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NB Plastic Film Recycling Program – Year Six Update

Year six of the Plastic Film Recycling Program in North Branford, continued to show enthusiastic support by North Branford residents. 4,700 pounds of plastic film was collected in 2022, which is the highest yearly total to date. Thank you.

Some milestones were met by our collection locations, since we started in 2017. Country Paint and Hardware eclipsed the 6,000 pound mark, Northford Store 4,000, Atwater and Smith Libraries, and Guilford Fence 3,000 pounds. The STW Community Center and TJ's Launderette both crossed the 2,000 pound mark. Lastly, Town Hall made it to 1,000. Very impressive for our Town.

As part of the program, we earn benches from the Trex Company, which are then distributed to the collection locations.

Now that all locations have earned a bench, we asked if the collection locations would be willing to donated the next bench they earn to an organization in Town and they were very willing to do so.

So, the bench the Town earned for the first half of 2023, from Country Paint and Hardware, will be going to NBFD Company 4. Subsequent benches will go to the other 3 Fire Companies and then to the Police Department.

Please be sure to thank the collection locations for their gracious gesture in donating the benches to those that help keep us safe in NB.

On a final note, which will greatly assist with the sorting of the plastic film, please only place acceptable items in the collection bins and remember to TURN ALL BAGS INSIDE OUT.

Please contact us if you have any questions.



Porchetta Dinner & Membership Drive Sons & Daughters of Italy #2805



Join us for a Porchetta Dinner on Saturday, May 20 at 6:00 at Saint Frances Cabrini Church Hall 57 Pond Hill Road in North Haven.

Enjoy porchetta, stuffed shells, salad, vegetables, bread and a host of desserts for only \$20.

Anyone who comes to the dinner and signs up as a member will get free membership for the 2023 year.

Members who bring guests to join our club will receive a \$15. voucher for future events.

For information or tickets call SueAnn at 203-710-4186 or e-mail sueann.mentone@yahoo.com.



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More on Definitions to Ponder

Dear Editor:

I would be upset too if someone called me a Fascist. But Mr. Solimini's well intended use of the contradictory terms "liberal fascist" was spot on in describing those who call themselves liberal as they seek to strip us of our fundamental rights and give them to the State. He is similarly spot on in his insinuation that our society's sudden inability to define a woman is akin to a mass psychosis in Stalin's Russia. And Ms. DeSilver is likewise spot on in conceding that the various factions involved in this political foray don't understand the other's terminology.

Regardless of our understanding of the other's terminology, it is clear that one side of the isle promotes laws designed to strip fundamental rights from individuals and the other seeks to preserve individual freedoms. While one would deprive parents of the right to consent to the government's physical or psychological manipulation of their children, the other wants to protect children from sexually explicit materials that were limited to porn shops forty years ago. While the former claims the State knows better than parents, the latter fears the State will put them in prison for expressing concern or using the wrong pronoun.

As definitions go, Miriam Webster defines a woman as "the female of the human race" and "female" as "designating or of the sex that produces ova and bears offspring." This leaves little room for debate or confusion. Despite the fact that not one of the ten-trillion cells in her body contains a Y chromosome, a female member of

our Supreme Court can't even define a woman.

In 1957 Victor Klemperer - a German Jew who survived Nazi Germany - wrote *The Language of the Third Reich*, describing the Nazi's manipulation of words and their meaning. Klemperer described how the Nazis redefined German life and morality by manipulating words, terminology and phrases to redefine the German concepts of race, society and humanity. Individual self-governing human beings became slaves to the Nazi regime through this manipulation of language, lexicon and logic.

We could quibble about distinctions between the structure and function of Communist, Fascist or Socialist governments, but we can all agree that they are all based on forms of totalitarian rule that seek to dictate citizens' beliefs about men, women, science, race, and religion. We can also agree that it is unacceptable to do so in a liberal society.

Soi, thanks again to Mr. Solimini for his succinct term - "liberal fascist" - a person who pretends to be a liberal in an effort to manipulate us with language and political phrases in order to change our concepts of science, humanity, race, and society.

Sincerely,

D. Kirt Westfall 04/07/2023

Through the lens of local photographer Nick Carlino.



Sunset at Guilford Harbor



Sachem's Head Sunset, Guilford



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Will Driveway Attack Be a Watershed Moment?
Don't Count on It



I received a “have you seen this” text message from a friend recently that contained a link to a video depicting the type of crime we’ve read a lot about over the last couple of years. It was a middle-aged man fighting off four masked juveniles attempting to steal a car out of his driveway in Rocky Hill.

The broad daylight attack was shocking if not infuriating.

Question is, will this latest brazen act be enough to motivate Democrats who control our statehouse to admit that their “smart on crime” approach to public safety has gone off course?

Residents want, and deserve, something different.

As one commenter wrote on a WFSB 3 social media post, *“I hope there is a deeper, bigger purpose for the showing/sharing of this video. Maybe it should be sent to Governor Ned Lamont so he can read all of the concerns and maybe start to formulate some action.”*

I’m not so sure that will happen.

Earlier this month, two tragedies garnered headlines statewide yet elicited little in the way of a policy-focused response from my majority party colleagues. On the same day, a 17-year-old drowned in Waterbury after fleeing police who were responding to a stolen car case, and in New York state, investigators there say a 49-year-old military veteran was killed in a crash involving a vehicle driven by a 14-year-old after it was stolen from a northwest Connecticut community.

The two cases, police say, could be linked.

As you likely know, those cases came on the heels of a crime closer to our home—five teens in a stolen car hit several police cars in East Haven in late March.

As it was following the driveway crime in Rocky Hill last week, the refrain from the Governor’s office and legislative Democrats is that Connecticut is among the safest states in the nation. Their “smart on crime” policies, they contend, are effective.

Tell that to the elderly woman who was victimized in an afternoon carjacking outside of her apartment building in Wethersfield last month.

This session, Republicans offered a package of public-safety proposals that included expanding the circumstances under which juveniles charged with certain violent crimes are automatically transferred to the adult criminal docket and adding another two years to the mandatory minimum sentence for carjacking when a firearm or deadly weapon is involved.

Unfortunately, our proposals aimed at installing more accountability into Connecticut’s criminal justice system have been received coolly by our majority party colleagues.

Last month, Waterbury’s mayor, a prominent figure in Democrat party politics, expressed his frustration with the Democrat-controlled General Assembly, telling a packed house of community leaders during his state of the city address that criminals have more rights than everyone in the room.

Though experience tells me otherwise, I’m hopeful that with a little more than a month left in the legislative session my colleagues will feel compelled to act.

Right now, as I write this column, another notification came through on my phone—an announcement from police in Meriden, who say they’ve arrested three juveniles who crashed into another vehicle before slamming into a house.

If the legislature doesn’t take a stand now, sending a message to obviously emboldened criminals, I fear we’ll see more and more of these types of crimes this summer.

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

NB Graduate - Principal of the Year



Press Release: Principal Rachael Caggiano selected as Connecticut Association of Schools 2023 Connecticut Middle School Principal of the Year!

Derby Public Schools is proud to announce that Derby Middle School Principal Rachael Caggiano has been selected as the 2023 Connecticut Middle School Principal of the Year. The Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) has awarded this prestigious honor to Principal Caggiano in recognition of her outstanding leadership,dedication, and commitment to excellence in education.

Principal Caggiano has been with Derby Public Schools since 2011, serving as the middle school principal since 2018. During her tenure, she has demonstrated a deep commitment to creating a positive learning environment for all students and staff, fostering a culture of inclusion and promoting student and staff success both in and out of the classroom.

Under Principal Caggiano's leadership, Derby Middle School has seen improvements in student achievement, particularly in the areas of literacy and Math education. Of the 16 schools across the state in the Commissioner’s Network of schools, Derby Middle School students had the highest percent of target achieved in both English Language Arts and Mathematics scores. Derby Middle School Students also had the highest English Language Arts year over year growth from 2018-2019 to 2021-2022 with a 5.5 point gain. She has also implemented innovative programs to support our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) program such as a school-wide RISE Rallies and a KickBoard Store.

Most recently she was recognized by Harvard’s Graduate School of Education for her part in creating an in-school Learning Lab for staff and kids to collaborate, share, create and learn.

"Principal Caggiano is an exceptional leader who has made a significant impact on the lives of our students, families, and staff," said Dr. Matt Conway, Superintendent of Schools. "Such a well deserved recognition and we are beyond proud to have her as part of our Derby Schools, this great city and the Derby Family. Principal Caggiano not only builds relationships, she builds the capacity of everyone around her. She makes us all better"

“I am incredibly honored and humbled to receive this recognition,” said Principal Caggiano. “I am grateful to work with such a dedicated team of educators who are committed to providing our students with a high-quality education and a positive school experience. This award is a testament to our hard work and the incredible students we have the privilege of serving.”

Board Chairman, Jim Gildea said, “This is just one more example of the amazing school system that we have here in Derby. Rachael is just that shining star who operates at an extremely high level. For those of us who work with Rachael day in and day out, this certainly comes as no surprise. She is easily able to connect with all of the various stakeholders that she must work with, whether it is the community, parents, staff and most importantly the students who are placed in her charge each and every day. Rachael forms deep and meaningful bonds with whomever she works with and it is evident in the relationships that she builds and the outcomes that she achieves. On behalf of the Derby Board of Education, we congratulate Rachael on this outstanding accomplishment.

Luke Camara, Derby Middle School Student Council President and National Junior Honor Society President had this to say about the news, “I am very proud of Mrs. Caggiano for receiving such a remarkable title. Over the years I've attended Derby Middle School, Mrs. Caggiano has treated myself and others with the utmost love and respect. I am not surprised by any means that she has won this award, because she works day in and day out to make sure every single one of her student's has an enjoyable learning experience. This award not only reflects who Mrs. Caggiano is, but our school district as a whole. I cannot stress how happy I am for Mrs. Caggiano.”

As the Connecticut Middle School Principal of the Year, Principal Caggiano will be recognizedat the CAS Annual Conference in October 2023.

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North Branford Rotary seeking Nominations for Community Service Award.

The North Branford Rotary Club is preparing to recognize individuals who have made a difference to the North Branford community. The club is requesting nominations from individuals in town who know someone deserving of the Service Above Self Award. The award represents individuals in our community who actively help others, demonstrate meaningful humanitarian service, and have made an impact to the community as a result of their efforts. While volunteer efforts are preferred, recognition for paid employees for outstanding achievement for the benefit of the community will be considered. The club also welcomes posthumous nominations to be recognized.

The club recognized three distinguished North Branford residents last year. Ken Ash, Fran Murphy and Mary Giovanni were presented with the Service Above Self award at the well-attended annual event.

The club will be holding the event this year on Thursday June 22, 2023 at 6:00pm at Millpond Gathering. Individual nominations can be made by going to the North Branford Rotary website: NorthBranfordRotary.org where a nomination form can be submitted online. The form will ask for basic information of the individual being nominated and require specific details as to why the individual being nominated exemplifies Service Above Self in order to be considered for the award. The club asks to include specific details and be thorough in explaining times when the individual has displayed "Service Above Self."



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For questions about the award or nomination process you may reach out to NorthBranfordRotary@gmail.com, the Committee Chairperson, Samantha Oullette at 203-430-5976, or Club President Anne Merola at 203-988-2898.

Recycling News

April 22nd is Earth Day.

Please join the North Branford Recycling Committee at Wall Field on April 22nd at 9am during Little League opening day. There will be fun demonstrations in addition to displays and handouts. The Recycling Committee will be available to answer any of your recycling questions. There will also be representatives from other town departments that have information about what's happening in North Branford.

Please stop by and learn about what North Branford does to protect our environment and promote recycling.

For Earth Day, we encourage everyone to do a little to help mother nature. Do a cleanup around your neighborhood. Clean up a hiking trail on your next hike. Teach others not to litter. Learn how to recycle one new thing this week.

The last day for the leaf drop off is this Saturday, April 22nd from 9-3.

The location is located around the field to the left of the police station. There will be curbside pickup of leaves in untapped biodegradable paper bags the week of May 1st to May 5th

If you missed the Bulky Waste pickup you can post useful items on the Facebook page: [North Branford & Northford Free Items](https://www.facebook.com/NorthBranford&NorthfordFreeItems). There is also [Freecycle.org](https://www.freecycle.org) in East Haven or New Haven.

You can look up your item in the **New Haven Downsizing Donation Guide**. It lists multiple organizations that want your stuff! Just Google 'New Haven Downsizing Donation Guide'.

Can I recycle it?

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

They also have an app.

For more information about recycling in North Branford you can check out North Branford's Recycling Committee's website: townofnorthbranfordct.com/government/boards-commissions/hazardous-wasterecycling-committee.aspx or our Facebook page: North Branford CT Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee

Thank You for Your Participation

AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE

New Haven Sail & Power Squadron, part of America's Boating Club, will be offering America's Boating Course (ABC) which is a class that will give you the opportunity to get your [Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate](https://www.ct.gov/deep/sportsmenlicensing). Be ready to get on the water this summer by taking this 8-hour class that starts Monday, May 1st from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM for 4 weeks at Indian Neck Yacht Club, 87 Harding Ave., Branford. In addition to basic boating, the course will also include personal watercraft operation. Successful completion of this course, and the proctored exam given during the class, will satisfy Connecticut's state licensing requirements. The cost of this course is \$40. The U.S. Coast Guard website for boating safety courses lists the Power Squadron's ABC class as "the most comprehensive boating safety course available".

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 www.ct.gov/deep/sportsmenlicensing to obtain the number unless you already have a number from a fishing or hunting license.

All students must complete registration and pay New Haven Sail and Power Squadron \$40 per person prior to April 24. Prospective students should contact Peter DePascale at (203) 671-2420 or 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.

Military Whist Card Party

The Northford-North Branford Women's Club GFWC is sponsoring a Military Whist Card Party on Friday, May 12th at **Totoket Valley Elementary School**, 1388 Middletown Avenue, Northford, CT. Doors open at 5:30 pm and games start at 6:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. We are collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry. Anyone donating to the Food Pantry will receive a ticket towards our raffle. There will be plenty of beautiful gift baskets and other donated prizes. Proceeds benefit various charitable organizations in the local area. Entry is \$12.00/pp. You can either contact Elissa @ (203) 793-7180 to reserve your space or use our Venmo @NorthfordWomens-Club. If you would like to sponsor a raffle basket or donate a gift card please contact Elissa!!



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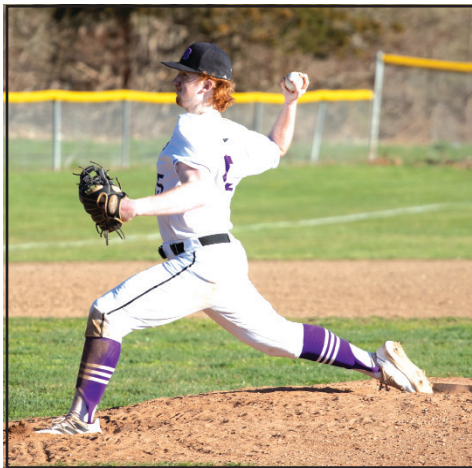


T-Bird Baseball starts off 4-2

After starting the season at 1-2 the boys ran off three straight victories to turn in around to 4-2.

Nico Falcioni (top photo)has ben tearing the cover off the ball as he was named the Gametime CT Athlete of the Week. “The Falcon” started the season going 7 of ten with 5 singles two doubles and 8 RBI.

Sophomore JJ O’Connor (photo left) has been the man on the mound as he is 2-0, while Cam Garrett has a win and has been a terror at the plate as well as flwaleess at third base when he is not pitching.



Photos by Dina Falcioni.



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

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

St. Ambrose Parish 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 <https://www.saintandrewsnorthford.org> Like us on Facebook - St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church of Northford, CT. For more information contact us at 203-484-0895; Nan Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-710-7005; Rev. Spinks, 860-304-5266; or MACM office, 860-345-0058.

United Methodist Church, Branford 811 East Main St, Branford (Route 1, across from Bill Miller’s Castle). www.umcbranford.org or (203) 488-0549. Sunday service 9:30am - both in-person and live on our website. “The Church on the Rock,” led by Pastor Kent Jackson. We invite you to discover the power of faith in Jesus Christ bringing God’s love to the world. Join us to worship, experience God’s word, and stay connected. **Zion Episcopal Church** 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford. 203-488-7395. Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar.Sunday Worship at 9:15, coffee and fellowship follow. Masks are required in worship while North Branford is in the ‘red’ zone for COVID positivity. Worship is also accessible through Facebook Live. ALL are invited. Zion is an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ. www.zionepiscopal.org



North Branford Land Conservation Trust
Participating in the Great Give

The North Branford Land Conservation Trust (NBLCT) will be participating in the 2023 Great Give, a major community-wide giving event. The event occurs over an intense 36 hours from 8:00 a.m. on May 3 to 8:00 p.m. on May 4, 2023.

Like in 2022, NBLCT is continuing to raise funds for our acquisition of 37 acres of Regional Water Authority (RWA) woodlands on Beech St and Poms Ln. The parcels are adjacent to the Lake Gaillard watershed. If we are able to raise the money, with your support, this property will be the first trail that will be accessible to both wheelchairs and strollers and have parking for accessible vehicles. Once off limits to the public, with your help, it will be open to the public for walking, studying nature, taking photographs and enjoying the property. Although we have raised 35% of the \$593,000 cost for the land, we could really use your help.

Get ready to give! On May 3-4, visit www.thegreatgive.org and make a donation to NBLCT or any of the great participating nonprofit organizations in greater New Haven. All giving will end at 8:00 PM on May 4, so get your gift in on time.

Not only will NBLCT receive \$7.14 for each new donor, we are also eligible for various financial prizes picked at random times - happy hour (5-7), lunch hour (12-2) or early bird (8-9 am). Make a note to go to <http://www.thegreatgive.org> on May 3 or 4 and support the North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc. You can make a difference! This land will be a gift to all.



Adele Marie Gorham, the matriarch of the Gorham clan, died Sunday, April 2, at her home surrounded by family and loved ones. She was 89 years old.Born Adele Marie Ryan in Westfield Mass, she was the daughter of Sam and Johanna Curran Ryan. Adele’s true pride and joy was her family. She was married to John David Gorham for 60 years, before his passing in 2015. She is survived by her daughter Marita Wiser and sons Dan, Jack and Sam Gorham. She also enjoyed the love of six grandchildren, Rosemary and Marguerite Wiser, Ryan and Lydia Gorham and Courtney and Samantha Gorham.

Adele was a true believer in higher education. As a mom to four children, Adele went on to earn a BA in American History from Albertus Magnus College and also an interior design degree from the Paier School of Art. She did additional graduate studies at Wesleyan University. She was also a managing partner at Frankson Fence Company of North Haven for many decades.

She and John loved to travel and sail. They were especially fond of the Caribbean, where aboard the Mariposa they island hopped with the help of the trade winds, and surrounded by the teal green sea. Adele loved books and was an avid reader, especially when the topic was history and Nautical tales. She did volunteer work at the Connecticut River Museum and loved touring others through Mystic Seaport.

Adele was predeceased by her sister Maureen Hall and survived by her sister Joanne Melanson of Westfield, Mass. and many nieces and nephews. She is remembered for her kindness, sharp wit and Irish compassion. She was a true friend to many, and maintained those relationships for decades, with frequent visits, calls and cards.

Anyone wishing to send a donation in her memory should inquire at the Edward Smith Library in Northford. A celebration of Adele’s life will be held later this Spring.

St. Anthony's Society
44th Night of Prizes

In Memory of Maria Pierelli



SAVE THE DATE!

St. Anthony’s Parish Center
@ 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 28, 2023

70 Washington Avenue,
New Haven, CT 06519

Admission Tickets--\$5.00

Big Raffle! 5 for \$5.00

(The night of the event regular raffle tickets will be 15 for \$10.00)

Join us for a wonderful evening of fun & prizes to
support St. Anthony Parish.

For Admission Tickets Call:

Anna Simeone at 203-710-5004

Or contact the Parish Office at 203-624-1418 or

Joan Kuchinski at 203-234-9161

(No admission tickets will be sold after Sunday, April 23, 2023)

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— SENIOR CENTER — SWEET TREAT TRIP

Neil's Donuts in Middletown Friday, April 28th

Hop on the senior bus and join us to get some yummy donuts and coffee at Neil's Donuts in Middletown!

Bus departs STW at 12:45pm and returns around 3:00pm

Costs are on own - Register by 4/24

Mary's Culinary Classes

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

Ages 5-14 at STW Community Center

5:00 - 7:00pm (Please note the new time)

Cost \$40 res/ \$45 non-res per class

TUESDAY MAY 9, 2023

DIJON DILL SALMON AND OREO BOMBS

MONDAY MAY 22, 2023

COPYCAT "PANERA" MAC AND CHEESE AND
FRENCH SILK PIE



ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALL

North Branford Parks and Recreation Department is excited to be offering Adult Co-ed Softball again. Join us at Totoket Valley Park beginning June 13 for a fun, recreational league!

Two games will be played each Tuesday, one at 6:15 p.m. and the other at 7:30 p.m. Potentially one Thursday night game will be added depending on registrations. Additionally, please contact the office if you do not have a full team but are interested in playing!

Team Captains must register your team (minimum 8 players) at nbrecreation.com, submit a roster to the Assistant Director, Kerry Haynes at recreationsupervisor@townofnorthbranfordct.com



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TENNIS AT NORTHFORD PARK

Due to the overwhelming success of our Tennis Program last year we are excited to offer it again!

Spring and Summer sessions are open for registration. Join us for a 6-week introduction to Tennis program at Northford Park. Age appropriate skills and drills will be offered with Guilford Racquet Club Pros! Racquet included.

SUMMER TENNIS

Ages 11-13 - 4:00-4:45pm - July 5 - August 16

Ages 5-10 - 5:00-5:45pm - July 5 - August 16

\$75



Celebrate Italia AQUA TURF CLUB

Tuesday July 11, 2023

Bus departs STW: 10:15am Returns: Approx 4:00pm

\$57res \$62nr

Featuring: *The Sam Vinci Band has been an Italian-American staple at numerous Italian festivals throughout CT.*

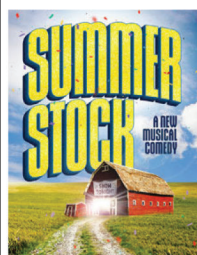
Sam and his band know how and what to play to please a crowd!!

Special Appearance by: Aaron Caruso

Aaron's operatic voice brings his Italian songs to life!

Meatballs & Sausage/ Chicken Parmesa

Register by: 6/16/23



Summer Stock At the Goodspeed Opera House

Enjoy lunch at the Gelston House before the show!

August 23, 2023 \$110res/\$120nr

Departs 10:15am Returns: 5:00pm

Please register by July 19th to reserve your ticket to lunch and this fantastic show!

Goodspeed Opera House policy is that our audience is strongly encouraged to wear a mask inside the Goodspeed, but it is not required. Our staff will continue to wear masks. The trip leaves from the Senior Center. If you need transportation to the Center, kindly let us know when you register.

Lunch at the Gelston House is at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch choices are:

*Parmesan Encrusted Cod

*Pasta Cavatappi

*Gelston Chicken

*Kobe Beef Burger

*Bistro Steak

Lunch includes Mixed Green Salad and dessert. Coffee & tea are not included, but each can be purchased for \$3.50. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased and paid for during lunch.

Forget your troubles—come on, get happy! The tradition of turning a barn into a theater finds fertile new ground in a joyous world premiere inspired by the classic Judy Garland-Gene Kelly movie. When theatrical Gloria invites fellow troupers to the family farm with the idea of putting on a show, her practical sister Jane is stubborn as a mule but relents because the farm needs work—and workers. Sisterhood, budding romance and a Broadway-bound musical are all at risk. But there's nothing like the sunshine of hits from the American songbook to chase all your cares away!



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NARFE Monthly Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, May 1, 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 Richard Taylor, Master Wildlife Conservationist, CT DEEP, who will present a program on black bears in CT. The program will explore the history, habitat, diet, life cycle and advice on living with black bears.
NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees.

Public Stargazing at
Young's Park in Branford Resumes

This is the first public viewing event for 2023! The Astronomical Society of New Haven is hosting a free stargazing event on Saturday April 22nd at 7pm at Young's Park, 60 Blackstone Ave. in Branford. Admission and parking are free. All are welcome, including children and grandparents. The telescopes will be pointed at Venus, Mars and the Orion Nebula and you will learn how to find them when you get home. It will be a dark night so there will be some nice deep sky objects to find through the telescopes.
Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted to our website, www.asnh.org or call 866-808-ASNH.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF SEWER USER FEES AND SEWER
ASSESSMENT INSTALLMENT CHARGE DUE April 1, 2023

Property owners of the Town of North Branford are hereby notified that the Second installment of Sewer User fees and Sewer Assessment charges are due on April 1, 2023. Payments not received or postmarked by May 1, 2023 will be considered delinquent and statutory delinquent interest charges will apply. Interest will accrue at the rate of 1 ½% per month with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00 for Sewer Use and \$5.00 for Sewer Assessment.
The annual Sewer User fee of \$500.00 was set by the North Branford Water Pollution Control Authority at its September 20, 2022 meeting. Bills may be paid at the North Branford Town Hall, Tax Collector's office Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:30. Payments can also be made online at the town website: www.townofnorthbranfordct.com, under Online Services. There is a fee for this service: 2.5% for any balance paid: \$3.95 for Visa Debit and \$2.00 for an ACH check withdrawal. If you have lost or misplaced your bill, call the Tax Department for a replacement at 203-484-6011. If remittance is made by mail and a receipt is requested, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Checks should be made payable to the Tax Collector, Town of North Branford.
Dated this 17th Day of March 2023
Michael Downes Town Manager

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