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The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, **May 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** in the North Branford section of town. The Veterans Service Commission and the Town of North Branford extend an invitation to everyone who wishes to march on that day. Groups will form on Commerce Drive which is located off Route 80 at 9:00 a.m. The parade line-up will start at 9:30 a.m. and step off at 10:00 a.m. **sharp.**

The parade line will proceed east onto Route 80 toward the North Branford Congregational Church. All are invited to Company #1 Firehouse, 1531 Foxon Rd, North Branford after the ceremony for refreshments.

Memorial Day is dedicated to honoring and remembering the men & women who have served our country and have since passed way. Anyone who has a family member or acquaintance who is deceased veteran is invited to carry a picture of this person in our Memorial Day parade to honor their memory

Interested groups contact **Gina Cox in the Town Manager's Office**, gcox@northbranfordct.gov or 203-484-6000 or **Kathy Poston at Parks, Recreation and Senior Center**, kposton@northbranfordct.gov or 203-484-6017. This is necessary to be included in the parade lineup. **RSVP no later than Wednesday, May 21, 2025.** We look forward to another successful parade.

Calling all past and present Military to Walk in the Memorial Day Parade

REMEMBER AND HONOR



On Monday, May 26, 2025



The parade will be held in the North Branford section of town. The parade line-up will start at 9:30 a.m. and step off at 10:00 a.m. sharp. The parade will proceed East onto Route 80 toward the North Branford Congregational Church.

**** There will be vehicles for you to ride in**** Kindly inform us by Wednesday, May 21, 2025, if you need transportation in the parade.

Please contact **Gina Cox in the Town Manager's Office** at gcox@northbranfordct.gov or 203-484-6000 or **Kathy Poston at Parks, Recreation and Senior Center**, kposton@northbranfordct.gov 203-484-6017. RSVP no later than Wednesday, May 21, 2025



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Town Council Approves \$65 Million Budget

NORTH BRANFORD - On April 22 the North Branford Town Council approved a \$65 million budget for the next fiscal year. The Council voted to approve adjustments made to the budget proposed by the Town Manager and Board of Education, sending the budget to a town-wide referendum on May 13th.

The budget represents a 5.1% increase over the prior year's budget. The vote on the budget follows a state-mandated independent revaluation process which saw residential property increase in value at a far greater percentage than commercial, something that is happening state-wide with other municipalities, which shifts the tax burden more onto residential taxpayers.

The mill rate for the town has decreased 8.9 mills accordingly from 35.93 last fiscal year, to 27.84 under the Council's proposed budget. The Council cut over \$2.1 million from the Town Manager / Board of Education budget over the \$5.1 million previously cut by the Town Manager.

Increases in the budget are driven largely by inflation, increased costs in materials and supplies, contracts, insurance, and personnel, as well as increasing debt service mostly associated with the new high school and police department projects. This is coupled with a significant decrease in state aid in the Governor's proposed budget.

The budget gives a \$200,000 increase to the Board of Education and arranges for the purchase of a new Engine 1 for the Fire Department without yet committing funds. The Council also cut operating hours of the Edward Smith and Atwater Libraries removing all winter Sunday hours and eliminated a current part-time position in the Building Department. The votes on budget adjustments were unanimous apart from the vote on the level of the Board of Education increase which passed on a party-line vote, 6 Republicans in favor, 3 Democrats against.

The budget now goes before residents for a town-wide budget referendum conducted May 13th, with polls being open from noon-8:00 p.m. For more info on the budget and the referendum.



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Salad Station

Mozzarella and Cherry Tomato Salad in Basil Pesto | Caesar Salad | Chopped Salad

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State Representative Vincent Candelora



Budget season is moving at warp speed as the Appropriations (spending) and Finance (revenue) Committees recently voted on their proposals for the next two-year state budget.

Both of these bills were drafted by majority party Democrats, who chair each committee. And while most people don't follow the state budget process closely, they may

be surprised to learn the two proposals are *not* balanced—not by a little, but by a lot. The Appropriations bill, for instance, exceeds the state's spending cap by more than \$272 million.

Thankfully, these separate proposals are just the starting point. They usually serve as bargaining positions in the larger negotiations that shape the final state budget—a process that typically involves the Governor's administration and both Democratic and Republican legislative leaders.

While Republicans successfully pushed for retirement and income tax relief in the 2022, the last *truly bipartisan* budget passed in 2017, when legislative control was nearly evenly split. That budget gave us the *fiscal guardrails* that continue to serve our state well—helping to rein in spending, reduce long-term debt, and rebuild Connecticut's once-depleted Budget Reserve Fund.

This year, however, the Democrats' revenue plan includes a so-called "temporary" 1.75% capital gains surcharge on some filers—expected to raise more than \$500 million over two years. Supporters claim it's about fairness, but their plan gives no tax relief to working- or middle-class families. They simply spend the money.

Even worse, this surcharge comes with no effort to cut spending. And here in Connecticut, we know how "temporary" taxes tend to stick around. Two moderate Democrats on the Finance Committee recognized this and voted *against* the surcharge, but the bill still advanced.

Meanwhile, there's no change to the truck tax that raises the cost of groceries and goods. The meals tax remains. There's no relief on the tax for children's clothing. And no help with the public benefits charge on electric bills—a hidden tax that's stretching family budgets to the limit.

In the weeks ahead, I'll join my Republican colleagues in offering responsible alternatives to the Democrats' nearly 10% General Fund spending increase—a plan that flies in the face of the fiscal discipline Connecticut desperately needs.

Rep. Vincent Candelora, House Republican Leader 86th District

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Letters to the editor...

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For the Health of it...

Going on Vacation? Don't Leave Your Health Behind!



Spring is finally in the air. It's a beautiful day, I'm in good spirits and feeling energized despite the fact that I am currently immersed in a season of uncertainty. Some major, life changing decisions have to be made. I'm tying up loose ends on several different projects and planning to be away for a one week vacation. When I return home it will be to do more of the same but my intention is to return with more focus and clarity to tackle what lies ahead. I've made the decision to come back refreshed rather than feeling like I need another week to recover from being away and I know from past experience that this is possible.

Just last night I heard from someone who has made the decision to make health a priority. She is making intentional choices and doing great! However, she is going on vacation soon and is concerned about falling off. She told me about the snacks she plans to take for the plane and asked for additional suggestions. I was so proud of her for thinking ahead, planning and reaching out. When your "why" is about your health, it can cause you to think twice and choose wisely.

Let's be honest—when most of us think "vacation," we imagine letting it *all* go. There's this unspoken rule that travel means pressing pause on all the things that make us feel balanced, good and whole in everyday life... but here's the truth: taking care of your health doesn't have to stop just because your suitcase is packed. Tiny choices add up—not in a pressure-filled way, but in a way that helps you come back from your trip feeling lighter, clearer, and more aligned. That is my intention. And, it is in keeping with my newly intensified "why" life-changing news of the very best kind! Our daughter and son-in-law are expecting their first child, making us first time grandparents *and* our son and his fiance are soon to be married!

So pondering *your* personal "why" and packing some thoughts of self-care for your body and mind while you're away can actually make your travels *better*. Imagine more energy, better mood, and coming home feeling refreshed—not like you need a cleanse and a nap. Tiny choices add up—not in a pressure-filled way, but in a way that helps you come back from your trip feeling lighter, clearer, and more aligned.

The good news? Health doesn't have to be all or nothing. It can be flexible, fun, and surprisingly simple, even when you're living out of a carry-on (and I will be!) You don't need a suitcase full of protein powder or a rigid workout plan. It's about shifting your perspective, not adding pressure.

Let's start with movement. Travel naturally invites activity. You're walking more, exploring more, and often being more present in your body than you are during your daily routine. That's a win. And if there's a gym around, and you're so inclined, check it out. Or you may want to throw in some stretching in the morning or a little balcony yoga. Bonus points—but not required.

Food is another big one. Yes, you're supposed to try the local specialties like that flaky croissant or perfect pasta dish. Food is part of the experience. You can savor every bite without guilt. Being healthy on vacation isn't about restriction and deprivation—it's about tuning in. Eat what feels exciting and good, and also notice what makes you *feel good*. Sometimes that's a salad, sometimes that's gelato. Both can belong. Remember there is food that serves the body and food that serves the soul—we need both!

Water, an essential travel companion, yet often neglected, offers one of the simplest ways to stay hydrated, energized, support digestion, and fend off the *post-flight puff*. Travel days especially can leave you feeling a bit

dried-out. A reusable water bottle can be your best friend, and your skin, sleep, and brain will all thank you for it.

Sleep might be a little trickier, but it's still worth keeping in mind. Late nights happen. Early flights happen. But even just trying to get a decent amount of rest between adventures can make a huge difference. Jet lag is real, and nobody wants to feel like a zombie at the "must see" attraction of the day. Little things help—like eye masks, earplugs, or creating a tiny bedtime routine that signals, "Hey, we're winding down now."

And then there's the mindset piece—maybe the most important of all. Because even if your usual rhythm gets completely thrown off (and it probably will), that doesn't mean your health has gone out the window. Let go of the guilt. Health isn't about control. It's about how you feel. And if you're feeling vibrant, relaxed, and present, you're doing something very right.

Don't aim for perfection. Taking care of yourself on vacation doesn't have to look like a wellness retreat. Sometimes it's just staying connected to what helps you feel good. Maybe that's walking to your favorite café in the morning. Maybe it's ordering something green because your body's craving it. Maybe it's drinking a glass of water before your second glass of wine.

So go ahead and soak it all in. I know I will. Take the photos. Eat the food. Be spontaneous. And in the midst of it, remember that your well-being can come with you. You don't have to "get back on track" when you return—because you never really fell off.

For more tips on winning with your health goals on vacation, reach out at joann@wellnessfusion.net. Remember the monthly article is here for you - For The Health of It!

JoAnn Begley is a Holistic Wellness Practitioner, and Certified Health, Nutrition & Lifestyle Coach, with 25 years experience in holistic wellness services.

TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD TOWN BUDGET REFERENDUM

MAY 13, 2025

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of North Branford that a Budget Referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

“Shall the Town Council Recommended Budget of \$65,044,838 which will require a mill rate of 27.84 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 STW Community Center (Gymnasium), 1332 Middletown Avenue – Route 17
- District 3 STW Community Center (Board meeting room), 1332 Middletown Avenue – Route 17

Voting machines 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.

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

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HazWaste Central helps area residents in member towns protect water quality by safely disposing of household wastes. Located at RWA at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven, HazWaste Central is open from **9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays only**. Household hazardous waste comes from everyday products used in the home, garage, yard or garden.

A visit to HazWaste Central is quick and easy. Participants never have to leave their cars, and the waste is off-loaded by professionals. Some of the household wastes that can be dropped off include aerosol cleaners and sprays, antifreeze, oil-based paint and pool chemicals. We also list some of the accepted items on your yellow trash information card.

Please visit <https://www.rwater.com/in-the-community/hazwaste-central> for a complete list of what is accepted along with the online registration form. You can also call 203-401-2712 or email ask.hazwaste@rwater.com.

Plastic Wrap Reminder

Most bird seed, pet food and mulch bags are not made of the right plastic to be considered plastic film. And even if they are labeled as recyclable, they would need to be clean to go into the plastic film bin. Please put these items into the trash unless it has a recycle symbol on it and has been turned inside out and clean.

Black plastic plant pots and takeout containers are not recyclable. The machinery can't detect the black plastic. Either try to return the plant pots to the place where you bought your plants or try to reuse them. I find the takeout containers have many uses around the house.

Change to North Branford's Plastic Bag Recycling Program

The town buildings are no longer collecting plastic film. We have started a new recycling station at Public Works to take plastic film, eye glasses and cell phones. No batteries will be collected, as it's a safety issue. Some retailers such as Staples, Home Depot and Lowes take household batteries for recycling.

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

North Haven Sons & daughters of Italy to Honor Three

On Wednesday, May 21, 2025, The North Haven Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge # 2805 will be recognizing State Representative Vincent Candelora, Nathan Vestal and Raymond Ciarleglio for their outstanding community service.

The dinner will take place at Woodwinds in Branford and tickets are \$55.00 per person which includes appetizers, a full buffet meal and a cash bar. Appetizers and cocktails will begin at 5:30 with dinner starting promptly at 6:15.

For tickets or more information call Frank Mentone at 203-410-4254 or email Fmentonejr@comcast.net.

The ticket deadline is May 15th



North Branford Land Conservation Trust and The Great Give

NBLCT is once again participating in **The Great Give** on **May 7-8**. This 36 hour, online, community-wide giving event was created by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven to raise visibility and resources for nonprofits serving Greater New Haven.

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Recognizing National Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) Awareness Day

The North Branford Town Council was joined on Tuesday by North Branford’s Ashley Fernandez, regional coordinator for the CdLS Foundation, her husband Michael, daughter Lilly, and her daughter Lindsey who was diagnosed with CdLS at the age of 18 months, to promote awareness about CdLS.

Mayor Rose Angeloni and the North Branford Town Council issued a proclamation declaring May 10th as International Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Awareness Day in North Branford. Cornelia de Lange Syndrome is a little-known genetic disorder causing children to be born with a low birth weight, develop slowly cognitively and physically, and experience numerous medical complications. An estimated 30,000 men, women and children in the U.S. have CdLS and are undiagnosed or are without support services.

North Branford is proud to join in the national effort to promote awareness of CdLS and to seek positive and productive impacts on the lives of people with CdLS and their caregivers.

PHOTO: L-R: Michael Fernandez, Lilly Fernandez, Ashley Fernandez, Lindsey Fernandez, and Mayor Rose Angeloni.

Town Recognizes Earth Day

At the April 22 Town Council meeting Mayor Rose Angeloni presented a proclamation for Earth Day on behalf of the Council and the Town to Bill Savastano of the Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee.

Every Opening Day for North Branford Little League there is an Earth Day Awareness Booth sponsored by SHWRC.

Photo: Bill Savastano and Mayor Rose Angeloni



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Anderson, Nico
Bernardo, Bella Mia
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Caffalette, Avery Rose
Camejo, Hannah Grace
Corso, Gianna Rose
Dagliere, Ellie Reese
DeLucia, Tessa Lyn
Demiroz, Ekin
Diaz, Max Avery
DiMeo, Jaxson John
Downes, Alexandra
Dowson, Lauren
Dynderski, Marlie
Fusco-Cuneo, Lucy a
Giannotti, Brinleigh
Guercia, Oakleigh
Gwiazda, Macey Rose
Hannon, Carli May
Heon, Nora Jane
Iamunno, Santino
Karim, Fatima
Kavanaugh, James
Levix, Caroline Rose
MacDougall, Kendall
Malkin, Riley
Manning, Avery
Manske, Gunner Luke
Marino, Gia Caterina
Mazzucco, Gianna
Montero, Christian
Podzikowski, Sophia
Poston, Tyler Mason
Potocsky, Addison
Rolston, Brielle
Romano, Luca
Rubino, Leah Marie
Salvati, Gianni
Salz, Arianna Isabelle
Sandagata, Luciano
Santiago, Giana Nicole
Savo, Lucas Dominic
Spanier, Elisia Belle
Timario, Nathan Albert
Toto, Lia Morgan
Yanza-Rivera, Jaquelyn

Grade 7 high honors

Allen, Cameron Sean
Altland, Noelle
Ames, Eden Maci
Aneiro, Hayden
Bayreuther, Harrison
Bernardo, Talia Rose
Bonardo, Brooke
Brown, Aubrey
Budd, Lillian Mary
Calvo, Allison Rose
Carter, Liviana
Casteel, Jerimiah
Claude, Mason Noah
Cleary, Molly May
Connelly, Emma
Constantinople, Isabella
Cook, Owen Paul
Coplin, Rya Nicole
Cretella, Sofia
Duggan, Cashel
Ercolani, Aubrey
Esposito, Lily Amelia
Frani, Gabriella
Furtak, Lillian
Hurley, Aishlyn
Izzo, Leon Paul

Kleckner, Zoey Nicole
Lavoie, Brooklyn
Leete, Norah Shea
Lucibello, Amalia Rose
Martinelli, Nathaniel
Martinez, Emma Rose
Maybury, Myla Blake
Mendez, Angelise
Morrell, Reagan
Murphy, Madeline
Nocereto, Brooke
Paul, Emma Elizabeth
Pelczar, Anna
Pizarro, Liangeliz
Ritter, Joseph Russell
Saccu, Mason Joseph
Saja, Austin Martin
Salvati, Isabella Anne
Savo, Andrew
Sciuto, Abbey Lynn
Sorensen, Benjamin
Swanson, Kevin
Tobias, Julia Isabelle
Toti, Giuliana Lidia
Velasco, Samantha
Venturini, Nino
Wheaton, Mara
Wyatt, Coltyn Jason

Grade 6 high honors

Anderson, Rocco
Bernier, Ava
Bevilacqua,
Brindisi, Livia Joy
Bronit, Mila Cataleya
Brown, Adriana M
Buontempo, Mila
Byrd, Jeremiah Robert
Cahill, Cooper Flynn
Camp, Geneviese Rose
Cousino, Giulia
Estrada, Valentina
Falcigno, Luciana
Falconi, Erick Slayder
Farotti, Jackson Parker
Forsyth, McKayla Ann
Fusco-Cuneo, Gavin
Girardi, Taylor Sutton
Gularte, Emma Victoria
Mazzucco, Jason
Melillo, Anderson
Peterson, Tristan Davis
Piekarski, Hayden Lee
Rapuano, Topanga
Romano, Ella Marie
Russo, Vada Lillian
Sciuto, Brooke Helen
Sermabekian, Victoria
Shove, Carter Michael
Skinner, LilyAnn
Smith, Mason Allan
Sorrentino, Nicholas
Stadolnik, Peter John
Tracz, Bennett Reide
Verzi, Mitchell Allan
Weld, Emmy Bree
Wenzel, Isabella Sloane
Wood, Fiona Elizabeth

Grade 8 Honors

Apuzzo, Jake Thomas
Bello, Brynn Amerling
Brochu, Landen John
Brustman, Owen Ryan
Caso, Caisey Jenna
Conroy, Jesse James
Cucinotta, Jackson
Duffy, James Pasquale
Gentile, Lola

Gilkes, Blake Patrick
Grimes, David Thomas
Hansen, Emma Rose
Horotan, Alfred Victor
Jaracy, Jack Thomas
Knowlton, Benjamin t
Leigh, Ava Scott
Loomis, Ana Marie
Lucibello, Tessa
Macauley, Jack
Morales, Alaysia
Muravnick, Ashlyn
Onofrio, Christian
Oyanedel, Emma
Pascale, Sophia Louise
Perdo, Matthew
Rodriguez, Maya
Saulino, Nicolas
Scasino, Marie Beth
Smith, Cypres Jazz
Smith, Jade Sativa
Speringo, Gabriella
Stavrides, Nicholas
Tracz, Tanner Asheton
Tynes, Jason Antonio
Zolnik, Gavin Smith

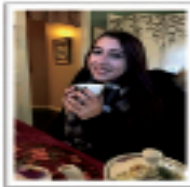
Grade 7 Honors

Biehler, Thomas
Borgia, Nicholas
Brown, Randall Philip
Carolla, Giuliana Marie
Cerrone, Marco
Cerrone, Santino
Ciancola, Tyler
DiLungo, Gennaro
Doughty, Eli Joseph
Elliston, Aden John
Flannery, Brooklyn
Gauvin, Presley Jude
Gularte, Madison Sofia
Haggerty, Richard
Maturo, Robert Anthony
Mickiewicz, Emma n
Mullen, Liam
Muratti, Luciana
O'Donnell, Ronin
Ramage, Brody James
Reding, Alexander
Rosado, Isabella L
Sekelsky, Jakson Jace
Troqe, Joni Erdet
Walston, David

Grade 6 Honors

Arabolos, Isabella
Barraco, Lillian Grace
Bradley, Aubrey Mae
Caffalette, Preston
Camp, Madison Rose
Casteel, Jaire
Connellan, Emma
Crane, Jackson
D'Aria, Carmelina
DeMartino, Logan
Dotson, Natalie
Flynn, Christian Sean
Guerra, Charlotte Rita
Kokorus, Alexander
Mastriano, Mila Paige
Sherwood, Logan
Sommo, Louis
Stavrides, Eva
Taylor, Jeremiah
Tracz, Parker Weldon
Vitale, Michael
Wilson, Payton Sophia

Please Donate Blood
In Memory of
Nicole Ferrucci



On the first anniversary of Nicole's passing, her family is holding a blood drive in her honor. Nicole received many blood transfusions in her courageous battle to fight cancer. So, in the spirit of her giving and selfless nature, it is only fitting to hold a blood drive to help others in their time of need. We hope you will take this opportunity to make a difference.

BLOOD DRIVE

STW Community Center
1332 Middletown Ave, Northford - Gym



Scan to sign up

Tuesday, May 6th
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

For an appointment, please contact:
1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
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**North
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Class of 1975
50th Class
Reunion**

Save the date: August
22, 2025, 6 to 10pm

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and updates: Facebook
group NBHS Class of
1975

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sclassof1975@gmail.
com](mailto:NOBranfordh-sclassof1975@gmail.com) Please share this
information with other
classmates.

**NORTH BRANFORD
BARBERSHOP**

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**Car Wash
Fundraiser
Sunday, May 4th**
10:00am - 1:00pm

On the "road to the show", cars can get a
bit dirty...

Get your car washed at the Rt 80 Firehouse (next to
McDonald's). All proceeds will be used to support the
NBHS Baseball team.

**North Branford
School System**
**All Classes
Teacher/Staff/Student
Get Together**

**FRIDAY
MAY 30**
2025
(THE FRIDAY AFTER
MEMORIAL DAY)
Anytime after 5:30pm

upstairs in the Forge Room
of
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- 1

UP TO \$300 FOR NEW PERSONAL CHECKING*
Open and use a new qualifying personal checking account and you can earn up to \$300!
- 2

UP TO \$900 FOR NEW BUSINESS CHECKING*
Get up to \$900 when you open and use a new business checking account.
- 3

UP TO 4.00% APY* SPRING SAVINGS OFFER
Enjoy a higher Annual Percentage Yield and a great way to earn more on your surplus funds. Available for Personal and Business clients!
- 4

4.99% APR* ALL-ACCESS HELOC OFFER
Get a fantastic low introductory Annual Percentage Rate for your home equity line of credit with GSB.

Stop in to one of our Open Houses:

- Wednesday, April 23 | 9-11am

• Monday, May 5 | 2-4pm

• Saturday, May 17 | 9-11am
- Thursday, May 29 | 4-6:30pm

• Thursday, June 5 | 11am-1pm

We'll have experts from personal, business and commercial banking, as well as our Partners from Grey Ledge Advisors, there to answer any questions.

CONTACT US:



CHRIS HENRY
Branch Manager, Northford
203-458-4511



NANCY GERSON
VP, Business Banking Relationship Officer
203-710-1329

DISCLOSURES

***Up to \$300 Consumer Checking Offer:** Offer available when you open a new Access Checking, Preferred Access Checking or Prime Access Checking account. You must enter promotion code "North300" if opening online or mention the promotion to a banker when opening at any GSB branch. Get \$100 when minimum Requirements to avoid Monthly Service Fee must be continually met for the account; account must remain open for 180 days to receive the \$100 statement credit. Get \$100 for making a direct deposit within 30 days of opening your account. Eligible direct deposits are electronic automated clearing house (ACH) deposits. Examples of eligible direct deposits include, but are not limited to: payroll, Social Security, pension and government benefits. Deposits made through a teller, ATM, or the GSB mobile app are ineligible direct deposits. Get \$100 when you make 5 debit card purchases in each of the first three months. May be subject to 1099 reporting. Account holder is responsible for all applicable taxes. Offer valid through May 31, 2025, and may be withdrawn at any time. Limit 1 offer per person. New & existing customers are eligible, but funding may not come from a current GSB account. Rates on all balances subject to change based on future market conditions. Accounts subject to approval. \$50 minimum to open any personal checking account. View full account details at <https://mygsb.bank/personal/bank/checking>.

***Up to \$900 Business Banking Relationship Offer:** 1. Get \$200 statement credit when you open a new Business Checking, Business Select Checking, or Business Select Plus Checking Account and meet account terms and conditions of account for 180 days. 2. Get \$200 statement credit for making 5 debit transactions in each of the first three months. 3. Get 2-months waived Cash Management fees (up to \$400 in waived fees) when you enroll in cash management services. 4. Get a \$100 statement credit from Payroc when you sign up for a new Merchant Services as a GSB client. You must enter promotion code "North900" if opening online or mention the promotion to a banker when opening at any GSB branch. Accounts subject to approval. Current GSB business checking customers are ineligible for \$900 offer and funds must come from non-GSB account. Minimum requirements to avoid monthly service fee must be continually met for the account and the account must remain open for 180 days to receive the statement credit. Limit 1 per business owner. May be subject to 1099 reporting. Account holder is responsible for all applicable taxes. Offer valid through May 31, 2025, and may be withdrawn at any time.

***Personal Spring Savings Offer:** Earn an interest rate of 3.93% with a 4.00% Annual Percentage Yield (APY) for balances between \$0.01 and \$99,999.99, an interest rate of 2.96% with an APY of 3.00% on balances between \$200,000.00 and \$299,999.99, an interest rate of 2.72% with an APY of 2.75% on balances between \$300,000.00 and \$499,999.99, and an interest rate of 2.47% with an APY of 2.50% on balances above \$500,000.00. \$0.01 minimum to open, and \$1.00 minimum daily balance required to obtain the disclosed annual percentage yield. New & existing customers are eligible, but funding may not come from a current GSB account. Rates on all balances are subject to change based on future market conditions.

***Business Spring Savings Offer:** Earn an interest rate of 3.93% with a 4.00% Annual Percentage Yield (APY) for balances between \$0.01 and \$99,999.99, an interest rate of 2.96% with an APY of 3.00% on balances between \$200,000.00 and \$299,999.99, an interest rate of 2.72% with an APY of 2.75% on balances between \$300,000.00 and \$499,999.99, and an interest rate of 2.47% with an APY of 2.50% on balances above \$500,000.00. \$0.01 minimum to open, and \$1.00 minimum daily balance required to obtain the disclosed annual percentage yield. New & existing customers are eligible, but funding may not come from a current GSB account. Rates on all balances are subject to change based on future market conditions.

***All Access Home Equity Line of Credit:** New All Access HELOC customers only. Subject to credit approval. No Points. Credit line limits between \$25,000 and \$500,000. Maximum Combined Loan To Value (CLTV) is 80%. Other terms and conditions apply. The introductory APR of 4.99% ("Introductory APR") is a promotional rate that is fixed for the first 12 monthly billing cycles ("Introductory Period") as long as you maintain a minimum balance of at least \$25,000 on your line. If that minimum balance is not maintained throughout the entire Introductory Period, the Introductory APR may end early and your Account will begin to accrue interest based on a variable rate formula. In any event, once the Introductory Rate ends, your interest rate can change monthly and will be based on a variable rate formula. With that formula, as long as you maintain Automatic Payment Feature, your rate will be equal to the Prime Rate (as published in the Wall Street Journal): 7.50% (as of 03/31/2025). Our Automatic Payment Feature is a convenient way for you to make your monthly payments directly from an Access deposit account maintained at Guilford Savings Bank. The maximum APR is 17% and the minimum APR is 3%. An annual membership fee of \$95.00 is required. An Early Termination Fee will be required if the Account is terminated within the first 2 years. Homeowner's insurance required. For credit limits in excess of \$250,000, you must pay for a full appraisal (appraisal costs can range from \$510 to \$1,200). If property held in trust, trust review fee (\$600) and attorney closing fees (Estimated \$650-\$850) will apply. Homes for sale or intended for sale within the next six months are not eligible for this promotional product. Other terms and conditions apply. Offer may be withdrawn at any time. For more information, see a bank representative.

***BINGO is coming to
the North Haven Congregational Church!!
Saturday June 7th (doors open at 6:00 p.m.)
Games start at 7:00 p.m. prizes include:
6 Designer Handbags, Or \$100.00 gift card.
Door prizes, raffle gifts, 50/50 raffle.
Bring you own snacks and non alcoholic beverages!***

***\$35.00, includes 1 Bingo card, 6 games, 1 second chance drawing tick-
et. Additional tickets may be purchased at the door! Daubers available
for use or bring your own!***

Lots of chances to win!

Reserved tables for 6 or more or purchase tickets In advance!

Call 203-213-9124!!!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO PARKING LOT PAVING PROJECT!!

**The church is located at 28 Church Street, across from the Green,
and is handicapped accessible with ample parking.**

***Memorial Day Mass
Catholic Cemeteries Association (CCA)***

Join us for Mass on Monday, May 26th (Memorial Day). **If you would like to honor a Veteran**, please visit our website at www.ccacem.org and select the **Blog & News Tab**, and click on **Events** to open the calendar. Select May 26th on the calendar and fill out the form included. All Veterans names will be honored at **all** the Masses held at our cemeteries.

Mass offered on Monday, May 26th, Memorial Day .
All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum-North Haven
700 Middletown Ave. (RT 17)
Celebrant: Rev. Ajeesh Ouseph
Time: **10:30 am**

**K of C Giant Tag Sale/Flea Market
Change of Venue Augur (Poco) Field**

The Knights of Columbus, St.Ambrose Council 6801 is looking for vendors to fill spaces 15’w x 28’d at their Annual Spring Giant Tag Sale / Flea Market on June 6th (rain date June 7) at Augur Feild across from the new Police Station.

It will run from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., free admission and parking.

To reserve a space, call 203 484-9737. The cost is \$35.00 per spot. \$30.00 for returning vendors.

Vendors must provide their own tables.

**Northford-North Branford
Women’s Club, GFWC
Fostering Family Hope**

The Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC will host a presentation at the William Stanley Community Center on May 20th at 7:00 P.M.by

Fostering Family Hope, a non-profit organization in Wallingford. Their mission: From the moment children come into the foster care system to the time they reunite with biological families or are matched with adoptive homes, the goal of Fostering Family Hope is to help provide them with basic essentials, encourage the growth of positive relationships within the children’s family circles, and offer ongoing emotional support for their families. We meet the needs of our local foster community through care bags, our foster closet, special events, foster & adoptive family support groups, and the enrichment of family visitation areas throughout Connecticut. They envision a community which embraces the whole family circle, supports the physical and emotional needs of children in care and beyond, and in which every child feels firmly rooted in family and is empowered to know their worth.

The public are invited to attend and learn more about this amazing organization!

The Northford-North Branford GFWC is a non-profit organization that supports the community, civic and local charities. For more information or to get involved, please email us at northford.nbwomensclubgfwc@gmail.com or call Courtney Cleary (203) 843-2474.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, the White Church on the Hill in the Heart of Northford, has been an integral part of Northford since 1763! Worship services are held Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship always follow. Please join us - we’d love to get to know you! All are always welcome!! The church is also open to all in the community for individual prayer, Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. St. Andrew’s supports many community programs, and contributes regularly to the North Branford Scholarship Program; North Branford Social Services (NBSS) Thanksgiving Basket Share and Christmas gift and food basket share programs; NBSS Back-To-School Backpacks; clothing donations (donation shed located at the back of the church parking lot); and more. A number of fundraising events are held throughout the year to help us help our neighbors, such as an Annual Rhubarb Fest, summertime Ice Cream Socials, and the annual Harvest Supper. Additionally, the church’s Parish Hall is available for rent for birthday parties, showers, receptions, etc. The Rev. Bryan Spinks is St. Andrew’s priest; Nan Monde is Sr. Warden. For more information please contact Nan at 203-710-7005. 4/2/202

Please join us for worship at **St. John’s Episcopal Church** at 129 Ledge Hill Road in Guilford, CT 06437. Our services are at 10 am each Sunday with Youth Spiritual Foundation for ages 5 and up every first and third Sunday. Coffee hour after our service in our parish hall. See our Facebook page St. John’s Episcopal Church, Guilford CT. 203-457-1094. check our website at www.saintjohnsguilford.org

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.

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 . 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. While we are in transition, we continue to hold services of Morning Prayer following Rite 2 in the Book of Common Prayer, and do have services of Holy Eucharist when we are fortunate to get a supply priest. At this time, we have a single service at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning. Refreshments and fellowship to follow service in the parish hall. Please visit our Facebook page or our website zionepiscopalchurch.org. Zion is an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ. 203-488-7395

Branford Bible Chapel. 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning: 10:00 - 10:30 Worship & Lord’s Supper, 10:30 11:00 Announcements and Music Minity, 11:00 -11:45 Ministering of God’s Word & Sunday School. . Nursery provided. Vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. www.branfordbiblechapel.org

Community Baptist Church. 53 Hopson Avenue, Branford, CT. Pastor Jon Bickel. Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Nursery is provided. Adult bible study and prayer meeting, and children’s clubs on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. For more info.: 203-488-8581; info@cbcbranford.org; www.cbcbranford.org

Hope Christian Church (we are an Assemblies of God affiliated church) 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven CT www.hopeag.com. Sunday Service 10:00 AM, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM. Follow us on Facebook. “realpeople realhope reallife” (203) 234-7328

The North Branford Congregational Church, NACCC, 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford CT. Join us for meaningful worship and Bible based teaching every Sunday at 10 am. Sunday School for children during service. Communion on the first Sunday of the month. We offer Bible study, choir, lunch bunch, 2nd Sunday brunch, charity work, book club, praise team, men’s fellowship and more. Our pastor is the Rev. Wendy Tarry. 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 Come grow in faith with us!

Northford Community 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. Catherine Klouda, worship leader. 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.northfordcommunity.church.

St. Ambrose Parish – Roman Catholic Parish with two church buildings, St. Augustine, located at 30 Caputo Rd. North Branford and St. Monica, located at 1321 Middletown Ave. Northford.

The pastor is Rev. Robert L. Turner. All are welcome and invited to join us for Mass! Summer Mass times include: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 9:00 AM at St. Augustine. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4:30 PM at St. Augustine (English Ordinary no incense used), Sunday at 9:00 AM at St. Monica (English Ordinary, no incense used) and on Sunday at 11:00 AM at St. Augustine (Latin Ordinary with use of incense). The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered a half hour before all Masses, excepting Sunday, and on Monday evenings from 5-6 PM during Adoration. The parish office is located at St. Augustine Church and is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-1. You can access the bulletin and staff emails at NBcatholics.org. If you are new to the area and looking for a wonderful parish or homeschool co-op to join, please visit us or give us a call!

TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD
BUDGET PRESENTATION for 2025-26 FISCAL YEAR

Shall the Town Council Recommended Budget of \$65,044,838, which will require a mill rate of 27.84 mills, be adopted?

2022-23 ACTUAL	2023-24 ACTUAL	2024-25 BUDGET	@ 1/31/25 ACTUAL	2024-2025 PROJECTED	DESCRIPTION	2025-2026 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	2025-2026 MANAGER PROPOSED	2025-2026 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
\$45,424,906	\$47,902,793	\$49,784,856	\$46,496,245	\$48,238,000	PROPERTY TAXES	\$60,977,068	\$54,676,307	\$52,317,794
\$269,490	\$297,584	\$204,240	\$189,095	\$202,100	FEES	\$282,900	\$282,900	\$282,900
\$165,902	\$184,601	\$115,000	\$115,611	\$150,000	OTHER TAXES	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$135,000
\$1,506,123	\$1,572,674	\$1,628,609	\$794,526	\$1,624,490	PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$1,308,927	\$1,308,927	\$1,258,211
\$277,558	\$968,798	\$275,000	\$176,376	\$400,000	INVESTMENT INCOME	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
\$301,444	\$374,442	\$313,410	\$220,656	\$319,640	LICENSES & PERMITS	\$297,713	\$297,713	\$297,713
\$98,189	\$107,826	\$107,805	\$60,512	\$97,187	CURRENT SERVICES	\$91,760	\$91,760	\$91,760
\$21,421	\$20,547	\$23,687	\$20,975	\$20,975	STATE GRANTS- TAXES	\$24,362	\$24,362	\$24,362
\$7,420,227	\$7,325,811	\$7,331,325	\$3,665,662	\$7,331,325	STATE GRANTS - EDUCATION	\$7,077,214	\$7,077,214	\$7,077,214
\$539,341	\$656,893	\$571,787	\$564,363	\$577,308	STATE GRANTS - OTHER	\$827,644	\$827,644	\$827,644
\$25,274	\$47,139	\$43,000	\$13,574	\$37,500	USE OR SALE OF ASSETS	\$37,500	\$37,500	\$37,500
\$132,736	\$284,597	\$76,090	\$10,334	\$15,646	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	\$38,740	\$38,740	\$38,740
\$0	\$0	\$725,000	\$0	\$488,000	SURPLUS APPROPRIATED	\$725,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
\$0	\$38,093	\$83,333	\$0	\$83,333	FEDERAL GRANTS	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
\$4,159	\$32,000	\$140,587	\$0	\$140,587	OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000
<u>\$56,186,770</u>	<u>\$59,813,798</u>	<u>\$61,423,729</u>	<u>\$52,327,928</u>	<u>\$59,726,091</u>	<u>SUB TOTAL REVENUE</u>	<u>\$72,330,828</u>	<u>\$66,055,067</u>	<u>\$63,645,838</u>
\$0	\$0	\$415,000	\$0	\$652,000	FUND BALANCE CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$0	\$1,098,000	\$1,399,000
<u>\$56,186,770</u>	<u>\$59,813,798</u>	<u>\$61,838,729</u>	<u>\$52,327,928</u>	<u>\$60,378,091</u>	<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>	<u>\$72,330,828</u>	<u>\$67,153,067</u>	<u>\$65,044,838</u>
\$126,640	\$128,870	\$127,029	\$119,973	\$127,457	MAYOR & COUNCIL	\$134,204	\$134,204	\$126,957
\$4,134	\$5,047	\$7,000	\$3,170	\$5,580	PERMANENT PROJECT BUILDING COMM.	\$6,594	\$6,594	\$6,594
\$283,624	\$375,876	\$406,422	\$239,190	\$402,258	TOWN MANAGER	\$405,798	\$405,798	\$404,236
\$387,684	\$403,686	\$390,687	\$206,131	\$384,100	FINANCE	\$404,921	\$399,921	\$385,444
\$300,695	\$305,218	\$336,336	\$221,372	\$335,652	CENTRAL SERVICES	\$355,125	\$355,125	\$373,875
\$221,413	\$212,172	\$224,304	\$135,534	\$228,678	ASSESSOR	\$229,025	\$229,025	\$222,842
\$1,710	\$1,500	\$1,600	\$0	\$1,500	BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$100
\$142,381	\$169,089	\$207,180	\$115,566	\$215,102	TAX COLLECTOR	\$216,631	\$216,631	\$208,631
\$107,223	\$145,155	\$130,100	\$95,000	\$130,000	TOWN ATTORNEY	\$139,100	\$139,100	\$119,100
\$202,492	\$240,151	\$218,558	\$212,878	\$280,438	TECHNOLOGY	\$274,512	\$274,512	\$269,762
\$234,999	\$244,314	\$262,497	\$150,441	\$260,627	TOWN CLERK	\$265,888	\$265,888	\$265,888
\$5,221	\$6,565	\$9,723	\$4,690	\$8,135	PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION	\$9,847	\$9,847	\$9,946
\$78,195	\$125,338	\$137,554	\$73,415	\$136,067	PLANNING DEPARTMENT	\$140,163	\$140,163	\$139,875
\$2,557	\$1,537	\$2,954	\$957	\$1,500	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	\$2,650	\$2,650	\$2,650
\$341,859	\$370,433	\$429,747	\$457,150	\$490,524	PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$536,080	\$511,080	\$511,080
\$6,452	\$8,407	\$6,750	\$0	\$7,500	PROBATE COURT	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
\$2,868	\$2,668	\$5,051	\$2,282	\$2,965	CONSERVATION & INLAND WETLANDS	\$4,747	\$4,747	\$4,747
\$19,421	\$6,986	\$11,610	\$2,767	\$4,853	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	\$12,229	\$12,229	\$12,229
\$59,589	\$65,922	\$120,271	\$81,783	\$115,104	ELECTIONS	\$93,330	\$93,330	\$93,330
\$2,839,430	\$3,155,921	\$3,372,114	\$2,046,205	\$3,200,356	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$3,569,466	\$3,549,466	\$3,549,466
\$5,368,588	\$5,974,856	\$6,407,487	\$4,168,504	\$6,338,396	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$6,809,910	\$6,759,910	\$6,714,752
\$4,587,501	\$5,063,631	\$5,433,981	\$2,972,775	\$5,594,139	POLICE	\$6,120,481	\$6,090,406	\$6,030,568
\$879,092	\$942,591	\$1,001,629	\$694,924	\$1,055,045	FIRE	\$1,148,012	\$1,121,572	\$1,096,231
\$0	\$0	\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000	AMBULANCE	\$950,000	\$750,000	\$725,000
\$166,383	\$167,975	\$199,283	\$101,489	\$197,568	BUILDING DEPARTMENT	\$204,088	\$196,088	\$153,390
\$172,903	\$170,868	\$140,400	\$135,100	\$140,400	ANIMAL CONTROL	\$146,016	\$146,016	\$146,016
\$27,154	\$36,865	\$23,857	\$28,168	\$23,498	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$26,039	\$26,039	\$26,039
\$275,959	\$290,546	\$293,228	\$278,000	\$293,000	FIRE HYDRANTS	\$293,228	\$293,228	\$293,228
\$6,108,993	\$6,672,475	\$7,842,378	\$4,210,457	\$8,053,650	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$8,887,863	\$8,623,348	\$8,470,472
\$2,218,682	\$2,586,550	\$2,973,761	\$1,759,969	\$2,919,194	PUBLIC WORKS	\$3,010,816	\$2,990,816	\$2,956,952
\$107,737	\$126,750	\$113,348	\$58,216	\$113,447	ENGINEERING	\$119,905	\$119,905	\$119,905
\$88,774	\$114,785	\$108,028	\$77,162	\$125,000	STREET LIGHTING	\$109,828	\$109,828	\$109,828
\$2,415,193	\$2,828,085	\$3,195,137	\$1,895,348	\$3,157,641	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$3,240,549	\$3,220,549	\$3,186,685
\$172,195	\$184,877	\$189,736	\$189,456	\$189,736	HEALTH	\$199,831	\$197,331	\$197,331
\$0	\$960	\$5,100	\$357	\$699	VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100
\$104,748	\$108,355	\$115,004	\$64,342	\$111,370	SOCIAL SERVICES	\$130,822	\$118,522	\$130,782
\$276,943	\$294,191	\$309,840	\$254,155	\$301,805	TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	\$335,753	\$320,953	\$333,213
\$859,160	\$934,930	\$1,009,108	\$609,986	\$1,003,890	LIBRARY	\$1,068,099	\$1,048,099	\$1,032,645
\$634,616	\$738,938	\$873,936	\$446,194	\$852,757	COMMUNITY CENTER	\$943,974	\$915,656	\$887,499
\$0	\$0	\$1,527	\$0	\$101	AGRICULTURE COMMISSION	\$1,781	\$1,781	\$1,781
\$172	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	REYNOLDS/BEERS HOUSE	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
\$10,992	\$7,850	\$16,750	\$276	\$14,000	PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS	\$16,750	\$16,750	\$16,750
\$30,000	\$30,000	\$31,500	\$30,000	\$30,000	ELDERLY HOUSING	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$31,500
\$1,534,940	\$1,711,718	\$1,934,321	\$1,086,456	\$1,900,748	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	\$2,063,604	\$2,015,286	\$1,971,675
\$19,365	\$21,438	\$27,969	\$23,757	\$27,044	HAZ WASTE/RECYCLING	\$27,915	\$27,915	\$27,915
\$1,398,864	\$1,526,547	\$1,576,113	\$1,474,242	\$1,576,113	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	\$1,619,766	\$1,619,766	\$1,619,766
\$1,418,230	\$1,547,985	\$1,604,082	\$1,497,999	\$1,603,157	TOTAL SOLID WASTE	\$1,647,681	\$1,647,681	\$1,647,681
\$25,260	\$147,284	\$69,269	(\$23,840)	\$340,000	RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCY	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$265,000
\$25,260	\$147,284	\$69,269	(\$23,840)	\$340,000	TOTAL RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCY	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$265,000
\$4,310,640	\$1,684,304	(\$592,500)	\$0	(\$2,238,140)	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	\$57,000	\$51,000	\$54,000
\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100	WPCA	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100	TOTAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$21,458,787	\$20,860,899	\$20,770,114	\$13,089,179	\$19,457,356	TOWN GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	\$23,367,460	\$22,963,827	\$22,643,578
\$32,732,408	\$33,253,514	\$33,901,724	\$18,418,520	\$33,901,724	BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$35,990,704	\$35,990,704	\$34,101,724
\$0	\$222,304	\$740,500	\$0	\$740,500	CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$6,651,190	\$779,062	\$579,062
<u>\$3,776,338</u>	<u>\$4,886,851</u>	<u>\$5,774,390</u>	<u>\$5,774,390</u>	<u>\$5,774,390</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>\$6,321,474</u>	<u>\$6,321,474</u>	<u>\$6,321,474</u>
\$57,967,533	\$59,223,568	\$61,186,728	\$37,282,088	\$59,873,970	SUB TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$72,330,828	\$66,055,067	\$63,645,838
\$0	\$0	\$652,000	\$0	\$2,297,640	TOTAL FUND BALANCE CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$0	\$1,098,000	\$1,399,000
<u>\$57,967,533</u>	<u>\$59,223,568</u>	<u>\$61,838,728</u>	<u>\$37,282,088</u>	<u>\$62,171,610</u>	<u>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>\$72,330,828</u>	<u>\$67,153,067</u>	<u>\$65,044,838</u>



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Brain Games

May 7, 2025

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Join Barbara from East Shore District Health Department to do some fun games that are good for your brain, too!

In the Kitchen with Kathy

Let's get together to create simple, yummy snacks.

Memorial Day Ice Cream

Wednesday, May 21st

12:30-2:00pm • FREE

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May 29th STW Cafe

12:30—1:30pm - \$3

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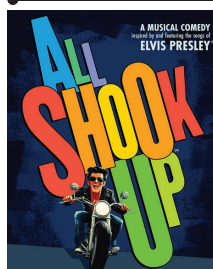
NEW ENGLAND AIR MUSEUM TOUR AND SKOOTERS RESTAURANT

Wednesday May 28, 2025

9:15-3:00pm - \$22 res /\$25 nr

Departing STW at 9:15 am, enjoy a one hour guided exploration of the New England Air Museum. After the tour, we will eat lunch (on your own) at Skooter's Restaurant, a retro-style diner.

Register by 5/21



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At the Goodspeed Opera House

July 16, 2025- \$120res/\$130nr

Enjoy lunch at the Gelston House before the show!

Departs 11:00 am Returns: appx. 5:00 pm

Payment is due at time of registration

Please register by June 11th to reserve your ticket to lunch and this fantastic show!

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Public Stargazing
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The Astronomical Society of New Haven is hosting a free stargazing event on Saturday May 24th after 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 a thin crescent moon, Jupiter and Mars. The constellations Leo, Hercules and many others can be seen. Learn how to find these objects when you get home.
The other 2025 dates are June 7th, October 18th and November 8th. Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted to our website, www.asnh.org or call 866-808-ASN.H.
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