



# Totoket Times

www.totokettimes.com

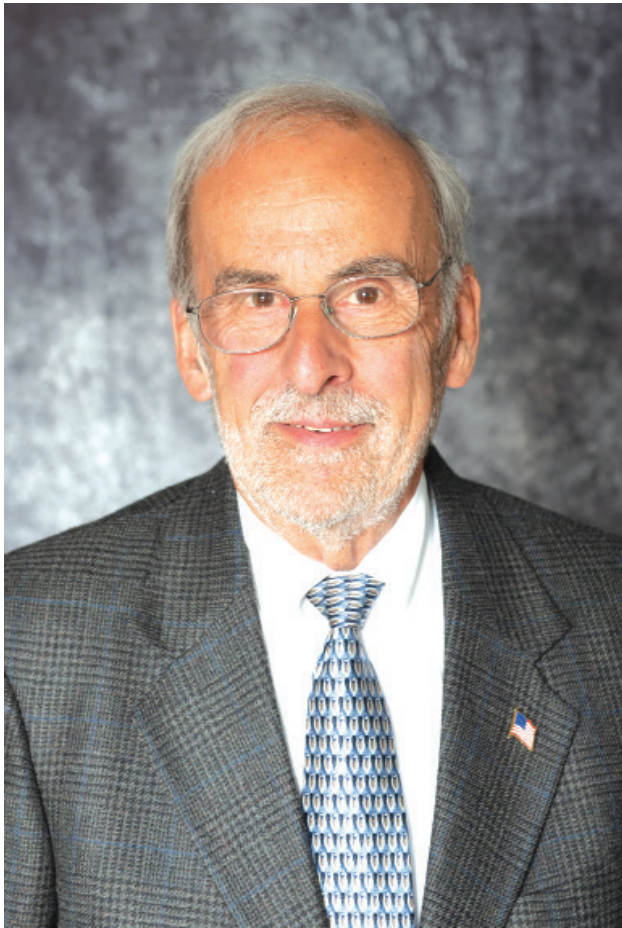
*For Our Town From Our Town*

PRST/STD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
Paid  
Branford, CT 06405  
Permit # 131  
Car-Rt-Sort

Postal Customer

Volume 28 No 24, June 17, 2022

## Former Resident and Dedicated Individual Receives another Accolade



George P. Guertin who served the town of North Branford in more than one capacity while living here has been awarded the “Best of Awards 2022” in his position as Law Firm Winner in the North Haven Community where he now practices Law and lives with his wife Rosemary. His practice is dedicated to Estate Planning, ElderLaw, and Probate Administration.

While living in North Branford, George served on the Town Council, also being elected as Deputy Mayor, and worked evenings (6pm-2am) part time as a police officer keeping our town safe. While doing all of this community service, he applied for and was accepted to the University of Connecticut, School of Law. He attended Law School evenings allowing him to work days at AT&T and travel around the country serving their clients.

After finishing Law School, George continued working for AT&T during the days and he would practice Law during the evening hours and on weekends. This could not last forever. George decided to retire from the phone company and strictly work on the law that he really enjoyed. Thirty years later he is still practicing law from

his office in North Haven. The Law is constantly changing and it is important to keep learning about all of the changes.

Since he started practicing Law in Connecticut he has also qualified to practice in Massachusetts and (the best yet), in 2007 he and his wife traveled to Washington, D.C. and he was sworn in to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

While that was his best moment in his career, I guess that the next best moment recently occurred when his firm (Guertin and Guertin, LLC) was named Best of Awards 2022 (Best Law Firm by the North Haven Citizen newspaper). This was totally unexpected since there are over 100 lawyers serving the North Haven area.

Attorney Guertin offers Fire Fighters, Police Officers, Veterans, and their spouses a discount on services provided.

When clients or friends ask him “well you are getting older, when to you expect to retire?” George’s answer is always “I expect to retire six months after I die”

### Ring out the Season with Help from their Friends

The North Branford High School field hockey team was recently recognized at the Board of Education meeting. Coaches and players were awarded rings for winning the State Championship.

The rings were purchased in part with a \$2000. donation from the North Branford Education Foundation.

Pictured with the team are left: Principal Todd Stoeffler, with Joya Dolzani and Cathy Slubowski, representing the Ed Foundation.

To the right of the team is Assistant Principal Mr. Gwudz and Superintendent of Schools Scott Schoonmaker.



### NBHS Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2022

Due to COVID, the North Branford High School Athletic Hall of Fame was unable to induct any new members since 2019. On August 14, 2022 the next group of inductees will be honored at Millpond Gathering in Northford.

**Coach Floyd Parness** will be inducted posthumously. He was an extremely caring and dedicated man who was truly devoted to all of the student-athletes that he coached in cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track & field.

**The 1981 girls Field Hockey team won its first State Championship in 1981.** Their coach, **Miss Nuhn**, and the team will be honored for this achievement. These girls set the standards for the future teams and success has been consistently repeated, most recently this fall when they won another State title.

Individuals that will be inducted include: **Rhonda Mautte** graduated in 1975 after an outstanding athletic career. She played basketball for 4 years and as a captain, helped instill an exceptional work ethic attitude. The team won the school’s first-ever State Championship in 1976. Rhonda was also exceptional as a track athlete. She set many records in running and jumping events.

In 1978 **Beth Anderson** graduated after completing her very impressive athletic career. She ran cross country, competed in gymnastics and ran track. She set many school records and was instrumental in helping the cross country team win State title in 1977.

**Bobby Wells** graduated in 1996 then attended Curry College where he continued to compete in football. In high school he was an All-Area and All-State football player and also demonstrated his athletic ability on the baseball field.

Another exceptional athlete being recognized is **Matt Barbaro** who graduated in

2002. His work ethic, dedication, and skills all contributed to his personal success and he was rewarded by being named as an All-State football player for 3 years.

**Karl Derbacher** was an All-Area baseball player for 3 years and was named as an All-State player as a junior & senior. He was also honored as the “Player of the Year” for the Shoreline Conference. He graduated in 2005.

**Samantha Scavo** won the Steve Lenzi Award for the most outstanding female athlete in the senior class in 2009. Coaches recognized her work ethic and dedication as well as her outstanding skills. She was an aggressive field hockey player who received All-Conference and All-State honors. On the basketball court she was an exceptional shooter and was able to score over 1,000 career points.

We hope that you will save the date and help recognize and honor these outstanding people who have contributed so much to North Branford High School athletics.

Please send end in your reservation form as soon as possible. The banquet facility will only be able to accommodate 200 guests.

Reservation forms will be available by June 14th.

Please contact Chris Webster at: cwebster@northbranfordschools.org

Deadline		Publication Date	
June	24	July	1
July	8	July	15
July	22	July	29
August	5	August	12
August	19	August	26
September	9	September	16
September	23	September	30



## Thanks to all involved

Dear Editor:

I would like to extend my appreciation to all those involved in helping make the 2022 Memorial Day Parade a success. There was a great turn out and such perfect weather! A special thanks to Mark Abelli for his stage presence as master of ceremonies, Michael Paulhus, Anthony Esposito, Bill Savastano, Public Works and the North Branford Police Department.

To all the participants, thank you for such a successful event. Because of you our parade remains a wonderful community tradition! I hope to see all of you next year!

Sincerely

Kathy Poston

Parade Coordinator. 2022

## Support Local Companies

The Totoket Valley Elementary School PTO hosted their annual Color Run on May 13<sup>th</sup>. With over 600 participants we had an amazing turn out and it was an incredible success.

One of the reasons it was such a huge success is because of our incredibly generous sponsors! We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our community sponsors, Maisano Paving, B&T Remodeling, A-Team Plumbing, Pepperidge Farm Guilford, Clem Martone Construction, Townline Liquors, Crispy Melty Cheese Truck, NB Youth Basketball, Orchard Painting & Decorating, Sweet Child of Mine Daycare, Sampson Electric, Common Ground Coffee, The Angeloni Family, Craig Tracz State Farm, John & Maria's Pizzeria, Ella, Where She Shops, and Michelina's Pizza.

Please consider supporting these wonderful local companies!

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



### what my clients are saying

"I never thought looking for houses and selling my much loved house where I had lived for 34 years would turn out to be such a good time! Mark and I clicked immediately! I have had other interactions with other agents and never enjoyed the experience and stopped looking, I actually missed him and the icing on the cake was after I moved into my new smaller but cozy house, Mark showed up bringing a beautiful violet plant. I can't ever imagine moving again, but if I did, I would follow Mark wherever he was working!" - Jill M.



**MARK McELRATH**  
YOUR LOCAL  
REAL ESTATE  
PROFESSIONAL

IF YOU ARE THINKING  
ABOUT SELLING YOUR  
HOME WE SHOULD BE  
TALKING NOW!

c 860.951.4918  
mmcelrath@williampitt.com



William  
Pitt

Sotheby's  
INTERNATIONAL REALTY

Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated. 🏠



**for Men & Women!**



Hours of Operation

**Tuesday 1-5 PM**

**Wednesday - Friday 9AM - 5PM**

**Saturday 9AM - 3PM**



1717 Foxon Rd. (Rte 80) -  
North Branford (in The Keybank Plaza)  
203-488-6959



1179 Foxon Rd. (Rte 80/22)  
North Branford CT 06471  
(203) 484-7474

Arnie Willhite, *Owner*

New and Used Guns \* Bought \* Sold \* Traded

**Always time to make a  
voluntary payment to  
the Totoket Times.**

**Venmo@**

**Frank-Mentone - 1**



State of the Art Dentistry  
Emphasizing Cosmetics in a  
Therapeutic Environment



**Don't wait any longer.  
Call for an appointment today**  
Let us show you what our all female  
state-of-the-art cosmetic dentistry  
can do for you.

- Whitening - Smile Design
- Painless Gentle Dentistry

**Come see us at our new location!**  
185 Maple Ave., North Haven, CT  
**Varsha Salani, D.M.D., LLC**  
(203) 234-1901



## PORTO FUNERAL HOME

234 Foxon Rd (RT. 80) East Haven

**467-3000**

Offering assistance with  
PRE-planning and PRE-financing

## Burials - Cremations

Directors:

Clement L. DeLucia  
Albert M. DeLucia



Sit & Stay  
Dog Grooming, LLC

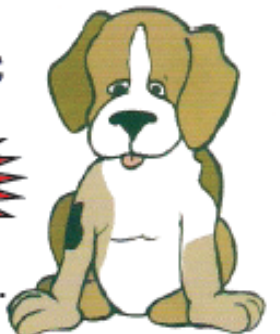
**\$5.00 OFF**

**\$40. Service**

**Expires 7-31-22**

1387 Middletown Ave.  
Northford, Ct 06472

Phone: 203-484-PAWS - (203-484-7297)



## GUERTIN AND GUERTIN, LLC

Attorneys and Counselors

ESTATE PLANNING,  
PROBATE, ELDER LAW

26 Broadway

North Haven, Ct. 06473

203-234-7400

WWW.GuertinandGuertin.com



State Representative Vincent Candelora

A Broader Approach on Tax Relief Needed



A journalist’s reporting for a recent story made waves at the capitol, upending the Governor’s feel-good press tour touting policy he’s perceives as progress. The Department of Revenue Services, the CT Mirror reported, would announce a July 1 increase to the state’s tax on diesel fuel.

The tax increase—maybe in the neighborhood of 10 cents per gallon—will occur through an annual adjustment set forth in state statute, and this year it intersects with skyrocketing wholesale fuel prices.

This increase will drive the cost of goods and services higher, and combined with a new tax on trucks that’s set to begin an. 1, will “tax Connecticut consumers at a point where they can least afford it” one economist grimly projected.

That prediction isn’t wrong. Residents in an already-expensive Connecticut have felt the squeeze of high gas prices and inflation for some time now.

As I write this, the Governor is likely mulling what to do about the emerging diesel tax issue. Earlier this year, I proposed suspending the diesel tax altogether. Democrats passed on the suggestion. As you’re likely aware, I’ve also advocated for eliminating that new truck tax before it goes into effect.

I offered both concepts again on June 7, joining Republicans in proposing a second package of broad tax relief that would give Connecticut residents a little more breathing room.

Our plan would provide more than \$740 million in new tax relief, focusing on:

- An income tax reduction for the working- and middle-class;
- Expanding the gas tax holiday to diesel;
- Eliminating the new highway use tax on trucks;
- Reducing the sales tax,
- Eliminating the meals tax;
- Relief for energy costs such as heating oil.

You can view the plan here: [affordableconnecticut.com](http://affordableconnecticut.com)

It’s not unlike the plan \$1.2 billion relief plan we offered during the legislative session. Now that the financial challenges faced by their constituents is more acute, perhaps Democrats will listen this time.

We can supply this tax relief without budget cuts. It would be provided solely by using the state’s projected \$956 million fiscal-year surplus. What’s more, it can be done while preserving the state’s \$3.3 billion Rainy Day Fund while also continuing to contribute \$2.85 billion to pay down pension debt.

In other words, it’s a reasonable plan that state government can afford.

We’re holding rallies throughout the state to gain more support for our plan. By the time you read this, we will have held events in both East Haven and Wallingford. Check out the web site mentioned above to see the schedule and to add your voice to this timely conversation.

By the time this is published, it’s possible that the Governor will have taken action on the anticipated diesel tax increase. While such news would be good, it would also be a continuation of a faulty approach to managing the smoldering affordability crisis that’s upon us. Instead of putting out fires as they pop up, it’s time we blanket the problem with a broad plan that provides short and long-term relief.

**Representative Vincent Candelora**

**House Republican Leader**

**86th District**

**North Branford, Durham, Guilford, Wallingford**

**NORTH BRANFORD**  
**BARBERSHOP**

**HAIR CUTS**  
MEN \$12.00  
SENIOR &  
KIDS UNDER 10  
\$10.00

**TUES. 8:30 - 5:30 WED. 8:30 - 5:30**  
**THUR. 8:30 - 5:30. FRI. 8:30-5:30**  
**SAT. 8:30-3:30 CLOSED SUN. & MON.**  
**~ WALK-INS ONLY ~**  
**OWNER- ROBERT VIGLIONE**  
**1179 FOXON RD, NORTH BRANFORD | (203) 484-6789**

**MILLPOND**  
**GATHERINGS**  
STEAKHOUSE • TAVERN • VENUE

**YOUR TABLE AT THE FARM**  
*At Millpond Gatherings, we are an all encompassing hospitality center  
where you can eat, celebrate, shop and stay with us here in  
the quaint town of Northford, Connecticut.*

**LIVE MUSIC EVERY THURSDAY & SUNDAY**

**NEWLY ENGAGED?**  
*Come tour our charming  
Rustic Venue*

**WEEKLY CHEF SPECIALS**  
**Sunday Brunch**  
*Brunch menu served 11-3*  
**Taco Tuesday**  
*\$3 Tacos & authentic Mexican cuisine*  
**Burgers & Beer**  
*\$7 Burgers on Wednesdays in the Tavern*  
**Date Night**  
*\$35 pp on Wednesdays in the Steakhouse*

**1565 MIDDLETOWN AVENUE, NORTHFORD | (203) 714-4400**  
**MILLPONDGATHERINGS.COM**

This publication is published bi-weekly by  
Doss Enterprises LLC  
PO Box 313 Northford, CT. 06472  
Tel; 203-410-4254 Fax 203-484-4729  
email: [totokettimes@comcast.net](mailto:totokettimes@comcast.net)  
**PUBLISHER - FRANK MENTONE JR.**  
*founders - Bert Bunnell Jr. & Anthony Esposito Jr.*  
**The publisher assumes no responsibility for typographical errors. In the event of an error, the publisher will issue a credit adjustment on only the incorrect portion of the advertisement, as well as a retraction in the next issue.**

**Letters to the editor...**  
This paper encourages all readers to voice their opinions and comments.  
The Totoket Times is not responsible for erroneous information or statements in letters to the editor. Letters should be as brief as possible.  
All letters must be signed. A telephone number should be included and no personal attacks.  
This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.  
All letters should be addressed to :  
**The Editor**  
P.O. Box 313, Northford, CT 06472



**North Branford Scholarship Association Awards \$25,600 in Scholarships**

On June 2nd 2022 Senior Awards Night was held at the North Branford Auditorium. The North Branford Scholarship Association is happy to report we gave out 64 awards totaling \$25,600 to 64 graduating seniors. We would like to thank all the business’s, associations, and families who contributed to our successful night. We are happy to report that we have given out over \$1,157,800 over the past 59 years to 3677 students. Once again our town has shown it’s amazing support for our young people. We have an amazing town. Thank you for all your support. Below is a list of awards and recipients

NAME	ADDRESS	SCHOOL ATTENDING	HS ATTENDED	AWARD
Ackerman, Lauren	Maria Todd Rd	Gateway	NBHS	Dolores Girardi Memorial
Amatrudo, John	Augur Rd Ext	UCONN	Xavier	Brian Lindsey Memoril
Anderson, Ryan	Snowbird Ln	SCSU	NBHS	Tilcon-Jerry Wall Memorial
Aucapina, Jade	Branford Rd	Sacret Heart	NBHS	Joanne Castlevetro Memorial
Barrett Samantha	Fox Hill	Naughatuck Valley	NBHS	John Griffin Memorial
Belbusti, John	Lakeview Ave	UCONN	NBHS	Kyle Carpenter Memorial
Brustman, Nolan	Highfield Ln	New Haven	NBHS	Edwin & Yolande Ahlberg Memorial
Bunosso, Isabella	Mountain View	Rhode Island	NBHS	Jeff Johnson Memorial
Burke Saoirse	Notch Hill Rd	Tampa	NBHS	Edwin & Yolande Ahlberg Memorial
Cabrera, Brianni	Mansfield Dr	UMASS	Sacred Heart	Northford Vol Fire Co #2
Camejo, Genesis	Harrison Rd	Hartford	NBHS	NFD/NB Women’s Club
Candelora, Thomas	Sea Hill Rd	Hobart	Canterbury School	NB Vol Fire Co #1 Ralph J Byorick Memorial
Caso Maissa	Harrison Rd	New Haven	NBHS	Leonard Rogers Memorial
Chittenden, Zachary	Beech St	SCSU	NBHS	Tom Tracy Award
Chopus, Jake	Youngs Apple Orch	SCSU	NBHS	Roy & Joanne Wentworth Memorial
Christiano, Jonathan	Middletown Ave	Fairleigh Dickersn	NBHS	Anthony Cibelli Memorial
Consenza, Mitchell	Cedar Ln	Quinnpiac	NBHS	2021 Project Graduation
Cronan Tyler	Norwell Dr	ECSU/Bryant	NBHS	Branford Lions Club
DannerJacob	Twin Lakes Rd	Quinnipiac	NBHS	Ralph F. & Annie C. Solimini Memorial
DePino, Gianna	White Hollow	Quinnipiac	NBHS	2021 Project Graduation
DeSena, Dane	Totoket Rd NFD	Nichols	NBHS	Dan Purcell Memorial
Ford Zechariah	Wilford Rd	SCSU	NBHS	Country Paint & Hardware Award
Gomez Nichole	Reeds Gap Rd	Hartford	NBHS	John & Maureen Bozzuto Memorial
Greene Spencer	West Pond Rd	Endicott	Eng & Science Magnet	Linda Humphrey’s Excellence In Music/ Dorothy Selander Memorial
Hills, Isabella	Sea Hill Rd	Tampa	NBHS	Jim Augur Sr Memorial
Iuter, Mila	Acorn Ln	UCONN	NBHS	Michael Ney Memorial
Jarmie Aubrey	Totoket NFD	Quinnipiac	NBHS	NB Knights Of Columbus
Langlan, Charles	Sea Hill Rd	SCSU	NBHS	Carol Sue Lupoli Papa Memorial
LeBeau, Braeden	North St		NBHS	Tom Tracy Award
Leete Regan	Rivaldi Dr		NBHS	NB Rotary Award
Levin, Taylor	Glenmeadow		NBHS	Ralph F. & Annie C. Solimini Memorial
Marcarelli, Lexi	Middletown Ave	New Haven	NBHS	NBHS Class Of 1972
Marra Grace	Woods Hill Rd	New Haven	NBHS	NB Youth Lacrosse Award
Monde Ryan	Nida Dr	UCONN	NBHS	Teresa Sansevero Jensen Memorial
Norman, Delaney	Nida Dr	Arizona	NBHS	Louis & Angelina Nunziato Memorial
Nuzzo Ryan	Jerz Ln	St. Josephs	NBHS	CT Sportsplex Award
Parente, Carley	Glenmeadow Dr	UCONN	NBHS	Frank & Brenda Karsmarski Award
Patel Dhruvi	Harrison Rd		NBHS	Ken Currie Award
Pearson, Blake	Venta Dr	Villanova	NBHS	NBYB Lew Paternoster Memorial
Pearson, Elena	Venta Dr	Fairfield	NBHS	NBYB Chris Manner Memorial
Pfeiffer, Olivia	Foxon Rd	New Haven	NBHS	North Haven Grange #35
Pietrandrea, Lauren	Beech St	Salve Regina	NBHS	NB Fed Teachers Beatrice Coler Memorial
Pinto, Gabriella	Totoket Rd		NBHS	Bobby Ward Memorial
Pollock, Catherine	Woodhouse Ave	Nichols	NBHS	T. Jerry Juliano Memorial
Pujols Cynthia	Robin Ln	SCSU	NBHS	North Branford Dental Award
Reynolds, Benjamin	Conifer Dr		NBHS	Albert Teixeira Memorial
Ricardo, Marissa	Gail Dr	Quinnipiac	NBHS	Douglas Burger Memorial
Rivera Sheyenne	Summit Dr	Hartford	NBHS	Van Wilgen’s Garden Center
Rossicone, Paige	Arbor Ln		NBHS	TVES/Jerome Harrison/NBIS PTO’s Award
Salani-Bathija Tara	Parsonage Hill	UCONN	NBHS	Ralph F. & Annie C. Solimini Memorial
Saldutti, Jake	Woodvale Dr S	alve Regina	NBHS	NB Youth Lacrosse Award
Scalia Dominic	Palanga Rd	St. Joseph’s	NBHS	Joe Stone Award
Senerchia, Hanna	Reeds Gap Rd	Barry U	NBHS	NBHS Class Of 1970 Award
Sorensen, Julia	Foxon Rd	Porter & Chester	NBHS	Judy Bannon Award
Sorrentino, Liam	Woodhouse Ave	NE Institute Tech	NBHS	Aquatic Pool & Spa Award
Spinelli, Francesco	Blue Trail	New Haven	NBHS	Lyla Bogardus Memorall
Stakaj Franceska	Glenmeadow Dr	Sacred Heart	NBHS	Frank & Eleanor Doody Memorial
Stone Makenna	Old Post Rd	Renseleer	NBHS	Alan Davis Memorial
Teodosio, Demetrios	Woodchase Ln	Bryant/Iona	NBHS	Joe Calvo Memorial
Toto Olivia	West Pond Rd Ext	Quinnpiac	NBHS	NB Girl’s Lacrosse
Tressel Amanda	Pearl St	SCSU	Lyman Hall	Jeff Kraft Memorial
Vander Wyk, Liam	White Hollow	Hartford	NBHS	Arthur F. & Astrid Hansen Wolfe Memorial
Virginelli, Michael	Mill Rd	St. Josephs	NBHS	Carmelo Arena Memorial
Yarnall Paige	Brook Ln		NBHS	Kelly Tinker-Newbury Memorial





Food for Thought

When a hobo told Andy he should just let Opie "decide for himself" how he wanted to live... Andy had these words of Mayberry wisdom.

"No, I'm afraid it don't work that way. You can't let a young'n decide for himself. He'll grab at the first flashy thing with shiny ribbons on it.

Then, when he finds out there's a hook in it, it's too late. Wrong ideas come packaged with so much glitter that it's hard to convince them that other things might be better in the long run.

All a parent can do is say 'Wait' and 'Trust me' and try to keep temptation away."

Somehow... we have lost this basic truth.



THEY MAKE US PROUD

Ian Covell and Christina Riggione were named to the Dean's List at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY.

Sierra DePalma graduated summa cum laude with a BS in Psychology at Clark University in Worcester, MA.

Sarah Anastasio graduated cum laude with a BA at Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA.

Olivia Pietrogallo graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Vermont in Burlington.

Sophia Ouellet, Ryan Stephens & Jamison Welch graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic.

Katelyn Bailey was named to the honor roll at Mercy High School in Middletown, Connecticut.

Connecticut Sportsplex®

NOW HIRING

Must be 16 years-old (18 years or older preferred)

Must be able to work weekends

Some weeknights available

Please call 203-484-4383

or

Stop by and fill out an application



Call 484-4383 or visit [www.ctsportsplex.com](http://www.ctsportsplex.com)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION



North Branford High School  
2022-2023  
Football  
Ad Book



The North Branford Touchdown Club is creating an ad book.

Kickoff Sponsor	Banner at Field & Full Page Ad	\$500.00
Touchdown Sponsor:	Full page ad	\$200.00
Field Goal Sponsor:	1/2 page ad	\$100.00
First Down Sponsor:	1/4 page ad	\$ 50.00
Fan Sponsor:	1/8 page ad	\$ 25.00

Thank you for your sponsorship

- ☐ Yes, I would like to sponsor Level: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Enclosed is a check in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Committed, payment will be mailed before July 15th

Name of Company/Family: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information please contact Michelle Provencher at 203-988-0794 or email [mcan2352@hotmail.com](mailto:mcan2352@hotmail.com)

Please email business card or artwork to: [mcann2352@hotmail.com](mailto:mcann2352@hotmail.com)

Or write your message here:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mail payment and form to NB Touchdown Club, PO Box 47 North Branford, CT. 06471



# Recycling News

**The Next Electronics Drop Off will be on July 9<sup>th</sup>.**

The event will be held at Public Works from 9am to noon. We will be collecting electronics such as TVs, computers, small appliances and almost anything that has a plug. We cannot accept smoke detectors, A/C's or dehumidifiers.

We will also be taking mattresses (clean and dry), batteries and used oil for free.

There is a small fee for recycling propane tanks in reusable condition.

When you bring us your mattress, you are creating jobs for those who take them apart to recycle the components.

**Hazwaste Central is now open.**

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

Hours are 9am to noon - Saturdays through October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Gather your household chemicals so they can be disposed of properly.

**Accepted:** Waste oil, antifreeze, cleaners, pool chemicals, oil-based paints, pesticides, compact fluorescent light bulbs and much more.

The water company collects these items so they don't go into the trash and pollute your local drinking water.

To find the complete list and the registration form go to Hazwaste at [rwater.com](http://rwater.com) or call 203-401-2712.

**Not Accepted at HazWaste Central: Asbestos, Commercial Waste, Electronics, Fire Extinguishers, Gas-Grill Size Propane Tanks, Medicine, Needles, Smoke Detectors.**

**Keep Your Neighborhood Cleaner and Safer**

*Please store totes away from street and sidewalks after pickup.*

**Unacceptable Curbside Waste Reminder**

Construction debris (such as toilets, concrete blocks, roofing material), propane tanks, TVs, monitors, printers, home cleanouts may not be placed curbside.

These items will not get picked up; please dispose/recycle properly.

Please remember to leave a space between your trash containers so the pickup arm can fit to lift the containers to the truck.

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

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

We especially need someone who can help our schools with recycling.

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

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

**Thank You for Your Participation**



## It's Time for Ice Cream

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, 1382 Middletown Ave, will be holding our Summertime Ice Cream Socials June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup> and September 6<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm. For information call Nancy Monde 203-710-7005

### VISIT AND SUPPORT NORTHFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AT THEIR TAG SALE

If you are looking for something to do on Saturday morning June 18 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., come and support the Northford Congregational Church, "A Little Church with a Big Heart," outdoor tag sale on the lawn, at 4 Old Post Rd., Northford. Rain date is Sat., June 25.

The historic Northford Congregational Church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford village in North Branford. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday and other days by appointment. Website: [www.northfordcongregational.church](http://www.northfordcongregational.church). Email address: [northfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:northfordcc@gmail.com). Like us on Facebook.

### DEATH NOTICE



**Annmarie Afragola Pajeski**, 76, of Northford passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at Yale New Haven Hospital/St. Raphael Campus. She was the beloved wife of 57 years to William J. Pajeski, Jr. Annmarie was born in New Haven on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1945 and was the daughter of the late Edward and Josephine Paolillo Afragola. She enjoyed collectables, shopping, traveling and her frequent trips to the casino. Mother of William J. Pajeski III (Tina) and Jessica Pajewski. Sister of Carmel Koerber. Also survived by her caregiver/granddaughter Amanda Lavorgna, six other grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Predeceased by her grandson Edward Harris.

memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929. [www.northhavenfuneral.com](http://www.northhavenfuneral.com)

### Come Join the Fun

#### St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Festival

Entertainment Schedule	Activities
<b>Thursday</b> 6:30 – 8 pm Erin Dugan Disney vocalist 8 – 10 pm Vocal Production Performers	<b>Thursday - Bingo</b>
<b>Friday</b> 6 – 7 pm Studio BE Performers 8 – 10 pm Mike Nigretti - Singer	<b>Saturday - Bocce Tournament</b> (teams of 4) Sign up required – call Parish Office at 203-239-5378
<b>Saturday</b> 4 – 6 pm Patty's Karaoke & Dance Music 7:30 – 10 pm Juke Box 45 (50s - 60s Oldies Band)	
Bring a lawn chair to sit and enjoy the shows	

- Bake Sale
- Italian Ice
- Soda
- Water
- Coffee

- Hamburgers
- Hot Dogs
- Fried Dough
- French Fries

- Soft Shell Crab
- Fried Calamari
- Clam Strips

- Grilled Cheese
- Chicken
- Nuggets

- Subs: Meatball Sausage & Peppers



# NORTH BRANFORD PARKS AND RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER

## NORTH BRANFORD PARKS, RECREATION, AND SENIOR CENTER

STW COMMUNITY CENTER • 1332 MIDDLETOWN AVE NORTHFORD

WWW.NBRECREATION.COM • CALL (203) 484-6017

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK! @NBPARKSANDRECREATION AND INSTAGRAM! @NBPARK.REC.SENIOR

### LOCAL HEROES DAY

**Wednesday, June 22**  
**6:00pm STW Parking Lot**  
**1332 Middletown Ave. Northford**

**Lil' Heroes Ice Cream Sponsor**

Co-sponsored by the North Branford Public Libraries and the North Branford Parks & Rec Department

**ATWATER LIBRARY**  
1720 Foxon Rd.  
NORTH BRANFORD  
203-315-6020

**SMITH LIBRARY**  
3 Old Post Rd.  
NORTHFORD  
203-484-0469

**STW COMMUNITY CENTER**  
1332 Middletown Ave.  
NORTHFORD  
203-484-6017

**NORTH BRANFORD PARKS AND RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER**  
nbcreation.com

### SAVE THE DATE! FAMILY NIGHT AT PARKS & REC JULY 12, 2022 5:30 - 7:30PM



Join us for an evening of family fun and more!

Entertainment by:  
Showtime Steve



### Kids Paint Night!

WITH PAINTED BY THE SHORE



### BIRDHOUSE WORKSHOP

**Thursday, July 7th**  
5:00-7:30pm STW Gym/Cafe  
**\$19.95** Ages 12 and under!

register at paintedbytheshore.com

*Pizza - \$5 cash at the door!*

Each ticket includes materials and instruction. Kids will be encouraged to create their own designs on this project.



### FIELD HOCKEY CLINIC

JUNE 27-29 9:30 - 11:00AM - STW BACK FIELD  
GRADES 2-8 \$50RES / \$55NR

Instructor: Cheryl Canada-Associate Head Coach at Quinnipiac University, USA Field Hockey Level II Accreditation, CPR and First Aid Certified  
Open to boys and girls of all skill levels that are new to the sport or looking to enhance their skill level. This camp is designed to develop the basic skills each athlete has by focusing on tactical game awareness, 1v1 defense, elevated passing, elimination and shooting skills. This camp is fun, exciting, and creates player synergy no matter what age or skill level.

### — SENIOR CENTER —



### CONNECTICUT SUN DAY

- NON-STOP ACTION
- THE EXCITEMENT OF LIVE BASKETBALL



**TUESDAY, JULY 19TH**  
**11:30AM**

**CT Sun vs. NY Liberty**  
**at Mohegan Sun**

**July 19, 2022**  
Departs: STW 9:30am  
Returns: 3:00pm  
\$20res / \$25nr  
Register by 6/28

### JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF

Wednesdays 1:00—2:00pm STW Classroom

Group facilitator: Bob Johnson

Join us here at the Community Center for a weekly bereavement program. This program is designed to help those who have lost a loved one and finding it difficult to cope with their loss. There is no charge for this program. Please register, visit nbcreation.com or call the office (203) 484-6017

### NEW MILFORD BARN QUILT TOUR

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

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

### SUMMERTIME SUPPER CLUB

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

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

### CELEBRATE ITALIA!

WITH THE SAM VINCI BAND AT AQUA TURF

July 12, Departs STW 10:00am \$52res / \$57 nr

The Sam Vinci Band has been an Italian-American staple at numerous Italian festivals throughout CT. Sam and his band know how and what to play to please a crowd!! Special Appearance by: Aaron Caruso Aaron's operatic voice brings his Italian songs to life! Please register by June 28th  
Meal: Meatballs & Sausage/ Chicken Parmesan

### SENIOR STITCHERS

**Mondays at 10:30am**  
**Beginning June 20 - Senior Room**

Let's get together to give back to our community! We will make lapghans, lap blankets, and winter beanies together to donate to local charities.

*Bring your crochet hooks or knitting needles - we have yarn and patterns!*



### COOKING CAMP

Join Food Explorers to

*Taste the Rainbow in this half-day cooking camp!*

Explore new flavors, cooking techniques and recipes by delving into a new color each day, learning all about foods of that color. You'll also discover fun facts about food and nutrition through interactive games and activities between recipes. Each day will feature a snack and meal. All recipes are nut free and some will contain dairy and/or eggs.

*Each recipe is nut free but all recipes contain dairy*

**August 22 - 26, 9:00am-12:00pm**

STW Kitchen

\$135 res / \$140 non-res



# CLASSIFIED AD RATES

Personal, For Sale, Help Wanted, Tag Sale, and all non-business classified  
1 issue \$9.00 2 issues \$12.00 3 issues \$15.00  
20 words or less, not including phone #. \$.05 per word, per run,  
after 20 words

Lost and Found ..... FREE

Business Classified Ads & Real Estate  
3 issues \$35.00, 6 issues \$60.00, 12 issues \$100.00  
\$.10 per word, per run, after 20 words

Payment MUST accompany all ads. The advertiser must notify this newspaper of any errors.

Send ad along with your check to:

Totoket Times P.O. Box 313 Northford, CT 06472

For more information call 203-410-4254


## CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

**Southern CT Restoration.** Insurance restoration and general contracting services. New construction, remodeling, kitchens, baths, roofing, siding, windows, doors, decks and painting. Call 203-239-9600.

## PLUMBING

**D.A.E. Plumbing & Excavating** - well pumps, tanks, water softeners, serviced & installed. Spetic systems services and installed. call 203-996-4866

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

## TREE SERVICES



**Tree Service - A Better Cut, Tree Service** - Local, full service tree company - we provide tree removal and trimming, chipping, and grinding. Please call 203-945-1808 for a free estimate.

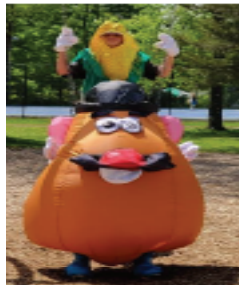
## SERVICES OFFERED

**Wanted Gold, Silver scrap jewelry.** Fair Prices offered. Call 203-627-6826 or 203-376-1249

## LANDSCAPING

**Monet Landscaping** is now accepting new accounts for lawn maintenance including mowing, trimming edging, mulching etc. We are licensed and fully insured. Call Mike or Joe at 203-640-5317 or 475-201-7041 for a free estimate. More than 20 years experience.

## HELP WANTED



## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The 20th Anniversary Potato & Corn Festival will be held Thursday, August 4, through Sunday, August 7. We are very excited to be back after a two year hiatus. Come join us, cook potatoes with your neighbors, park cars with your friends, meet new members of the North Branford Community and have some fun!

Please go to the website at [www.nbpotatofest.com](http://www.nbpotatofest.com) and fill out the form.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## WEEKEND HELPER Morning 10-12 Flexible

Garden work, organize, fill bird feeders. nonsmoker, logical, ethical, affable, honest, energetic, animal enthusiast.  
Please call: 203-481-4524

Serving New Haven County & the Shoreline Communities for over 100 years



Live streaming available  
at no additional  
cost

Burials ~ Cremation ~ Pre Planning



Philip M. Appell

Funeral Director

At Keenan Funeral Home we work with every family's budget to

give your loved one the dignified memorial they deserve.

330 Notch Hill Road, North Branford  
(203) 481-3217

238 Elm Street, West Haven  
(203) 933-1217

*Keenan Funeral Home*

[www.keenanfuneralhome.com](http://www.keenanfuneralhome.com)

[wecare@keenanfuneralhome.com](mailto:wecare@keenanfuneralhome.com)

## Bus Tour of the Tilcon Quarry

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

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

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



### Library Meet-ups!

The Sea Mist at Stony Creek - Thimble Island Family Cruise - June 28  
Meigs Point Nature Center - Touch Tank & Reptiles - July 14  
USS Nautilus Submarine at Groton Sub Base - July 28  
Mystic Seaport - Music of the Sea - Sing Along! - August 3

### Seven Seas Treasure Hunt with Author Jason Edwards!

Have a Grand Adventure as you search the 7 Seas for treasure. Reveal hidden clues, decipher secret messages, unlock buried secrets, and overcome challenging obstacles!  
Wednesday, July 27

### Talewise - Pirates Lost at Sea!

Ahoy there, matey! Set sail with us on a thrilling action-packed adventure about a crew of quirky pirates marooned on a desert island. With mutiny and high-tide looming, they must rescue their salty captain and find a way to repair their ship before all hope is lost... at sea!  
Experience this interactive nautical tale with a refreshing splash of science!  
Wednesday, July 20

### RWA Water Science Tuesdays!

Water Cycle Game - July 12  
Habitats of Long Island Sound - July 19  
Oozing Oobleck - July 26  
Bubbleology - August 2

### Christine's Critters - Learn about Birds of Prey! (with LIVE animal ambassadors)

Regal Eagle - June 29  
All about Owls - July 13  
Hawk or Falcon? - July 20

### Ocean Story & Craft Tuesdays!

Enjoy ocean-themed stories & crafts - July 12, 19, 26 & August 2

### Local Heroes!

Examine emergency vehicles and learn about the jobs our local HEROES do.  
Wednesday, June 22

### Hands on Science & Art: SAND!

Presented by the Kellogg Environmental Center. Learn all about sand using microscopes to view a collection of sand from Connecticut beaches, streams, and lakes. We'll then do an art project with paint made with CT soils!  
Thursday, July 21

Edward Smith Library  
3 Old Post Road  
Northford  
203-484-0469

**NORTH BRANFORD  
PUBLIC LIBRARIES**  
Register online at  
[northbranford.librarycalendar.com](http://northbranford.librarycalendar.com)

Atwater Memorial Library  
1720 Foxon Road  
North Branford  
203-315-6020