving in a “hostile” state such as Florida and is pulled over by police.

The Governor’s proposal would remove language from these drive-only licenses that indicates it cannot be used for voting purposes. That point, in particular, concerns me.

As you might expect, the Governor tells us that “multiple” controls exist within our DMV and Secretary of the State systems to prevent noncitizens who apply for the drive-only licenses from being automatically registered to vote through our state’s motor voter program. I’m not as confident. It wasn’t that long ago residents, attempting to vote in a primary, feared their party affiliations were being changed, via motor voter, without their knowledge.

Electronic systems aside, I fear the implications for management of local elections. I expect confusion when noncitizens, carrying indistinguishable licenses, try to vote. It’s fair to say that more policing of the Election Day Registration process will be required.

The Governor’s prioritization of this proposal is disappointing, particularly when juxtaposed with many other critical issues that demand attention, such as juvenile crime, absentee ballot fraud, or problems in group homes for at-risk kids.

This proposal (H.B. 5057) demands more scrutiny, and I look forward to members of the Transportation Committee drawing out details during upcoming meetings.

Rep. Vincent Candelora
House Republican Leader
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Estate Planning for Everyone:
Minimizing Probate with a Living Trust
By Attorney Marc Guertin

I meet with a lot of people who tell me they “want to avoid probate.” For many reasons, ranging from time and expense to privacy and control, it may be a good thing to minimize interactions with the Probate Court. If you die in Connecticut and you own stuff and you have a Will (or even if you don’t) your estate will need to be probated.

Probate is the legal process of moving assets from your estate and distributing them to your heirs/ beneficiaries. It involves several steps and can be time consuming and costly. Living Trusts are often used utilized to minimize probate.

Imagine a Living Trust as a box that holds your assets. Because it is revocable, you can put assets into the box, and you can take assets out. You can manage the assets in the box or appoint someone else to do that. You have total control- just as you would if you owned the assets outright (outside of the trust). Because the Living Trust owns your assets they will not have to be probated when you die- because you don’t own them- the Trust does.

Living Trusts are a great method of minimizing the costs, time and lack of privacy associated with probating an estate. By using a Living Trust, you can put your assets into your beneficiary’s hands in days instead of months, minimize the cost of transferring the assets, and do so privately.

If you would like to learn more about how Living Trusts minimize the probate process, I offer free initial consultation. Virtual, phone and in person

consultations are available. Call me at 203-500-0201 to schedule an appointment.

Marc Guertin is the principal at Marc Guertin, Attorney at Law, LLC. Located at 222 Rimmon Road, North Haven, Connecticut. Visit Attorneymarc.com Call: 203-500-0201 or email Marc@attorneymarc.com to schedule a complimentary consultation.

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NORTH BRANFORD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PERIOD II HONORS

Grade 8 High Honors	Gabriella	Diaz, Max Avery	Speringo, Gabriella	Sorensen, Benjamin	Knowlton, Benjamin
Abanoz, Eda	Merry, Jacob	DiMeo, Jaxson	Toto, Lia Morgan	Venturini, Nino	Leigh, Ava Scott
Acampora, Justin	Murphy, Ryan	Dowson, Lauren	Tracz, Tanner	Wheaton, Mara	Loomis, Ana Marie
Allan, Taylor Susan	Parisi, Francesca	Dynderski, Marlie	Grade 6 High Honors	Wyatt, Coltyn	McLain, Jerimaiah
Altland, Gabriel	Patel, Dhanvi	Freeman, Sophia	Altland, Noelle	Grade 8 Honors	Oyanedel, Emma
Behrens, Greta	Paul, Liam David	Fusco-Cuneo, Lucy	Ames, Eden Maci	Adinolfi, Ava Marie	Rubino, Leah Marie
Biolzi, Sadie Rose	Pavic, Marin	Giannotti, Brinleigh	Aneiro, Hayden	Baker, Leann Joyce	Sabine, Ariel
Brennan, Dalton	Pearson, Antonio	Gilkes, Blake	Bernardo, Talia	Beisaw, Mia	Saulino, Nicolas
Brindisi, Nadia Ell	Pelczar, Carson	Gwiazda, Macey	Bonaldo, Brooke	Caporale, Kaydence	Scasino, Marie
Budd, Ellie Catherine	Pitcher, Payton	Hannon, Carli	Brown, Aubrey	Cappetta, Donato	Stavrides, Nicholas
Camarco, Logan	Prato, Emilia	Heon, Nora Jane	Brown, Randall	Collins, Andrew	Timario, Nathan
Castro, Lance Angelo	Redman, Colby	Horotan, Alfred	Budd, Lillian Mary	Daley, Erin Grace	Tynes, Jason Antonio
Cereni, Mariela	Rivellini, Joseph	Jaracy, Jack	Calvo, Allison	DeFrancesco, Ava	Wilson, Riley Jensen
Chittenden, Shelby	Rodican, Natalie	Karim, Fatima	\Casella, Matteo	Dudek, Cooper	Grade 6 Honors
Connelly, Kylie Ann	Sickinger, Ryan	Kavanaugh, James	Como, Michael	Fryer, John Paul	Allen, Cameron Sean
Cook, Quinn Mitchell	Smith, Broden	Lucibello, Tessa	Connelly, Emma	Gildersleeve, Jonathan	Bayreuther, Harrison
Cronan, Alexander	Taylor, Quincy	Macauley, Jack	Cook, Owen Paul	Hench, Clifford James	Carter, Liviana
Cuozzo, Nicholas	Traill, Ian Leland	MacDougall, Kendall	Coplin, Rya Nicole	Horotan, Henry Ian	Ciancola, Tyler
DiStefano, Mason	Vander Wyk, Noah	Malkin, Riley	Cretella, Sofia	Hortillo, Ethan	Claude, Mason Noah
Durkin, Alexa Grace	Virginelli, Sophia	Manning, Avery	Doughty, Eli	LaRock, Monnique	Constantinople, Isabella
Fekieta, Justyna	Walston, Joshua	Manske, Gunner	Duggan, Cashel	Lucibella, Dessa	Cramp, Matthew
Flynn, Siena Frances	Wyatt, Adilyn	Marino, Gia	Ercolani, Aubrey	Maidier, Isabella	Esposito, Lily Amelia
Fuina, Grace M	Grade 7 High Honors	Mazzucco, Gianna	Ferraro, Madelyn	Minnocci, Cole	Gauvin, Presley Jude
Gambardella, Lilah	Alves, Mya	Muravnick, Ashlyn	Frani, Gabriella	Miranda, Jaden	Gularte, Madison Sofia
Getman, Lyllianah	Anderson, Nico	Page, Gavin Arthur	Furtak, Lilliana	Negron, Ellexis	Krebs, Trey Maxwell
Graham, Ryan	Atwood, Caden	Pantano, Mason	Hurley, Aishlyn	Sigel, Jack	Lucibello, Amalia Rose
Jaracy, Jake Dylan	Bernardo, Bella	Pascale, Sophia	Izzo, Leon Paul	Grade 7 Honors	Maybury, Myla Blake
Kirmali, Layla Rose	Brigance, Evangeline	Podzikowski, Sophia	Kleckner, Zoey	Apuzzo, Jake	Morrell, Reagan
Knoob, Tyler Joseph	Brochu, Landen	Poston, Tyler	Leete, Norah	Balg, Will	Ramos, Lucas Finn
Lake, Evan Richard	Burke, Siobhan	Potocsky, Addison	Martinelli, Nathaniel	Bello, Brynn	Richardson, Breanna
LeClaire, Isabella	Caffalette, Avery	Rolston, Brielle	Martinez, Emma	Brustman, Owen	Saja, Austin Martin
Leko, Emma Emily	Camejo, Hannah	Romano, Luca	Murphy, Madeline	Collins, Natalia	Sciuto, Abbey Lynn
Lorenti, Olivia Eva	Corso, Gianna Rose	Salvati, Gianni	Nocereto, Brooke	Conroy, Jesse	Toti, Giuliana Lidia
Lowery, Norah	Criscuolo, William	Salz, Arianna	Paul, Emma	Cucinotta, Jackson	Telasco, Samantha
Luangsay, Natalie	Dagliere, Ellie	Sandagata, Luciano	Pelczar, Anna	Davino, Olivia	Vissicchio, Mia
Mann, Emily Grace	Deleo, Maddox	Santiago, Giana	Reding, Alexander	Dennis, Lilianna	Voos, Allison Summer
Martinez, Andrew	DeLucia, Tessa	Savo, Lucas	Saccu, Mason	Guercia, Oakleigh	
McDermott-Miliano,	Demiroz, Ekin	Spanier, Elisia	Salvati, Isabella	Iamunno, Santino	

Registration Now Open for the 19th Annual Energize ConnecticutSM eesmartSMs Student Contest

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. – Energize ConnecticutSM Sponsors, Eversource and Avangrid, Inc. subsidiaries United Illuminating, Southern Connecticut Gas and Connecticut Natural Gas, announced today that registration is open for the 19th annual **eesmartSMs** Student Contest.

For nearly two decades, the contest has invited Connecticut students in grades K-12 to answer grade-level-specific prompts on how they would promote energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable solutions.

This year, students in Grades K-8 are asked to submit their entries in the form of a poster (Grades K-2), limericks (Grade 3), outdoor billboard (Grade 4), fictional story with an energy-saving character (Grade 5), persuasive letter (Grade 6), comic strip (Grade 7), or social media post (Grade 8).

Students in Grades 9-12 will produce a persuasive image in words or pictures, such as a short poem (125 words or less) or cartoon strip (12 cells or less) that advocates for an energy topic. Entries will be evaluated based on scientific validity and concise and convincing imagery.

“The **eesmartSMs** Student Contest has asked students throughout Connecticut to use their imagination to address critical energy issues by developing their own solutions that will help bring us closer to a clean energy future” said Tilak Subrahmanian, Vice President of Energy Efficiency and Electric Mobility for Eversource. “Every year, the creativity and desire to make a difference displayed in these submissions – from comic strips and posters to group projects and social media posts – is truly incredible. I look forward to seeing what our young minds bring to the table this year.”

“To see the creativity and critical thinking displayed by Connecticut students who participate in this annual contest is always inspiring to me,” said Frank Reynolds, President & CEO of United Illuminating, Southern Connecticut Gas and Connecticut Natural Gas. “I look forward to reviewing this year’s submissions and seeing these students’ commitment to helping us reduce our emissions and further the clean energy transition. Our students are our future, and the products of contests like this one make me confident we’re in good hands.”

Contest registration is open until March 22. Project submissions are due on March 29. All work must be completed by the individual submitting the entry. No group projects are being accepted this year.

Finalists in all categories and grade levels will be honored at a special awards ceremony to be held in May 2024. Winners will receive a certificate and an Amazon gift card.

For more information about the contest, please visit [EnergizeCT.com/student-contest](https://energizect.com/student-contest).

About Energize Connecticut

Energize Connecticut helps you save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the State of Connecticut, the Connecticut Green Bank, Ever-source, UI, SCG and CNG, with funding from a charge on customer energy bills. Information on energy-saving programs can be found at [EnergizeCT.com](https://energizect.com) or by calling 877.WISE.USE.

North Branford Scholarship Association

The North Branford Scholarship Association announces that applications for scholarship awards are available at the town libraries and the North Branford High School Guidance Office beginning March 1st. Graduating high school seniors living in North Branford regardless of what school they graduate from are eligible.

Applications must be in by March 28st,2024. The fund drive is also being run at this time. If anyone would like to make a donation or help us raise monies for the students please call Lars Selander at 203 483-1311.

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Peyton Moriarty and Makenna Stone were named to the Dean’s List at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in MA.

Dana Wray and Nolan Greene were named to the Dean’s List at Western New England University in Springfield, MA.

Kyle Nichols, Marissa Berthiaume, Dhruvi Patel, Alec Johnson, Summer Evans, Elias Defaranos and Caleb Nierenberg were named to the Dean’s List at the University of Hartford in CT.

Ryan Esposito, Jaiah Rashid Tyler Dipentima and Kaitlyn Morris were named to the Dean’s List at Goodwin University in East Hartford, CT.

Griffin Manske received honors at Xavier High School in Middletown. **Felicia Hortillo and Marcus Williams** were name to the Dean’s List at Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA.



New School Records for Gott & Chittenden

During the Shoreline Conference Championship Indoor Track Meet held at the Floyd Little Athletic Center in New Haven held on February 2nd, North Branford High School seniors Aidan Chittenden and Sam Gott set new school records in two events respectively: Shot put: 53 feet 10.5 inches and 55 meter dash 6.61 seconds. Chittenden was the Shoreline Champion and Gott placed 3rd in the finals after experiencing an injury during the preliminary trial when setting a new school record. Chittenden’s shot put was also a new Shoreline Conference Indoor Track meet record.
Submitted by NBHS Principal Todd Stoeffler.

Eagle Scout Gives Back to his Youth Football Program



Former youth football player Ethan Helff gave back to the NBYFC through his Eagle Scout project. Ethan is a Life Scout with Troop 463 in Northford Based out of NBFD Co#2
Ethan and his Eagle Scout crew added a beautiful new flag pole to our pressbox (a prior Eagle Scout project).
Courtesy Photo: Ethan with Jim Kwalek and Ethan’s father Karl

Recycling News
Upcoming events

Week of April 1 – Scrap Metal pick up
April 6 – Leaf Drop-off opens
Saturday April 13 – Electronics drop off
Week of April 15 – Bulky Waste pick up
This year, our first Electronic Waste Drop-Off will be on 4/13. In previous years, we had scheduled the first one in March, but March is too fickle with the weather.

North Branford’s Plastic Bag Recycling Program

ACCEPTED: grocery bags, newspaper sleeves, produce bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, ice bags, wood pellet bags, salt bags, zipper bags, plastic wraps from water bottle cases, diapers, bathroom tissue, and paper towels, as well as bubble wrap and shipping pillows. Plastic bags with recycling symbols Number 2 or Number 4 are accepted.
NOT ACCEPTED: Food, Plastic Water Bottles, pet food bags, plastic bags with recycling symbols Number 5 or Number 7 (i.e., salad and grape bags), snack bags (potato chips, popcorn, and candy), frozen food bags, and any bags with food residue.

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.

Regional Water Authority Rain Barrel Sale

For a limited time and while supplies last, you can purchase a 50-gallon Ivy Rain Barrel at a discounted price from RWA. The price is \$75 each, discounted from \$143.99.

Rain barrels are a great way for homeowners to use water wisely and manage water costs. They also help reduce stormwater pollution by keeping water out of storm drains that can carry contaminants from the street into water sources.



The deadline to place your order is Tuesday, April 2nd at 11pm.

<https://www.rainwatersolutions.com/products/rwater>

Pickup is Saturday April 13th – 9am to 12pm at RWA, 90 Sargent Dr. New Haven

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

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

North Branford Congregational Church, UCC, 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:00 AM. On the first Sunday of each month please attend and share communion with us. Nursery Care is available.To contact our church: Office hours are Wednesday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Phone: 203.488.8456, email: nobdcong@sbcglobal.net, website: www.northbranfordcongregational.org Remember, all are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life’s journey; you will always be welcome here.

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

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.

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.

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. Please join us for worship at **St. John’s Episcopal Church** at 129 Ledge Hill Road in Guilford, CT 06437. Our services are at 10 am each Sunday with Youth Spiritual Foundation for ages 5 and up every first and third Sunday. Coffee hour after our service in our parish hall. See our Facebook page St. John’s Episcopal Church, Guilford CT. 203-457-1094. check our website at www.saintjohnsguilford.org

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 zionaepiscopalchurch.org. Zion is an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ. 203-488-7395

LENT WORSHIP SERVICES

AT ST. ANDREW’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, the White Church on the Hill in the Heart of Northford, 1382 Middletown Avenue, announces worship services for Lent. Please join us as we begin the season of Lent. The Rev. Bryan Spinks will be offering Lent Studies following Sunday 10:00 a.m. services throughout Lent.

Holy Week services are Palm Sunday, March 24th, 10 a.m.;

Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 6:30;

Good Friday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m.;

Easter Sunday, March 31st at 10:00 a.m.

All are invited and welcome.for further information call Nan Monde, 203-710-7005.

ST. AMBROSE PARISH

St. Augustine Church
30 Caputo Rd. North Branford

St. Monica Church
1321 Middletown Ave. Northford

MASS

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord’s Supper | March 28
7:00 PM | St. Augustine

GOOD FRIDAY

The Lord’s Passion | March 29
3:00 PM | St. Augustine

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil | March 30
8:00 PM | St. Augustine

EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection of Our Lord
9:00 AM | St. Monica
11:00 AM | St. Augustine

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRI | FEB. 23 | 6:30PM | St. Monica
FRI | Mar. 1, 15, 22 | 6:30PM | St. Monica
FRI | Mar. 8 | 6:00PM | St. Monica
GOOD FRIDAY | Noon | St. Augustine

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

RECONCILIATION

Every Monday | 5-6:00 PM | St. Augustine
1/2 Hr. before all daily Masses
Holy Thursday | 8:30-8:55A | St. Augustine
Good Friday | 8:30-8:55 A | St. Augustine
Holy Saturday | 8:30-8:55A | St. Augustine

Special Penance Service on March 20
6:30p St. Augustine Church
*Several priests will be available
to hear confessions*

EVENING PRAYER

March 3, 10, 17, 24 | 5:30 PM | St. Monica

MORNING PRAYER

March 28, 29, 30 | 9:00 AM | St. Augustine

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MONDAY EVENINGS

5:00-6:00 PM | St. Augustine

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How many crosses ordered: _____

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SATURDAY, March 23, 2024
BETWEEN 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

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MILITARY WHIST CARD PARTY

This event is sponsored by St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Women’s Club and will be held on Friday, March 15th at St. Frances Cabrini Church Hall, 57 Pond Hill Rd., North Haven.

Cost will be \$12 per person which will include coffee-an. The card party will start at 6pm with game starting promptly at 6:45pm. All are welcome to come to play and will consist of teams of 4 persons. If you don’t have a team we can place you on one. Instructions will be given how to play and it is a fun and interactive social game.

Reservations must be made before the event by calling the Parish Office at 203-239-5378 Monday-Friday during daytime or evenings call Sharon at 203-234-0215.



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Engineering Lab

February 27, 3:00-4:30pm - STW Art Room - \$30

TODDLER TUESDAY - OPEN PLAYTIME

Tuesdays in FEBRUARY - STW Gym/Cafe

9:30am - 10:30am

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

Please register in advance



BABYSITTER'S CERTIFICATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

STW GYM/CAFE

9:00 - 2:00PM \$65 RES/\$70 NR

AGES 12 - 15

Please register by 2/28

Girls & Boys Welcome! Ideal class for current and future sitters. This training gives you the knowledge, skills, and confidence to care for infants and school-aged children. This course addresses safety issues, preventing injuries and illnesses, and basic childcare. Students learn by doing and will be required to demonstrate the skills to be certified by the American Pediatric Association. (Bring a lunch)

Instructor: Ambulance Co. #4

SAFE BOATING Personal Watercraft Class

April 30th & May 2nd

A complete, basic, safe boating certification course taught in 2 classes

9:00am - 1:00pm STW Gym/Cafe

\$20res / 25non-res

Those who successfully complete this course will receive a diploma which can be submitted to CT DEEP, along with the license fee (\$50), to obtain their CT license. This class can be taken by anyone 12 years or older. Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. (Must attend both classes)

All students must bring their Conservation Identification number to the class. Student who have a fishing or hunting license will find the Conservation ID number on their license. Students who do not have a fishing or hunting license can create a free Conservation ID number at

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JULY 14-16, 2024

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Price includes:

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\$75 due at registration; final payment due: 5/7/2024



— SENIOR CENTER —

SENIOR DINER DASH

Georgie's Diner and Boscov's at Milford Mall

Wednesday March 13, 2024

Lunch costs on own

Departs STW at 10:00am Returns 2:00pm

Register by March 6th

Vernon Diner and The Shops at Evergreen Walk

Wednesday April 10, 2024

Lunch costs on own

Departs STW at 10:00am Returns 2:00pm

Register by April 3rd

BLACKSTONE LIBRARY TOUR

Blackstone Library in Branford Tour

Monday March 18, 2024



Join us for a tour of the beautiful Blackstone Library in Branford. We will be leaving from the Senior Center after lunch.

Departs STW at 1:00pm Returns 3:00pm

Register by March 15th

KATHARINE HEPBURN MUSEUM

Katharine Hepburn Museum &

Lenny & Joe's in Old Saybrook

Wednesday April 24, 2024

Join us for a tour of the Katharine Hepburn Museum in Old Saybrook (suggested donation of \$5 to be paid directly to the museum). We will then have lunch on your own at Lenny & Joe's in Old Saybrook.

Departs STW at 10:00am Returns 2:00pm

Register by March 17th



Friday April 5, 2024

10:00am - 2:30pm

Driver Safety Program \$20 member / \$25 non-member

Donna from the AARP Driver Safety Program will be presenting the *Driver Improvement Course* from 10:00am to 2:30pm in the Senior room, with a break at 12:00 pm for lunch.

Registrants can bring their own lunch or buy lunch at the North Branford Senior Center for \$4. Please register for lunch when you register for this program.

Anyone who takes the Driver Improvement course will receive a

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America’s Boating Course

New Haven Sail & Power Squadron, part of America’s Boating Club, will hold an eight-hour America’s Boating Course in two 4-hour sessions on Sat., Mar. 23 and Sat., Mar. 30 at the Branford Fire Headquarters, 45 North Main St., Branford. Class runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. In addition to basic boating, the course will also include personal watercraft operation. Successful completion of this course and the proctored exam satisfies Connecticut’s state licensing requirements.
All students must go to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection website and Online Sportsmen Licensing to obtain their free Connecticut Conservation ID number in advance of the class. Go to <https://ct.aspirafocus.com/internetsales> to obtain the number unless you already have a number from a fishing or hunting license.
All students must register by March 15. The class will cost \$50 per person. Prospective students should contact Squadron Education Officer Peter DePascale at 203-671-2420 and leave a message or email him at bathworksinc@gmail.com.
New Haven Sail & Power Squadron (NHSPS), is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in boat handling, navigation, and related subjects. For information on NHSPS, go to: www.nhsp.org.

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NARFEA Monthly Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, March 4, 1:00 PM, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend. The guest speaker will be Dr. Hillary Lewis, Director of Audiology, Masonicare Hearing Center. Topic: Hear and Now: Top 10 things you need to know about hearing loss and hearing aids. NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees.



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INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR "PURR-ONI DINNER"

Wednesday, March 27th
Christ & The Epiphany Church
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Doors open at 5:30pm,
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THROUGH MARCH 23RD
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