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Best,
Frank and Jeff
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Brothers Frank and Joe Bevilacqua opened the doors in May of 1991, naming the restaurant after their late father, Giovanni. In 1993 Joe left the business to pursue other interests and Frank remained in the business alone. Jeff O'Connor was hired as a driver in 1994 and over the next few years learned all about the business. In 1997 Frank asked Jeff to join him as a partner.

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Congratulations on their 30 years in business and wish them continued success!



Enjoy The Beautiful Weather - Get Out and Meet Your Neighbors!



The May 28th issue of the Totoket Times will not be mailed. It will be dropped off in our local businesses.

We urge you to get out and meet your neighbors. Stop in and pick up your free issue and maybe make a purchase or just say hello to these business owners.

Enjoy your visit with the community and we will resume your mail delivery with the 6-11 issue.

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June 11	June 4
June 25	June 18
July 9	July 2
July 23	July 16
August 6	July 30
August 20	August 13
September 10	August 27

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State Representative Vincent Candelora

The Legislature, Sweating the Small Stuff (too)



The House of Representatives passed legislation recently benefitting consumers, a bill that would create additional protections for those who choose to get their electricity from a third-party supplier in the state’s retail energy market rather than Eversource or United Illuminating.

Among the provisions of H.B. 6526 is an elimination of early termination fees for residential customers who choose to leave their relationship with a third-party electric supplier, and another that prohibits those suppliers from reassigning customers to another supplier without first asking state regulators.

I figured that I’d mention this bill to remind everyone that the legislature, of course, does much more than what makes the nightly news. For every conversation about internet gaming or commercializing marijuana, there’s commensurate talk about smaller topics that have big impact people’s lives. For example, House members voted unanimously (H.B. 5596) last week to authorize expanded use of telehealth services for another two years. The Telehealth model isn’t perfect, but it’s been a useful tool for many people over the last year.

Other recent topics tackled in the House include creating a chronic kidney disease advisory committee (H.B. 6387) that would help raise awareness to the issue and develop research-based education and wellness campaigns. We passed H.B. 6121, which requires state economic development officials to make a plan establishing a workforce development pipeline program for people with disabilities. Due by Nov. 1, the plan must incentivize businesses to provide training programs, offer modified interviews, and reserve market-rate full time jobs.

In ordinary times, the legislature would be accomplishing much more. COVID-19 concerns have slowed the process. With capacity restrictions in the House chamber, communication has been more difficult with legislators splitting time between their desks inside the capitol and the Legislative Office Building. The House and Senate have conducted business on different days to reduce the number of people inside the capitol at one time, adding a new if not challenging wrinkle to getting bills over the finish line and onto the governor’s desk.

I remain disappointed that the capitol is closed to the public. Unfortunately, that’s unlikely to change before the legislative session ends June 9. By mid-May, the last remnants of the governor’s business capacity restrictions will have been lifted—businesses will be open, yet the people’s building closed.

Republicans and majority Democrats who control building access haven’t let our opposing stance on that issue or other contentious topics—a new gas tax, and taxes in general—become a barrier to getting work done, however. We produce our best work when we work together.

We did just that in late March, when our state’s pandemic-hit restaurant industry signaled the need for legislation that would preserve the relaxed restriction on outdoor dining permitting.

Another small, yet consequential bipartisan achievement.

There’s a lot of work to do between now and the end of the session. Yes, conversation about big ticket items will steal the headlines: Government-run healthcare, transportation infrastructure, elections oversight. Just remember, though, that we’re working on that seemingly small stuff too.

Yes, that’s right—those headache-inducing variable rate contracts from third-party energy suppliers could be a thing of the past if H.B. 6526 goes the distance.

Let’s Be “Frank”

The month of May was always a special month for my mom. Not only did we celebrate Mother’s Day but also her birthday.

My mother was a terrible person who in today’s society would have been sent to jail. When I did something wrong, she wasn’t afraid to hit first and ask questions later

In my home, low grades in school were not accepted. It wasn’t enough to just try. Work without results was just a waste of time. If you studied for four hours and did not get an “A”, then you should have studied for six. When I told her about the things all the other kids had that I did not, she was not sympathetic. She pointed out the things I had that others did not.

When I complained about working full time and going to high school and later college, she didn’t tell me to lighten up my load, she taught me to manage it.

When I used foul language, she never rationalized that it was “the language of the times”. She washed my mouth out with soap and that was the lesser of the penalties for bad language.

When I misbehaved in school or disrespected my elders, she didn’t tell me how stupid those people were or make a scene at the school because her “baby boy” was being abused. She told me that in life you had to figure out how to overcome hurdles and deal with and respect all types of people.

We could only stay home from school when we were sick. There was no allowance made for mental health days. If you stayed home from school, you stayed home from everything. That included friends coming over after school (except to bring you your homework assignments) and even talking on the phone. If you were too sick for school, you were too sick for anything else.

When it was time for the talk on sex education there were no diagrams or books to read. She simply told me to keep my hands to myself and if she found out I was “doing something wrong”, she would cut off a part of my body that I really loved.

There were no large screen TV’s or gym memberships. If you wanted exercise, run around the block, take out the trash or wash the kitchen floor. Speaking about the trash, we didn’t take it out when we were ready, but when my mother was ready.

Yes, my mother was terrible. She would never cut me slack and never let me get away with anything. She taught me to fend for myself, knowing that she was always there to set me on the straight path should I stray. She taught me that good values and morals could not be compromised. She taught me that tough love was a very difficult task (which often hurt her more than me) but in the long run the results would be better.

My mother took the books on parenting and used them to prop up the windows that were broken or raise the youngster’s seats on a chair. She used common sense and love for a parenting philosophy. She just didn’t do it the way she was supposed and I’m so glad of that.

I’ll see you soon brother. Say hi to mom for me.

Reprinted in part from a past issue.

Nice Work for the First 100 Days

Dear Editor,

After the previous administration failed to acknowledge the more than a half million Americans dead from the novel Coronavirus, President Biden has been busy addressing the problem with increased testing for Coronavirus, following scientific guidance for slowing infection rates, and assisting State governments with funding for testing, vaccination outreach and logistics. He should get credit for getting 230 million vaccinations into American arms all across the country.

Enhanced relief checks have been issued to families, many of whom were unemployed due to the pandemic, at risk of eviction, hunger, and homelessness. Economic growth for this quarter is at 6%, which reflects the improving conditions.

Gas prices, oil prices and grocery prices are commodities. As the pandemic subsidies, travel and transportation increase demand. Basic capitalist principles state that higher prices follow an increase in demand when supplies are low. Prices

were low when there was no demand. There was no demand because the economy was in recession and unemployment rates were at historic highs.

Now, we might at last emerge from the pandemic with an opportunity to invest in our country by rebuilding our failing infrastructure, promised for four long years, but never delivered. Of course, that would require that Congress and the Senate actually do work and that Republicans get over the idea that cutting taxes can build bridges.

Sincerely,
Susan DeSilver

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Artaiz, Mercedes
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Colantonio, Cassidy
Danner, Nathan
DeLucia, Ryan
Dion, Gabrielle Marie
Durkin, Kaleigh Rae
Esposito, Benjamin
Esposito, Shane
Falcioni, Alexa Jai
Ferraro, Samantha
Frost, Kevin Charles
Graver, Kara Ellen
Hannan, Catherine
Higgins, Joshua
Hills, Adriana Marie
Hoskins, Mallory
Kamienski, Daytona
Krebs, Marley Mae
Lamot, Joanna
Manske, Griffin
McCullough, Giana
McMillen, Erin Shea
Melillo, Karma Angel
Melillo, Samantha
Mercuriano, Edmund
Montesanto, John
Nuzzo, Megan
Onofrio, Juliann
Patel, Preet Chirag
Rizzuti, Aaliyah Dana

Sadlon, Ana Carol
Segui, Gioia Cipriana
Spanier, Sofia Bean
VanDerMaelen, Sophia
Vongher, Miles

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Beecher, Zachary
Bliven, Alyssa Jean
Bliven, Gary Taylor
Brustman, Leah
Budd, Michael Gabriel
Carusone, Justin
Cioffi-Smith, Riley
Connelly, Tyler John
Cucchiarelli, Jack
DePino, Payton Hope
Dodge, Tyler Daniel
Evans, Ariana Ann
Falcigno, Nico Matteo
Falconi, Jair Alexander
Foley, Caden Joseph
Haeckel, Jason
Heffernan, Tyler John
Intravia, Luca
Kuczynski, Madison
Lacroix, Cameron
Landino, Luca Joseph
Longo, Brandon John
Marino, Alyssa Charla
O’Brien, Charles
Papa, Samantha Marie
Pienkosz, Olivia
Poston, Jacob Logan
Raymond Caleb
Riordan, Zachary

Ryszczyk, Ava Diana
Saulino, Luca Aniello
Sherman, Aiden Heath
Sigel, Anthony Joseph
Sorrell, Sophia Marie
Traill, Gavin Ian
Venturini, Leo Patrick
Vitarisi, Lauren
Westefeld, John David

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Angiollo, Luca Anthony
Aucapina, Isabella
Blotney, Cole Hunter
Carbone, Armani
Chasanoff, Ella Rose
Cinquegrana, Jonathan
Dolzani, Steven Natale
Dowson, Marina
Esposito, Mason Walker
Francisco, Connor
Frost, Adrienne Olivia
Fusco-Cuneo, Aden
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Guerrero, Gabriel
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Pearson, Luciano
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Peterson, Leif Morgan
Podzikowski, Siena
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Sigal, Alexandra
Sigal, Michael
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Dell’Aquila, Vincent
Galasso, Gregory
Godoy, Noah Tomas
Guerrero, Aleksander
Hannan, Mary Susan
Izzo, Tanner James
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Mann, Julia Rose
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Proto, Natalia Grace
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Wright, Christian
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Teacher’s Recognized at Jerome Harrison

PTO Board members of Jerome Harrison School, recently organized a chalk the teachers lot event for teacher’s appreciation week.

It was a huge success and really showed so much community pride! JHS families were inspired by how amazing our teachers are they came out in droves all weekend to create hundreds of drawings and messages of gratitude to the staff all over the front and back lots as well as the sidewalks.

One of the dads Michael Horn, had an ariel photography bussiness and rushed to school with little sunlight left on super short notice to get these amazing shots.

Here is a video so you can see just how amazing this was
https://youtu.be/93KUVr_pSrA

THEY MAKE US PROUD



PFC Ryan Meehan 19 years old is a U.S. Army baic Training graduate in Benning, Georgia. He is currently in Army Advanced Infantry Training also in Benning.

Jack Meehan received honors at North Branford High School.

John Pellegrino was inducted into Lambda Pi Eta National Honor Society for communication. John is a student at Eastern Connecticut State University in Wllilamntic, CT.

Joseph Cappello, Kristen Pagano, Stephanie Sager, Amanda Croce, Shelley Kwalek, Kaitlyn Morris and Cassandra Stegina were named to the Dean’s List at Goodwin University in East Hartford, CT.

Jessica Cirivello was inducted into the Phi Theta Delta, in the Department of Health Sciences at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic.
Ryan Stephens was named to the Political Science Honor Society at Eastern Connecticut State College in Willimantic.

Meagan Hanratty was induted into the Sigma Tau Delta honor society at Eastern Conencticut State University.

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Matt in the Minors



Well. Even though I warned myself not to; I played GM.

Two weeks ago I assumed I would be on the Low A affiliate in Palm Beach and to my surprise I was moved up to High A in Peoria, IL. It doesn't matter how you get there, as long as you do. It was a bit emotional to be moved up on such short notice. It takes some guys years in the organization to get to High A so it's a little intimidating.

Imagine your first month on the job and you get a promotion. I'm sure your coworkers would not be

happy with that.

There are four first year players on my team in High A. Two of which are top 5 round draft picks from 2020. Another is a free agent signee like myself. The second round draft pick is a corner outfielder so I get to talk with him and learn everyday. It's amazing that you think you know so much, but there is always more to learn. We play Tuesday-Saturday at 6:35 central time, Sundays in the early afternoon, and Mondays are our off day. Although our team plays every day that does not mean that I play every day. I would love to play 120 games in a row but I think the organization has different plans.

So far I've played every other day. Two games total. My professional debut I struck out twice and grounded out to first. I did not have a chance to catch a fly ball or throw anyone out in centerfield. Game two I was able to work a few walks and put the ball in play but still no hits yet. It's a big adjustment and I'm overwhelmed with the love and support of everyone.

The minor league grind is real.

More to come next time. -Matt

Matthew Chamberlain

Busy Schedule for Boys LaCrosse

The Thunderbirds boys lacrosse team had a busy schedule recently with two home games and a road game. that took t. The TBirds started their stretch with a home game against rival Morgan. They defeated the Huskies 10-5. Next up were the Valley Regional Warriors who have the Birds number this year with their second win 13-7 at George Colafati Field. The Warriors won the opener against NB on April 10 with a 10-6 to sweep the two game series. The Birds finished out the stretch by traveling to Stamford to take on Westhills. The Vikings are a LL school and play in the tough FCIAC. Their enrollment is 2400 students versus NB which has 577. The boys played hard before losing 13-6.



Colby Martinik heads up field against Morgan



Dylan Dimeo fights for the ball.



Ethan Raymond gets around defender.



Nick Poulin and Ryan Vaspasiano play defense.



Zac Abbaganaro picks up opponent.



Matt Pederson, Eric Izzo and Nick Poulin gang up on a Valley player.

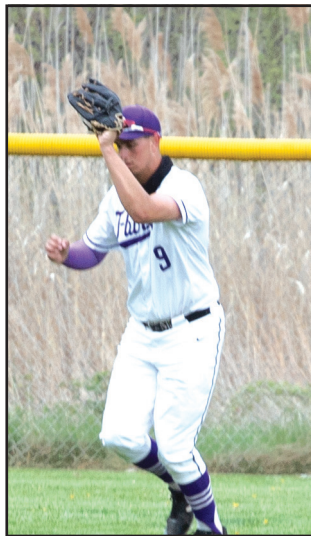
LaCrosse photos and information courtesy of Bill O'Brien.



NBHS Baseball Team Goes on 5-2 Run

The North Branford baseball team went on a 5-2 run capping it off with a walk off victory over perennial rival Haddam Killingworth. The walkoff victory came on Senior Night to give the boys a 9-4 record at presstime.

Photos by Dina Mingione Falcioni.



The outfield has been proficiently covered by junior Dom Scalia and seniors Trevor (Hollywood)Holtzer and PJ Mullins.



Freshman pitcher Caleb Allen got the win against H-K and was backed up by some clutch play by third baseman Cameron Garrett.



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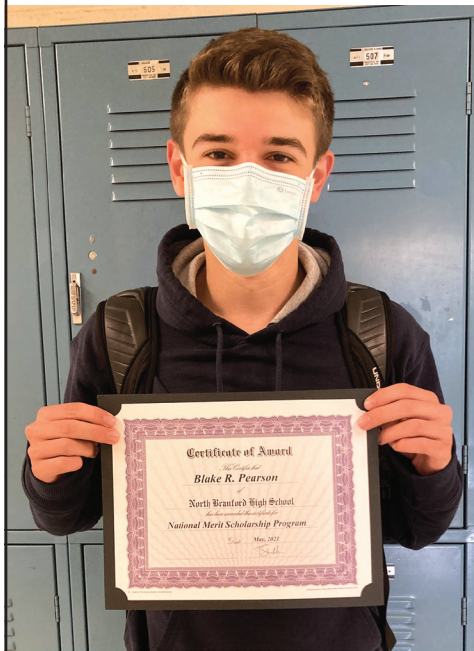
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CIAC Scholar Athletes

NBHS Seniors Ethan Sabetta & Catherine Dow have been named CIAC Scholar Athletes for their accomplishments in the classroom and during their athletic careers at NBHS. CIAC hosted a virtual event on Sunday May 2 that honored student-athletes throughout the state of Connecticut. Pictured center, NBHS Athletic Director Lori Connelly



Merit Program
Semi finalist

NBHS Junior Blake Pearson has been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program for his performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Qualifying Test (PSAT). From the 50,000 high scorers nationwide, approximately 16,000 will be named National Merit Scholarship Program Semi-finalists with the opportunity to continue in the competition to earn scholarship awards during 2022. Students and families will be notified this fall by the organization.

Photos compliments NBHS Principal Todd Stoeffler

Congratulations To
Gioia Segui

Daughter of Jose and Erica Urbano Segui of Northford. Gioia, a national Junior Honor Society member and Anti-Defamation League Peer Leader, will be entering Choate Rosemary Hall for the fall of 2021.

Gioia is excited to be joining Choate. She is eager to explore the opportunities for college, while being a part of Choate's softball community.

Gioia is the granddaughter of Roberta Urbano of Northford and the great-granddaughter of Carmel Proto of North Haven.

We would very much like to thank Brett Bradanini, the owner of DiamondZone (where Gioia plays and trains) in North Haven, and all of his amazing staff for giving Gioia such a great experience and so many opportunities.



Bereavement Support Group

North Branford Congregational Church will again be offering a bereavement support group for anyone struggling with the loss of a loved one. The group will meet on Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, from May 13 until June 17, in the chapel adjacent to the sanctuary, 1680 Foxon Road (Route 80), North Branford. "Sorrow Into The Light: A Place to Grieve and to Heal" will be led by Gerry Borgerson, a retired Marriage and Family Therapist and Tracy Kennedy. "Our church family recognizes the pain and sorrow felt by the loss of a loved one, and wanted to again give folks a safe place to share their feelings," according to Borgerson and Kennedy. "Sharing your struggles is a way that can help begin the healing process. As you interact with those in our group, all can benefit from the experience, not only helping you through this difficult time, but also bringing comfort to others as well. For we must always remember that no matter what our struggles we are never alone!" Grief is the natural response to the death of a loved one, displayed in different ways based on the person grieving and that person's circumstances. As such, grief and mourning are unique in the characteristics and course for each individual. The relationship with the person who died and the quality of that relationship will significantly impact how a child or adult will grieve. Each member of the same family will grieve the death differently because of his or her unique relationship with the person who died and his or her own personality structure. When grief goes unresolved, the impact and aftereffects are likely to be devastating. Unattended grief often results in chronic depression, withdrawal, aggression, social anxiety, failing relationships, declining job/school performance, eating disorders, substance abuse, suicidal thoughts, and much more. "Despite the uniqueness of every situation, we can nevertheless find comfort and support from others who have recently experienced loss, simply by being there and listening, and together can help each other heal. We invite and encourage you to begin this journey with us," Borgerson and Kennedy concluded.

For more information and to register, please feel free to call Gerry at 203-483-1116 or Tracy at 203-500-0104.

Outdoor Sunday School

North Branford Congregational Church is happy to welcome children into its Sunday School. Weather permitting will hold classes outdoors on Sunday morning during the 10AM service (after the children's message in the service). In case of rain we will meet in the chapel with covid safety precautions in place. All children and teachers are required to wear a mask whether indoors or outdoors.

Come learn about Jesus, make friends and grow in faith with us.

The Food Pantry of North Branford, Inc.

1382 Middletown Ave., Northford

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY JUNE 2, 2021, WE HAVE

NEW HOURS OF OPERATION:

WEDNESDAYS 4-7 PM

FRIDAYS 10AM-1 PM

COVID-19 guidelines per East Shore Health Department will be followed and masks are required. Guests will be allowed in the building one at a time to shop. Specific guide-

lines may be found at:

www.foodpantrynb.org or

call us at (203)208-2581

NBLCT Annual Meeting

Please join the NBLCT via Zoom for their 2021 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 2 at 7 pm.

A short business meeting will be followed by a presentation:

There's More to a Forest Than the Trees

Connecticut appears as a sea of hills cloaked with a never-changing forest. In fact, our forested landscape is always changing. At times the changes are too slow for most people to notice. But at other times its changes are faster and more dramatic. Now in Connecticut forests, we are at the beginning of a second major change in forest composition that has taken place during the past 100 years. What was once farmland is now forest. Dr. Jeffrey Ward will help us see the invisible in our woods.

Since the loss of American chestnut in the early 1900s, the Connecticut forest has been dominated by oak. Today, our forest is gradually converting from oak to other species, especially maple, birch, and beech. As with the shift from chestnut to oak forests at the beginning of the century, the emergence of a forest dominated by northern hardwoods will alter the economic, ecological, and aesthetic values of our forest. The consequences of these changes will last well into the 21st century.

The mission of the NBLCT is to acquire and maintain open space and to promote the conservation and enjoyment of land and natural resources within the Town of North Branford.

Dr. Jeffrey Ward will help you see things that you previously missed when walking through our forests. It is a unique opportunity, not to be missed. For additional information, visit the NBLCT) website at <http://nblandtrust.org> or our Facebook page.



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 STW Community Center 1332 Middletown Ave Northford
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 Follow us on Facebook! @NBParksandRecreation

FOR ALL PROGRAMS PLEASE BRING APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT AND YOUR WATER BOTTLE



Enrollment is now open
 for camp, grades 1-6!

Our camp runs from
 Monday June 28 - Friday August 20
 8:30am - 4:30pm
 Register online at www.nbcreation.com

MINI CAMPS: JUNE 21—JUNE 25

Skyhawks Sports & Games Camp
 \$165/res, \$170/non-res

Ages 8-12 — 9-3:00pm • STW Multi-purpose court

Mini-Hawks Sports Camp - \$139/res, \$144/non-res

Ages 4-7 — 9-12:00pm • STW Multi-purpose court

NEW Food Explorers Cooking Camp - \$135
 Ages 5-11 — 2-5:00pm • STW Kitchen

For full program details visit nbcreation.com



Virtual Camps by Kidscapades - \$65 per week

July 12 - July 15 at 9:00-9:30 • Virtual Princess Days: ages 3-6

July 19- 22 at 9:00-9:30 • Adventureland Camp: ages 3-6

July 26-29 at 9:00-9:30 • Summer Sizzling Science ages 5-8

Visit nbcreation.com for full details and descriptions! And please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions!



HARRISON FARM PRESERVE SCAVENGER HUNT

Come and enjoy the beautiful trails and participate in our Family Scavenger Hunt in collaboration with the North Branford Land Trust at Harrison Farm Preserve located at

95 North St, North Branford, CT 06471

Scavenger Hunt forms can be found at nbcreation.com

General Info tab -> Department Info -> Scroll down to "Recreation" and click the link to the pdf that you can print.

After you complete the scavenger hunt, stop by Atwater Library (Monday - Friday, 10 - 5 & Saturday 9 - 12) to enter our Nature Raffle!

Mary's Culinary Classes

Ages 5-14

STW Community Center • 5:30 - 7:30 pm

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

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



MAY 25, 2021
BBQ Chicken Quesadilla & Cookie Dough Cones



CHAIR YOGA

Ages 55+ — STW Community Center
 Monday, June 7— June 28, 1:00-2:00pm
 \$30 res/ \$35 nr

Instructor: Pat Velleca.

Chair Yoga is an excellent way to loosen and stretch muscles, reduce stress, and improve circulation. This well rounded program includes flexibility and balance exercises.

Annual Senior Picnic
 Featuring:
The Muddy Rudders
 Co-sponsored with North Branford Rotary Club
 Thursday, June 24, 4:30-6:00pm
 STW Community Center Parking Lot
 FREE for town senior residents,
 \$5 for non residents
 Nothing says summer like live music, friends and food!
 Music begins at 4:30pm | Meal served at 5:00pm
 Bring your lawn chair and enjoy!
Please register by June 15th

OUTDOOR BINGO

Ages 55+ — STW Community Center

Fridays: 5/21, 6/11, 6/25 - 10:00am - .25 per card

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

**FEELING LIKE YOU NEED
A GETAWAY?**
 Check out the great opportunities
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Taste of North Branford Raffle Fundraiser for PoCo
GRAND PRIZE: \$1,600 IN GIFT CARDS
 32 \$50 gift cards to restaurants & eateries in North Branford and Northford
SECOND PLACE: \$800 IN \$25 GIFT CARDS
THIRD THROUGH 35TH PLACE: \$25 GIFT CARD
 Winners will choose from gift cards available to local restaurants in order drawn
 Country Paint & Hardware — a long-time supporter of PoCo — will also be contributing to the prizes!
\$20.00/ticket
www.nbcreation.com
 SCAN ME WITH YOUR CAMERA TO VENMO!
 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 5/18/21 @ North Branford Potato and Corn Festival
 For info, email potatofest@townofnorthbranfordct.com

Lucky's Chinese • McDonald's • Milani's Bakery • Nalaz • Northford Country Grill

Doozy's • Dunkin' • Giovanni's • Good Vines Nutrition • Great Wall • Hidden Kitchen • J. Cakes • Joey Cat's • La Cucina • La Morasca's • Leon's • Rose Orchards Creamery • Buck's Grill • Subway • Supreme Seafood • Taco Palace • Wasabi

Local Beer & Wine Raffle Fundraiser for PoCo
GRAND PRIZE: \$1,000 IN GIFT CARDS
 20 \$50 gift cards to area breweries & wineries
SECOND PLACE: \$500 IN \$25 GIFT CARDS
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Recycling News

Plastic Film Drop Off Program Restarted April 5th

4 convenient drop off sites:

Town Hall, Atwater and Smith Libraries and Park & Rec

HazWaste Central opening May 22nd for the 2021 season

Located right behind the Regional Water Authority's headquarters,
 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven

Hours are 9am to noon - Saturdays through October 30th,

Note: Center is closed for the Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day holiday weekends.

Not Accepted at HazWaste Central

Asbestos, Commercial Waste, Electronics, Fire Extinguishers, Gas-Grill Size Propane Tanks, Medicine, Needles, Smoke Detectors, Pharmaceuticals

Call 203-401-2712 or email ask.hazwaste@rwater.com for more information

Can't Remember the Last Time You Used a Phone Book? Then It's Time to Opt Out

Unwanted phone books are waste of resources.

Phone books in the US use an estimated 4.68 million trees worth of wood fiber annually.

That equals a forest the size of 14 football fields every single day!

Here's how to opt out:

1. Visit yellowpagesoptout.com
2. Enter your zip code and create an account
3. After completing registration, click "opt out of or order directories"
4. Choose "opt out of all" option, then "save changes" and hit CONFIRM

Next Electronics Recycling

Saturday July 10, 2021 **9:00 AM - Noon**

North Branford Recycling Center (Public Works - Rte 22)
290 Forest Road

Reduce Contamination

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

Recent contaminations included: wood, paint, construction debris, auto parts, dog waste, plastic bags

- 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 it properly.

- To find additional recycling locations using zip code and radius, use **Recycler Finder** at recyclerfinder.com

Please put these common non-recyclable items in the trash:
 garden hoses, black plastic containers (TV dinner trays, outdoor plant trays), plastic utensils, pots & pans

Thank you for recycling responsibly

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established school with wonderful and caring teachers and small class sizes.
This is a 15 hour per week position. Candidates must have certification from
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