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## NORTH BRANFORD

### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - 2022

The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, **May 30, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Northford section of town. The Veterans of North Branford/Northford extend an invitation to everyone who wishes to march on that day. The groups will form at St. Monica's Church on Middletown Avenue, Northford at 9:00 a.m. The parade line will start at 9:30 a.m. and step off down Route 17 at 10:00 a.m. **sharp.**

**Any and all Veterans are encouraged to participate. Transportation is available upon request.**

As a new tradition, this year, residents are invited to march while carrying a picture of a departed service member they wish to be remembered.

The parade line will proceed north on Route 17/Middletown Avenue to the monument at the Northford Village Green. All are invited to the Company 2 Fire House immediately following the parade for refreshments.

Interested groups contact **Kathy Poston at the Parks, Recreation and Senior Center**, [seniorcenter@townofnorthbranfordct.com](mailto:seniorcenter@townofnorthbranfordct.com) or 203-484-6017 with your information. This is necessary to be included in the parade lineup.

. We look forward to another successful parade.



## 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 14<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>. 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. Information about a ceremony will be published shortly. Flags will be available for collection for one week after July 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.northfordwomensclub.org). There is no limit on purchases, but all forms must be received by June 10th. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Collett at 203-484-9079.

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Deadline		Publication Date	
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June	10	June	17
June	24	July	1
July	8	July	15
July	22	July	29
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August	19	August	26

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## “Great Disappointment”

Dear Editor

We attended the North Branford Town Council meeting that was held on May 3, 2022. Residents had the opportunity to provide comments regarding the cellular tower application for 222 Clintonville Road. As residents on Pistapaug Road, we witnessed one of our neighbors address the Council. Before her remarks, she asked if the Town Manager had shared the video (that she had taken the time to record) with the Council mem-

bers. He responded that “he did not”. As we sat there, we could not understand why and neither did he provide a reason (or apology). My neighbor went on to describe how inappropriate it is to place a cell tower in a residential historical neighborhood as the cell tower

would be highly visible from her property. In fact, she recorded this in a video which she had sent to the town for review.

We then heard about the critical nature of telecommunication technology in our town, which no one disputes. The issue of concern is the proposed location of the tower, and the close proximity to the Pistapaug Road and Old Post Road neighborhoods. As residents of the town, we were so enraged by the comments repeatedly made. These included, “we really feel for you”, “so sorry this is happening to you but it has to happen to someone”, and “you are the sacrificial lamb”. The insensitivity of these comments was immense.

If the proposed site was in the neighborhood  
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## State Representative Vincent Candelora Tax relief that isn't relief enough



If you've spent any time on social media recently, chances are you've seen the Governor or his surrogates in the legislature talking as if they're pulling residents from the morass of unaffordability that's synonymous with the name Connecticut.

In describing the budget bill they passed at the end of the 2022 legislative session, Governor Lamont and Democrats in the General Assembly are quick to say they've provided Connecticut residents with "the largest tax cut in state history!"

What they aren't saying, though, is that their \$600 million in tax "cuts" are a drop in the bucket when compared to the more than \$6 billion in tax revenue associated with a decade of budgets from the Democratically-controlled capitol.

One must look back only to 2019, when the Governor and his statehouse majority approved a two-year budget that carried nearly \$1.8 billion in tax hikes. Consequently, you're paying more today for digital downloads, dry cleaning, prepared meals and a laundry list of other goods and services.

I didn't support the latest budget plan, signed into law May 9. Aside from the 6.4 percent spending hike, it just doesn't provide enough tax relief when considering Connecticut's \$4 billion budget surplus. Yes, you've been overtaxed.

I joined my Republican colleagues in offering an alternative plan that would have provided \$1.2 billion in tax relief—double what became law. Aside from addressing major shortcomings in the Democrat plan, such as relief from skyrocketing diesel prices, we offered an income tax cut—the first in the state since 1995. It would have lowered the rate from 5 percent to 4 percent for individuals earning less than \$75,000 and joint filers earning less than \$175,000 annually.

That type of tax-cutting concept, though not all-encompassing, is critical. Aside from providing roughly \$750 in annual relief to some families, it would be a step toward installing the structural tax reform our state desperately needs.

Residents and employers need us to finally demonstrate that type of commitment.

Instead, Democrats adopted their \$600 million relief plan—roughly half of which is temporary. Their \$250 child tax credit (rebate) expires after a year. Their ballyhooed car tax cap impacts only half of Connecticut's municipalities, and early cracks in the plan's formula—the state pays towns for the revenue they'll lose by lowering/freezing their tax rate—have the scheme on shaky ground already.

Given the historic influx of federal aid combined with the unprecedented boon in tax revenue, I consider the recent budget plan a missed opportunity.

### Disappointment continued

hood of one of the Town Council members, would they be

willing to be the "sacrificial lamb"? I doubt that very much. In fact, as we understand, another tower site had been investigated behind Stanley T Williams that would have been in close proximity to the home of one of the Town Council members. Was the same comment that "someone has to be the sacrificial lamb" made at that time? Obviously, not. We do not need pity from our representatives! Rather, we need due diligence in representing **ALL**, not just those that might be members of the Council.

One of the Council members condescendingly explained that many sites in town had been evaluated. We do not profess to know all of the mechanics and operations of cellular technology. With that said, as educated professionals, you cannot expect us to believe that 222 Clintonville Avenue is the only site that will enable the necessary telecommunications for our town's fire and police departments. That just is not logical. It is not honest. Frankly, it is insulting.

Representative Candelora, a long-time servant within our community, recommended a different location on the town's 24-acre site located on 1332 Middletown Ave and provided his recommendation to the State Siting Council in a letter dated April 8, 2022. We find it very hard to believe that he would do so without an accurate understanding of the town's needs and capabilities of the site that he proposed.

We are so very disappointed in our town. To support a proposed cellular tower in a residential and historic neighborhood when there are other options and to completely disregard some constituents is shameful. In fact, during the meeting Town Council members showed more interest in the prolonged conversation and joking about the disc golf than the genuine concerns of town residents who they are elected to represent.

## Bus Tour of Tilcon Quarry

Totoket Historical Society Is sponsoring a **bus tour of the Tilcon Quarry** at the corner of The T Route 80 and 22 in North Branford on Wednesday, June 22, 2022. The cost of the tour is \$30. For information and reservations, call Nancy at 203-500-0267. Reservations are confirmed only upon receipt of payment. Checks should be made payable to the Totoket Historical Society, Inc. and mailed to P.O. Box, Northford, CT 06472

Stone from this quarry has played a vital role in building infrastructure throughout Connecticut. The 90 minute tour will give you a chance to ask questions of the Tilcon guide and walk around the quarry floor, weather permitting. It is an amazing operation you can only imagine when passing by. This experience is interesting for adults and children. Seats are limited and sell out early.

Please arrive at Jerome Harrison School, 335 Foxon Road by 6:15 p.m. to check in. The buses will leave promptly at 6:30 p.m.

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### Letters to the editor...

This paper encourages all readers to voice their opinions and comments.

The Totoket Times is not responsible for erroneous information or statements in letters to the editor. Letters should be as brief as possible.

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

This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

All letters should be addressed to :

**The Editor**

PO. Box 313, Northford, CT 06472





# Recycling News

**Bulk Pickup is twice a year (no longer weekly)**  
**Next pickup is in November 2022.**  
**Please do not place curbside until that week.**

**We would like to those that helped with our Earth Day Celebration.**  
**North Branford Little League, Brook & Whittle, NB Public Works,**  
**RWA, Dunkin’, Victor Benni our Town Engineer, NB EDC, Mellilos**  
**and a special thanks to Chance our Police Dog and Officer Cosenza.**

## Hazwaste Central is opening Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Regional Water Authorities’ HazWaste Central will be open on Saturdays starting on May 21<sup>st</sup> through October 29<sup>th</sup>. They are closed on the weekends of Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day.

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 green 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](mailto: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.

## **The Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee is looking for new members.**

We are on the lookout for someone who is concerned about recycling and is willing to spend a little time each month helping out at our recycling events.

We especially need someone who can help our schools with 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](http://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**

## *Do you often Wonder, What is this Plant?*



Join NBLCT for a Spring Botany Walk on **Sunday, June 5 at 1PM** with Lauren Brown , a botanist who specializes in local plants and flowers. The walk will be held at the North Branford Land Conservation Trust’s new **Village Street trail**.

**We’ll meet in back of the Northford Ice Pavilion. The Ice Pavillion is located at 24 Firelite Pl, Northford, CT 06472, Firelite Drive is off route 22 next to Honeywell.** Please watch our website [www.nblandtrust.org](http://www.nblandtrust.org) or our Facebook page for schedule changes.

The Spring Botany Walk is presented by the North Branford Land Trust, which coordinates a number of events for adults and families throughout the year. All events are free and open to the public. Please wear appropriate dress and comfortable, supportive walking shoes.

## *North Branford Fire Department*

### **Safety Tips for Outdoor Grilling:**

- **Gas and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors.** If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces, such as tents, they pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.
- Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area: declare a three-foot “safe zone” around the grill.
- Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when flipping burgers.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended when in use.

### **Charcoal Grills**

- Purchase the proper starter fluid and store the can out of reach of children, and away from heat sources.
- **Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited,** and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.

### **Gas Grills**

- **Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks** before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles. If you determine your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame:
- Turn off the gas tank and grill.
- If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
- If the leak does not stop, **call the fire department.**
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.
- Use only equipment bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturers’ instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.
- **Never store propane gas cylinders in buildings or garages.** If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.
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**Best wishes to everyone for a happy, safe Memorial Day weekend!**



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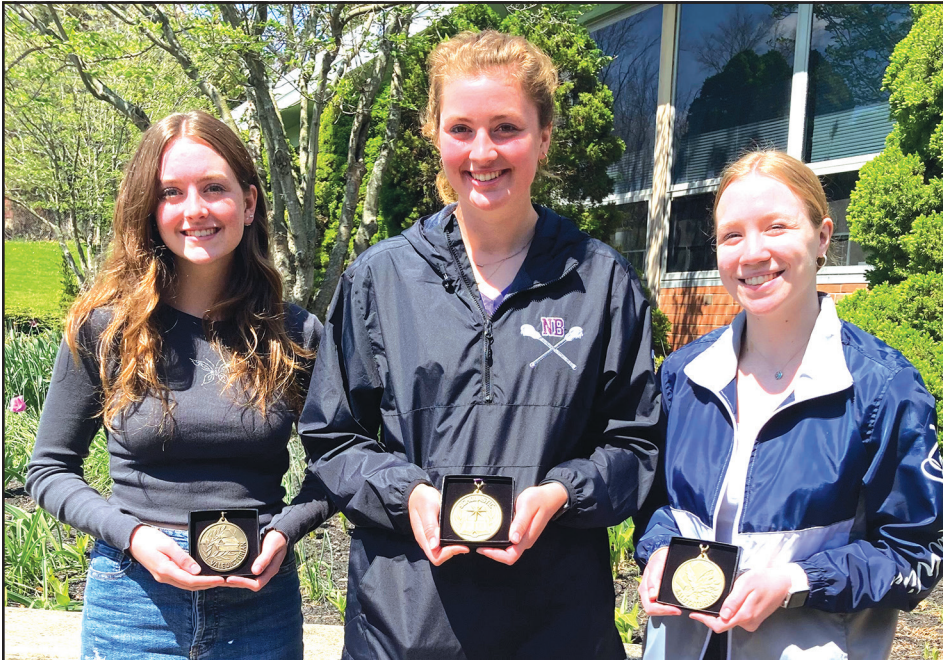
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## NBHS Introduces Top Five Students Class of 2022

Valedictorian Regan Leete who will be attending Lehigh University in Bethlehem Pennsylvania, majoring in Engineering.

Class Essayist Braeden LeBeau who will be attending Providence College in Providence Rhode Island, majoring in Child Psychology

Salutatorian Taylor Levine who will be attending the University of Connecticut in Storrs CT, studying English as a Pre-Law major

(Girls pictured left to right) have been outstanding citizens and accomplished young adults in and beyond the classrooms of NBHS. The NBHS TBIRD Communications Class will be interviewing each for an upcoming feature for the TBIRD News and during the NBHS Graduation Ceremony, each will be recognized as well. Valedictorian Regan Leete will be providing a speech during the graduation ceremony on June 15.

Congratulations to Regan, Taylor and Braeden and thank you to their families ! *Photo and info courtesy of Principal Todd Stoeffler*

## SENIOR MOMENTS

Several NBHS teams recently recognized their senior athletes.



Girls Lacrosse- Marisa Raffone, Braeden LeBeau, Saoirse Burke & Olivia Toto. *(Photo courtesy of Bill O'Brien)*



Baseball - Ryan Michonski, Jake Chopus, Dom Scalia, Mike Virginelli, Ryan Nuzzo and Ryan Anderson *(Photo courtesy of Dina Falcioni)*



Softball - Hanna Senerchia, Bella Hills, Nichole Gomez, Lauren Ackerman & Gianna DePino *(Photo courtesy of Dina Falcioni)*

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**Class of 2022**

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Sender's Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

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To: Student Name: Grade: <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> 8th Grade Address: _____  Phone: ( _____ ) _____ # of balloons _____	Message:       From: _____
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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](http://www.branfordbiblechapel.org)

**Hope Christian Church “A Place to Belong”.** 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT. [www.hopeag.com](http://www.hopeag.com) Sunday services 10AM. Coffee served every Sunday 9:00 am. Church open for prayer Tuesdays noon to One. Thursday Bible study 7:00 PM. Like us on facebook.

**North Branford Congregational Church, UCC,** 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:00 AM. On the first Sunday of each month please attend and share communion with us.

Nursery Care is available.To contact our church: Office hours are Wednesday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Phone: 203.488.8456, email: [nobdcong@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nobdcong@sbcglobal.net), website: [www.northbranfordcongregational.org](http://www.northbranfordcongregational.org) Remember, all are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life’s journey; you will always be welcome here.

**Northford Congregational Church. 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](mailto:northfordcc@gmail.com) Office Hours: Tuesday 9am - 1pm; other days by appointment. John Vigneri, Pastor . Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship Service 10am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Like us on Facebook. Our website is [www.northfordcongregational.church](http://www.northfordcongregational.church)

**St. Ambrose Parish is a Roman Catholic Parish** in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two churches. St. Augustine Church is located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church is located at 1321 Middletown Avenue in Northford. The Pastor is Rev. Robert L. Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at 9:00 AM at St. Augustine. Friday Mass is celebrated at 9:00 AM at St. Monica. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday evening at St. Augustine at 4:00 PM (English Ordinary, no incense) and Sunday at St. Monica at 9:00 AM and St. Augustine at 11:00 AM (Latin Ordinary, with incense). The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 30 minutes prior to all Masses excepting Sunday and by appointment by calling the office. The Parish Office is located at 30 Caputo Road and is open M-F from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Wednesdays until 6:00 PM). You can access the parish bulletin and staff emails at our website [NBcatholics.org](http://NBcatholics.org). If you are new to the area and looking for a parish to join or a homeschool co-op, please visit us!

**St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church,** 1382 Middletown Avenue - The White Church On The Hill In The Heart Of Northford (at the intersection of Rtes. 17 & 22). Sunday worship at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship always follows. The Rev. Bryan Spinks is Priest-In-Charge. St.Andrew’s is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry Network (MACM Network), along with St. James (Higginum) and Emmanuel (Killingworth). Please join us - we’d love to get to know you! All are welcome! St. Andrew’s is the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital community resource serving families in need in Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew’s also partners with St. Pauly Textile in a broad outreach program to help people in need here in the U.S. and around the world. Donations of usable clothing, shoes, boots, belts, purses, sheets, blankets, curtains and stuffed animals may be made at the donation shed in the church parking lot, available 24x7. Visit our website at <http://www.standrewsnorthford.org>. Like us on Facebook - St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church of Northford, CT. For more information contact us at 203-484-0895; Nan Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-710-7005; Rev. Spinks, 860-304-5266; or MACM office, 860-345-0058.

**United Methodist Church, Branford** 811 East Main St, Branford (Route 1, across from Bill Miller’s Castle). [www.umcbranford.org](http://www.umcbranford.org) or (203) 488-0549. Sunday service 9:30am - both in-person and live on our website. “The Church on the Rock,” led by Pastor Kent Jackson. We invite you to discover the power of faith in Jesus Christ bringing God’s love to the world. Join us to worship, experience God’s word, and stay connected.

**Zion Episcopal Church** 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford. 203-488-7395. Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar.Sunday Worship at 9:15, coffee and fellowship follow. Masks are required in worship while North Branford is in the ‘red’ zone for COVID positivity. Worship is also accessible through Facebook Live. ALL are invited. Zion is an open and affirming congregation for those seeking a safe place to worship and grow in Christ. [www.zionepiscopal.org](http://www.zionepiscopal.org)



## Community Prayer Breakfast

The 2022 Annual North Haven Community prayer breakfast sponsored by the churches of North Haven took place at the Best Western Hotel on Washington Avenue, Thursday May 5, 2022. This was the first time we were able to gather in 3 years.

Michael J Freda opened the breakfast with a greeting to the approximately 65 individuals that had gathered . Prayer and thanksgiving was made for our elected and civil and educational leadership within the North Haven Community.

The churches that sponsored our breakfast this year were: Hope Christian Church//Pastor Jim Detweiler, North Haven Congregational Church//Pastor Scott Morrow, Faith United Methodist Church// Rev James Midgley, Vox (North Haven Campus)//Pastor Jim DeAngelo, Pond Hill Baptist Church//Pastor Mike Carbaugh and St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish//Father Michael Santiago.

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## Huge Perennial Plant Sale – May 28!

**What:** Perennial Plant Sale featuring a broad selection including



Bleeding Heart, Clematis, Dianthus, English Astartia, Hosta, Peonies, Shasta Daisies, Sedums, and White Irises. Also landscaping plants: Dwarf Forsythia, Dwarf Lilac, Creeping Geraniums, Creeping Geraniums. Trees: Crab Apple, Honeysuckle, and Snowball Japonica. Pricing: plants \$6 to \$35, trees \$50.**When:** Saturday, May 28; 9 am - 3 pm**Where:** United Methodist Church, 811 East

Main Street (Route 1), Branford, CT

**More Info:** (203) 488-0549 or [umcbranford1966@gmail.com](mailto:umcbranford1966@gmail.com)



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## SATURDAY, MAY 21

ALL BIKERS WELCOME!

## Public Stargazing at Young’s Park in Branford Resumes

The Astronomical Society of New Haven is hosting a free stargazing event on Saturday May 28th at 8pm 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 the Hercules Star Cluster and various other double stars, star clusters and galaxies. The other 2022 dates are June 11, October 22 and November 5.

We ask that you please wear a mask near the telescopes. Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) or COVID will be posted to our website, [www.asnh.org](http://www.asnh.org) or call 866-808-ASNH.

The Astronomical Society of New Haven, Inc. is a non-profit, scientific and educational organization which fosters new and continuing interest in amateur astronomy.



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## TODDLER/PARENT FITNESS

June 6-27, 9:30-10:00am \$50RES/\$55NR

STW Classroom

Introduce your child to a variety of fun fitness activities! We will practice running, playing with different obstacles and work on proper development of motor skills!

Instructor: Jillian Temple

## BABYSITTER'S CERTIFICATION

Saturday June 4, 9:00am-2:00pm \$65RES/\$70NR

Ages 12-15 STW Gym/Cafe

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) Instructor: Ambulance Co. #4



**NOW ENROLLING!**



Beginning Monday, June 27th, we will be offering 8 consecutive weeks of summer camp for campers entering grades 1-6. This year, camp will run Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and plan to offer before and after care.

*Please register your child for camp as far in advance as possible. Registration for camp will close by 12:00 p.m. the Friday before.*

## Teen Paint Night!

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## SENIOR CENTER MOHEGAN SUN TRIP

June 13, Departs STW 8:00am \$15

Hop on the Senior Center bus for a day trip to the Casino! Per Mohegan Sun, the buses are not being greeted by staff and no packages are being issued.

## NEW MILFORD BARN QUILT TOUR

June 21, Departs STW 9:30am \$5RES/\$7NR

The New Milford Barn Quilt Trail consists of 19 colorful quilt patterns hand-painted on large weather-resistant blocks and hung on antique and vintage barns and historical buildings around town. Enjoy shopping at farm stands and lunch at Lucia Ristorante. Lunch cost on own Register by June 14th

## SUMMERTIME SUPPER CLUB

June 22, Departs STW 9:30am \$5RES/\$7NR

Take the Senior bus or meet at 4:30 pm at Gaetano's Tavern on Main located at 40 N Main Street Wallingford, CT for a night of good food with friends. We will be ordering off the menu and get individual checks. Menu at [www.gaetanostavern.com/menu](http://www.gaetanostavern.com/menu) Register by June 15th



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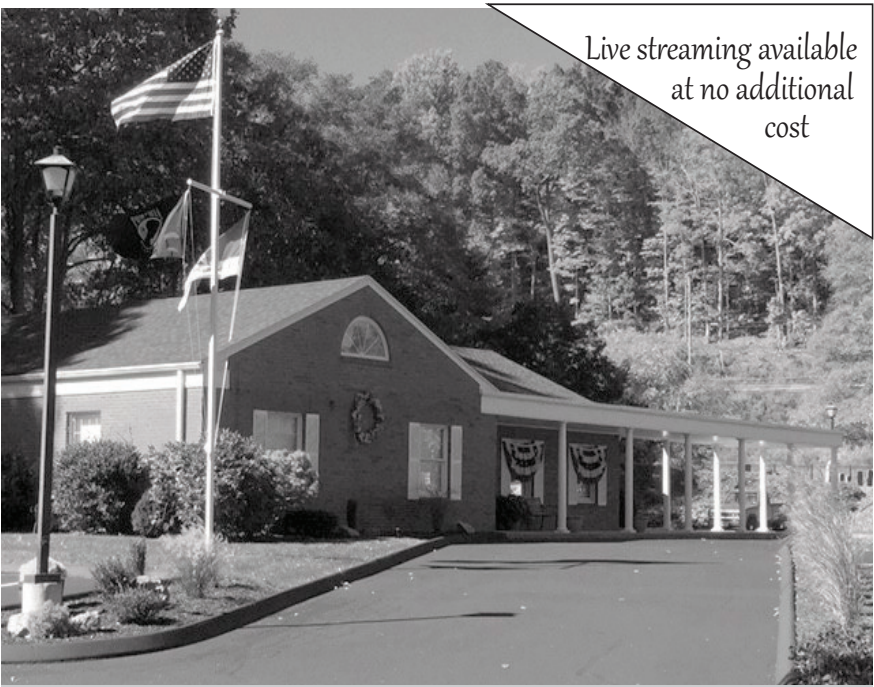
VENDORS WANTED

The 2022 North Branford Potato & Corn Festival is Thursday, Aug. 4 through Sunday, Aug. 7. The festival is now accepting applications for food vendors, as well as craft, business, and non-profit vendors. In addition, one-day table space applications are also available for North Branford organizations and non-profits (Aug. 4), direct sales and retail (Aug. 5), and handmade crafters (Aug. 6). Applications are available under the ‘Vendors’ tab at [www.nbpotatofest.com](http://www.nbpotatofest.com). For information, call 203-484-6017 or email [nbpotatofest@townofnorthbranfordct.com](mailto:nbpotatofest@townofnorthbranfordct.com).



The Knights of Columbus, St.Ambrose Council 6801 is looking for vendors to fill 86 spaces 15’w x 28’d at their annual spring giant 80,000 sq. ft. tag sale / flea market on June 4<sup>th</sup>.(rain dates June 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.) at doody’s field 465 foxon road north branford. It will run from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. free admission and off road parking. To reserve a space, call 203 484-9737. The cost is \$38 per space paid before 5/30, after this date +\$5 late fee. Vendors must provide their own tables.

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Please submit your resume along with a cover letter including your interest in working in the Catholic Church to Cyndie Baker, Operations Manager at [cyndie.baker@nbcatholics.org](mailto:cyndie.baker@nbcatholics.org).

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