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Serving His Country



Nick Carlino formerly of North Branford was recently deployed to Africa with 600 of his fellow Connecticut National Guards.

He is presently in his fourth year of a six year tour of duty. He graduated from North Branford High School in 2011 where he played hockey and served as the co-captain of the golf team. He graduated from Southern Connecticut State University in 2015.

Nick is the son of Nick and Andrea Carlino and prior to his deployment he resided in North Haven with his wife Jenna and his nine month old son Nicolas James Carlino.

Scholarship Applications are now Available

Applications for the NBSA scholarship awards can usually be picked up at the Atwater and Smith Libraries in town. 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 1/2 transcript must accompany your completed application. Applications must be returned by April 1st.



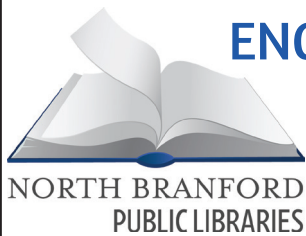
Flower Plant Sale to Benefit the Church

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 2-3, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and on Sun., April 4, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Easter Bunny will be helping.

Masks and social distancing will be required for everyone's safety.

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.



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North Branford Public Libraries

reopened to the
public on
March 8th

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- Our hours are
 - Monday - Friday 10:00AM to 5:00PM
 - Saturday 9:00AM to 12:00PM
 - No appointment is necessary
- Curbside services will remain available
- Mask REQUIRED to enter the building
- Must sign-in at front desk to use computers
- All returned items will still be quarantined for 72 hours before being checked-in

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Publication Date	Deadline
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April 16	April 9
April 30	April 23
May 14	May 7
May 28	May 21
June 11	June 4
June 25	June 18
July 9	July 2

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Let’s Be “Frank”

Well brother, it looks like this one is going to be short and sweet. There was more to cover than usual this week. I guess it’s a sign that the pandemic is lightening up.

Speaking of the pandemic, I have gotten both my shots with no side effects. Now that it’s out of the way I can obsess with the other things that can kill me.

Just got back from the cemetery to visit Mary on what would have been her 69th birthday. Her departure really sucks but I guess I saved some money on her gift. She would usually start a week before the date with a series of celebrations and sometimes it would even run into my birthday which a week and a half after hers. It was hard to forget her birthday because she would start reminding us the day after Christmas. She loved her parties.

As I write this, I’m looking forward to St. Patrick’s day and some corn beef and cabbage. I skip the potatoes as I am trying to keep my sugar under control. The corn beef isn’t the best thing for a healthy diet but I guess we have to pick our poisons.

Our next issue comes out on Good Friday. It will be nice to be able to have Church services this year. Getting back to some traditions of normalcy will be good for the soul as well as the mind.

Well, that’s it for now. Maybe you’ll get lucky and the next issue will be just as full so you can have another break from my ramblings.

Take care and I’ll see you soon.

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Average Price per SqFt January 2021 \$181 ↑ 25.5% January, 2020	
New Listings January 2021 4 ↑ 300.0% (1) from Jan, 2020	Percentage of Asking Price January 2021 107% ↑ 14.9% from January, 2020

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Online Camera Presentation

North Haven Camera Club will have an online presentation ‘Learn Techniques for Adding, Removing and Sharing Light using Light Modifiers’ on Tuesday, March 30th at 7pm by photographer and educator Robert Vanelli. Guests are welcome to attend, please send us an email and we will provide you a meeting link.

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State Representative Vincent Candelora

A focus on the well-being of our friends and neighbors



At the outset of this legislative session, I joined members of the House Republican caucus in describing our priorities. In our shared proposals, as well as in individual bills from my colleagues, we've remained consistent in our efforts to deliver a more transparent and fiscally-responsible government that would partner with our state's large and small employ-

ers rather than targeting them with more taxes and regulations. But we also recognized that this was a session like no other. Aside from the challenge of conducting business virtually, we had the impact of the pandemic to consider. We contended the bulk of our business should help our communities recover from the strain of the crisis.

Part of that path forward, to *Restart Connecticut*, is to support individuals who depend on services for issues such as domestic violence, mental health crises, and addiction. Among our bills is a concept (H.B. 5470) I co-sponsored during last year's COVID-shortened session that would offer to victims of domestic violence temporary access to state services, with the goal of helping them achieve enough financial independence to leave a bad situation. Last year's bill was a bipartisan initiative, and I hope that portends a positive outcome for this year's session's effort.

In H.B. 5476, we've moved to require the state's Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to form partnerships with private providers to dispatch mobile units that supply health screenings to veterans, the homeless and other vulnerable populations. We've also proposed (H.B. 5586) a statewide expansion of the CRISIS Initiative Pilot Program, which is a collaborative effort between law enforcement, mental health professionals, and community partners to connect people battling addiction with treatment options.

These bills, and our others (visit cthousegop.com/restartct) that seek to ensure that new federal funding is set aside for these types of services, are getting attention in the committee process.

And with good reason.

I attended a forum recently that included organizations that help individuals in our region, and all reported dramatic increases in caseloads. For example, BH Care, which provides behavioral health-related services, is seeing more people—and more children.

Legislators from other parts of the state receive similar reports from organizations and nonprofit providers in their communities.

There's little doubt that it's been a difficult winter for some of our friends and neighbors. As we move closer to spring, let's hope the combination of legislative action, enhanced federal aid, and continued good work from community providers can make an impact in their lives.

Rep. Vincent Candelora

86th District

North Branford, Durham, Guilford, Wallingford

Matt in the Minors



Another two weeks already? Time flies when you're in the sunshine state. I was finally able to get into a routine and start working out with some other pro players. I would be lying if I said I was not impressed by their talent. Men from all over the country, launching baseballs out of the park like it's nothing and hurling 95+ mph off the mound with ease. Then there's me, hitting low line drives and hoping I'll get to leg out a double. It's hard to stick to my game plan down here but very important. You hear big leaguers say all the time when they got into trouble was when they tried to be someone who they were not.

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The only food down here that is impressing me is the fresh seafood. I have a few friends from back home that would kill for some fresh caught shellfish. The ocean is bright blue but no sharks have been spotted yet in the few times I have gone. Keep the fingers crossed on that one.

I don't consider myself a small human being. I'm 6'0" (roughly), and a steady 195 lbs. The players down here are just built differently. Their arms are the size of my legs. My curiosity always persists and I had to ask

one player how he has so much muscle mass. I wish he just told me he took steroids because his answer of "it's mostly natural, I barely lift" did not set my anxiety to rest. Looks like it's going to be a long journey of late nights in the weight room. It's a good thing I have people back home that will help me reach these goals. You know who you are. And I wouldn't be here without them all.

See you in two weeks
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DEATH NOTICE



DeWitt Todd Williams, 95, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 8th, 2021. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. DeWitt will be remembered for his beautiful smile, friendly banter, and quick wit. He was predeceased by his wife Rita (TenEyck) Williams, whom he married in 1949. DeWitt was born in New Haven on August 6, 1925 to Bert and Elizabeth (Huelsman) Williams. At 16, he served as a State Guard Medical Corporal. At 17, DeWitt joined his

siblings overseas in WWII, and served in the South Pacific as a Navy Seaman 1st class. After WWII, Dewitt worked at R. Wallace and Sons Silver Company and later, Columbia Studios in California. After moving back to Northford, DeWitt raised his family alongside his brothers. In 1950, DeWitt founded Williams Painting Company, which he ran with Rita successfully

until their retirement. DeWitt was a long-time member of St. Andrews Church, where his family celebrated many milestones. DeWitt will be missed by his sons Bruce (Joan) and Donald (Deborah) Williams, of Northford, and daughter, Lucinda (Craig) MacCormac of Simsbury. He will also be missed by his six grandchildren; Rebecca (Brian) Fusillo, Greg (Amy) Williams, Ryan and Kimberly Williams, and Kenneth and Haley MacCormac, five great grandchildren; Kayden McGuirk, Aria, Tristan and Xavier Fusillo, and Lexie Williams, as well as his nieces, nephews and cousins. DeWitt's family will be forever grateful to his compassionate caregivers Carol, Bette, Theresa, Anne and Zewdi.

A celebration of his life will be held for friends and family at a later date. Donations in memory of DeWitt can be made to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 96 Northford, CT 06472. The Havens Family, North Haven Funeral Home, 36 Washington Avenue have been entrusted with the arrangements. www.northhavenfuneral.com

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

This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

All letters should be addressed to :

The Editor

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North Branford Fire Department

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. 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 form 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, police officers 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 local 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.**
- 10) Chimineas and fire pits less than 3 feet in diameter do not require a permit.

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1. At least 4 inches in height, in a contrasting color to the background
2. Visible from the street
3. 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 supply of new 9-volt batteries. If you need batteries for your smoke detectors, call or email us @ 203-484-6016 or deputyfiremarshal@townofnorthbranfordct.com

Local Beer & Wine Raffle Fundraiser for PoCo

At the PoCo, we love our local and as COVID has had such an impact on the restaurant industry, we wanted to do our part to support them. We will be purchasing gift cards from local breweries and wineries, including those who have supported us at our Beer & Wine Tent in the past – to create some amazing prizes!

GRAND PRIZE: 20 \$50 gift certificates to area breweries & wineries
SECOND PLACE: 20 \$25 gift certificates to area breweries & wineries
THIRD THROUGH 22ND PLACE: \$25 gift certificate to an area brewery or winery*

*Third through 22nd place will choose from gift cards available in order drawn.

\$20.00/ticket

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Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the North Branford Potato & Corn Festival, an event that is self-supporting and sponsored by the North Branford Parks & Recreation Department.

Facebook live drawing on 4/20/21 @ North Branford Potato and Corn Festival
For info, email potatofest@townofnorthbranfordct.com

Recycling News

North Branford Spring Leaf Collection

North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located at the Public Works Facility on Route 22 from 9:00am to 3:00pm on the following

Saturdays this Spring: **April 3, 10, 17 and 24.** Follow the signs.

Please place leaves in biodegradable brown leaf bags or empty them loose onto the ground.

NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ALLOWED

For more information, please call the recycling hotline at **203-484-4091**

North Branford Scrap Metal Pickup April 5th through April 9th

The Spring scrap metal pickup will be collected the same day as your regular weekly trash pickup.

Please note: scrap metal should be placed at the curb up to a week before your scheduled pickup day; thank you!

For more information, please call the recycling hotline at **203-484-4091**

Simple Recycling Pink Bag Weekly Curbside Collection Will End on April 6, 2021

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Reduce Contamination and Wisecycling

Help our town reduce the contamination of our recycling to avoid fines and increased taxes!

*Recent contaminations included: paint, construction debris, auto parts, dog waste,
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- Do not mix designated recyclables with trash
- Leave metal caps and lids on glass jars and bottles
- Empty and rinse all containers
- Do not shred, box, bag or bundle recyclables
- **Reduce** the single-use items you bring into your home and try to reuse or donate them where they can be used.
- Learn what can and cannot be recycled.

If in doubt, **“check before you chuck”** using the **RecycleCT Wizard:**
<https://www.recyclect.com>

Type in the name of an item to learn how to recycle or dispose of it properly.

Please put these common non-recyclable items in the trash:

garden hoses, plastic utensils, pots and pans, tissue paper, gift bags

Bulk Pickup is twice a year (no longer weekly)

Next pickup is week of April 19, 2021

Please do not place curbside until that week

-No home cleanouts

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SENIOR MOMENTS



The North Branford High School basketball teams recently took time out to acknowledge the seniors class members.
Boys basketball seniors picutred left to right:Zack Abgannaro, Dylan DiMeo, Manager Charlianna Criscuolo, Brandon Fratta and captain Trevor Holzer. *Photo by Todd Ingarra.*



Girls left to right: Erica Piercey, Kaila Manner and Mallory Preiss. *Photo compliments of Neil LeBeau.*

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Colby Anastasio, Sarah Cook, Deanna Heine, Sean Lucibello, Ava Smola and Sheila Woodin were named to the Dean’s List at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, RI.
Noah Ackerman, Brianna Annunziato and Ethan Despres were named to the Dean’s List at the University of Hartford.
Tanner Richardson was named to the Dean’s List at Albertus Magnus College.
Zelda and Ava Galdenzi were named to the Dean’s List at Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT.
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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 Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranfordcongregational.org. Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

Northford Congregational Church. United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; northfordcc@gmail.com Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting 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 church locations; St. Augustine, 30 Caputo Rd. North Branford and St. Monica, 1331 Middletown Ave. Northford. The Pastor is Rev. Robert L. Turner. Temporarily all Masses are being held at St. Augustine during the pandemic to accommodate as many parishioners at each Mass as capacity allows. Weekday Masses are celebrated at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 5:00 P.M. (English Ordinary, no incense) and on Sunday at 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. (Latin Ordinary with use of incense). The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 30 minutes prior to all daily Masses and by appointment by calling the parish office. The parish office is located at 30 Caputo Rd. in the parish center and is open M – F from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Mass is live streamed each Sunday morning on our St. Ambrose Facebook page. You can access the parish bulletin and staff emails on our website at NBcatholics.org. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, 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). St. Andrew’s is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry (MACM) Network, along with Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Killingworth and St. James Episcopal Church in Higganum. Rev. Bryan Spinks is Priest-in Charge at St. Andrew’s. Due to the COVID pandemic, services are currently held on-line via Zoom, and may also be viewed on St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church of Northford CT Facebook page. St. Andrew’s is the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford, located on the lower level of the church’s parish hall. And, the Community Dining Room utilizes our kitchen and parish hall to prepare and deliver meals to the homebound in Northford and North Branford. These are 2 vital community resources serving families in need in our community. 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, belts, purses, sheets, blankets and stuffed animals may be made at the donation shed located in the church parking lot. Like us on Facebook: St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church of Northford CT. For more information contact Nan Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-710-7005; or MACM Network office, 860-345-0058; or Rev.Spinks, 860-304-5266.

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. In June we begin with single summer service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.. The first Sunday in September we return to two services of Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m. Music and two safe church certified babysitters are available for childcare during the 9 a.m. service and at the latter service September – May. Healing prayer is offered after each service on the second Sunday of each month. 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.



Historic Church Windows Need Help

Our historic brownstone church has stood on the hill overlooking Northford since 1846. The windows at the Northford Congregational Church are in need of a lot of work. Most need to be scraped, caulked and painted, but one front window must be replaced. We are doing a fund raiser to help



repair them and are inviting the community to join us. Please consider joining our project by adopting a window as an individual or joining with family and friends to make a donation.

Any size donation would be gratefully accepted, but our actual needs are as follows: 8 large size windows in the sanctuary cost \$1,250.00

each; 5 medium size windows in narthex & loft cost \$800.00 each; 4 small windows in kitchen & bathrooms cost \$500.00 each.

Please make checks payable to Northford Congregational Church, put “windows” on the memo line, and mail to P. O. Box 191, Northford, CT 06472.

We hope to have your help to save our historic Northford Congregational Church, *A Little Church with a Big Heart!*

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.

North Branford Congregational Church United Church of Christ

1680 Foxon Road North Branford Ct

March 24 – Taize Service at 7pm live streamed on Face book

March 28 – Palm Sunday at 10am will be an outdoor service

April 1 – Maundy Thursday at 7pm in church service

April 3 – Decoration of the Cross please bring cut flowers for our outdoor decorating of the flower cross from 9am until noon.

April 4 – 9am Outdoor “mini” Easter Service and
10am Indoor Easter Sunday Service

Lenten Walk-The Way of the Cross

Join us as we pray, reflect and walk *The Way of the Cross* at All Saint Cemetery at 3:00 pm Good Frida, March 30th.

Meet by the Mausoleum main entrance located at 700 Middletown Ave. CDC guidelines safe distancing will be followed. Please check our website often for scheduling updates bgode@ccacem.org.

Sons & Daughters of Italy Website!

Check out the newly designed website for the North Haven Sons & Daughters Of Italy. You don’t have to be a member. The site is filled with Italian cultural items, videos, columns, Italian trivia, biographies and recipes.

Go to northhavenlodge2805.club





North Branford Parks & Recreation and Senior Center

STW Community Center 1332 Middletown Ave Northford

www.nbrecreation.com • call (203) 484-6017

Follow us on Facebook! @NBParksandRecreation

THE BUNNY TRAIL

Saturday, March 27th

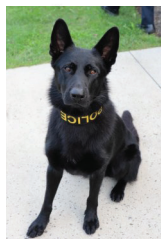
10:00—12:00pm

STW Community Center Parking Lot

This drive-thru event is co-sponsored by the North Branford Rotary Club and North Branford Parks and Recreation

Get EGG-cited for a drive-thru event at the STW Community Center parking lot! Stop along the trail and pick up Easter treats and more from the comfort of your car!

Please help us plan accordingly and register the number of children that will be in your vehicle! This will help us ensure that every child is able to receive treats along the way. nbrecreation.com



This is a FREE event, but please consider supporting our local non-profits by making a donation to the Potato & Corn Festival or bringing a non-perishable food item for the North Branford Food Pantry.

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO MEET CHANCE!
NBPD's newest officer! 🐾

MULTI-SPORTTOTS

Ages 2 - 5 - STW Community Center

Saturday, March 27 - May 1

Rookies 2-3 yrs: 10-10:45 a.m.

All-Stars 4-5 yrs: 11-11:45 a.m.

\$70 res/ \$75 nr



Instructor: SuperTots Sports Academy

Introduce your little superstar to sports in our most popular program! This baseball and basketball class uses age-appropriate games and activities to explore balance, hand/eye coordination, fitness, sport skills and child development. Parent participation required for ages 2-3.5 years.

SOCCERTOTS

Ages 2 - 5 - STW Community Center

Tuesday, March 23 - April 13

Cubs 2-3 yrs: 4-4:45 p.m.

Bears 4-5 yrs: 5-5:45 p.m.

\$70 res/ \$75 nr



Instructor: SuperTots Sports Academy

SoccerTots is our flagship program! These soccer-themed motor skill classes are very easy for youngsters to get into. Younger age groups focus on developing motor skills and self-confidence; older classes focus more on developing core soccer skills and personal focus, and introduce an element of light competition. Instructor-to-student ratio is kept small to maximize individual development, and above all else we promote fun, fun, fun! Parent participation required for ages 2-3.5 years.

COOKIE DECORATING

HAVE FUN DECORATING COOKIES IN THE COMFORT YOUR OWN KITCHEN.

Easter Kit - \$25

"Sweets on Main" will supply a half dozen cookies, icing, sprinkles and instructions to create your own cookie masterpiece!



Pick up Easter kits on April 1st.
Between 9:00am—4:00pm at STW
**All orders need to be placed
by March 29th**

ROCK PAINTING

Ages 55+

Help us decorate our newly planted flower gardens with painted rocks!

We will put together kits with all the supplies and instructions. They are available for pick up or drop off until 4/23.

Registration required—FREE

Please return completed rocks by 4/30



OUTDOOR BINGO!

Friday, April 9th & 23rd at 10:30am, FREE!

Come join us for outdoor Bingo! It may not be the way we used to play Bingo—but it's sure to be fun! Kindly register in advance! And don't forget to pack your own snacks and a jacket! Transportation may be available on a very limited basis due to Covid-19 restrictions.

LAKE GALLIARD SPRING WALK

Friday, March 26, 10:00 a.m.

Meet at the end of Great Hill Rd.

Opposite RT 139 for a guided lake walk.

\$5/per person—Register online nbrecreation.com

DOG OBEDIENCE - BASIC LEVEL

Ages 18+ — STW Field

Wednesdays, April 21 - May 26, 6:00 - 7:00pm

Instructor: Puppy Paw Training LLC

\$95 res/ \$100 nr

Come teach your dog simple, basic commands and manners. This class will be stress free, fun, informative, and will help you form a stronger bond with your dog. This class is for dogs

4 months - 2 years old.

PLEASE provide proof of Rabies vaccination and PLEASE have a training collar & 6 ft. non-retractable leash.

***We also suggest the Kennel Cough Vaccine for your pups as well!**

APRIL VACATION CAMP

April 12-16, 2021

STW Community Center

8:30am - 12:30pm

Grades 1 - 6 • \$75

This half day camp will include games, activities, crafts & lunch!

Masks must be worn for indoor activities at this time and space is limited to ensure safe distancing.

Register today at www.nbrecreation.com

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1 issue \$9.00 2 issues \$12.00 3 issues \$15.00
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WINTER SAVINGS! Banish those winter blues with a freshly painted room or two. Sole proprietor so NO worries about a house full of strangers! Celebrating 36 years. BBB A+ rated!
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 **Tree Service - A Better Cut, Tree Service** - Local, full service tree company - we provide tree removal and trimming, chipping, and grinding. Please call for a free estimate - Contact Pat Zichichi 203-945-1808

FOR SALE

Nine decades age to stop Driving. Hard to part with my **Charming Dependable Friend, Volvo S60.** 100K Miles. Call 203-488-1897

HELP WANTED

Part Time Drivers for week days & Saturdays. Call Dave at Petals 2 Go at 203-484-7800.

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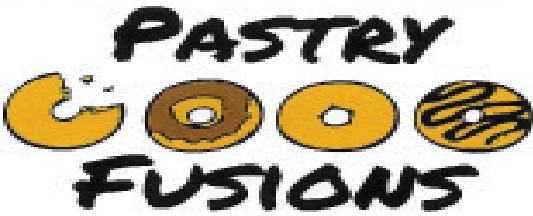
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203-488-8649 (FAX) 203-488-1970

Join a Plein Air Painting Group
It's FREE

Anyone interested in joining a local plein air painting group is asked to contact Nick at periodic19@yahoo.com.

This is open to all regardless of experience. It is not an instruction group. Just a chance to meet and paint outdoors.

Once again, there is no charge for this program.



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2021 EASTER MENU

Italian Cream Pie - Italian short crust filled with chocolate and vanilla Italian cream with chopped maraschino cherries \$24.50
Ricotta Pie - Italian short crust filled with ricotta custard \$24.50
Wheat Pie - Italian short crust filled with cooked wheat and ricotta custard \$24.50
Rice Pie - Italian short crust filled with cooked rice & ricotta custard. \$24.50
Ham Pie - Made with imported ham, prosciutto, provolone, hard salami, and basket cheese 10" \$65.00 8" \$45.00

Banana Cream Pie \$15.50 **Chocolate Cream Pie \$15.50**
Coconut Custard Pie \$15.00 **Chocolate Lemon Pie \$15.00**

Assorted Italian Pastries - Cookie Trays

Breads

Italian Sweet Bread with a sugar frosting \$10.00
Cheese Babka \$12.00 **Cinnamon Babka \$10.00**
Snowflake Dinner Rolls \$5.25/doz

Assorted Stuffed Breads:

Antipasta - \$13.50. **Pepperoni & Cheese, Spinach & Cheese, Eggplant Parmesan, Chicken Parmesan, Buffalo Chicken or The Veggie.** \$13.00 Each. **Spinach Sausage & Cheese or Broccoli Sausage & Cheese** \$13.50
Full Stuffed bread menu is also available to order.

To ensure availability, please place all orders by Thursday April 1st.

Holiday Hours:

Friday, April 2nd, 7:30 - 4:00. Saturday, April 3rd 8:00 - 3:00
Sunday, Monday & Tuesday, April 4th 5th & 6th Closed