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Volume 30 No19, May 24, 2024 McClain, Haynes and DiLella being recognized for

Service Above Self by North Branford Rotary

The North Branford Rotary is thrilled to announce the recipients of their annual "Service-Above-Self" Community Service Award to three deserving North Branford Residents. In March of this year the Club reached out to the community for nominations for their annual Service Above Self Award and received a terrific response.

"We asked the North Branford Community to nominate distinguished individuals who have made an impact through service and helping others in town. The response was incredible, and we couldn't be more grateful." North Branford Rotary Club President, Anne Merola graciously acknowledged the North Branford community and added, "We couldn't think of a better way to say thank you to distinguished individuals right here in town than to recognize them with an award that symbolizes dedication, compassion and generosity." The Club recently announced this year's award will be presented to Ashley McClain, Kerry Haynes and Mary-Ellen DiLella.

The North Branford Rotary Club will be awarding the recipients on Thursday June 27, 202 at 6:00 pm, at the Woodwinds in Branford. Tickets can be purchased in advance by going to www.northbranfordrotary.org, emailing northbranfordrotary@ gmail.com or by contacting Rotary Club or by contacting the Service Above Self Chairperson, Melinda Fonda at 203-988-0883. We encourage those who know Ashley, Kerry and Mary-Ellen to join us as we acknowledge them for their distinguished service to the Town of North Branford.

Committee Chair, Melinda Fonda, expressed her appreciation to those who sent in nominations. "It's been a very rewarding experience for the members of the committee, and the club, to receive a fantastic response from the North Branford Community and I'd like to thank those who found the time to submit nominations." The committee had difficult decisions to make with so many wonderful nominees. The club is looking forward to continuing to honor distinguished members of the community each year.



Ashley McClain's the lives of many. dedication and impact truly inspiring. It's heartwarming to see someone so deeply committed to making a difference, not only within the school community but also in ad-

vocating for special needs families and supporting first responders. Her initiative in starting the North Branford Special Needs Family Facebook group and the Linked program demonstrates her empathy and proactive approach to addressing important issues.

The creation of Beyond the Horizon and the partnership with North Branford Parks and Recreation to organize sensory-friendly events show Ashley's determination to fill a crucial gap in support for special needs families. These events not only provide inclusive opportunities for children but also create a supportive community for parents. It's commendable how she brings this experience and perspective to her role on the PTO board, advocating for more inclusive and accessible events for all students.



Ashley's commitment to service is evident in her various roles and responsibilities, from her work as a college advisor and dance team coach to her involvement with the Miss Connecticut board.

Despite her busy schedule, she remains humble and focused on making a positive impact, driven by a genuine desire to help others. Her dedication is truly remarkable and serves as an inspiration to those around her. She embodies the spirit of service above self, making a lasting difference in

Kerry Haynes's dedication to serving the North on the community are Branford community shines through every aspect of her life. Her career trajectory, from her work at the Senior Center to her current role as Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation, and Senior Center Department, reflects her commitment to making a difference. With a background in social work, Kerry brings invaluable expertise and compassion to her role, benefiting residents in various ways.

> Her proactive approach to developing inclusive programs and collaborating with other town departments demonstrates her dedication to enhancing community engagement and well-being. Whether it's coordinating events like the Annual Tree Lighting or creating innovative initiatives like the Story Walk during the COVID-19 pandemic, Kerry consistently goes above and beyond to enrich the lives of North Branford residents.

> Kerry's willingness to step in during times of need, such as assisting with transportation for school sports teams or establishing after-school programs, highlights her selflessness and dedication to supporting the community's needs. Her involvement in substance abuse prevention efforts further underscores her commitment to addressing critical issues facing the community.

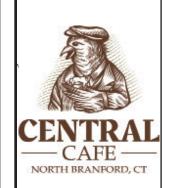
> Beyond her professional duties, Kerry's acts of kindness and thoughtfulness in her daily interactions exemplify her genuine care for others. From small gestures like remembering birthdays to larger acts like paying for a stranger's groceries, Kerry embodies the belief that no act of kindness is ever wasted.

> Her positive attitude, resilience, and integrity serve as an inspiration to others, encouraging them to follow her example of service and compassion. Kerry's leadership by example fosters a sense of community spirit and unity in North Branford, making her an invaluable asset and a beacon of hope and kindness for all who know her.

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North Branford Memorial Parade 2024

Press Release: The Memorial Day Parade will to honor their memory. be held on Monday, May 27, 2024 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. Signup information is provided below. Participants 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.

Memorial Day is dedicated to honoring and remembering the men and women who have served our country and have since passed way. Those with a family member or an acquaintance who is a deceased veteran are invited to carry a picture of this person in our Memorial Day parade

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 should contact Gina Cox, Town Manager's Office, gcox@northbranfordct. gov or 203-484-6000, ext 302 or Kathy Poston, Parks, Recreation & Senior Center, kposton@ northbranfordct.gov or 203-484-6017, ext 404 with your information. This is necessary to be included in the parade lineup. RSVP no later than Friday, May 17, 2024. We look forward to another successful parade.





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State Representative Vincent Candelora



Last week, beneath gray skies accented by a light drizzle, I stood before the impressive circle of stone pillars that make up the Connecticut Law Enforcement Memorial, where the names of police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty are etched into state history. Governor Lamont was on hand to sign into law a bill that codified details of a proposal I championed a year earlier, one that provides a non-taxable payment of \$100,000 to the surviving family members or beneficiaries of any Connecticut local or state police officer killed in the line of duty.

It's called the Fallen Officer Fund, and while the concept was born from conversations that I had with law enforcement officers following the horrific line of duty deaths of two Bristol police officers in 2022, its finer details, reflected in Public Act 24-27, are a product bipartisan support and collaboration with the Office of the State Comptroller.

Last spring, I worked to get the program—and dollar amount—established through the process to develop the two-year state budget. From there, I began communicating with Comptroller Sean Scanlon about building the administrative architecture for the fund. Eventually, another key component was developed and made part of the bill signed into law last week. The provision, driven by suggestions from the law enforcement community, provides a pathway for surviving family members to remain on the fallen officer's health insurance for up to five years.

Taken together, these measures offer critical financial and health security during what is undoubtedly an unimaginably difficult time for a fallen officer's loved ones. This benefit will give families breathing room to heal and rebuild their lives with reduced financial pressure.

For me, it's the least the state can offer to the individuals who put their lives on the line to keep our communities safe. It's a promise that we will never forget the sacrifices made by their loved ones.

At the bill signing at the Memorial in Meriden, the interim police chief from Bristol was on hand along with the chief from the Hartford Police Department. Both spoke of the positive impact this program will have on officers who would have to worry just a little bit less about how their families would be taken care of should the unimaginable occur.

Detective Bobby Garten, from the Hartford Police Department, was killed in the line of duty last fall when his police cruiser was struck by a car fleeing a separate traffic stop. At the ceremony, it was explained that his loved ones were the first beneficiaries from the Fallen Officer Fund.

Anyone who follows state government closely knows that there are sharp divides between Republicans, Democrats, and the Governor when it comes to policy surrounding criminal justice and policing. I'm thankful, though, that on this issue those differences were shifted to the background. The spirit of bipartisanship that drove this bill as well as another passed during the recent session that clarifies the meaning of "in the line of duty" for those who serve, whether it be a police officer or firefighter, is typical of most of the work we perform in Hartford.

I've often said that our legislature does its best work when its members work together. This bill is a powerful example of that, and I'm glad that our work over the last year will help a family when the inevitable event of a next tragedy.

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

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LET'S BE "FRANK"

Well brother as of this writing the NBHS baseball season is competing in the Shoreline Tournament Round. I have had little time for anything else as I have been the loyal assistant coach for fifteen years. My involvement diminished from year to year as my physical limitations increased. I am proud to say we finished the season with a 15-5 record and ranked first in the Shoreline. We also celebrated coach Mitchell's 200th victory of which I was beside him for all 200.

In all the years of coaching, it always amazes me with some of the things these young men say. It got me to thinking of the many things people have said to me in my 68 years on this earth. I can't remember most of what they said, but I don't remember a number of things that have never been said to me. So I am now thinking of those things out loud.

No one has ever said to me, "Slow down you're walking too fast".

No one has ever said to me, "Can you speak up I can't hear you".

It's been a long time since anyone has said to me, "How are your siblings doing".

No one has ever said to me, "Is that shirt too big for you".

No one has ever said to me, "Your car uses a lot of gas you should get a small sports car".

No one has ever saind to me "Wow, have you been been working out at the gym.

No one who knows me has ever said to me, "Would you like to pet my cat". No one has ever asked me, "Are you Italian".

No one has ever said to me your nose is perfect for your face".

No one who knows me has ever asked, "Would you like a beer".

No one has ever said to me, "your teeth are perfect, who is your dentist?" No one who knows me has ever asked, Would you like to join us on a hiking, fishing and hunting trip?"

No one has ever said to me, "I love being in th car with you, I always feel safe when you drive".

No one has ever said to me "I think your eyes are bigger than your stomach".

No one who knows me has ever said to me, "I can't believe you're late". And finally no one has ever said to me, "Speak your mind, let us know what you really feel."

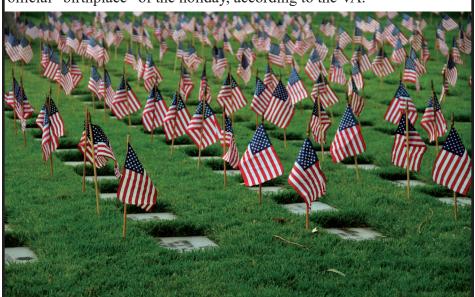
Well, that's it for now bro. On the way to the first round of the Shoreline playoffs. Give everyone a kiss for me. I'll see you soon.

When Was Memorial Day First Celebrated?

Memorial Day was originally called "Decoration Day." In 1869, the head of an organization of Union veterans, Maj. Gen. John A. Logan, established Decoration Day as a way for the nation to honor the graves of those who died in the Civil War with flowers, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

There are debates over which city was the origin place of Memorial Day, although the first large observation was held at Arlington National Cemetery for a crowd of about 5,000 in 1868.

In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, New York the official "birthplace" of the holiday, according to the VA.



Letters to the editor...

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Estate Planning for Everyone: How to talk with your parents about their estate plan.

By Attorney Marc

Talking to your parents about their estate plan (or the lack thereof), can be a sensitive and challenging conversation. However, it's a crucial discussion to ensure their wishes are respected and their assets are managed appropriately when the time comes. Here are some key considerations and steps to approach this conversation with care and understanding.

Find a quiet, comfortable, and private setting where you can talk without distractions. Avoid discussing this during holidays, birthdays, or other emotionally charged times. Start the conversation by expressing your genuine concern for their well-being and their desire to ensure their wishes are followed. Use "I" statements to convey your feelings. For example, "I'm worried about your future and want to make sure your wishes are honored. Understand that your parents might have various reasons for not discussing their estate plan. They may fear their own mortality or find the topic uncomfortable. Be patient and prepared for this to be an ongoing conversation. Encourage your parents to share their thoughts by asking open-ended questions. For instance, "What are your thoughts on how your assets should be distributed after your passing?" This allows them to express their views without feeling pressured. Listen to their concerns and priorities, as they may have unique wishes you aren't aware of.

If your parents are open to discussing estate planning, provide them with information on the importance of wills, trusts, and advance directives. Share real-life examples to illustrate the consequences of not having a plan in place. Encourage them to consult with a legal and financial professional who specializes in estate planning. An expert can guide them through the process, answer their questions, and address their concerns.

In addition to financial matters, talk about their healthcare preferences. Ensure they have a healthcare proxy, living will, and durable power of attorney for healthcare to outline their medical preferences.

If you have an estate plan in place, sharing your own experiences can be reassuring. Explain how having a plan has provided you peace of mind and security for your family. Be mindful of any family dynamics or potential conflicts. Addressing these issues early can prevent disputes later. Encourage open communication between siblings and parents if appropriate. Help your parents gather their important documents, such as wills, insurance policies, deeds, and account information. Having everything in one place makes it easier to create or update their estate plan.

If your parents already have an estate plan, discuss the importance of regular reviews and updates, especially after significant life events like a marriage, divorce, birth, or death in the family. Estate planning is not a one-time conversation. Revisit it periodically to ensure your parents' wishes are up to date and that you understand their evolving preferences.

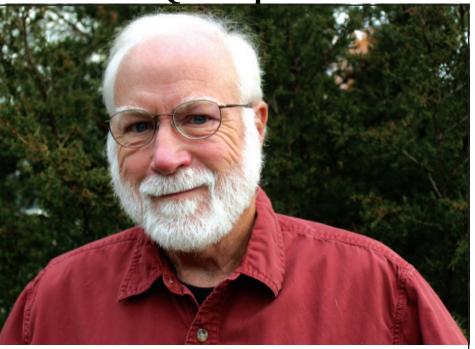
Estate planning can be an emotional process. Offer emotional support throughout, as your parents may be dealing with complex feelings and thoughts. Talking to your elderly parents about their estate plan is a compassionate and responsible way to ensure their wishes are honored and their financial affairs are in order. By approaching this conversation with sensitivity and understanding, you can help them make informed decisions for their future and provide peace of mind for your entire family.

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Historian to Present Story of Female Quinnipiac Leader



The Quinnipiac tribe woman who negotiated the transfer of Guilford lands from the Quinnipiac tribe to the English Puritans in 1639 is the subject of a talk by James T. Powers, historian, on Monday, June 3, at the Atwater Library, 1720 Foxon Rd, North Branford. This meeting of the Totoket Historical Society begins at 6:30 p.m. with annual elections and the program follows. Shaumpishuh was the female leader of the tribe that inhabited lands from the Guilford shoreline north to near what is now Durham and from the Quinnipiac River to the East River. Information about the Totoket Historical Society is at: https://www.totokethistoricalsociety.org/

The story of the tribe and the leadership role of Shaumpishuh is displayed at the Quinnipiac Dawnland Museum on the grounds of the Dudley Farm near the intersection of Routes 77 and 80 in Guilford.

Exhibits in the Quinnipiac Dawnland Museum explain how the arrival of the Dutch and English in the early 17th Century profoundly impacted the Quinnipiac and other Indigenous people of Connecticut. Through the use of archaeology, historical events, and documents you can witness how European colonization resulted in catastrophic changes for the Quinnipiac People, ultimately culminating in their dispersal to join other groups in Connecticut and beyond. For more information: https://dudleyfarm.com/quinnipiac-dawnland-collection/

Contributed photos:

James T. Powers - Interior of Quinnipiac Dawnland Museum



REMEMBER OUR FALLEN HEROES



Rotary awards continued



Mary-Ellen's lifelong dedication to education and community service is truly admirable. Even in retirement, she continues to make a significant impact on the town of North Branford. Leading the effort to restore the little red schoolhouse and

revitalizing the Totoket Historical Society demonstrates her commitment to preserving the town's history for future generations.

Her involvement in local schools, educating children about North Branford's history, not only enriches their learning experience but also fosters a sense of pride and connection to their community. Mary Ellen's willingness to share her knowledge and passion for history extends beyond the classroom, as she takes the time to engage with Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and various groups further contributing to the town's cultural education.

Through her active participation in town events and community initiatives, Mary Ellen exemplifies what it means to be a true advocate and volunteer. Whether it's organizing fundraisers, participating in historical activities, or simply lending a helping hand wherever needed, she embodies the spirit of service and civic engagement.

Mary Ellen's tireless efforts to preserve and promote North Branford's heritage make her a cherished asset to the community. Her dedication, enthusiasm, and selflessness serve as an inspiration to others, leaving a lasting legacy of community spirit and civic pride.



Recognizing National Cornelia de Lange Syndrone (CdLS) Awareness Day

NORTH BRANFORD - Mayor Rose Angeloni and Town Manager Michael Downes joined with North Branford's Ashley Fernandez, regional coordinator for the CdLS Foundation, 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 Saturday, May 11th, 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: Ashley Fernandez, Lindsey Fernandez, Mayor Rose Angeloni, Lilly Fernandez, and Town Manager Michael Downes.





Casciello Honored as Vietnam Veteran

On Saturday May 4, 2024 Ralph Casciello was chosen to go on the Honor Flight of Connecticut. Honored as a Vietnam Veteran of the United States Air Force. There were Korean and Vietnam Veterans a total of 51 Veterans They were Honored for their dedication and duty and service to our country They all made sacrifices and were thanked and honored throughout the day Visiting our country's Capital in Washington ,DC, and many majestic monuments along with the Korean Memorial and the Vietnam Wall and many other Celebrations throughout the day.

Once again we thank you very much for your distinguished service.





Rotary Students of the Month North Branford High School

The following seniors (pictured left to right) have been named 'Students of the Month' and will be recognized by the North Branford Rotary Organization during an upcoming Rotary Meeting. The North Branford Rotary continues to sponsor this recognition event throughout the school year. Departments at NBHS have an opportunity to nominate students in order to assist the Rotary Organization. Students and their parents will be invited to the upcoming Rotary Meeting when the students are recognized with a dinner at a local restaurant included for the evening.

Social Studies - Sabrina Lin Math - Jay Patel Business - Jack Maley Photo courtesy of Nikki Golembieski, NBHS Administrative Assistant

World Language Department - Callie Holzer



All former and present teachers, students and staff members are invited It will be held in the Forge Room at Millpond Gathering



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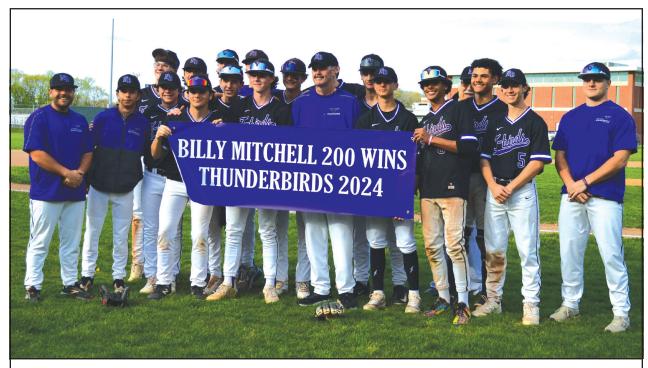
Grace Little graduated from the University of Georgia, Class of 2024.

Ariana Fiondella was inducted into the Honor Society at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic.

Alyssa Kendrick was inducted into the Sigma Gama Epsilon Honor Society at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic.





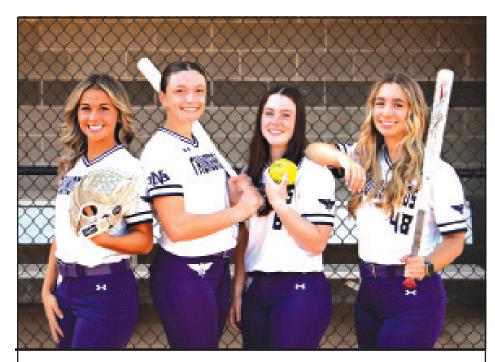


Mitchell Gets 200th Career Win

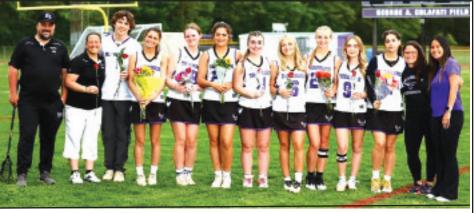
North Branford High School baseball Coach Billy Mitchell recently won his 200th game with a 3-0 victory over East Hampton.



SENIOR MOMENTS



Senior softball captains from left to right: Lindsey Onofrio, Natalia Lucibello, Kiley Mullins and Gabi Senercia. *Photo couurtesy of Dina Falcioni*



Senior Ladies LaCrosse players recently ecognized. Pictured: Coach Ryan Connelly, Coach Lori Connelly, Manager Gianni Somo, Calie Holzer, Mikella Obrien, Kailie Vaspasiano, Morgan Lucibello, Tea Ferrucci, Keana Criscuolo, Gianna Gamble, Gabby Palma, Coach Cheryl Canada and Coach Joanna Phabmixay.



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Senior baseball players: Captain Caleb Allen, Pete (PJ) Ramada and Victor Castillo.

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CT Trails Day Hike With the NBLCT

The North Branford Land Conservation Trust Inc., is hosting a hike at Harrison Farm Preserve on June 1 from 9:30-11:30am, as part of CT Trails Day. Join the NBLCT, as we hike from Atwater Library, across Town land, onto a newly acquired 3-acre piece of NBLCT land that connects to our 22-acre Harrison Farm Preserve. The walk/hike will cross a bridge built by NBLCT volunteers that brings you onto a lollipop trail on Regional Water Authority property near Lake Gaillard.

We will meet at the parking lot of Atwater Library at 9:15 a.m. It is suggested that participants park on North Street or in the North Branford Congregational Church parking lot.

This hike is part of well over 100 events taking place state-wide on June 1 and 2.

The North Branford Land Conservation Trust Inc., coordinates a number of events for adults and families throughout the year. All events are free and open to the public.

Please pre-register at: https://trailsday.org/

We encourage everyone to wear comfortable clothing and supportive walking shoes. Length of the hike is less than 2 miles.

North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc. Annual Meeting

Please join the North Branford Land Trust at our annual meeting on June 5 at Millpond Gatherings at 5:30 pm to learn more about a piece of North Branford history. Alden Page, son of Robert and Stephanie Page, will be highlighting the history of the Page family in North Branford. The Page family currently operates a Maple Tree, dairy and hay farm, on Totoket Road in North Branford. Alden will be discussing how the family settled in North Branford in the late 1600's. He will share how the family started a lumber yard, started farming and established a bottling plant, and how the farm has evolved into the dairy farm/hay production business it is today.

Following the presentation by Alden, there will be a short business meeting. Light refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you there!

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.

For additional information, visit the NBLCT website at http://nblandtrust.org or our Facebook page. \Box

North Branford Rotary seeking Nominations for Community Service Award.

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

The club recognized three distinguished North Branford residents last year. David Palumbo, Al Rose and Steve Torino were presented with the Service Above Self award at the well-attended annual event.

The club will be holding the event this year on Thursday June 27, 2024 at 6:00pm at Woodwinds. Individual nominations can be made by going to the North Branford Rotary website: NorthBranfordRotary.org where a nomination form can be submitted online. The form will ask for basic information of the individual being nominated and require specific details as to why the individual being nominated exemplifies Service Above Self in order to be considered for the award. The club asks to include specific details and be thorough in explaining times when the individual has displayed "Service Above Self." The deadline to submit a nomination is Friday May 3, 2024. So, act fast and send nominations promptly! Each year we have had several candidates that are well qualified. The decision to choose the award recipients is difficult. If you nominated someone in a previous year that wasn't chosen, submit them for consideration again this year.

For questions about the award or nomination process you may reach out to NorthBranfordRotary@gmail.com, the Committee Chairperson, Melinda Fonda at 203-988-0883, or Club President Anne Merola at 203-988-2898. The club is looking forward to learning about individuals from this magnificent town who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to make the Town of North Branford, and the world, a better place!

Honor Them 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, veterans and first responders. The public is invited to participate by purchasing a U.S. flag dedicated to a member of our military, first responder or anyone else close to your heart. The flags will go on display on the front lawn at the North Branford Town Hall from the day before Flag Day, Thursday, June 13th to July 4th. Each flag, 12" x 18", will have a white ribbon attached to it inscribed with the name and rank of the soldier, first responder or loved one. Flags will be available for collection for one week after July 4th from the lawn of the North Branford Town Hall. Proceeds will benefit local veterans' projects. To order, fill out a form and mail a check made out to the Northford-North Branford Women's Club, GFWC 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.northfordnbwomensclubgfwc.org. There is no limit on purchases, but all forms must be received by June 8th. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Collett at 203-484-9079.

A ceremony has been scheduled for Thursday, June 13th at 7pm on the North Branford town hall lawn. Please come and join us for this moving program.

Please fill out the following information and make a check payable to the

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MEMBERSHIP FORM 2024 (May 1, 2024 - April 31, 2025) Address Additional email (optional)_ Membership Donation (select one) Everyone who gives to THS at any level is a m Individual \$25 Family \$40 Patron \$50 Benefactor \$100 Champion \$250 OTHER \$ Thank you for your generous membership donation! To help defray costs, please include your email above so we may keep you informed of meeting Our organization is volunteer based. We invite you to our monthly meetings and to volunteer to help us carry out our mission. Please indicate below any interest that you have in volunt with the THS. **Volunteer Options** _Technology (website, etc.) Fund Raising Research/Writing _Exhibits _Seasonal Clean ups _Curatorial Work _Educational Projects _Programs Little Red School House Restoration Other skills you are willing to share PLEASE Mail Form and Check to: Totoket Historical Society ATTN: MEMBERSHIP PO Box 491 Northford, CT 06472

Teaching, Preserving and Building Community

Please consider becoming a member of the Totoket Historical Society! Your membership donation will help preserve our historical buildings here in town. We are also in need of volunteers, please feel free to join us at our monthly meeting held at the Atwater library on the fourth Monday of the month at 7pm to see what we are all about! We hope to see some new faces.



WELCOME TO NORTHFORD SUPER MART!

The Town of North Branford would like to welcome Northford Super Mart to Northford. Located at 1060 Middletown Avenue, near the border with North Haven, Northford Super Mart is a convenience store that is open 7 days a week from 5 AM to 11 PM. We wish the best of luck to the owners Syed Uddin and Abdul Waheed and their team.

Photos: L-R: Guilford Savings Bank Northford Manager Chris Henry, Assistant Town Manager Rory Burke, Mayor Rose Angeloni, Sayed Uddin, Town Manager Michael Downes.

BUDGET REFERENDUM May 14, 2024

Total Number of Electors - 9225

District 1 - 4901- District 2 - 2466 - District 3 - 1858

Total Number Voting - 227 (2.5%)

District 1 - 112 (2.3%)

District 2 - 71 (2.9%)

District 3 - 44 (2.4%)

Question #1 Shall the Town Council Recommended Budget of \$61,838,729, which will require a mill rate of 35.93 mills, be adopted?

District 1 District 2 District Total
I accept the budget 15 17 4 36
I reject the budget - too high 89 47 35 171
I reject the budget - too low 8 7 5 20
Budget passes as adopted by Town Council, 15% threshold not met.



HANDMADE CRAFTS

COME JOIN US!

Recycling News

Memorial Day is a trash holiday. Pickups will be delayed by one day.

Hazwaste Central opened on Saturday May 18th.

The Regional Water Authorities' HazWaste Central will be open on Saturdays starting on May 18th through mid-October. They are closed on the weekends of Memorial Day, July 4th 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.

Please Don't Feed the Storm Drain

Is your storm drain covered with leaves or grass clippings? Please take a few minutes to rake them off so the water can flow into it.

Storm drains are designed to only carry rainfall runoff from our streets into our local waterways. Anything but water can contribute to water pollution and drainage issues. Pesticides from treated lawns and gardens can also end up in your drinking water, threatening water quality. Please clean the street of grass clippings. Blowing grass clippings onto the road is dangerous to drivers, motorcycles, bicyclists, harms local storm sewers and aquatic life.

Remember: Only Rain in the Drain!

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.

If you missed the Bulky Waste pickup you can post useful items on the Facebook page: North Branford & Northford Free Items.

There is also Freecycle.org in East Haven or New Haven.

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

Can I recycle it?

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

They also have an app.

For more information about recycling in North Branford you can check out North Branford's Recycling Committee's website: townofnorthbranfordct.com/government/boards-commissions/hazardous-wasterecycling-committee.aspx

or our Facebook page: North Branford CT Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee

Thank You for Your Participation

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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

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

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

Northford 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 . Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Worship Service 10am. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregational.church

St. Ambrose Parish - 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!

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

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 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. 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

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, North Branford. Our vicar is the Rev. Lucy LaRocca. 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

Please join us for

Pam's Picassos, "Tropical Paint Night" **Tuesday June 4, 2024 7:00 PM North Branford Congregational Church** 1680 Foxon Road, North Branford Paint a vibrant tropical scene guided by our skilled instructor Pam. Tickets are \$35 per person. To reserve a spot please call Lori Vogt at 203.314.8562

Memorial Day Service at St. Andrew's

"St. Andrew's, the White Church on the Hill in the Heart of Northford, will hold a short service on Thursday, May 23th at 7 p.m to honor Gold Star families, and to rededicate the stained glass windows in the church's chancel which were given in memory of Donald Williams by his parents. Captain Williams, a local hero, was killed in action during WWII. If you are a member of a Gold Star family and would like to be included, please contact Leslie Williams at 203-715-0875. We will have a reception following the service for fellowship and refreshments. We hope you will join us to honor these families before the Memorial Day holiday."

DEATH NOTICE



Mary-Lou Pannone, age 82, of Northford, passed away surrounded by her loving family after a long courageous battle with cancer on May 13, 2024. She's predeceased by her husband, Ralph Pannone, and her siblings Rita, Faye, Larry, John (Doc) and Joe Fusco. She is survived by several family members, including two siblings, Anne Fusco of North Haven, and Bob Fusco, and his wife Mary-Ann, of Middletown; two sons, Alfred Raucci III and his wife Kathleen, of Guilford and Andrew Raucci of Guilford; four grandchildren,

Briana Raucci of Branford, Lauren Raucci and Fiancé Robert Benco, of Branford, Alfred Raucci IV of Guilford, and Mya Raucci of Guilford.

Mary-Lou was employed at First New Haven National Bank in the Trust department and then worked at Harco Laboratories in Purchasing and Sales. She then left work for a few years to raise her sons. She attended South Central Community College and went to work as an assistant in a patent, trademark, and copyright law firm in New Haven and, after a few years, became an office manager for a mental health clinic. Her husband's career took them to Arkansas for 7 years, where she became a member of The Loose Threads Quilt Club, where she volunteered her services for battered women and made quilts for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. Upon returning to CT, she joined the Shoreline Quilters Guild and made many quilts for the Smilow Cancer Center. She taught her youngest grandchild how to quilt and entered her quilts into quilt shows. She loved to read, knit, and crochet as well but her favorite passion was spending time with her family.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929, where Mary-Lou was a donor for over 25 years. www.northhavenfuneral.com

Tag Sale/Flea Market Vendors Wanted



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 1st. (rain dates June 8th, 15th, & 22nd.) 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 \$42 per space paid before 5/27, after this date +\$5 late fee. Vendors must provide their own tables

and be in their space before 7:30am.

Rosary Walk
Rosary Walk began on Wednesday, April 24th at 6:00 PM. We will meet every Wednesday evening until September 11th. All are invited to meet at All Saints Cemetery in North Haven (RT 17) by the main building. We will be praying the Rosary and concluding with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for your intentions and World Peace. Programs will be provided. For inclement weather, please meet by the Mausoleum. For more information, please visit our website, Events calendar: www.ccacem.org or Call Barbara at 203 780 8418. This is an outdoor event, please dress accordingly.

Memorial Day Mass

Join us for Mass on Monday, May 27th (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 27th on the calendar and fill out the form

included. All Veterans names will be honored at all the masses held at our cemeteries.

All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum-

North Haven Time: 10:30 am Office: (203) 507-9213





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ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALI

North Branford Parks and Recreation Department is excited to be offering a Summer Adult Co-ed Softball League. Join us at Totoket Valley Park beginning June 11 for a fun, recreational league!

Two games will be played each Tuesday evening, one at 6:15 p.m. and the other at 7:30 p.m. Potentially Thursday night games will be added depending on registrations.

Team Captains must register your team (minimum 8 players) at nbrecreation.com, submit a roster to the Assistant Director, Kerry Haynes at khaynes@northbranfordct.gov Registration Deadline is 5/28

ARTISAN SERIES: PASTA MAKING

Join owner Nicholas Imbrigilo, of Passionately Pasta for an interactive, fun and easy to follow pasta making class. The class will include a demonstration of making the dough and participants will learn the art of shaping traditional pasta shapes. The ideology of this program is to bring families and friends together to share a wonderful and memorable experience.

PASTA MAKING - ADULT (18+) - \$50

Thursday June 6, 2024 - 6:00-8:00pm STW Gym/Cafe

PASTA MAKING - PARENT AND CHILD - \$50

Thursday June 13, 2024 - 3:00-5:00pm STW Gym/Cafe

One parent and one child pair. Please enroll just the adult participant. If you would like to enroll an additional child it is \$10.



Grades 3-9 Totoket Valley Elementary School June 17-June 21 Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 1:00 p.m. \$160 res \$165 nr Instructor: Slamma-Jamma Coaches

The Slamma-Jamma staff shows campers how to develop basketball fundamentals and a winning attitude. With 38 years of experience, the knowledgeable and skilled camp directors and clinicians hold each camper's best interests as their priority as they work on skills to help create great players and great kids on and off the courts.

POWER YOGA

This yoga practice is a full body workout that will challenge your mind and body. With this practice you will build endurance, gain core strength, create flexibility and promote weight loss. Instructed by Toni McGovern

STW Yoga Room - Wednesdays, June 5 - 26 5:30-6:30pm Ages 16+ Cost \$45 res/ \$45 nr

RESTORATIVE YOGA

Stillness is a powerful practice. With the help of props to support the body you will relax muscles and calm the nervous system. Help reduce stress and create an overall well being. Instructed by Toni McGovern

STW Yoga Room- Wednesdays, June 5 - 26 6:45-7:30pm Ages 16+ Cost \$40 res/ \$40 nr



Thursdays July 11-Aug 1 **STW Community Center Senior Room**

4:30-5:15pm - Ages 8-12





Learning the fundamentals of guitar will help you develop a greater appreciation for music - and it's a lot of FUN! Topics covered include notes, right/left hand technique, beats, chords/chord theory, and basic song structure. *Class is intended for students with little or no instrumental experience. Instructor: Carl Fazzio

Equipment: *Please bring a guitar (style is unimportant; acoustic or classical, even electric - if student brings an electric, an amp is NOT required). *Notebook and pen to take notes.

Lancaster Show Trip & the Dutch Country

November 13, 2024 - November 15, 2024

\$540

*Per Person, double occupancy (\$615 per person, single occupancy rate; \$520 per person, triple occupancy rate)

Incredible Price includes:

- Motorcoach transportation
- 2 nights lodging in the Lancaster area
- 4 meals: 2 breakfasts and 2 dinners
- Admission to "Daniel" Show at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theater
- Admission to a holiday themed show at the Magic & Wonder Theater
 - Visit to charming Kitchen Kettle Village
- Admission to The Amish Experience & Jacob's Choice at the F/X Theatre

\$75 due at registration; final payment due: 8/30/2024 Gratuity for motorcoach driver and step on guides included.



SENIOR CENTER

ESSEX LUNCH TRAIN AND RIVERBOAT

July 12, 2024 \$84 res / \$89 nr

Departs STW at 10:00am Returns 4:00pm Register by June 7th

Departing STW at 10:00 am, we will have lunch on the Steam Train on our way to board the Riverboat, which will take us out on the Connecticut River. Your meal, train and steamboat ride are included. Adult beverages may be purchased on your own.



www.vetcareeverywhere.org/community-events Full details on nbrecreation.com



ENDER'S ISLAND GARDEN TOUR & LUNC

July 16, 2024 - 10:00am-2:00pm \$25 res / \$30 nr

Join us for a tour of the beautiful gardens and boxed lunch at Ender's Island in Stonington.

Register by June 25th



FREE 1332 Middletown Ave. Northford

Register at nbrecreation.com by 6/13/24 : (203) 484-6017

FREE to Residents Age 55+ : Hot Dogs, Hamburgers \$5 for Non-residents Age 55+ & Salads Dessert & Watermelon Please let us know at time of registration

nbrecreation.com

North Branford Rotary Club

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TJC Electrical Services. No job too big or too small. Service upgrades and generator specials. Call Tom Cassella at 203-619-2823. Licensed and insured.

PLUMBING

John DiMaggio Plumbing - Residential/Commercial repairs/remodeling. Big or small. Water Heater Specials! Licensed & Insured. Call 203 - 627 - 6826. References available.

STONEWORKS

EARTHART STONEWORKS LLC - Specializing in stonewall restoration. Offering hardscape design, custom and made to order stone creations, benches, water features, patios, mailbox posts and more. Licensed and insured. 203 868-9958. <u>Earthart Stoneworks LLC</u>

HELP WANTED

Twin Lake Children's Center in Northford is growing and looking for some awesome people to join our toddler team. One full time position is available in our toddler room along with part time morning (8-1) or afternoon (1-5:30) positions. Pay ranges from \$17.00 an hour and goes up depending on level of education and experience with this age group. Send your inquiry to carol8615@sbcglobal.net

Public Stargazing at Young's Park

The Astronomical Society of New Haven is hosting a free stargazing event on Saturday May 25th after 7pm at Young's Park, 60 Blackstone Ave. in Branford.

Admission and parking are free. All are welcome, including children and grandparents. We will see the constellations Leo, Gemini and Hercules. It will be a dark night with no moon in the sky so there will be some nice deep sky objects to find through the telescopes. We bring the telescopes; you bring your interest in seeing some other galaxies and star clusters.

Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted to our website, <u>www.asnh.org</u> 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.





Totoket Historical Society Hosts Tilcon Quarry Tour June 19

The Totoket Historical Society is sponsoring a bus tour of the Tilcon Quarry in North Branford on Wednesday, June 19th at 6:00 pm. Stone from this quarry has played a vital role in building infrastructure throughout Connecticut. The 90-minute tour will give participants a chance to ask questions of the Tilcon guides and walk the quarry floor, weather permitting.

The cost of the tour is \$30. Checks made payable to the Totoket Historical Society, Inc. should be mailed to 909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT 06471 ATTN: TILCON. Please include a phone number with your check. Reservations are confirmed only on receipt of payment. We recommend no children under the age of 10. For information and reservations, please call Jessica at 203-895-6655.

Tour participants should arrive at the North Branford Town Hall, 909 Foxon Road (Rt 80) by 5:30 pm to check in. The buses will board promptly at 5:45 pm and leave immediately.

Proceeds from the tour go towards the upkeep of the historic buildings in the care of the Totoket Historical Society Inc. in North Branford.

The mission of the group is Teaching, Preserving, and Building Community. We hope you will join us to learn more about this quarry that plays a vital role in our community.

