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Rotary to Celebrate

Service Awards on June 10th.

The North Branford Rotary is excited to announce the recipients of their Inaugural “Service-Above-Self” Community Service Award to three deserving North Branford Residents. In February of this year the Club reached out to the community for nominations for the Service Above Self Award and received a tremendous response.

“We asked the community to nominate individuals who have made an impact in the community through meaningful service and actively helping others in town. The response from our community was incredible and we couldn’t be more thankful.” Recent remarks from the North Branford Rotary Club President, Melinda Fonda. Fonda went on to say, “We couldn’t think of a better way to say thank you to distinguished individuals right here in town than to recognize them with an award that symbolizes dedication, compassion and generosity.” The Club recently revealed this year’s award recipients as Judy Bannon, Laura Burich, and Victoria Lanza.

Judy Bannon is an elementary school teacher at Jerome Harris Elementary School, and has been involved as an educator with the North Branford Board of Education since 2001. Judy has recently been praised for her efforts in organizing virtual assemblies for the students at Jerome Harris which gave students a sense of community pride during the pandemic. Judy also volunteers several hours on the board of the local food pantry, Love For Lyla, St. Baldricks, Read Across America, Jerome Harris Chorus, and Night to Care. She was also involved in helping the 2018 Police Lip Sync Video. Judy is passionate about her current and past students. As described in her nomination, Judy is a treasure in our community and the North Branford Rotary is honored to award her!

Laura Burich is a Captain for the North Branford Town Ambulance Company (NBFD Co. 4) where she has dedicated 30 years to the Ambulance service. Laura’s career has been honored by the Branford Exchange Club’s Shoreline Heroes Award, and the State Exchange Club’s Connecticut’s Bravest in 2014. She is also an appointed member of the Board of Fire Commissioners and is actively involved with the town Senior Center, Parks and Recreation, PoCo Festival, Relay for Life, Toys for Tots, and Santa Run in addition to many other community events and fundraisers. Among the events she has been involved in, she is known to organize fundraisers for members of the community impacted by catastrophic illnesses. Laura’s nomi-



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cation to her community!



nation describes her as someone who selflessly steps up to the plate, is tenacious and helps to get the job done. The Club is looking forward to honoring Laura for her dedi-

Victoria Lanza is a dedicated resident in North Branford who operates a daycare in town. She was praised for her dedication to the community after giving birth at the onset of the pandemic and maintaining her commitment to essential workers by keeping

her daycare open. In addition to her passion for early childhood development, she also commits her time as a Girl Scout Troop Leader, actively helps the local food pantry as well as the animal shelter. Victoria is also an active board member of the North Branford Women’s Club and school’s PTO. Victoria is known to help with many fundraisers and town events including delivering stockings to children in need. She is a co-founder of a community group whose mission is to spread positivity and unity in the community. Victoria’s nominations describe her as someone who truly works hard to make North Branford a better place, who is always willing to jump in and help, and a great citizen who loves this town. The Club is eager to award Victoria for her distinguished service!

The North Branford Rotary Club will be awarding the recipients on Thursday June 10, 2021 at 6pm, at Woodwinds of Branford. The event will be held outdoors. Tickets can be purchased in advance by going to www.northbranfordrotary.org or by contacting Rotary Club President Melinda at NorthBranfordRotary@gmail.com / 203-988-0883.

Committee Chair, Alex Casella, expressed his appreciation to those who sent in nominations. “It’s been a very rewarding experience for the members of the committee, and the club, to receive a fantastic response from the North Branford Community and I’d like to thank those who found the time to submit nominations.” Casella and Fonda were both impressed by the number of nominations that came in the first year which exceeded their expectations. The club is looking forward to continuing to honor distinguished members of the community each year.

Publication Date	Deadline
May 14	May 7
May 28	May 21
June 11	June 4
June 25	June 18
July 9	July 2
July 23	July 16
August 6	July 30

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Four -Hour Weeknight Chartered fishing trip from
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Donated by Lucky Lou's Fishing Charters and Rotarian Michael Perry

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Median Sold Price
March 2021


\$274,000

↓ -2.1% March, 2020

Average Sold Price
March 2021

\$309,500

↑ 10.5% March, 2020



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All Listing Types, March 2021

23 Total Units

- 15 Single Family Homes
- 2 Condos/Co-ops
- 6 Land/Lots

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*Good Vibes Nutrition would like to thank everyone
 who came out to support the
 North Branford Thunderbirds baseball team
 this past weekend. We are so honored to be able to
 help and it is amazing to be a part of this community.
 Stay tuned over the next few months and look for
 upcoming fundraisers for NBTB softball & football
 teams.*

*Our Good Vibes family would like to say thank you
 for your continued support and love!
 We feel so blessed to have found extended family in
 all of you!*

State Representative Vincent Candelora
The Ups and Downs of Legislative Activity



From the outside, the state legislature must look like a bit of a roller coaster.
And if you’re wondering, it feels that way on the inside too!
Take last week as an example. It started on an almost unbelievably positive note—bipartisan unemployment reform—only to end with the specter of new taxes I fear will hurt our state’s recovery.

I’ve talked a lot about solvency issues with the state’s unemployment compensation fund over the last few months, and for years I’ve joined Republicans in calling for fixes to our system that would—in normal times—achieve a better money-in, money-out balance.
Recently, legislators from both parties sat at a negotiating table where the governor, the business community and organized labor all had seats. Last Monday, we gathered *together* outside the state’s Department of Labor for a news conference announcing a bipartisan package of reforms that have eluded lawmakers for years. The changes are, perhaps, rather wonky to anyone who doesn’t run a business, but they’ll align Connecticut’s unemployment taxes and benefits with neighboring states. The most significant outcome, thanks to changes such as broadening the taxable wage base, will lead to tax reductions for 73 percent of businesses. The positive impact on small businesses will be tremendous.
Gov. Lamont ended the news conference—a rare public display of teamwork—with a boisterous “let’s get it passed.” We left feeling as though we took a meaningful step toward economic recovery.
By late Wednesday, however, it started to feel like we were headed in the wrong direction.
That’s when Appropriations Committee Democrats approved their budget that not only increases spending 5.5 percent over two years, but also grows the size of government while failing to install efficiencies that would spring our state from the vortex of structural deficits. Does that state need an “Office of Pandemic Response”? I don’t think so—we already have a Department of Public Health.
The following day, Finance Committee Democrats—despite the availability of \$2.9 billion for discretionary spending—approved a tax package that would install \$1.9 billion in new taxes over two years. It includes an increase to the capital gains tax, a mileage tax on heavy trucks, a new “consumption” tax targeting the wealthy, and a social media advertising tax.
Their quest for more revenue, it seems, is never-ending.
It’s too bad, because their budget does include some worthwhile pursuits such as extending the tax exemption of retirement income to include IRAs, a new child tax credit, and for a year allowing pandemic-stricken restaurants to keep a percentage of the sales tax revenue they collect.
Good discussion points, however, are outweighed by overwhelming negatives.
Even Gov. Lamont took aim at the overall budget tableau from the legislative majority, expressing concern about both the level of taxation and its plan to maneuver around the spending cap.
If Monday’s announcement was a peak, we’re in a valley now.
Fortunately, we’re at the beginning of the budget process—one of my Democratic colleagues likened it to being in the fourth inning of a ballgame. I hope they let us on the diamond.
If last Monday was any indication, we do our best work when we’re working together.

Let’s Be “Frank”

Wow brother. When I hit 65 I was releaved in a few ways. First, I reached that milestone, and I only need six months to live longer than my siblings did. (I’ll never know why but I won’t argue with fate). I miss you and Mary but in a sick way it was refreshing not having you guys here to bust my chops about getting old.
So now I am officially on Medicare. The card in my wallet is leaving a psychological scar on my butt where I know it is pressing from my back pocket. For fifty years I contributed to Social Security and now I can start getting something back. That statement is filled with more manure than a North Branford cow patch.
First thing they did was tell me I was not covered for my eye doctor of more than fifteen years and it was time to pick another. The next issue was that the Medicare people didn’t think I needed the amount of blood pressure pills the doctor prescribed. I needed a note from my doctor (brought me back to grammar school) telling them I really needed that much medicine. I found that humorous but it get’s worse.
I have spent upwards of forty hours in the past two weeks trying to get my diabetic testing materials.
First they refused my test strips because I was testing too many times. “Get the doctor to send a notice telling us that you need these items and you need to test that much” they suggested. “Why the hell would I prick my finger that often if I didn’t need to do it.
Once the doctor did this, they still denied it. They finally said it would be okay if my doctor limited my testing to three times a day. They finally okayed that one, but they gave me different strips and said they no longer covered the one’s I used. With this I finally had to buy a new meter to match the strips. That wasn’t covered.
Lastly, no one could tell me why they kept denying the fourteen day sensor I now use, which has been instrumental in keeping my sugar numbers under control. After hours of deliberation the brain surgeons are now asking me to send them a thirty day log of my numbers, taking my readings four times a day. I found this to be an odd request. They wouldn’t give me the fourteen day sensor and they just limited my strips to three a day. Yet they were asking me to send them records of readings from four times a day.
So you spend your entire life contributing a great portion of your pay check to assist the elderly and needy and guarantee your stability when you reach the tarnished golden years.
I have now become a statistic with the people in my demographic group getting little help and fearing the roads ahead. I am fortunate to have a few dollars and I was able to pay for a few things to get me through the obstacle course of red tape. I now know what our sister went through when she hit this age and was too proud to tell her younger brother about her situation. She put herself into a debt she couldnt pull out of as well as cutting her medications which ruined her health. Without an advocate she died way too soon.
I really think the system killed her and I will take that thought to my death.
Take care and I’ll see you soon.

“Nice work for the first 100 days”

Dear Editor,

How many of the voters who chose Biden (Obama) for President are happy with the increase in gas prices , fuel oil, groceries, loss of good paying jobs, promises of huge tax increases ,sending our troops to Africa, attacking our police departments, letting the UN Ambassador degrade our great country before the world causing tensions in the Middle East, al-

lowing thousands of immigrants into this country illegally, many carrying Covid 19 and other diseases and many of them are drug and sex traffickers, spending trillions of dollars paying back political promises, and causing racial tensions across the country?
Nice work for the first 100 days. At this rate , God help us through the rest of his (Obama ‘s third term).
Sincerely,
Alice W. Lehr

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TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD
BUDGET PRESENTATION for 2021-22 FISCAL YEAR

Shall the Town Council Recommended Budget of \$55,020,430, which will require a mill rate of 33.14 mills, be adopted?

2018-19 ACTUAL	2019-20 ACTUAL	2020-21 BUDGET	@ 1/31/21 ACTUAL	2020-2021 PROJECTED	DESCRIPTION	2021-2022 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	2021-2022 MANAGER PROPOSED	2021-2022 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
\$41,846,797	\$42,435,820	\$42,989,606	\$38,940,055	\$42,955,000	PROPERTY TAXES	\$45,643,566	\$45,546,179	\$44,104,603
\$264,835	\$263,404	\$229,200	\$124,772	\$242,300	FEES	\$204,100	\$204,100	\$204,100
\$174,925	\$137,027	\$90,000	\$162,014	\$205,000	OTHER TAXES	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000
\$1,180,033	\$1,506,637	\$1,507,909	\$1,516,284	\$1,516,284	PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$1,534,549	\$1,534,549	\$1,495,100
\$553,316	\$590,866	\$150,000	\$31,497	\$125,000	INVESTMENT INCOME	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
\$274,767	\$237,624	\$210,300	\$179,249	\$272,616	LICENSES & PERMITS	\$213,275	\$213,275	\$213,275
\$123,433	\$133,131	\$115,240	\$85,842	\$125,789	CURRENT SERVICES	\$119,315	\$119,315	\$119,315
\$18,748	\$19,543	\$4,188	\$19,676	\$19,676	STATE GRANTS- TAXES	\$20,104	\$20,104	\$20,104
\$7,860,959	\$7,457,163	\$7,331,325	\$3,665,662	\$7,471,026	STATE GRANTS - EDUCATION	\$7,331,325	\$7,331,325	\$7,331,325
\$167,276	\$157,707	\$155,678	\$153,386	\$155,678	STATE GRANTS - OTHER	\$155,678	\$155,678	\$155,678
\$45,503	\$49,547	\$41,500	\$31,056	\$38,000	USE OR SALE OF ASSETS	\$41,500	\$41,500	\$41,500
\$214,813	\$287,629	\$60,020	\$20,207	\$25,800	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	\$59,070	\$59,070	\$59,070
\$0	\$0	\$650,000	\$0	\$339,000	SURPLUS APPROPRIATED	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$800,000
\$0	\$13,338	\$0	\$0	\$0	FEDERAL GRANTS	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$65,063	\$63,798	\$62,579	\$0	\$62,579	OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	\$61,360	\$61,360	\$61,360
<u>\$52,790,468</u>	<u>\$53,353,234</u>	<u>\$53,597,545</u>	<u>\$44,929,700</u>	<u>\$53,553,748</u>	<u>SUB TOTAL REVENUE</u>	<u>\$55,998,842</u>	<u>\$55,901,455</u>	<u>\$54,870,430</u>
\$0	\$0	\$339,000	\$0	\$0	FUND BALANCE CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	FUND BALANCE BOE APPROPRIATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>\$52,790,468</u>	<u>\$53,353,234</u>	<u>\$53,936,545</u>	<u>\$44,929,700</u>	<u>\$53,553,748</u>	<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>	<u>\$55,998,842</u>	<u>\$55,901,455</u>	<u>\$55,020,430</u>
\$65,238	\$65,176	\$78,334	\$68,295	\$78,430	MAYOR & COUNCIL	\$81,349	\$81,349	\$81,349
\$0	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100	WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTH.	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$224,919	\$229,260	\$229,346	\$133,893	\$235,458	TOWN MANAGER	\$233,833	\$233,833	\$253,833
\$386,395	\$332,458	\$348,311	\$198,890	\$338,853	FINANCE	\$340,511	\$340,511	\$340,511
\$161,173	\$162,139	\$177,935	\$93,557	\$172,383	TAX COLLECTOR	\$179,178	\$179,178	\$179,178
\$174,829	\$168,421	\$187,427	\$109,615	\$180,937	ASSESSOR	\$190,267	\$183,339	\$183,339
\$1,811	\$1,500	\$1,600	\$0	\$1,561	BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
\$262,398	\$279,014	\$312,829	\$200,256	\$306,054	CENTRAL SERVICES	\$335,458	\$335,458	\$310,287
\$187,091	\$186,139	\$208,927	\$115,161	\$208,026	TOWN CLERK	\$209,461	\$216,388	\$216,388
\$63,408	\$33,068	\$70,853	\$48,336	\$73,029	ELECTIONS	\$63,733	\$63,608	\$63,608
\$105,069	\$95,587	\$120,100	\$80,050	\$110,000	TOWN ATTORNEY	\$130,100	\$130,100	\$130,100
\$214	\$0	\$1,721	\$117	\$1,525	PERMANENT PROJECT BUILDING COMM.	\$4,549	\$4,549	\$4,549
\$38,567	\$50,706	\$50,142	\$65,160	\$70,750	TECHNOLOGY	\$65,010	\$57,510	\$57,510
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	ETHICS COMMISSION	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$1,671,113	\$1,603,569	\$1,787,625	\$1,113,331	\$1,777,106	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,835,149	\$1,827,523	\$1,822,352
\$3,435,927	\$3,460,406	\$3,854,474	\$2,251,941	\$3,822,876	POLICE	\$3,951,429	\$3,951,429	\$3,951,429
\$762,685	\$773,846	\$894,547	\$585,970	\$892,810	FIRE	\$923,454	\$923,454	\$924,074
\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	AMBULANCE	\$250,000	\$225,000	\$175,000
\$241,291	\$257,615	\$267,063	\$267,000	\$259,294	FIRE HYDRANTS	\$260,726	\$260,726	\$260,726
\$511,781	\$546,686	\$611,725	\$356,334	\$589,357	COMMUNICATIONS	\$631,162	\$631,162	\$631,162
\$19,404	\$25,852	\$20,253	\$12,210	\$22,277	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$23,196	\$23,196	\$23,196
\$131,032	\$117,216	\$131,029	\$130,921	\$131,029	ANIMAL CONTROL	\$131,029	\$131,029	\$131,029
\$5,102,121	\$5,181,622	\$5,929,091	\$3,604,376	\$5,717,643	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$6,170,996	\$6,145,996	\$6,096,616
\$957,973	\$1,005,311	\$987,925	\$905,115	\$1,025,000	REFUSE REMOVAL	\$1,429,400	\$1,429,400	\$1,429,400
\$1,963,824	\$2,007,798	\$2,255,217	\$1,294,526	\$2,327,391	PUBLIC WORKS	\$2,391,635	\$2,351,635	\$2,396,870
\$117,956	\$114,590	\$114,129	\$55,831	\$113,100	STREET LIGHTING	\$115,873	\$115,873	\$115,873
\$3,039,753	\$3,127,699	\$3,357,271	\$2,255,472	\$3,465,491	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$3,936,908	\$3,896,908	\$3,942,143
\$563,471	\$475,137	\$614,079	\$287,652	\$530,250	COMMUNITY CENTER	\$687,860	\$671,324	\$684,156
\$9,652	\$1,778	\$9,750	\$80	\$3,500	PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS	\$9,750	\$9,750	\$9,750
\$26,100	\$28,500	\$29,100	\$29,100	\$28,500	ELDERLY HOUSING	\$29,700	\$29,700	\$29,700
\$0	\$1,071	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	REYNOLDS/BEERS HOUSE	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
\$681,494	\$744,471	\$766,286	\$417,989	\$765,395	LIBRARY	\$778,303	\$778,303	\$778,303
\$1,280,717	\$1,250,957	\$1,420,715	\$734,820	\$1,327,645	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	\$1,507,113	\$1,490,577	\$1,503,409
\$124,528	\$127,970	\$134,143	\$133,363	\$133,363	HEALTH	\$170,762	\$168,762	\$168,762
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	HUMAN RELATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$74,940	\$71,425	\$74,821	\$43,687	\$77,293	SOCIAL SERVICES	\$73,866	\$73,866	\$78,632
\$5,405	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	PROBATE COURT	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
\$18,421	\$18,772	\$25,476	\$20,296	\$30,283	HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING	\$31,415	\$31,415	\$31,415
\$223,295	\$223,166	\$240,440	\$197,346	\$246,939	TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	\$282,043	\$280,043	\$284,809
\$103,845	\$106,649	\$109,944	\$62,038	\$101,200	PLANNING DEPARTMENT	\$116,670	\$116,670	\$116,670
\$42,751	\$24,729	\$47,240	\$24,463	\$45,346	PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION	\$47,253	\$47,253	\$47,253
\$715	\$1,854	\$2,417	\$0	\$1,267	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	\$2,417	\$2,417	\$2,417
\$35,179	\$38,398	\$38,015	\$18,508	\$35,814	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMM.	\$43,764	\$43,764	\$43,764
\$142,287	\$100,036	\$104,155	\$57,852	\$103,660	ENGINEERING	\$110,707	\$110,707	\$110,707
\$3,590	\$3,455	\$4,112	\$3,851	\$4,747	CONSERVATION & INLAND WETLANDS	\$4,112	\$4,112	\$4,112
\$0	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100	BEAUTIFICATION	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	LAND PRESERVATION	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$0	\$0	\$1,527	\$0	\$0	AGRICULTURE COMMISSION	\$1,527	\$1,527	\$1,527
\$134,137	\$134,278	\$151,033	\$88,593	\$151,033	BUILDING DEPARTMENT	\$197,054	\$190,829	\$190,829
\$462,505	\$409,399	\$458,543	\$255,304	\$443,167	TOTAL DEVELOPMENT/CONSERVATION	\$523,604	\$517,379	\$517,379
\$194,402	\$51,928	\$191,791	\$0	\$175,000	RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCY	\$438,031	\$438,031	\$438,031
\$216,637	\$246,046	\$287,770	\$266,732	\$259,754	PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE	\$313,686	\$313,686	\$313,686
\$1,842,057	\$2,286,836	\$2,482,626	\$1,562,431	\$2,480,517	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$2,672,572	\$2,672,572	\$2,672,672
\$2,253,096	\$2,584,810	\$2,962,187	\$1,829,162	\$2,915,271	TOTAL BENEFITS, INSURANCE & OTHER	\$3,424,289	\$3,424,289	\$3,424,389
<u>\$1,864,146</u>	<u>\$3,198,359</u>	<u>\$129,700</u>	<u>\$1,469,460</u>	<u>\$1,129,460</u>	<u>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</u>	<u>\$55,000</u>	<u>\$55,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
\$15,896,744	\$17,579,581	\$16,285,572	\$11,459,270	\$17,022,723	TOWN GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	\$17,735,102	\$17,637,714	\$17,596,097
\$31,636,244	\$31,479,511	\$32,435,714	\$17,390,948	\$32,435,714	BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$33,130,121	\$33,130,121	\$32,435,714
\$0	\$304,235	\$1,125,760	\$0	\$390,000	CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$1,383,000	\$1,383,000	\$1,133,000
<u>\$3,982,271</u>	<u>\$3,903,852</u>	<u>\$3,750,499</u>	<u>\$3,700,109</u>	<u>\$3,750,499</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>\$3,750,619</u>	<u>\$3,750,619</u>	<u>\$3,705,619</u>
\$51,515,259	\$53,267,178	\$53,597,545	\$32,550,326	\$53,598,936	SUB TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$55,998,842	\$55,901,454	\$54,870,430
\$0	\$0	\$339,000	\$0	\$0	TOTAL FUND BALANCE CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	TOTAL FUND BALANCE OPEB APPROPRIATION	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>\$51,515,259</u>	<u>\$53,267,178</u>	<u>\$53,936,545</u>	<u>\$32,550,326</u>	<u>\$53,598,936</u>	<u>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>\$55,998,842</u>	<u>\$55,901,454</u>	<u>\$55,020,430</u>

Honor our Military with a Flag

The Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC is sponsoring Honor Them with a Flag, a salute to our country's military personnel and veterans. The public is invited to participate by purchasing a U.S. flag dedicated to a member of our military or anyone else close to your heart. The flags will go on display on the front lawn at the North Branford Town Hall from Flag Day, June 14th to July 4th. Each flag, 12" x 18", will have a white ribbon attached to it inscribed with the name and rank of the soldier or loved one. Due to Covid concerns, there will not be a ceremony this year. Flags will be available for collection for one week after July 4th from the lawn of the North Branford Town Hall. Proceeds will benefit local veterans' projects. To order, fill out a form and mail a check made out to the Northford Women's Club for \$10 per flag to: The Northford-North Branford Women's Club, P.O. Box 264, Northford, CT 06472. Information is also available online at www.northfordwomensclub.org. There is no limit on purchases, but all forms must be received by June 11th. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Collett at 203-484-9079.

Please fill out the following information and make a check to

The Northford Women's Club

Mail to: Northford-North Branford Women's Club

PO Box 264, Northford, CT 06472

Deadline is Friday, June 11, 2021.

Name & Rank _____

(as you would have it appear on the flag's ribbon. Please print)

Service Branch _____

Dates of Service _____

Name of Purchaser _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Number of Flags _____ x \$10 per flag = Total Donation _____

Photo copies or similar copies of this form are acceptable

You can make a Difference: It's time for The Great Give

Help support local non-profits by participating in The Great Give, a 36 hour on-line giving event. **The Great Give runs for from 8am on May 4- 8 pm on May 5, 2021.**

Contributions may be made by credit or debit card, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or Microsoft Pay. A minimum donation of \$5 is required but donors are encouraged to contribute at least \$25.

You might ask, "Why does the Land Trust need my contribution?" Land Trust members are stewards of the land; our goal is to protect open space in North Branford as well as build and maintain a few trails for peaceful walks in our woods. In order to achieve this,

- We have to build a swinging bridge over the Lake Gaillard spillway to connect the Harrison Farm Preserve with RWA property next to Lake Gaillard.
- We are building a much needed parking lot at the Harrison Farm Preserve
- We need to construct walkways over wet trails on Village Street
- When we have encroachment issues, we may have to hire surveyors, put up signage or other devices to prevent ATVs from trespassing and destroying the trails
- We are building our "nest egg" so that when properties on our wish list become available, we have a chance to purchase them or pay for other necessary costs.

That's why we hope that you will go to WWW.TheGreatGive.org on May 4-5. It's a great way to support local nonprofits and the **North Branford Land Conservation Trust**. If you have not given before to NBLCT during the Great Give, the Community Foundation will contribute a prorated portion to NBLCT. Thank you!

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



Matty in the Minors

First two weeks of spring training in the books. All I can say is "wow". It is an uncomfortable overload. You have 100+ men of ages 18-30 piling into a hotel with covid restrictions. Trying to organize the bus schedule, meals, and practice times. Somehow we all pop out on the other side ready to ship out to our affiliates. I will most likely be in Low-A or rookie ball. Still undetermined with a week left but the talent is unquestionable.

Minor leagues is best described as different levels of talent trying to develop to become the next Aaron Judge, Mike Trout, etc. Only about 10% of the guys here will make it to the MLB. Out of the ones who do, it will take roughly 3-5 years for the majority. That's why I am not currently on TV with the St. Louis Cardinals for those who did not know.

Imagine a ladder, the bottom of the ladder is rookie ball. This is where high school draft picks, rehabbing players, international signees, and more work on their fundamentals of the game. From there you move up to Low-A and then High-A. This is where you start traveling and playing for local teams. For me it will be the Palm Beach Cardinals (Low-A) and the Peoria Chiefs (High-A). The next level is AA (Springfield Cardinals) then AAA (Memphis Redbirds). You can be called up or down to any team at any time depending on roster needs and sometimes performance.

Right now every player from every level, except MLB and AAA are in Palm Beach, FL fighting for spots on any of these rosters. You have multiple front office members, scouts, and coaches evaluating your every move. This is where you need to trust the preparation that has already been done and just play. Hopefully the next time I write I will be playing games for an affiliate.

Till next time-Matt

Matthew Chamberlain

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BACK IN THE GAME

With Spring sports back in action there have been some exciting times in North Branford. The baseball team started the season off at 4-1.

This week the T-Birds started out with a 3-1 victory over Morgan. Senior pitcher Jadon Canelli went to towwosingle. He chalked up the final out to get his second victory of the season.

On Friday the bats came to life with sophomore Nico DeSisto hitting a three run homerun and junior catcher Ryan Michonksi going five for five at the plate. DeSisto also picked up the win.



Junior catcher Michonksi addresses the troupes under the watchful eye of senior Jeremy Bunnell.



Co-Captain defenseman Jamison O'Brien (16) grabs a loose ball and heads up the field. Accompanying him up the field is (39) Tyler Serensen as goalie Dradon Brindisi looks on.



Co Captain Dylan Dimeo hustles away from a Ram defender.



Senior Anthony Raffone scampers home with the winning run against Morgan.



Sophomore John Onofrio has been flawless at shortstop



Canelli on his way to a no hitter.

**Baseball photos by
Dina Mingione Falcioni.**

BOYS LAX SCORES 34 GOALS VS RAMS AND PANTHERS

By Bill O'Brien April 16, 2021

Coach Carpenter was hoping he would have a good season this year but I'm confident he wasn't really sure with his new team. The TBirds last played two years ago in May 2019 when they won the Shoreline Conference championship, but losing a good number of players from that team to either graduation or the Covid-19 pandemic made this year somewhat questionable.

It's early but if the last two games are any indication coach Carpenter may get his wish. This week the TBirds defeated the Old Saybrook Rams 18-10 followed by a big win over the Cromwell Panthers 16-3. The 34 goals is the most the TBirds have scored in back to back games since the 2016 season when they scored 35 goals in a 17-11 win over Old Lyme followed by a 18-0 romp over Old Saybrook.

Carpenter was happy with the play of senior Tyler Waligroski who scored 6 goals and had three assists in the Rams game and sophomore Mason Povencher who won 21 of 24 faceoffs in the same game. In the Cromwell game he cited Matt Pedersen who had four goals and an assist. He also praised the defense who did a great job holding the Panthers to only three goals. He said it was, "a real effort", in recognizing the defense.



Senior Nick O'Rourke (37) is congratulated by teammate Luke Blomster after scoring his first varsity goal.



Tyler Waligrowski (13) scored six goals and had three assists.



Co Captain Matt Pedersen had four goals and one assist against Cromwell. Photo at right. Below, Mason Provencher got a block from Jace Kamienski to break free. He scored four goals with an assist.



**Photos
by Bill
O'Brien**

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HH 12TH GRADE

Anastasio, Sophia
Appicelli, Allie
Archer, Sachin
Armin, Jessica
Barile, Alyssa
Becker, Nadia
Brezicki, Brianna
Burwell, Mackenzie
Butler, Carly
Colavolpe, Bella
Coyne, Connor
Criscuolo, Charliana
D’Aversa, Shawn
D’Onofrio, Briana
DellaCamera, Sophia
Didiano, Giacomo
Dow, Catherine
Evans, Summer
Fiondella, Ariana
Fortier, Isabelle
Garrett, Jillian
Geist, Griffin
George, Julianne
Gibilisco, Gabrielle
Gott, Onna
Iuteri, Brianna
Karsmarski, Marlena
Kendall, Riley
Kendrick, Alyssa
Manner, Kaila
McCormack, Emily
Melillo, Landon
Miller, Zoe
O’Connor, Jeffrey
O’Neil, Kylie

Ouellet, Sophia
Piercey, Erica
Preiss, Mallory
Raymond, Ava
Riggione, Christina
Sabette, Ethan
Sarenas, Elizabeth
Sellitto, Andrew
Serenson, Emma
Shadman, Caroline
Sorrell, Alexis
Stoner, Aidan
Sullivan, Leigha
Tranquilli, Nicholas
Vecchio, Krisa
Velez, Ariana

HH 11TH GRADE

Brunschwig, Kaitlyn
Camejo, Genesis
Cavalier, Christopher
Chopus, Jake
Christiano, Jonathan
Danner, Jacob
Gomez, Nichole
Iuteri, Mila
Langlan, Charles
LeBeau, Braeden
Leete, Regan

Levine, Taylor
Melillo, Kate
Norman, Delaney
Nuzzo, Ryan
Parente, Carley
Patel, Dhruvi
Pearson, Blake
Pearson, Elena
Pfeiffer, Olivia
Pinto, Gabriella
Pollock, Catherine
Reynolds, Benjamin
Ricardo, Marissa
Rossicone, Paige
Salani-Bathija, Tara
Senerchia, Hanna
Spinelli, Francesco
Stone, Makenna
Yarnall, Paige

HH 10th Grade

Aiken, Aislinn
Nina Annunziato
Barone, Gabriella
Beardsley, Alyssa
Betzner, Bridget
Bogardus, Grant
Brindisi, Dradon
Bureau, Shelby
Burwell, Dylan
Candelora, Ava
Capasso, Chelsey
Carroll, Spencer
Chasanoff, Ryan
Cotton, Alexa
Cucchiarelli, Patrick
D’Amico, Cecelia

DeSisto, Nicolas
Dolzani, Robert
Falcioni, Nico
Gambardella, Ava
Gambardella, Sophie
Garrett, Cameron
Heffernan, Carolyn
Higgins, Nathan
Ianniello, Alexandra
Johnson, Charles
Juniver, Tessa
Kamienski, Payton
Katz, Avery
Manning, Ashley
Martone, Isabella
Molleur, Anastasia
Park, Mia
Podoloff, Peter
Raymond, Maiah
Riordan, Mea
Rojas-Ojeda, Luisa
Schmidt, Gabriella
Serenson, Tyler
Shadman, Alexander
Sim, Paulyнна
Teodoro, Alexa
Tranquilli, Nathan

HH 9th Grade

Aguiar, Evyn
Allen, Caleb
Augur, Collin
Barrett, Logan
Blomster, Luke
Cappetta, Aidan
Carusone, Christiana
Criscuolo, Keana
DePino, Lucian
Jacobs, Joseph
LeBeau, Patrick
Lucibello, Morgan
Lucibello, Natalia
Maley, Jack
Mone, Patricia
Mullins, Kiley
Nuzzo, Giana
Onofrio, Lindsey
Patel, Jay
Peterson, Lars
Plano, Giana
Senerchia, Gabrielle
Sigal, Elizabeth
Toto, Sophia
Vongher, Frederick
Yacono, Mia

HONORS GRADE 12

Aguiar, McKayla
Amendola, Ashlee
Brown, Dylan

Cacopardo, Adrianna
Canelli, Jadon
DaCunto, Jonathan
DeWitt, Daisy
Didiano, Felicia
DiMeo, Dylan
Duffy, Dylan
Esposito, Alena
Esposito, Isabella
Fabish, Paige
Frandsen, Justin
Graver, Summer
Herassme, Christopher
Holzer, Trevor
Jassil, Karina
Kirmali, Taylor
LeMere, Alex
Lucibello, Adrianna
Maroulis, Vasilios
Mingione, Liliana
Mullen, Patrick
O’Brien, Jamison
Olson, Emily
Podoloff, Jake
Provencher, Hunter
Santiago, Ilyanna
Teran, Evan
Valentino, Alessia
Votto, Sofia
Wessoleck, Shelden

HONORS GRADE 11

Ackerman, Lauren
Aguiar, Sarena
Anderson, Ryan
Bagley, Gabriel
Belbusti, John
Bombenza, Jerom
Brustman, Nolan
Bunosso, Isabella
Burke, Saoirse
Caso, Maissa
Chittenden, Zachary
Danz-Manner, Ashton
DePino, Gianna
Esposito, Joseph
Jarmie, Aubrey
Marcarelli, Lexi
Nye, Morgan
Patel, Diya
Pietrandrea, Lauren
Proestakis, Nikolas
Pujols, Cynthia
Rossicone, Jalen
Saldutti, Jake
Scalia, Dominic
Sorensen, Julia
Stakaj, Franceska
Teodosio, Demetrios
Vaspasiano, Ryan

Virginelli, Michael
Yacono, Emma

HONORS GRADE 10

Beecher, Nicholas
Carbone, Carmela
Collins, Jason
D’Onofrio, David
Defaranos, Elias
DeJesus, Jordan
DellaCamera, Angelina
Esposito, Alexander
Farrell, Ally
Gallagher, Stephanie
Geist, Aidan
Girardi, Drew
Herassme, Ryan
Hoskins, Nathaniel
Izzo, Eric
Johnson, Alec
Kamienski, Jace
Lacroix, Molly
Langelo, Dominick
Mansi, Heather
Martinez, Nevaeh
McIntyre, Cameron
Nero, Antonio
Onofrio, John
Powell, Carly
Provencher, Mason
Raffone, Paul
Regino, Thomas
Sorrell, Jaiden
Ulak, Aaron
Vincent, Vada
Wessoleck, Christin
Wray, Dana

HONORS GRADE 9

Brustman, James
Carofano, Joseph
Carter, Gianna
Cepeda, Destiny
D’Aria, Samantha
Dodge, Lauren
Doody, Jalynn
Ferrucci, Te’a
Gott, Samuel
Herassme, Joelle
Hutchinson, Aiden
Kluk, Alexander
Lin, Sabrina
Martinik, Brady
Matteo, Michael
Olsen, Christopher
Pinette, Leah
Ramada, Peter
Small, Noelle
Stoner, Connor
Vaspasiano, Katie
Woodin, Delani

North Branford Public Schools Summer Camp 2021 The Future!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Another school year has almost passed and it is hard to believe it is time to prepare and plan for summer camp! The summer of 2021 marks the 19th year of the North Branford Summer Camp Program!

We are excited to announce this summer's theme **"The Future!"** Several new camps have been added as we continue to offer popular camps all designed to entertain, enrich and inspire our summer campers! You can expect to see some old favorites including Fizz, Bubble, Goo and Adventure Climbing! We are pleased to offer some new camps this year including Youtuber Baking, Duct Tape Creations, and Out Of This World Crafts! You can expect to see this futuristic theme incorporated into many of the camps we will be offering this summer.



This year we are pleased to welcome Mr. Ryan Dombrowski as the new Co-Director with Miss Amber Lake. Ryan is a science teacher at North Branford High School and Amber is a grade two teacher at Jerome Harrison Elementary School. They both have been employed by the summer camp for many years and are very excited to lead campers through a fun-filled, exciting summer!

The North Branford Summer Camp Program employs many certified teachers as enrichment camp instructors. The staff also includes many returning camp counselors who are always excited to be a part of your child's summer experience and memories! The goal of the North Branford Summer Summer Camp Program and staff is to help campers develop life-long friendships and a passion for learning!

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, there will be adjustments to the camp schedule and activities and health and safety protocols put in place, in accordance with the East Shore District Health Department and the Office of Early Childhood.

For more information, please visit the camp website: <https://summercamp.northbranfordschools.org>.

We will be using FamilyID for registration this summer. Please visit our FamilyID portal to begin the registration process: <https://www.familyid.com/north-branford-public-schools-summer-program/north-branford-summer-camp-2021>

Directions on how to use FamilyID can be found here: [FamilyID Registration Information Page.pdf](#)

I am very pleased to be able to offer the children of North Branford and surrounding towns this amazing opportunity while providing a safe, fun-filled summer! Thank you for your continued support of our summer camp program!

Sincerely,

Scott Schoonmaker
Superintendent of Schools

Please direct all summer camp inquiries to:
camp-director@northbranfordschools.org

THEY MAKE US PROUD

Sarah Vitarisi was inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte.

Meagan Hanratty was inducted into the Education Honor Society at Eastern Connecticut Statre University in Willimantic, Ct.

NORTH BRANFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Confidential records of former students who received Special Education services from North Branford Public Schools, who have a birth date between January 1, 1992 and December 31, 1993, will have their confidential records destroyed on May 15, 2021.

Former students who wish to pick up these records may contact the Special Services Office at 203-484-1230, to make arrangements, before

May 10, 2021. Destruction of these records is permitted in accordance with Section 7-109, of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Recycling News

Plastic Film Drop Off Program Restarted April 5th
4 convenient drop off sites: Town Hall, Atwater and Smith
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HazWaste Central opening May 22nd for the 2021 season

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*Recent contaminations included: wood, paint, construction debris, auto
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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 (recyclables
in plastic bags are treated as trash)
- **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
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Please put these common non-recyclable items in the trash:
garden hoses, black plastic containers (TV dinner trays, outdoor plant
trays), styrofoam cups and containers

Thank you for recycling responsibly

Blood Clot Awareness Support Group

The purpose of this group is to share our experience after suffering a blood
clot, as well as gain information and support for each other.

The group will meet on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:30 PM at North Farms
Park, 251 North Branford Rd. in North Branford. It is an outside meeting
so bring a chair, If it rains we will sit under the pavillion outside.

For more information please contact Debbie at 203-483-0646. Leave a
message and phone number and I will return your call or just show up for
the meeting.



***Inspire and connect to others
as a Dudley Farm Museum Docent***

Help celebrate North Guilford’s rich history by becoming a docent at The
Dudley Farm Museum. With guidance provided by the Museum Director
along with an *Interpretive Plan for the Dudley Family Farmhouse* and
another for *Agriculture at the Dudley Farm*, docents serve as tour guides,
interacting with visitors to ensure a memorable experience.

No previous background in history is required, just a passion for learning
and sharing knowledge with visitors. The benefits of becoming a docent
include not only building relationships with people who share a common
interest and becoming an active participant in the community, but also
learning from local experts about the history of North Guilford and the
surrounding region.

While docents are asked to provide three hours of service twice a month,
other arrangements can be made on an individual basis.

About The Dudley Farm Museum

The Dudley Farm Museum is located at 2351 Durham Road in Guilford
at the intersection of S.R. 80 and S.R. 77. Encompassing 10 ½ acres, this
19th-century farm was worked continuously by the Dudley family, descen-
dants of Guilford’s first settlers, from the early 1700’s until 1991. You are
invited to visit our website, www.dudleyfarm.com, call 203-457-0770, or
email us at info@dudleyfarm.com for more information. Of course, you
are always welcomed to visit us “down on the Farm.”

The Dudley Farm Museum, part of the Dudley Foundation, is a 501(c)
(3) non-profit organization in accordance with the standards and regula-
tions of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

**TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD
TOWN BUDGET REFERENDUM
MAY 11, 2021**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of North Branford
that a Budget Referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021,
for the purpose of voting on the following question:

“Shall the Town Council Recommended Budget of \$55,020,430
which will require a mill rate of 33.14 mills, be adopted?”

Those desiring to vote in favor of said budget should fill in the oval
next to the words “I accept the budget”.

Those desiring to vote against the budget should fill in the oval next
to the words at **either** “I reject the budget because it is too high” **or**
“I reject the budget because it is too low”.

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as
follows:

District 1 Jerome Harrison Elementary School, 335 Foxon Road
– Route 80

District 2 Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middle-
town Avenue – Route 17

Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be opened at twelve
noon (**12:00 p.m.**) and will remain open until eight o’clock in the
evening (**8:00 p.m.**).

Absentee ballots shall be available as provided by law at the Town
Clerk’s Office during regular business hours. Per Governor Lamont’s
Executive Order 10E, Covid-19 may be selected as an option to vote
by absentee ballot for this referendum.

In accordance with section C8-5 of the North Branford Charter,
only registered voters are eligible to vote at the Budget Referendum.

Lisa A. Valenti, MMC - North Branford Town Clerk

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

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. 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.

Zion Episcopal Church

326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford, 203-488-7395.

In May the Zion community returns to in-person worship outdoors on our grounds at 9:15 on Sunday morning. Please bring your own lawn chair. Social distancing and masks required. Holy Communion will be distributed in one kind-we will not share the consecrated wine. The worship service will also be on our Facebook page live. In case of inclement weather, we will be back on Zoom. Please contact zion_office@att.net for a link to the Zoom service. Please visit our website www.zionepiscopalchurch.org. Zion is an open and affirming congregation. We believe that every human being is a beloved child of God. The Zion community welcomes all who seek the healing love of Christ regardless of age, sex, race, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression or socioeconomic status.

Bereavement Group

Please join us as we start another session of ‘Sorrow Into the Light’ a bereavement support group for anyone struggling with the loss of a loved one. If you decide to join our group please think of it as a safe place for you to share your feelings and your sorrow. This journey will begin on May 13 and go through to June 17 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the chapel of the North Branford Congregational Church, 1680 Foxon Road.



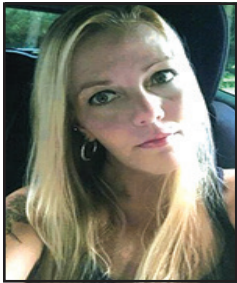
Mother’s Day Weekend Flower Sale

Northford Congregational Church, “A Little Church with a Big Heart,” will have a Mother’s Day weekend flower sale to benefit the church. The flower sale will be held on Fri. and Sat., May 7 and 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sun. May 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the flowers/plants will be sold inside the church social hall downstairs.

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

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.

DEATH NOTICE



Tammie R. Massores Kopylec, 47, of Northford, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 15th, 2021 at Bridgeport Hospital. She was the wife of Wayne Kopylec. Tammie was born in New Britain on May 3, 1973 and was the daughter of Daniel and Rosalee LaValley Meza. She worked for Industrial Trucks of North Haven, Northland Industrial Trucks of Wallingford, and Diversified Technologies Consultants as an Accounts Payable and Billing Specialist. She loved tattoos, animals, and being on the back of her husband’s motorcycle. Mother of Paul Massores III, and Alyssa Massores. Stepmother of Jennifer, Jeremy and Wayne Kopylec, Jr. Sister of Daniel (Evelyn) Meza, Jeffery Meza and Evamarie (Scott) Rosado. Step-Grandmother of Isabella Kolylec. Also survived by her former mother and father in laws Lynda and Paul Massores, Sr., nieces, and nephews.



Gladys G. Rose, 86, passed away peacefully on April 18, 2021 with family by her side. She was the only child of Chester and Kathryn Walker Gedney, and was born and raised in North Branford. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 63 years, David Rose. Together they owned and managed Rose Orchards and Rose Construction. She was an extremely hardworking person, often working from dawn to dusk, and beyond, seven days a week for the benefit of the family farm. Gladys had many roles in life, but most treasured being a wife, mother, and grandmother.

She is survived by her five children: Sara-Jane (Charles) Querfeld, Diane (Ernest) Nunzianto, Alfred (Ruth) Rose, Wendy (David) Skelton, and Robert (Penni) Rose. Grandchildren include Stephanie, Stephen, and Tyler Rose; Aaron, Avery, Emma, and Alden Skelton; Abbie Walston, Jonathan and Nathaniel Rose, Matthew, Mark, and Michael Nunzianto, and Shannon Miscio. She was predeceased by grandson Peter Rose. She was blessed with fourteen great grandchildren: Josh, David, and Anna Rose Walston; Logan, Colton, Mia, Marco, Henry, and Andrew Nunzianto; Landon and Owen Skelton; Harrison and Mason Miscio; and Audrey Rose. The Celebration of her Life will be private, due to the pandemic.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the North Branford Fire Department, Company 1 at PO Box 537 North Branford CT 06471.

Always remember that no matter what our struggles we are never alone. The ‘Sorrow Into the Light’ group is led by Gerry Borgerson, a retired Marriage and Family Therapist. Assisting the group will be Tracey Kennedy. If you have questions please feel free to call Gerry at 203-483-1116.



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Instructor: Ambulance Co. #4
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Girls & Boys Welcome! Ideal class for current and future sitters. This training gives you the knowledge, skills, and confidence to care for infants and school-aged children. This course addresses safety issues, preventing injuries and illnesses, and basic childcare. Students learn by doing and will be required to demonstrate the skills to be certified by the American Pediatric Association. (Bring a lunch)

YOGA TO RELEASE THE WEEK

Ages 16+ — STW Community Center
Thursday, May 6 - June 24, 6:30 - 7:30pm
Instructor: Bhogah Yoga
\$75 res/ \$80 nr

Join us for this OUTDOOR class! Appropriate for all ages and levels. A fluid (vinyasa) class taught with basic foundation poses, alignment and options for the beginner students, as well as, seasoned practitioners. This class will focus on releasing the stress of your busy week in both the mind and body leaving all students with more space to breathe, ease in their body and calm in their mind. All classes will be specifically designed to the students' needs who are attending.

Mary's Culinary Classes

Ages 5-14

STW Community Center • 5:30 - 7:30 pm

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

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MAY 11, 2021

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SAVE THE DATE!

Welcome Back Seniors!
Outdoor Lunch & Concert

11:30 am - 1:00pm • May 13, 2021

STW Community Center

Stay tuned for details!

OUTDOOR BINGO

Ages 55+ — STW Community Center

Fridays: 5/7, 5/21, 6/11, 6/25 - 10:00am - FREE?

Space is limited, must register in advance! **And don't forget to pack your own snacks, water bottle, and a jacket!**

ARTS & CRAFTS WITH KAREN

Ages 55+ — STW Community Center

Monday, May 14 at 11:00am - FREE

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