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UKRAINIAN RELIEF FUNDRAISER



A joint venture by the North Branford Town Council, Town Hall staff, and the Board of Education will sponsor a drive through collection on Sat., March 26 from 10 am – 1 pm at Augur Park. The schools will also be sponsoring fundraisers leading up to March 26th as part of this community event.

We have all heard about the atrocities the people of Ukraine have faced in the last several weeks and continue to endure. As a very caring, supportive community we would like to help Ukrainian families by collecting monetary donations to send to Save the Children (www.savethechildren.org) or Americares (www.americares.org).

All donations, no matter the amount, will be graciously accepted. Anyone wishing to pay by check may select one of the organizations listed to make their check out to, drop off during the collection, and we will mail them all together.

The national flower of Ukraine is the sunflower which has also become the focal feature of many fields in our community. We hope you will join us on Sat., March 26 and together we can help make a difference.



Hosted By The North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2805 Italian Heritage Committee

Join us for Dinner and A Celebration of Frank and Dean!
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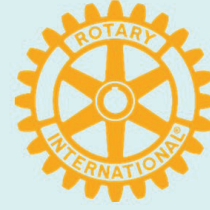
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Sueann Mentone at sueann.mentone@yahoo.com



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Deadline

April 1
April 15
April 29
May 13
May 27
June 10
June 24
July 8

Publication Date

April 8
April 22
May 6
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June 3
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**NEW DATES
FOR APRIL
PUBLICATIONS
OF THE
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TIMES**



In an effort to make it easier for our readers and advertisers to get their Easter messages out we have new publication dates for April.

Our normal flow would be April 1. However, we will skip April 1 and the next publication will be on April 8th. This will be followed by April 22 and as usual the deadline will be 7 days prior to the publication date.

We hope this makes it easier for churches and civic groups to announce their events as well as advertisers.

April Dates
Publication 4-8
Deadline 4-1
Publication 4-22
Deadline 4-15



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Gas Tax Savings: Now is the Time to Act



Skyrocketing gas prices are punishing household budgets throughout the nation, and here in Connecticut that pain at the pump is no less acute. As I write this, the national average price for gasoline is \$4.25 per gallon, and in Connecticut it's \$4.41—a figure that's higher than neighboring Rhode Island and Massachusetts,

also placing it among the top 10 most expensive in country.

Gas prices were on the rise before Russia's unprovoked attack on Ukraine, but of course this horrible geopolitical and growing humanitarian crisis has accelerated the problem. It seems unlikely problems in eastern Europe will cool any time soon, justifying stateside fears of an extended fuel price crunch.

With that in mind, I joined some of my capitol colleagues in calling for a suspension of the state's wholesale tax on gasoline—one of three taxes that affect your price at the pump. The others are an 18.6 cents per gallon federal tax, and a 25 cents per gallon state excise tax. But the 8.81 percent wholesale tax, or gross receipts tax, is a levy that's hidden from the consumer. It's paid by petroleum distribution companies, which in turn pass on that cost to drivers. Today, that tax stands at 26.4 cents per gallon.

Legislative Republicans have proposed suspending that wholesale tax through June 30, the end of the state's fiscal year. That could result in up to \$180 million in savings for consumers. This plan is revenue neutral. It doesn't jeopardize any infrastructure spending or investments, nor does it require cuts to any programs, services, or projects. It can and should be paid for by the state's windfall of sales and gas tax revenue collected as a result of the inflationary pressures that have crimped your budget.

Best of all, it can be done easily with immediate effect.

Naturally, Gov. Lamont quickly responded on social media and to news reporters: He'd be happy to work with the legislature to deliver Connecticut drivers relief at the pump.

Aiming to build momentum, Senate Republican Leader Kevin Kelly and I pushed the issue further and have urged the governor to bring all legislative leaders to the table immediately to cement a solution.

We have to act. The effect of this fuel crisis goes far beyond simply putting groceries on the table. Connecticut residents are making every-day life choices based on the price of gas, whether it's deciding if they can afford their commute to work or a trip to visit a relative who lives an hour away.

The next time I write here, I hope I can report that the legislature has taken action on our plan. Even better would be news that our federal legislative delegation has delivered on a proposed suspension of that 18.6 cent federal tax. With our plan, that would result in a per-gallon savings of 44.8 cents.

LET'S BE "FRANK"

Sorry brother but if someone messses up this delivery (are all saints perfect?)you get this letter by mistake, please give it to Mary. This one goes to her.

Well sis, this always used to be our month. Both born in March, four years apart, the month belonged to us but mostly to you.

You were born on the 15th. The Ides of March you would always tell us. Being four years your junior, I was too young to care about knowing what the Ides of March were, and now I'm too damn old to give a rats tail.

You never really celebrated your birth "day". It was always a birth week or two of celebration. When we were kids, it was mom baking a cake for school. Then mom inviting your four best friends to the house after school for whatever you wanted to do. Then they would stay for a special birthday dinner of your choice (you usually chose the most expensive).

Sunday was the usual trip to aunt Tess's in the afternoon where our family and hers would share a cake for your birthday and mine even though I was always an after thought. Don't try to argue that one. The cake had both our names on it but I was always last and the frosting was always pink.

When you got older, it was Friday night with Terry, Saturday with Charlene, Sunday after church with the church ladies group, one day during the week to Cathy's for a special dinner and then Sunday at my house. Never just a one day of celebration.

Nine days later, mom would put out the leftover candy and goodies, make the usual Sunday dinner because we couldn't afford two special dinners in the same month, and if there were some decorations left from your party, she would put them out. Once again, most of the time they were pink and/or blue (your favorite color).

I remember when mom asked me to host your thirtieth at my house. When you hit forty, she reminded me it was another ten years (always special) in her mind, but she was failing fast so it came to my house again. At fifty Anthony and I planned a surprise party for you. He was going to help me with all the cooking. His help was immeasurable. He tasted everything to make sure it was good, smoked a pack of cigarettes and had four or five gin and tonics. The only thing I asked him to take care of was the cake. "Make sure it's chocolate", I reminded him, "it's Mary's favorite".

When I drew the knife out after you made a wish, I didn't see any chocolate on it. "I told you chocolate" I yelled to him.

"I know but I'm the oldest and I like Italian rum cake" was his immediate response. It was a great party with about 75 people at St. Anthony's. I saved some of the leftovers for my party 9 days later.

At 60, I surprised you again with a small group of your friends at my house. You were always so easy to surprise. Unsuspecting, naive and in my description sometimes you were just plain stupid. Nine days later we were still cleaning the house so we had a cake for me.

When you were sixty five, both of us were ailing. You were feeling lousy and refusing to go to the doctors. I was tired from what I thought was coaching and taking care of you in your illness, so we skipped that one.

Well, you died shortly after and this week, on the Ides of Mach you would have been 70. "Another big one" I can still hear mommy saying.

I wish you were here so we could surprise you one last time, laugh at your surprise and eat, drink and celebrate. Instead, I will visit you at the cemetery salute you with a glass of your friend Bob's choke cherry brandy.

Perhaps you are where you want to be at All Saints, surrounded by your whole family, so I don't really need to throw a party. Maybe this year Anthony got you the right cake and my recognitions nine days later will not be your leftovers. What I wouldn't give to have the leftovers from your party one more time to celebrate mine.

I think of you every day. I always wonder how you have re-acted to Covid, the Ukraine crisis and how you would have loved Nico as you loved John IV. You would have been delighted to meet Ana and see how happy your nephew is with his new wife.

I wish I could have done more to keep you on this earth with us for a few more years.

I'll see you soon

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Residential Burning Permits

- 1) Forms shall be available for residents to pick-up at the Fire Marshal’s office and Town Manager’s office located at Town Hall, 909 Foxon Road. Forms are also available on the Town’s website www.townofnorthbranfordct.com
- 2) Completed forms must be returned to Fire Marshal’s Office. Forms can be dropped off or emailed. Applications must be received by the Fire Marshal’s office three days prior to burning.
- 3) Upon receipt of a completed signed form, the Fire Marshal’s office may physically inspect and photograph the site where the brush is to be burned. Only brush can be burned. No limbs over 3 inches in diameter. No stumps or leaves. Permits are issued for 30 days. Burning can only take place between 10am and 5pm.
- 4) A copy of the completed permit will also be faxed to the North Branford Police Department.
- 5) The resident will be instructed to contact the North Branford Police Department @ 203-484-2703 on the day they wish to actually conduct the burn.
- 6) If complaints are received, Open Burning Official will be dispatched to determine if a nuisance exists. If deemed necessary, the appropriate fire company will be dispatched and the fire will be extinguished.
- 7) If the resident does not have the appropriate approval to burn, at the discretion of the open burning official or the incident commander, police intervention may be required. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute sec. 22a-174, failure to obtain the necessary approval to burn is a Class C misdemeanor and punishable by fine of \$ 200 or imprisoned not more than six months or both.
- 8) Applicants must follow all guidelines and requirements.
- 9) You are required to have a 50 foot buffer from any structure or property line. You are required to have a water supply, capable of extinguishing the fire.

Chimineas and fire pits less than 3 feet in diameter do not require a permit.

Please Display Your House Numbers

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

At least 4 inches in height, in a contrasting color to the background
Visible from the street
If the building is set back by more than 100 feet, the number should be affixed to a post or mailbox not more than 10 feet from the driveway

NBFD has a limited supply of new 9-volt and AA batteries. If you need batteries for your smoke detectors, call or email us @ 203-484-6016 or deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com

“Way too Much”

Dear Editor:

Often I’m told, “Ed, you talk about politics WAY too much”. Is that so?... Well..., I’m sorry, but yup. That’s how it is. That’s how it’s always been. When people argue about things like shutting down U.S. oil pipelines, the argument revolves around weather shutting down a major pipeline has equal environmental benefit, vs. economic benefit. Personally, I’m on the side that believes increased U.S. oil production is good. Both domestically, and internationally. When Joe Biden became president, he shut down huge U.S. pipeline projects on day 1. As a result, our gas prices have skyrocketed. The global markets have been starved of U.S. production. This greatly helps Russia, who provides Europe with 40%+ of its energy. Believe it or not, the U.S. currently leads in the supply of natural gas to Europe. But at our peak production, in 2018, we were the largest exporter of energy in the world. We have since lost that title, and now import more than we produce. We now import oil from Russia. And we are still importing Russian oil as I write this. That is absurd. We have essentially funded Russia’s ability to wage war. At the same time, we have severely damaged our own economy. Joe Biden did this. Biden is beholden to massive donations from environmental groups, who believe that climate change is somehow solvable by importing foreign oil from countries who care little about the environment. Instead we could be bolstering our own economy and stabilizing the world markets by responsibly supplying the world with U.S. energy. The math is simple; Produce more domestically, and reduce the ability of evil leaders like Putin, or allow Putin to use their resources to destroy Western Civilization. Sincerely, Ed Boughton



NBLCT needs help to protect our land for trails and conservation

As President of the North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc. (NBLCT) I can share with you a rare opportunity to preserve valuable woodlands, that not long ago were destined to be a subdivision. The Regional Water Authority (RWA) has agreed to sell to the land trust 36.7 acres at the intersections of Beech Street & Poms Lane. This land is currently not open to the public. If the NBLCT is successful in this acquisition, this land will be open to all for public enjoyment, including hiking or nature study.

Both the NBLCT and the Town of North Branford have determined that protecting this land for public enjoyment is its best use. As part of a list of parcels to preserve, the NBLCT also submitted these parcels to the State to be included in the “Green Plan” – an effort by the state to preserve 21% of Connecticut as open space.

Our hope: We must raise the money to pay for this acquisition. We are reaching out to individuals and businesses to help us make this hope a reality. NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL! You can make a difference!

Gifts toward this cause are an investment in our community and permanent preservation of a natural landscape. You, your children and their children will be able to enjoy it and admire it and know you helped to preserve it. All donations are tax deductible!

If you are interested in helping in this cause, please contact me at: President@NBLandTrust.org

Other ways to donate:

Send a check to NBLCT, Post Office Box 378, North Branford, CT 06471

Visit to our website and click on the Donate button: NBLandTrust.org

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David Sargent, President

News From the Sons & Daughters of Italy

Italian lessons and traditions at St. Frances Cabrini Church in North Haven. The lessons will begin on 3-24-22 at 6:00 PM. They will be one hour long. There will be a total of six lessons every other Tuesday (more to follow if interest is there).

All six lessons will be \$25 per person or \$15 for members. The class will be taught by local Italian teacher Raffaele Lenetti and refreshments will be served. To register, e-mail, SueAnn Mentone at sueann.mentone@yahoo.com.

Classic Car Show Saturday August 6, 2022 (rain date August 13) on the grounds of St. Therese Church, 555 Middletown Ave. North Haven, CT. 9 A.M. – 3 P.M. Large asphalt parking lot, grass area. Free admission for spectators. Food trucks, DJ for music, raffle prizes, best-in-show trophies awarded. All makes and car models and motorcycles are welcome. No cut-off years.

Pre-registration to show is \$15. Day-of-Show registration is \$20 and runs from 7:30 AM-8:30 AM. Judging of cars commences at noon. Trophies awarded at end of day.



As per the charter of North Haven Sons And Daughters of Italy, part of the proceeds from the car show will be donated to local charities.

To register your classic car or motorcycle, becoming a food vendor, or merchandise/craft vendor, please visit our website at <https://northhavenlodge2805.club/car-show/> or contact John Giorgio at 203-430-6549, email address jallstarelectric@aol.com.



Rotary Students of the Month

The North Branford Rotary is continuing their ‘student of the month’ program this spring. Students and their families are invited to the Rotary’s monthly dinner meeting as a part of the recognition for the students. Students are nominated by departments at NBHS. Pictured below, left to right, are NBHS seniors: Elena Pearson (nominated by the Science Department) , Tara Salani-Bathija (English), Paige Yarnali (Art) , and Benjamin Reynolds (Music).

The students will be guests at the next Rotary meeting during March at Nataz Restaurant in North Branford.

Photo & information compliments of NBHS Principal Todd Stoeffler

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Jamison O’Brien will be playing Lacrosse at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic, Ct. Jamison is a freshman.

Angela Mastroianno, Kaitlyn Morris, Lisa Munick, Kristen Pagano, Joshua Ranciato, Jaiah Rashid, Cassandra Stegina and Tami Stewart were named to the Dean’s List at Goodwin University in East Hartford.

North Branford Scholarship Association
Accepting Applications

Applications for the NBSA scholarship awards can usually be picked up at the Atwater and Smith Libraries in town beginning March 1st This year because of covid the libraries may not be open. If they are not open please call Lars Selander at (203) 483-1311 and leave your name and mailing address and we will mail you an application.

These awards are for students who live in town and graduating from high schools in surrounding towns as well as in town. Your high school 3 !/2 transcript must accompany your completed application. Applications must be returned by April 1st.



NBIS Spelling Bee Winners

On March 3 students from NBIS competed in the 11th annual Scripps Spelling Bee, held in the Library Media Center. Congratulations to all of the participants for their hard work!

The winner was 7th grader Savannah Stewart (left). Savannah’s winning word was “technique”. Coming in at second place after 17 rounds was 6th grader Emilia Prato (right) and in third place was 6th grader Olivia Lorenti (center).

Our winner, Savannah will be proud to represent NBIS and the town of North Branford in the state-wide spelling bee competition in Hartford on March 27th. Best of luck to Savannah!



NBHS Press Release:
NBHS Student-athletes -
Shoreline Conference (SLC)
and Southern CT Conference Recognition:

- Girls Basketball**
Shoreline Conference Player of the Year - Braeden LeBeau
SLC 2nd Team All Conference - Keana Criscuolo
SLC Honorable Mention - Marissa Ricardo
- Boys Basketball**
SLC Honorable Mention - John Onofrio
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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 Congregational Church. United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; northfordcc@gmail.com Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. . 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 (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 <http://www.standrewsnorthford.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. Please visit our Facebook page or our website www.zionepiscopalchurch.org. Zion is a registered Integrity Episcopal Believe Outloud Congregation, a designation earmarking Zion as an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ.

NBCC Lenten & Easter Services

We invite everyone to attend our Lenten and Easter Sunday services at the North Branford Congregational Church, 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford.

Palm Sunday - April 10, 2022 - 10am Worship Service followed by Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt

Maundy Thursday - April 14, 2022 at 7pm - Traditional Service with Readings by 6 of the Deacons.

Easter Sunday - April 17, 2022 at 10am - Traditional Easter Service with Decoration of the Flower Cross - members are asked to bring a bouquet of flowers to the service to decorate the Flower Cross in the Sanctuary during the Service.

Flower/Plant Sale

Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” will have an Easter weekend flower/plant sale to benefit the church on Fri. and Sat., April 15-16, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and on Sun., April 17, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Easter Bunny will be helping.

In the event of inclement weather, the flowers/plants will be sold inside the church social hall downstairs.

The historic church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Routes 22 and 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Website:www.northfordcongregational.church. Email address: northfordcc@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook.

Recycling News

Scrap Metal Pickup will be the week of April 4th – 8th on your normal trash day.

And then, the event that everyone is waiting for... Bulky Waste Pickup will be the week of April 18th!!

The leaf drop off will be opening on Saturday April 2nd. The leaf drop off will also be open on April 9th, 16th, 23rd.

There will be curbside pickup of leaves in untapped biodegradable paper bags the week of April 25th – 29th.

The NB Recycling Committee would like to thank all those who dropped off items to be recycled during our March 5th electronics collection day. In 3 hours, we had 189 residents drop off electronics, 23 mattresses, 30 propane tanks, batteries and used oil.

SCRCOG (South Central Regional Council of Governments) is having a sale on composters and rain barrels. Please visit <https://scrcog.compostersale.com/> for pricing and pick up locations.

The North Branford Police Department has a prescription drop box located in the police department lobby. They take unwanted prescriptions including pet prescriptions in the green drop box.

Here are some examples of bags that we have collected in with plastic film that are NOT plastic film. These items should go into the trash.



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

Pen Your Pain Into Parables

Do you feel plagued by your past? Are you stuck in yesterday? Are you having a tough time recovering from: An Abusive Childhood. A Bitter Divorce? A Betrayal? Being Unjustly Fired from a Job? Rejection? Are you sick and tired of hearing people say, “Get Over It”? Unmuted believes that the power of Jesus Christ can loosen tongues, and set people free from the depression, fear, PTSD and other mental maladies that have muted their souls.

Hope Christian Church is pleased to host Mike Caparrilli PhD for a life changing WORKSHOP on issues relating to PTSD, depression, shame, addiction.

Sunday March 27, 2022 10:00 am
Lunch will be provided by Hope Church – Please call (203) 234-7328 to sign up. Workshop (Pain into Parables) 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

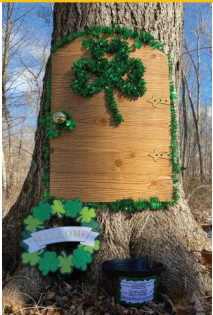
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leprechaun hunt



There once was a leprechaun with a pot full of gold!
He's been spotted in these woods – so we've been told.
If you try to catch him, he will surely duck.
Take a coin for your pocket – it will bring you good luck!
Please be polite and only take one,
Leave coins for others to join in the fun!

The Leprechaun Hunt will be up through the end of March at
Harrison Farm Preserve, 95 North St, North Branford, CT

NORTH BRANFORD PARKS AND RECREATION KIDS CAMP



Beginning Monday, June 27th, we will be offering 8 consecutive weeks of summer camp for campers entering grades 1-6. This year, camp will run Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and plan to offer before and after care.

Camp will be separated into age appropriate groups for activities. We plan to offer some field trips for an additional fee, as well as weekly entertainment and structured classes.

Campers will have the opportunity to engage in arts, crafts, sports, games, fitness and occasional water play throughout the day. Additional classes are available for your children at no cost and are integrated into the weekly schedule.

WEEK 1	6/27/22 - 7/1/22	\$130 res \$150 nr
WEEK 2	7/5/22 - 7/8/22	\$105 res \$120 nr
WEEK 3	7/11/22 - 7/15/22	\$130 res \$150 nr
WEEK 4	7/18/22 - 7/22/22	\$130 res \$150 nr
WEEK 5	7/25/22 - 7/29/22	\$130 res \$150 nr
WEEK 6	8/1/22 - 8/5/22	\$130 res \$150 nr
WEEK 7	8/8/22 - 8/12/22	\$130 res \$150 nr
WEEK 8	8/15/22 - 8/19/22	\$130 res \$150 nr

Please register your child for camp as far in advance as possible.
Registration for camp will close by 3:00 p.m. the Friday before.

Mary's Culinary Classes

Ages 5-14 • STW Community Center • 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Cost \$40 res/ \$45 non res per class

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

MARCH 22, 2022
Aprils Fool's Tricky Food's Meatloaf "Cupcake"
for dinner and Hamburger "Cookies"

APRIL, 2022

Chicken Scampi and Rice Casserole and Oreo Stuffed Chocolate Chip Cookie



JUNK IN YOUR TRUNK

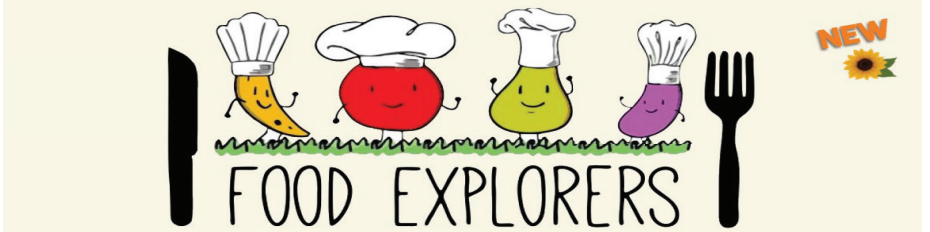
**Saturday April 9th
9am—1pm**

**STW Community Center Parking Lot 1332 Middletown Ave.
Register by April 6th at nbrecreation.com**

\$10 per parking space

Sell your tag sale items from the trunk of your car!

BYOT - Bring Your Own Table To display your goods



FOOD EXPLORERS Spring Baking Club!

Join Food Explorers for some spring baking deliciousness!

You'll create a new recipe each week with fresh fruits, chocolate and of course, whipped cream!

You'll be making:

Fruit Trifle Cups,

Cannoli Cones,

Strawberry Cheesecake Bites

and Chocolate Lasagna!

Each recipe is nut free but all recipes contain dairy

Mondays, April 4 - May 2, 5:00-6:00pm

(Does not meet on 4/18)

STW Kitchen

\$65 res / \$70 non-res

SENIOR CENTER

AQUA TURF BUS TRIP

Mark Verselli

Comedian, Singer & Entertainer
Tuesday, April 12 - \$52 res \$57 nr

Senior Center Bus departs at 10:00am Estimated Return is 4:30pm
Mark is a phenomenal, critically acclaimed impressionist! Mark's comedy and extraordinary singing voice brings audiences of all ages, from Vegas to Atlantic City, to their feet!

Family Style: Chicken Kathryn/ Baked Ham Register by 3/30/22

DIABETES AWARENESS DAY

Join the nurses from the East Shore District Health Department on Diabetes Day for an informational presentation on Diabetes.



March 22, 2022

1:00-2:00pm - STW Senior Room



MOHEGAN SUN BUS TRIP

Monday, March 28th 2022

8:00am—Depart STW Community Center \$15/res \$15/nr
Space is limited please call early to reserve your seat!

(203) 484-6017

Per Mohegan Sun, the buses are not being greeted by staff and no packages are being issued

ARMCHAIR TRAVELER

Come explore the country of Turkey as Alpha Coiro shares her adventure with photos and conversation!



Wednesday, April 6th 2022

11:00am—12:00pm FREE

STW Senior Room

Please register by 3/30/22



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Registration ends April 13th, 2022

Leagues start week of April 18th, 2022

MONDAYS
PS4 & XBOX

MONDAYS
Nintendo Switch

TUESDAYS (Solos)
FRIDAYS (Duos)

WEDNESDAYS
(1v1 & 3v3)

THURSDAYS
Nintendo Switch

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Democratic Town Commitee Caucus

To enrolled members of the Democratic Party of North Branford.
Pursuant to the rules of the Democratic Party and the State Election
laws, you are hereby notified that a Caucus will be held on April 6,
2022 at 6 PM, at STW Community Center, 1332 Middletown Ave
Northford

The purpose is to vote on the revised Democratic Town Committee
Bylaws for the town of North Branford and to transact other
business as may be proper to come before said Caucus.

Dated at Town of North Branford, April 6th, 2022

Democratic Town Committee of North Branford, David
Palumbo, Chair and Elisabeth Caplan, Treasurer.



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WEEROCK TODDLER TIME
MONDAYS & THURSDAYS (SERIES)

Sign up for either day!
Atwater Library Community Room @10:30am
A 30-minute session of music, movement and stories with your
preschooler! We'll use musical instruments, rhythm sticks, scarves
and books. Recommended for ages 6 months - 5 years old

TOTS N' TUNES
TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS (SERIES)

Sign up for either day!
Smith Library Children's Room @10:30am
Music, stories, crafts and parachute play. Recommended for
ages 18 mos and up with a parent or caregiver. Siblings welcome!

BABY & ME STORY TIME
WEDNESDAYS (SERIES)

Smith Library Children's Room @10:30am
A time to share stories, nursery rhymes, songs and ideas about
parenting issues.

AFTERNOON STORY TIME & CRAFT
WEDNESDAYS (SERIES)

Smith Library Children's Room OR Northford Park weather
permitting @4:00pm
Stories and crafts. Recommended for ages 4 years old and up,
with a parent/caregiver. Siblings welcome!

PRESCHOOL SPRING STORY & CRAFT
Atwater Library Children's Room @10:30am
Spring stories, craft and a song or two!

March
23

PRESCHOOL EARTH DAY STORY & CRAFT
Atwater Library Children's Room @10:30am
Earth Day stories and craft. Help your toddler become an
environmentally conscientious citizen!

April
20

HOMESCHOOL
WATER SCIENCE

Atwater Community Room @10:30am

The Water Cycle ~
Water moves all around the earth
through an interconnected web. Learn
about the different states of water and
how water transitions from one part of
the water cycle to another.

March
25

Problem with Pollution ~
Learn about different ways that pollution
can enter the environment and why it
can be so hard to keep out of our
waters.

April
22

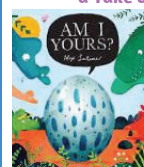
Who Hatches?

Animals that hatch from eggs
are called oviparous.
There are 9 oviparous animals
hatching from their eggs hiding
in the Children's Rooms!
Can you find them all?



SPRING STORYWALK!

@ North Farms Park begins at the end
of March. Stop by either library to pick up
a Take & Make craft bag that goes
along with the story!



Register online for
programs @
<https://northbranford.librarycalendar.com/events/month>