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Compassionate Veterenarian Remembered



For nearly thirty years, from early morning, until late at night, Dr. Efen Osorio could be found at his office Veterinary Associates of North Branford. Coming in before regular office hours to see a patient was common place for him. Especially if it was a cat or dog who was easily frightened by noise and/or other animals. He always put the care of his patients first above everything else. I am the Director of The Hope Alliance For Animals organization, located in Killingworth. My rescue/sanctuary takes in cats with special needs, as well as those requiring hospice care. Having those types

of furbabies means you are at the vet's office alot! Very often it is multiple times in the same week. We were blessed to have him as our veterinarian. People would come from all over the state to have their companion animals treated by him. Through the years however, he became like a brother to me. When I lost both my parents within a short period of time, he was extremely compassionate and helped me to keep going. Many times, due to the stress involved with rescue, it is easy to become overwhelmed. With his calm steady voice and comforting hugs, he was always able to make life better. We shared a love of the Lord as well as a love of The New York Mets! (Who he admitted he had zero interest in until I "introduced him" to them!)

In December of 2020, he became extremely ill with Covid 19. No one could ever imagine the events that would follow. On January 21, 2021, the community lost one of the kindest, most knowledgeable and compassionate people to ever walk this Earth.

In his honor and memory I have created the Blessings From Efen program. Through this program, people who are homeless, can receive pet food and pet supplies for their companion animals. I also distribute to others in the community who are extremely low income. He spent his entire life giving so much to others, whether they had the ability to pay for his services or not. Through this program, I will honor his legacy and keep his memory alive.

If you need help or know someone who does, please reach out by phone at 860-663-0324 or email hopealliance1958@gmail.com. If you are a social worker and have clients in need, please do not hesitate to reach out as well. If you wish to make a donation our Paypal is hopealliance@hotmail.com and our Venmo is @Hope-Alliance

Dr. Osorio's middle name was Angel. He truly was an Angel during his time here on Earth. He was taken way too soon. He will forever live on in the hearts of many.

Submitted by Lisa Marie Ruoppolo

North Branford Memorial Parade 2024

Press Release: The Memorial Day Parade will 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. Sign-up 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 to honor their memory.

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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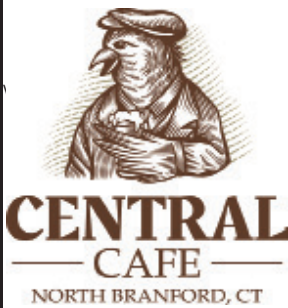
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2024 MEMORIAL DAY

Dear Editor:

This Memorial Day, Americans will pause to honor the courageous men and women in uniform who gave their lives to defend our nation’s freedom and security. Whatever plans you have for the long weekend, we invite you to join all of us at Dichello Distributors, Inc. in celebrating our fallen heroes on May 27th and raising a glass in their honor.

For many Americans, the long weekend also represents the start of summer gatherings, and unfortunately it has become one of the most dangerous times of year for drivers on our roads. If your plans involve drinking, remember to prioritize the essential thing that our service members fought to uphold: our safety and wellbeing. Drunk driving is 100% preventable and we can all do our

part to keep our loved ones and neighbors safe by leaving the car keys at home.

Over the last 35 years, Anheuser-Busch and its wholesaler partners have invested more than \$1 billion in community-based programs and initiatives to prevent underage drinking, impaired driving and other harmful uses of alcohol. All of us at Dichello Distributors are once again teaming up with Anheuser-Busch, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and Uber to encourage all to *Decide To Ride* by planning ahead for a safe ride home if you are drinking.

Thank you for your support of this shared mission to put an end to drunk driving. We wish you a memorable and safe Memorial Day.

Tony Lota
Alcohol Awareness and Education
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State Representative Vincent Candelora



When the state’s new fiscal year begins July 1, the FY25 budget will be out of balance and over the spending cap by \$30 million. It’s the legislature’s obligation to address the issue now.

A couple of weeks ago, though, Democrats who lead the Appropriations Committee made the choice to do just that. They will not adjust the budget and will instead spend—outside the budget—whatever remains of federal American Rescue Plan Act dollars to provide funding for their priority initiatives, such as giving more money to the state’s higher education system. You might be shocked to know that neither Democrat leaders nor Governor Lamont have pinpointed how much of that money is left. Estimates have ranged from \$100 million to \$400 million. To call their plan a gimmick would be an understatement. To me, it’s a violation of the fiscal guardrails.

Not settling for simply telling Democrats their approach is wrong, my House Republican caucus developed a plan (visit repcandelora.com) to show it’s possible to balance the budget. We unveiled it April 25th. I hope it will be enough to kickstart fresh conversation on the topic and cause our indifferent General Assembly colleagues to act before session ends on May 8th. If we don’t, that will leave Gov. Lamont to make budget changes as he sees fit later in the year.

The House Republican budget process didn’t start with the concept of using federal money first—those dollars, we contend, should be applied judiciously after structural spending reforms are made to the regular budget. Our plan does that. We offer savings with proposals such as cutting enhanced (and free) communications tools provided to inmates (\$10 million), eliminating “free” healthcare to undocumented immigrants (a \$45 million), and budgeting only for the vacant state employee positions we can realistically expect to fill (a \$26 million).

These types of structural spending reforms would enable us to install new spending priorities and focus on issues that put pressure on municipal budgets—and local property taxpayers—such as providing (\$3 million) to help towns run early voting. Top among them is maintaining the promises we made to municipalities a year ago by providing excess cost grants—a total of \$80 million—to cover surging special education costs. In fact, by reprioritizing spending, our plan delivers \$230 million more for local education funding. What’s more, our focus on supporting children at the start of their educational journey includes increased Medicaid reimbursement rates to critical Birth to Three programs, which are having problems keeping staff due to low pay. Additionally, our plan keeps a promise to educators by maintaining a scheduled \$42 million payment into the Teachers’ Retirement Fund.

Crucially, our proposal also includes an elimination of the highway use tax on trucks that’s contributing to the high cost of goods, services, and groceries.

Overall, our combination of structural spending reforms and reprioritization of budgetary allocations leaves our proposal \$43.5 million *under* the spending cap.

Where do we go from here? For me, failure to act is unconscionable. I’m working on changing the minds of my Democrat colleagues, to convince them of the danger of gaveling out of session and handing the Governor the responsibility of cutting the budget as holes grow bigger. For Democrats, forcing him to make the unpopular decisions might seem like a good idea now, but what if he turns his eye toward repealing the tax relief we enacted last session? Or, if what if he looks at state funding to local school districts?

My gut tells me they will wish that they had acted now.

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

LET’S BE “FRANK”

Growing up, I always remember complaining to our mother about things being hard. I don’t know where the quotes originated but she would always have the same two answers. The first was, “If it were easy, anybody could do it”. The second one came right after, “besides, working hard for something makes the successes much more rewarding.

Unfortunately, mom is no longer with us and a generation that grew up with this philosophy is slowly giving in to a “give up” attitude. Hard work now seems to be a misunderstood philosophy. Our new regime of leaders seem to be more focused on taking the easy way out.

I remember the days when Catholic schools were a cherished entity. The religious education, the discipline and the development was a way of life. With little help from the government, the schools had to rely on the fund raisers and dedication of the congregation. Lasagna suppers, religious & social festivals, raffles, bingos, solicited sponsorships, donations and the famous World’s Finest Candy sale (I’m dating myself). All of these activities would bring the students and their families closer together.

As these things slowly declined, we began with the “take the easy way out” means of survival. Skip the fund raisers, (they’re too hard to run). Just continue to go up on the price of tuition (it’s easier to put a pen to a budget sheet), and blame the people for the financial failures of these institutions when they simply could not raise the funds to send their children to these heralded school.

One by one, schools closed and the churches were soon to follow. The Catholic education went by the wayside and the kids didn’t receive that daily instructions they needed to maintain their faith, So now we have taken the easy way out and the results are terribly upsetting.

In New Haven we have seen a total of 13 Catholic grammar schools whittled down to one. The churches are following this philosophy. The easy way out is to make it harder for people to attend Mass by taking away Masses and preaching about the “Church only being a building”. My house is a building but it serves a great deal of people who consider themselves family and create a community. They tell us the priests are working too hard and they need to make their jobs easier. I grew up my entire life surrounded by priests. These men served the parish in all phases. Playing in the school yard, visiting the sick, home visits and Masses. If there was a need to make it more convenient they would add a Mass. In Matthew 18-20 Jesus said, “for where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them”.

I overheard one priest say “It is not about the convenience of the people anymore”. So again, the easy way out is to cut Masses, close churches and break down the small communities of people.

Children in the Hartford Diocese now receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Joseph’s in Hartford. It use to be at their own Church or together with several local churches. They were comfortable with the surrounding and the ceremony was intimate and their family and friend and parishioners made it special. Now they fill a church miles away from the community and attendance is limited. Who is this more convenient for?

Notre Dame of West Haven (my alma mater) has just decided to accept females into their previous all boy’s school. They continued to increase tuition and without the Catholic grammar schools to feed off of, enrollment suffered. They were talking about ways to stay afloat when I graduated in 1974. The old leadership would appear at churches and socials to herald the superiority of Notre Dame as an all boys Catholic school. It’s been a long time since I have seen anyone in our church or at our religious instructions classes to talk about the importance of continuing the Catholic education. Again, let’s just take the easy way out and change the dichotomy of an institution that has been around for a very long time.

This trend is happening all over. As I compare some of the curriculum of today’s students with that of my children and myself, It seems that if the kids don’t understand something, we just make things easier and make the curriculum easier. In printing the honor rolls in the Totoket Times, it seems that more kids make it than not. Today some of our students don’t even know if they made it. Several have told me the only thing you have to do is show up. It’s not special any more and it lowers the standards.

Tell mom I said thank you for keeping our standards high. Give her a kiss for Mother’s Day. Take care and I’ll see you soon.

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For the Health of It.....

Let's Get Moving: No Bones About it!



In today's sedentary world, where physical activity often takes a backseat, maintaining healthy bones might not be high on everyone's priority list. Bone health is crucial for overall well-being but realistically, when was the last time you gave it a 2nd thought? If it's something you are mindful of, fantastic—and if what you're doing about it goes beyond the daily supplements you're taking, even better!

This week was exceptionally eye opening for me starting Monday morning with my annual physical where my doctor and I reviewed the results of my bone density scan. It seems over the last four years I was able to maintain the results of the previous scan. The previous scan showed an 8% increase in bone density from the test before. We concluded that both the increase and maintenance were due to a combination of proper supplementation and physical activity. My doc and I agreed that maintenance is good but if it increased before, it's very likely I can increase it again. How? By stepping up strength training and movement. I left there with a solid goal and an understanding that it's up to me to see it through.

That very evening I tuned in to a weekly coaching call where my Nutritionist and mentor challenged members to get outdoors for some movement and exercise daily, for the next week. The only rule was to have fun with it! Thinking about my goal of increasing movement, I committed to the challenge and have been out there every day since.

What I found was being on the deck at 6 a.m. when there is just enough chill in the air to make exercise invigorating, put me in a much better frame of mind to take on the day than if I did the exact same exercise indoors. If you're not a morning person, no worries. For me, it had the same effect throughout the day—from short bursts of walking in the parking lot throughout my workday, to taking a walk along the shore on my way home. I'm not a fan of the cold so if not for the challenge, I definitely would not have been outside so much this week, especially early in the morning. But by taking on the challenge, I now have something new to put in my exercise tool box and since movement plays a pivotal role in maintaining strong and dense bones, I'm happy about that!

Bones are the framework of our body, providing structural support, protecting vital organs, and serving as a reservoir for essential minerals like calcium and phosphorus. As we age, bone density naturally declines, making bones more susceptible to fractures and osteoporosis. According to a May 2023 article from the NIA NIH, this goes for men too, particularly those over the age of 65.

Could that be because as a society in general we have adapted a more sedentary lifestyle? It's very likely, but the good news is we don't have to go on a quest to discover the secret of strong and resilient bones. Regular physical activity is an effective way to promote bone health. Weight-bearing exercises, such as walking, jogging, dancing, and strength training, stimulate bone formation and increase bone density. These activities create stress on the bones, prompting them to remodel and become stronger over time.

Sadly, on some level we have come to accept that aging and a loss of mobility go hand in hand. However, do we stop moving because we're aging or do we lose mobility with age because we stop moving? It seems in most cases the latter is true as explained by Dr. Jennifer Pierre, ND, MPH, who addressed a room full of hospice volunteers and staff on the topic of self-care. Dr. Pierre explained that insufficient activity can increase the risk of reduced mobility as individuals age. The escalating occurrence of prolonged periods of sitting poses a significant health issue. Whereas movement can actually keep the joints lubricated, prevent stiffness, and keep joints agile. I had the honor of hearing this information firsthand and took it to heart. I hope you do too.

So when it comes to bone health, let's get moving! By making movement a priority, you can reduce your risk of osteoporosis, improve balance and coordination, and enjoy a higher quality of life as you age. So lace up those sneakers, grab a friend, and let's move towards better bone health together!

Tips for Incorporating Movement into Your Routine:

Consult With a Physician before you begin and find activities you enjoy: Whether it's a brisk walk, a yoga or pilates class, or a game of tennis, choose activities that you genuinely enjoy to set yourself up to win.

Start Slowly: If you're new to exercise or have been inactive for a while, start with low-impact activities and gradually increase the intensity and duration.

Mix It Up: Incorporate a variety of exercises into your routine to target different muscle groups and keep things interesting.

Prioritize Weight-Bearing Exercises: While all forms of physical activity offer health benefits, prioritizing weight-bearing exercises can have a significant impact on bone health. Aim for at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity weight-bearing activity most days of the week according to your strength level.

1. Listen to Your Body: Pay attention to how your body feels during and after exercise. If you experience pain or discomfort, adjust your activities accordingly and consult with a healthcare professional.

Please keep those questions and comments coming at joann@wellnessfusion.net. I love to hear from you! Remember this monthly article is here for you, For the Health of it!

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Estate Planning for Everyone: The Power of Living Trusts

By Attorney Marc

A living trust, also known as a revocable trust, is a powerful estate planning tool that allows individuals to protect their assets, manage their affairs, and ensure the smooth transfer of wealth to their heirs. The power of living trusts lies in their flexibility, privacy, and ability to minimize the probate process, making them a popular choice for those seeking to secure their legacy and achieve peace of mind.

One of the most compelling advantages of a living trust is its flexibility. Unlike a will, which becomes effective only after your death, a living trust takes effect immediately upon its creation. This means that you, as the grantor, can maintain control over your assets and make changes or revisions to the trust at any time during your lifetime. You can add or remove assets, change beneficiaries, and modify the terms of the trust as your circumstances evolve. This flexibility allows you to adapt to changes in your family, finances, or preferences without the need for costly and time-consuming legal proceedings.

Privacy is another key aspect of the power of living trusts. When a person passes away and their estate goes through probate, the details of their assets, debts, and beneficiaries become part of the public record. This lack of privacy can lead to unwanted scrutiny and potential disputes among heirs. In contrast, assets held in a living trust remain private and confidential. The distribution of assets, beneficiaries, and the terms of the trust all stay out of the public eye. This privacy can be particularly valuable for those who wish to keep their financial affairs confidential or protect sensitive family information.

Minimizing or outright voiding the probate process is perhaps the most significant benefit of a living trust. Probate is the legal process by which a court validates a will, settles the decedent's debts, and distributes assets to beneficiaries. It can be time-consuming, expensive, and subject to delays, especially when disputes arise. By placing assets in a living trust, you can sidestep much of the probate process. When you pass away, your successor trustee can seamlessly take control of the trust and distribute assets to beneficiaries according to your wishes, without the need for court intervention. This not only saves time and money but also ensures a smoother transition of wealth to your loved ones.

Living trusts also offer a valuable layer of protection in case of incapacity. If you become unable to manage your financial affairs due to illness or injury, your successor trustee can step in and handle matters according to the instructions laid out in the trust document. This prevents the need for a court-appointed guardian or conservator, which can be a costly and intrusive process. It also ensures that your assets are managed and used for your benefit during your incapacity.

Furthermore, living trusts are an effective tool for minimizing estate taxes. While they do not provide direct tax benefits, they can be structured to include tax-saving provisions. By working closely with an experienced estate planning attorney, you can design a trust that maximizes the preservation of your wealth and minimizes the tax burden on your heirs.

The power of living trusts lies in their flexibility, privacy, ability to avoid probate, incapacity protection, and potential for tax savings. These benefits make them a compelling choice for individuals and families looking to secure their legacy and achieve peace of mind. However, it's important to note that while living trusts offer numerous advantages, they may not be suitable for everyone. Estate planning is a complex and individualized process, so it's crucial to consult with a qualified attorney who can assess your specific needs and help you create an estate plan that aligns with your goals and preferences. Ultimately, a well-structured living trust can be a cornerstone of your estate plan, providing you and your loved ones with the security and peace of mind you deserve.

If you would like to talk with me about living trusts- I offer a free consultation. Please call 203-500-0201 or email Marc@attorneymarc.com to schedule a complimentary consultation.

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TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD
BUDGET PRESENTATION for 2024-25 FISCAL YEAR

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

2021-22 ACTUAL	2022-23 ACTUAL	2023-24 BUDGET	@ 1/31/24 ACTUAL	2023-2024 PROJECTED	DESCRIPTION	2024-2025 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	2024-2025 MANAGER PROPOSED	2024-2025 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
\$44,297,153	\$45,424,906	\$48,085,144	\$44,297,568	\$47,750,000	PROPERTY TAXES	\$53,703,693	\$52,807,173	\$49,784,856
\$316,890	\$269,490	\$229,100	\$144,809	\$227,500	FEES	\$204,240	\$204,240	\$204,240
\$223,056	\$165,902	\$115,000	\$81,213	\$115,000	OTHER TAXES	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000
\$1,492,729	\$1,506,123	\$1,552,155	\$1,530,896	\$1,572,674	PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$1,632,147	\$1,632,147	\$1,628,609
(\$265,567)	\$277,558	\$100,000	\$287,269	\$350,000	INVESTMENT INCOME	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$275,000
\$286,681	\$301,444	\$254,775	\$208,173	\$284,410	LICENSES & PERMITS	\$313,410	\$313,410	\$313,410
\$137,427	\$98,189	\$120,255	\$62,603	\$109,605	CURRENT SERVICES	\$107,805	\$107,805	\$107,805
\$19,157	\$21,421	\$23,687	\$20,547	\$20,548	STATE GRANTS- TAXES	\$23,687	\$23,687	\$23,687
\$7,395,169	\$7,420,227	\$7,112,086	\$3,665,662	\$7,341,325	STATE GRANTS - EDUCATION	\$7,331,325	\$7,331,325	\$7,331,325
\$159,114	\$539,466	\$773,990	\$650,849	\$814,536	STATE GRANTS - OTHER	\$571,787	\$571,787	\$571,787
\$21,166	\$25,274	\$41,500	\$6,525	\$44,500	USE OR SALE OF ASSETS	\$43,000	\$43,000	\$43,000
\$88,747	\$132,611	\$57,810	\$4,909	\$36,760	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	\$76,090	\$76,090	\$76,090
\$0	\$0	\$725,000	\$0	\$0	SURPLUS APPROPRIATED	\$725,000	\$725,000	\$725,000
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$83,333	FEDERAL GRANTS	\$83,333	\$83,333	\$83,333
\$61,360	\$4,159	\$32,000	\$0	\$32,000	OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	\$140,587	\$140,587	\$140,587
<u>\$54,233,082</u>	<u>\$56,186,770</u>	<u>\$59,222,502</u>	<u>\$50,961,023</u>	<u>\$58,782,191</u>	<u>SUB TOTAL REVENUE</u>	<u>\$65,346,104</u>	<u>\$64,449,584</u>	<u>\$61,423,729</u>
\$0	\$0	\$652,000	\$0	\$652,000	FUND BALANCE CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$0	\$800,000	\$415,000
<u>\$54,233,082</u>	<u>\$56,186,770</u>	<u>\$59,874,502</u>	<u>\$50,961,023</u>	<u>\$59,434,191</u>	<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>	<u>\$65,346,104</u>	<u>\$65,249,584</u>	<u>\$61,838,729</u>
\$98,112	\$126,640	\$126,426	\$120,001	\$126,504	MAYOR & COUNCIL	\$129,544	\$129,544	\$126,299
\$4,591	\$4,134	\$5,174	\$2,638	\$5,174	PERMANENT PROJECT BUILDING COMM.	\$4,565	\$4,565	\$4,565
\$264,549	\$283,624	\$369,359	\$215,631	\$356,623	TOWN MANAGER	\$394,881	\$394,881	\$394,881
\$359,765	\$387,684	\$393,229	\$248,332	\$415,606	FINANCE	\$386,377	\$386,377	\$381,377
\$274,061	\$341,662	\$354,476	\$199,377	\$327,892	CENTRAL SERVICES	\$343,425	\$340,925	\$344,925
\$199,696	\$221,413	\$233,361	\$129,968	\$218,644	ASSESSOR	\$220,519	\$220,519	\$218,644
\$0	\$1,710	\$1,600	\$0	\$1,600	BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
\$172,091	\$142,351	\$198,724	\$102,257	\$195,343	TAX COLLECTOR	\$202,847	\$202,847	\$202,847
\$131,402	\$107,223	\$125,100	\$85,000	\$122,500	TOWN ATTORNEY	\$130,100	\$130,100	\$130,100
\$83,220	\$202,492	\$189,208	\$138,623	\$227,883	TECHNOLOGY	\$220,058	\$220,058	\$218,558
\$215,752	\$234,999	\$254,952	\$146,771	\$255,091	TOWN CLERK	\$255,714	\$255,714	\$255,714
\$11,542	\$5,221	\$9,114	\$3,149	\$5,585	PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION	\$9,114	\$9,114	\$9,114
\$99,535	\$78,195	\$128,765	\$76,015	\$134,609	PLANNING DEPARTMENT	\$135,368	\$135,368	\$133,493
\$1,417	\$2,557	\$2,650	\$1,001	\$1,436	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	\$2,650	\$2,650	\$2,650
\$304,826	\$388,333	\$395,475	\$376,306	\$389,123	PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$429,747	\$429,747	\$429,747
\$6,443	\$6,452	\$6,750	\$0	\$6,750	PROBATE COURT	\$6,750	\$6,750	\$6,750
\$3,648	\$2,868	\$4,747	\$2,566	\$2,270	CONSERVATION & INLAND WETLANDS	\$4,747	\$4,747	\$4,747
\$42,433	\$19,421	\$16,950	\$11,155	\$14,273	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	\$11,260	\$11,260	\$11,260
\$37,986	\$59,589	\$86,379	\$35,285	\$82,814	ELECTIONS	\$120,271	\$120,271	\$120,271
\$2,663,595	\$2,835,208	\$3,235,007	\$2,018,906	\$3,298,380	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$3,379,964	\$3,379,964	\$3,359,964
\$4,974,661	\$5,451,777	\$6,137,446	\$3,912,981	\$6,188,100	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$6,389,501	\$6,387,001	\$6,357,506
\$4,385,646	\$4,648,658	\$5,164,861	\$2,928,679	\$5,145,105	POLICE	\$5,496,121	\$5,454,121	\$5,312,721
\$918,233	\$891,728	\$1,081,683	\$638,669	\$1,070,990	FIRE	\$1,103,775	\$1,097,335	\$1,001,325
\$0	\$0	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	AMBULANCE	\$950,000	\$925,000	\$750,000
\$151,956	\$166,383	\$204,614	\$98,489	\$187,644	BUILDING DEPARTMENT	\$201,350	\$201,350	\$193,350
\$157,824	\$172,903	\$175,216	\$139,527	\$167,000	ANIMAL CONTROL	\$140,400	\$140,400	\$140,400
\$16,547	\$27,154	\$23,707	\$38,954	\$42,986	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$23,857	\$23,857	\$23,857
\$267,921	\$275,959	\$278,248	\$278,000	\$278,000	FIRE HYDRANTS	\$293,228	\$293,228	\$293,228
\$5,898,127	\$6,182,786	\$7,678,329	\$4,122,319	\$6,891,725	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$8,208,731	\$8,135,291	\$7,714,881
\$2,222,838	\$2,218,314	\$2,801,438	\$1,675,495	\$2,798,824	PUBLIC WORKS	\$2,944,892	\$2,944,892	\$2,911,092
\$98,224	\$107,737	\$112,523	\$70,182	\$112,123	ENGINEERING	\$112,537	\$112,537	\$112,537
\$112,000	\$47,808	\$115,873	\$41,102	\$100,500	STREET LIGHTING	\$108,028	\$108,028	\$108,028
\$2,433,062	\$2,373,859	\$3,029,834	\$1,786,779	\$3,011,447	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$3,165,457	\$3,165,457	\$3,131,657
\$168,424	\$172,195	\$185,157	\$192,025	\$192,025	HEALTH	\$192,236	\$192,236	\$192,236
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$864	VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100
\$97,359	\$104,748	\$113,748	\$60,858	\$108,884	SOCIAL SERVICES	\$122,726	\$112,146	\$112,146
\$265,783	\$276,943	\$298,905	\$252,883	\$301,773	TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	\$320,062	\$309,482	\$309,482
\$791,410	\$859,160	\$938,715	\$495,997	\$932,266	LIBRARY	\$968,904	\$968,904	\$958,905
\$611,256	\$633,596	\$848,453	\$447,100	\$848,354	COMMUNITY CENTER	\$898,265	\$888,265	\$888,265
\$0	\$1,200	\$1,527	\$0	\$1,375	AGRICULTURE COMMISSION	\$1,527	\$1,527	\$1,527
\$0	\$172	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	REYNOLDS/BEERS HOUSE	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
\$11,879	\$10,992	\$9,750	\$48	\$9,750	PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS	\$16,750	\$16,750	\$16,750
\$28,500	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	ELDERLY HOUSING	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$31,500
\$1,443,045	\$1,535,120	\$1,829,945	\$973,145	\$1,823,245	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	\$1,918,446	\$1,908,446	\$1,898,447
\$16,987	\$19,365	\$32,665	\$21,467	\$28,065	HAZ WASTE/RECYCLING	\$27,665	\$27,665	\$27,665
\$1,374,103	\$1,398,864	\$1,530,781	\$821,497	\$1,530,781	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	\$1,576,113	\$1,576,113	\$1,576,113
\$1,391,090	\$1,418,230	\$1,563,446	\$842,964	\$1,558,846	TOTAL SOLID WASTE	\$1,603,778	\$1,603,778	\$1,603,778
\$56,128	\$60,740	\$94,631	\$0	\$75,000	RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCY	\$774,264	\$774,264	\$349,264
\$56,128	\$60,740	\$94,631	\$0	\$75,000	TOTAL RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCY	\$774,264	\$774,264	\$349,264
\$1,628,983	\$3,515,640	(\$572,000)	\$0	(\$2,217,640)	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$57,000
\$75	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100	WPCA	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$75	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100	TOTAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$18,090,954	\$20,815,093	\$20,060,636	\$11,891,070	\$17,632,596	TOWN GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	\$22,437,339	\$22,340,819	\$21,422,115
\$32,422,198	\$32,422,198	\$33,400,714	\$17,660,134	\$33,400,714	BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$35,979,375	\$35,979,375	\$33,901,724
\$0	\$1,182,000	\$874,304	\$0	\$874,304	CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$1,155,000	\$355,000	\$325,500
<u>\$3,714,405</u>	<u>\$3,776,338</u>	<u>\$4,886,851</u>	<u>\$4,490,100</u>	<u>\$4,886,851</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>\$5,774,390</u>	<u>\$5,774,390</u>	<u>\$5,774,390</u>
\$54,227,557	\$58,195,629	\$59,222,505	\$34,041,304	\$56,794,465	SUB TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$65,346,104	\$64,449,584	\$61,423,729
\$0	\$0	\$652,000	\$0	\$2,297,640	TOTAL FUND BALANCE CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$0	\$800,000	\$415,000
<u>\$54,227,557</u>	<u>\$58,195,629</u>	<u>\$59,874,505</u>	<u>\$34,041,304</u>	<u>\$59,092,105</u>	<u>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>\$65,346,104</u>	<u>\$65,249,584</u>	<u>\$61,838,729</u>

NORTH BANFORD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PERIOD III HONORS

High Honors Grade 8	Merry, Jacob Robert	Giannotti, Brinleigh	Brown, Randall Philip	Caffalette, Matthew	Oyanedel, Emma
Abanoz, Eda	Murphy, Ryan Michael	Gilkes, Blake Patrick	Calvo, Allison Rose	Caporale, Kaydence	Page, Gavin Arthur
Acampora, Justin	Parisi, Francesca	Guercia, Oakleigh	Claude, Mason	Cappetta, Donato	Pantano, Mason
Allan, Taylor Susan	Paul, Liam David	Gwiazda, Macey Rose	Connelly, Emma	Cuozzo, Nicholas	Pascale, Sophia
Altland, Gabriel Philip	Pavic, Marin	Hannon, Carli May	Cook, Owen Paul	Daley, Erin Grace	Rodriguez, Maya
Behrens, Greta	Pearson, Antonio	Heon, Nora Jane	Coplin, Rya Nicole	Dudek, Cooper James	Rolston, Brielle
Beisaw, Mia Jeanette	Pelczar, Carson	Jaracy, Jack Thomas	Cretella, Sofia	Durkin, Alexa Grace	Santiago, Giana Nicole
Biolzi, Sadie Rose	Prato, Emilia Lyn	Karim, Fatima	Elliston, Aden John	Fekieta, Justyna	Saulino, Nicolas
Brindisi, Nadia Elle	Redman, Colby Paul	Kavanaugh, James	Esposito, Lily Amelia	Fryer, John Paul	Smith, Cypres Jazz
Budd, Ellie Catherine	Rivellini, Joseph	Levix, Caroline Rose	Furtak, Lilliana	Fuina, Grace M	Speringo, Gabriella
Camarco, Logan	Rodican, Natalie Ann	Lucibella, Gary Joseph	Gularte, Madison	Gildersleeve, Jonathan	Tracz, Tanner Asheton
Castro, Lance Angelo	Sickinger, Ryan	Macauley, Jack	Haggerty, Richard	Horotan, Henry Ian	Tynes, Jason Antonio
Cereni, Mariela	Smith, Broden Joseph	MacDougall, Kendall	Kleckner, Zoey Nicole	Lake, Evan Richard	Allen, Cameron Sean
Chittenden, Shelby	Taylor, Quincy Huston	Malkin, Riley	Leete, Norah Shea	Lucibella, Dessa	Grade 6 Honors
Collins, Andrew	Vander Wyk, Noah	Manske, Gunner	Lucibello, Amalia	Macmillen, Grace	Biehler, Thomas
Connelly, Kylie Ann	Virginelli, Sophia	Marino, Gia Caterina	Martinelli, Nathaniel	Nevarez, Kayleen	Carolla, Giuliana
Cook, Quinn Mitchell	Walston, Joshua	Mazzucco, Gianna	Martinez, Emma Rose	Patel, Dhanvi Nilesh	Cerrone, Santino
Cronan, Alexander	Wyatt, Adilyn Marie	Podzikowski, Sophia	Maybury, Myla Blake	Apuzzo, Jake Thomas	Ciancola, Tyler
DeFrancesco, Ava	Grade 7 High honors	Poston, Tyler Mason	Morrell, Reagan Sophie	Grade 7 Honors	Cleary, Molly May
DiStefano, Mason	Alves, Mya Lyn	Potocsky, Addison	Murphy, Madeline	Balg, Will Mahoney	Constantinople, Isabella
Flynn, Siena Frances	Anderson, Nico	Romano, Luca Antonio	Nocereto, Brooke	Brustman, Owen Ryan	Cramp, Matthew
Gambardella, Lilah	Atwood, Caden	Salvati, Gianni	Paul, Emma Elizabeth	Caso, Caisey Jenna	Doughty, Eli Joseph
Getman, Lyllianah Joy	Bernardo, Bella Mia	Salz, Arianna Isabelle	Pelczar, Anna	Collins, Natalia Vivian	Duggan, Cashel
Graham, Ryan	Brigance, Evangeline	Sandagata, Luciano	Reding, Alexander	Conroy, Jesse James	Ercolani, Aubrey
Hench, Clifford James	Brochu, Landen John	Savo, Lucas Dominic	Ritter, Joseph Russell	Criscuolo, William	Ferraro, Eliaz Aloysius
Hortillo, Ethan Gerard	Burke, Siobhan	Scasino, Marie Beth	Saccu, Mason Joseph	Downes, Alexandra	Frani, Gabriella
Jaracy, Jake Dylan	Caffalette, Avery Rose	Spanier, Elisia Belle	Saja, Austin Martin	Dynderski, Marlie	Hurley, Aishlyn
Kirmali, Layla Rose	Camejo, Hannah	Stavrides, Nicholas	Salvati, Isabella Anne	Freeman, Sophia	Izzo, Leon Paul
Knoob, Tyler Joseph	Corso, Gianna Rose	Toto, Lia Morgan	Savo, Andrew Gennaro	Gentile, Lola	Maturo, Robert
LeClaire, Isabella	Dagliere, Ellie Reese	Wilson, Riley Jensen	Sciuto, Abbey Lynn	Horotan, Alfred Victor	Mullen, Liam
Leko, Emma Emily	Deleo, Maddox John	Grade 6 High Honors	Sorensen, Benjamin	Iamunno, Santino	O’Grady, Molly
Lorenti, Olivia Eva	DeLucia, Tessa Lyn	Altland, Noelle	Venturini, Nino	Leigh, Ava Scott	Ramage, Brody
Lowery, Norah Maeve	Demiroz, Ekin	Ames, Eden Maci	Wheaton, Mara	Loomis, Ana Marie	Ramos, Lucas Finn
Luangsay, Natalie Ann	Dennis, Lilianna	Aneiro, Hayden	Wyatt, Coltyn Jason	Lucibello, Tessa	Roen, Teigan Joel
Mann, Emily Grace	Diaz, Max Avery	Bayreuther, Harrison	Adinolfi, Ava Marie	Manning, Avery	Rullan, Orlando
Martinez, Andrew	DiMeo, Jaxson John	Bernardo, Talia Rose	Grade 8 Honors	McLain, Jerimaiah	Toti, Giuliana Lidia
McDermott-Miliano,	Dowson, Lauren	Bonaldo, Brooke Marie	Baker, Leann Joyce	Muravnick, Ashlyn	Velasco, Samantha
Gabriella Luisa	Fusco-Cuneo, Lucy	Brown, Aubrey	Brennan, Dalton James	Onofrio, Christian	Walston, David



North Branford
School System

All Classes

Teacher/Staff/Student
Get Together

Friday, May 31, 2024
anytime after 5pm

Millpond Gathering
1565 Middletown Ave
Northford, CT

Meet for drinks,
reminicing, laughs
and memories

Let’s go T-Birds!

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

VHS/DSC Radio Seminar

New Haven Sail & Power Squadron, part of America’s Boating Club, will hold a two-hour seminar for boaters who need information about reliable communication on the water. Marine radios have many advantages over cell phones, especially in an emergency. Learn about the digital selection calling (DSC) rescue feature as well as everyday uses such as to secure a marina slip, call for bridge openings, and much more. You will also get tips on purchasing and installing VHF to get the most out of your investment.

Class will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, at Indian Neck Yacht Club, 87 Harding Ave., Branford.

All students must sign up by May 15. The class will cost \$10 per person. Prospective students should contact Squadron Education Officer Peter DePascale at 203-671-2420 and leave a message or email him at bathworksinc@gmail.com.

New Haven Sail & Power Squadron (NHSPS), is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in boat handling, navigation, and related subjects.

For information on NHSPS, go to: www.nhsp.org.

NORTH BRANFORD
BARBERSHOP



HAIR CUTS
MEN \$14.00
SENIORS &
KIDS UNDER 10
\$12.00

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Thur 8:30 - 5:00 Fri, 8:30 - 5:00
Saturday 8:30 - 2:00
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OWNER- ROBERT VIGLIONE
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WOW! Do you Belive it was Twenty Five Years Ago

Seems like yesterday a group of 12 Little League boys and three coaches, followed by friends, family and an entire community witnessed a Little League State Championship. North Branford had never done that before and has not done it since.

This year the North Branford Little League Board decided to recognize the team at Opening Day ceremonies. Ten of the twelve players traveled as far as Alabama for this reunion. With the bad weather it was postponed to this past weekend and only five of the players were able to make the new date,

On the right is the photo of the team twenty five years ago, and the one below that photo is of two of the coaches and the five kids (adults) who were able to attend.

Congratulations, you brought the town to its feet,



Ken-DUCKY Derby to Raise Funds for Little Red Schoolhouse Restoration

A rubber-duck race on the Farm River will take place Saturday, May 4, starting at 3 p.m., at Mill Pond Gatherings, 1565 Middletown Avenue (Route 17), in the Northford area of North Branford. Sponsored by the Totoket Historical Society of North Branford, the event will raise funds to restore the Little Red Schoolhouse, a historic building in the town. The event is sponsored by Andy Bozzuto for the historical society. A \$10 duck donation offers a chance to win a \$100 gift card. A \$100 duck donation offers a chance to win a dinner for four at \$400 value at the Mill Pond Gatherings restaurant. A Patio Party with a Disc Jockey and Cookout follows the duck race in time to watch the annual televised Kentucky Derby horse race. To purchase ducks for the race and sign up for the post-race dinner, go to:

<https://www.millpondgatherings.com/event/kenducky-derby-duck-race-event/>

The Little Red Schoolhouse is now located near the Smith library in Northford. The one-room school was built in 1805 originally on Forest

Road. One of the oldest one-room schoolhouses in Connecticut, it is unusual with its attached desks on one side wall and fixed benches on three sides of the room. It also housed the Town Library from 1933 to 1956. Rescued by the League of Women Voters in 1927, the Totoket Historical Society has maintained the building since 1956. But it has deteriorated due to weather and age and needs restoration. The Society seeks to restore the historic building so it can be opened for tours and historical re-



North Branford Public Schools Proudly Presents:

2024 Summer Camp!

The Olympics

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Northford-North Branford Women's Club

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 22, 2024 11:00 am

Followed by 1:00 pm Lunch at Arturo's

TWIN LAKES GOLF CLUB 241 Twin Lakes Road North Branford, CT

53 School Ground Rd Branford, CT

\$50.00 per person

Supporting The Cancer Couch

and other local charities 100% of proceeds go to charity

TEXT 203-214-0147 for tickets or questions!



Town Council Recognizes Earth Day
On April 16th the Town Council issued a proclamation in recognition of Earth Day. The proclamation was presented to members of the Solid/Hazardous Waste & Recycling Committee who have been very active in promoting green initiatives and sustainability in town.
PHOTO: Mayor Rose Angeloni and the North Branford Town Council present Bill Savastano and Mary Bigelow of the SHW&RC a proclamation for Earth Day.

**TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD
TOWN BUDGET
REFERENDUM
MAY 14, 2024**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of North Branford that a Budget Referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

“Shall the Town Council Recommended Budget of \$61,838,729 which will require a mill rate of 35.93 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.

Lisa A. Valenti, MMC
North Branford Town Clerk

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 Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, GFWC. Mail to Northford-North Branford Women’s Club, P.O. Box 264, Northford, CT 06472
Deadline: Saturday, June 8, 2024

Name & Rank _____ as you would like it to appear on the flag’s ribbon (please print)
Service Branch _____
Dates of Service _____
Name of Purchaser _____
Address _____
Phone _____ E-Mail _____
Number of Flags _____ x \$10. per flag = Total Donation _____
Photo copies or similar copies of this form are acceptable!

Totoket Historical Society, Inc.
P. O. Box 491, Northford, Ct 06472
Reynolds-Beers House 1740 Foxon Road (Rte. 80) 203-488-0423
www.TotoketHistoricalSociety.org
Email: Totoket-HistoricalSociety@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP FORM 2024 (May 1, 2024 – April 31, 2025)

Name _____ ☐ New ☐ Renewal
Address _____
Phone _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Home
Email _____
Additional email (optional) _____

Membership Donation (select one) *Everyone who gives to THS at any level is a member.*
☐ 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 dates and upcoming events.

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 volunteering with the THS.

Volunteer Options
☐ Technology (website, etc.) ☐ Fund Raising ☐ Research/Writing
☐ Exhibits ☐ Seasonal Clean ups ☐ Curatorial Work
☐ Photography/Videography ☐ 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.

Recycling News

Hazwaste Central is opening 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.

Earth Day 2024

The recycling committee's Earth Day Event was rained out this year. We would still like to thank all those who helped with the planning of the event. Thanks to Melillo's, Dunkin', Totoket Historical Society, Randy Whited, Nancy Tipping, Victor Benni, Cindy Secondino, NB Little League, NB Public Works, NB Park & Rec, NB Fire Department and the NB Recycling Committee volunteers, family and friends.

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

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Saturday, May 4, 2024

North Branford Town Hall
909 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT
9am – 12pm
\$10/banker's box (13x17x10)
NorthBranfordRotary@gmail.com

Please contact Anne Merola,
NBRC President,
at 203-988-2898 with any questions

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!

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@sbccglobal.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.sccbbranford.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

Northford Community Church

MOTHER’S DAY FLOWER SALE

4 Old Post Road, Northford CT 06472

Friday May 10th, 2024 9am-6pm
Saturday May 11th, 2024 9am-6pm
Sunday May 12th, 2024 9am-1pm

Sunday at 10AM we will have service
Beautiful Spring Flowers will be for sale!

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 begins 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.

St. Andrews will be honoring Gold Star Families on May 23 at 7pm.

During a short service the Chancel windows, which were given in memory of Donald Williams by his parents, will be rededicated. We would like to include other fallen soldiers from North Branford.

If you are a member of a Gold Star family and would like to be included please call Leslie Williams 203-715-0875. We will have a reception following for fellowship and refreshments.

We hope you will join us to honor these families before the Memorial Day holiday. St. Andrews Church is the white church in the heart of Northford.



Mary K. Morris, 92, of North Branford entered peacefully into eternal rest on April 25, 2024 after a brief illness with her family by her side. She was the beloved wife of 67 years to the late Hugh R. Morris. Mary was born in New Haven on May 31, 1931, and was the daughter of the late John and Mary (Cummings) Korn. Mary was both a devout Catholic and an avid UCONN Huskies fan. She and her late husband loved traveling, having traveled cross country and visiting many other places, including Germany, Hawaii, Ireland, Aruba, and St Thomas. She enjoyed watching the daily mass, saying her rosary, and doing word searches.

Mary was proud of her family and loved spending time with them, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren who were the lights of her life and she took immense joy in every moment spent with them. Her face would light up with pride and love whenever she spoke of her family.

Mary leaves to cherish her memory her loving children, Paul (Jeanie) Morris of Boise, Idaho, Patricia (John) Ficocelli of North Haven and Thomas (Donna) Morris of Dixmont, Maine.

She was the beloved grandmother of Christopher (Tara) Ficocelli, Michael (Jordan) Ficocelli, Jennifer (Al) Mauro, Calyx (Ryan) Hemenway, and Drew Morris. She also leaves her ten adored great grandchildren, Avery, Declan, Emersyn, Camden, Carson, Carter, Tanner, Landon, Sienna and Holden. She is survived by her brother, John T. (Barbara) Korn of Northford and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Charles F. Korn. A heartfelt thank you is extended to her grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends for the loyalty and compassion they shared over the years.

Visitation will be Friday, May 3rd from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Havens Family North Haven Funeral Home, 36 Washington Avenue. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at St. Augustine’s Church 30 Caputo Road, North Branford at 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow in All Saints Cemetery, North Haven. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, PO Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101.www.northhavenfuneral.com

Craft/Tag Sale Vendors Needed

The North Haven Congregational Church Women’s Fellowship Craft & Tag Sale will be held on Saturday, **May 18, 2024**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. outside on the church lawn, 28 Church Street, North Haven, CT. Bring your own table and chairs. Setup begins at 7:30 am. There is ample parking in the church parking lot. Morning coffee will be available. The cost for a space is \$30, prepaid, nonrefundable. Limited indoor spaces with table and chair provided are available with a reservation for \$35, prepaid, nonrefundable. No rain date. Please call the church office at 203-239-5691 to reserve a space. Spaces will go fast, so make your reservation soon!

St. Andrews Annual Rhubarb Fest

Our Rhubarb Fest will be on May 18 from 12:00 to 3:00. St. Andrews welcomes you to the center of Northford to celebrate the first crop of the season. Join us for a slice or a whole strawberry-rhubarb pie. We will have pie as well as cheesecake, cookies, breads, crumbles and more.



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Saturday, May 18th

11:00am- 1:00pm

Quiet Time 12:30-1:00pm

Come touch, climb, explore and experience the excitement of many interesting and unique vehicles!

FREE ADMISSION
STW Community Center Parking Lot

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK!



Please bring non-perishable food items to Touch -A- Truck and help our NB Public Works Crew put an end to hunger!

All collected items will go to The Food Pantry of North Branford

ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALL

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**

SOUND HEALING

Wednesday May 22, 2024

6:00-8:00pm - Ages 16+

STW Yoga Room - \$30

Balance your mind, body and spirit with yin poses and sound healing instruments to heal, reset & promote deep rest.

*Blankets & mats are available, however you may choose to bring your own. Feel free to also bring your own pillows!

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.



BASKETBALL CAMP

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.

Lancaster Show Trip & the Dutch Country

November 13, 2024 - November 15, 2024

\$540

**Per Person, double occupancy
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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.



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SWEET TREAT TRIPS

Durham Dari Serve - May 10, 2024

Rose Orchards - May 24, 2024

Departs STW at 1:00pm Returns 3:00pm

Who doesn't like a sweet treat after lunch? We will provide transportation to and from a local ice cream or pastry shop for a sweet treat. *The cost is on your own.*

LUNCH AT C. NAPOLI

May 15 - 12:00pm \$7

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED Pay day of

Enjoy a delicious lunch and the hospitality of our friend, Gigi. Lunch costs \$7.00 cash the day of and don't forget to bring a little extra for a tip! *Register by 5/10*

SENIOR DINER DASH

Nikki's Dog House & Ice Cream in Putnam

May 17, 2024

Lunch Costs on own

Departs STW at 10:30am Returns 2:00pm

Register by May 15th

Join us for lunch on your own at Nikki's Dog House in Putnam and enjoy some delicious ice cream.

SUMMER TIME SUPPER CLUB

May 22nd - 4:30 pm

Join us for dinner (pay on your own) at Rossitto's in Branford at 4:30 pm! \$28 per person (does not include tax & gratuity)

BERRY SWEET SOCIAL

May 29th STW Cafe 12:30-1:30pm - \$3

For a sweet treat of strawberries, shortcake and lots of whipped cream!

Space is limited! Please register for this event by 5/23!

SENIOR CENTER WALKING CLUB

COMMUNITY LAKE LINEAR TRAIL, WALLINGFORD

May 31, 2024 - 10:00-12:00pm

Walk this way to better health! This is a great way to meet new people, get a bit of exercise or just take a stroll. Let's get outside!

Each member of the walking club will get a free pedometer courtesy of East Shore District Health Department!

FREE - Register by May 29th

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1 issue \$9.00 2 issues \$12.00 3 issues \$15.00
20 words or less, not including phone #. \$.05 per word, per run,
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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 (1-530) 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 Returns

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. If you have your own binoculars or telescope, bring it for some tips.

The other 2024 dates are June 8th, October 26th and November 9th. Directions and cancellation due to weather (including clouds) will be posted to our website, 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.

NARFE Monthly Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Monday, May 6, 1:pm, at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend.

The guest speaker will be Adelle Zocher, AAA Northeast, Public Affairs Specialist, who will present: The Older and Wiser Driver.

NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. Info: www.narfe.org

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A Talk About Invasive Plants

Join Forester Mike Ferrucci of the North Branford Land Conservation Trust (NBLCT) on May 8 at Atwater Library for a talk about controlling invasive plants (fast-growing, aggressive shrubs and vines that are not native to our region) at Harrison Farm Preserve. These plants have crowded out our native shrubs, and are preventing most trees from reproducing. Small tree seedlings from our native forest trees don’t stand a chance against the invasive plants, which had formed a dense, suffocating layer of leaves, branches, and vines. After mowing down the invasive plants, we will be planting several native shrubs and small trees to restore the forest to a more natural condition. The talk is 6-6:30pm. After the talk, we will go over to Harrison Farm Preserve to see what work NBLCT has done.

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

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